

Tobacco ads to be banned: Mosharraf

BSS, Dhaka

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain yesterday said the Smoking and Use of Tobacco Products (Control) Bill 2004 will play an important role in checking spread of tobacco use. He said advertisement of tobacco products in the newspapers, electronic media, billboards, sponsoring of sports and patronising any scholarships would be banned so that the young generation could not indulge themselves in smoking.

He was speaking at a function organised by Bangladesh Anti Tobacco Alliance at the Atomic Commission auditorium in the city.

He said initiatives would be taken to pass the Smoking and Use of Tobacco Products (Control) Bill 2004 in the next session of parliament.

General Secretary of the Consumers' Association of Bangladesh (CAB) Kazi Faruque chaired the function.

CU ADMISSION Distribution of forms begins

CU CORRESPONDENT

Distribution of forms for admission into the first year honours courses in Chittagong University (CU) under 2004-05 academic session began on Saturday.

The forms will be available at the Campus branch, New Market branch, Agrabad Sheikh Mujib Road branch and Kapashgola branch of Agrani Bank till December 26 at a cost of Tk 250 per unit.

The filled-in forms will have to be submitted to respective dean's office by December 27.

Admission test will begin on February 5 and continue till February 14.

As per fresh procedure, science students having minimum GPA 6 in SSC or its equivalent and HSC or its equivalent, and arts and commerce students having minimum GPA 5.5 in both the SSC and HSC examinations are eligible to apply for admission.

Chalna made pourasava

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Chalna under Dakop upazila of Khulna district has been given the status of a Pourasava.

A gazette notification in this regard was issued on November 13.

With this, total number of pourasava in Khulna district stands at two- Chalna pourasava and Paikgacha pourasava that came into being in 1998.



Diploma nurses stage a demonstration in the city yesterday to realise their 11-point demand.

1,706 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,706 people on various charges during their countrywide drive in the last 24 hours till 6.00am yesterday.

During the period, the law enforcers recovered 14 firearms, 14 other weapons, 26 bullets and two explosives and filed 10 cases.

Death anniversary



Today is the second death anniversary of Capt. (Rtd) Moxammel Hossain, a freedom fighter, says a press release.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani, milad mahfil and feeding of the destitute will be held at Baitus Mozammel Jame Mosque on Savar EPZ link road after Asr prayers, 10 am.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the programme.

Sirajul Islam



The first death anniversary of Sirajul Islam, a prominent writer and former Ansar adjutant, will be observed today, says a press release.

Milad mahfil will be held at his residence at 162 West Dhanmondi and Dhanmondi Madhubazar Jame Mosque after Asr prayers. Sirajul Islam was the father of economist Prof Nazrul Islam and actress Shirin Bakul.

Research work on women's development

Standard Chartered Bank sponsored a research work on the development of women in Bangladesh, says a press release.

Literateur Selina Hossain and gender specialist and researcher Maleka Begum will conduct the research work.

Osman Morad, Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Bank in Bangladesh, handed over a cheque for Tk 3 lakh to Selina Hossain and Maleka Begum recently in this regard. Mohammad Badrul Ahsan, head of corporate Affairs of Standard Chartered Bank in Bangladesh, was present.

The research work will be published as a book titled "The World in the Eyes of Women," based on the activities of women in 12 key areas identified in the 4th World Women's Assembly in August, 1995 in Beijing.

These areas include education and training, economics, health, violence against women, armed clashes and women, poverty, women in decision making and politics, the human rights of women, environment and women, female child, women and media and role of women in institutional and state affairs.

The work will be a comprehensive compilation of women's role, achievements and activities in Bangladesh highlighted in the newspapers between 1995 to 2005.

The book will be edited by Selina Hossain, Tasmina Hossain and Maleka Begum. Prof. Dr Nazma Chowdhury of Women's Studies Department, Dhaka University and Chairperson, Bangladesh National NGO Forum, Preparatory Committee-Beijing Conference 1995, has been made advisor to the project.



Osman Morad, Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Bank in Bangladesh, hands over a cheque for Tk 3 lakh to Maleka Begum recently to conduct a research on women's development. Selina Hossain, extreme right, and Mohammad Badrul Ahsan, extreme left, were present.

DHAKA TODAY

Symposium

In observance of International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, The United Nations Association of Bangladesh will hold a symposium. Venue: Cirdap Auditorium, Tophkana Road. Time: 4.00pm.

Memorial meeting

Jatiya Oikyamancha organises a meeting in memory of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Venue: Liberation War Museum. Time: 4.00pm.

Workshop

A three-day workshop on 'Gender equality: A global challenge', organised by Khan Foundation, will be inaugurated. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 10.30am.

Ainjibi meeting

A meeting of the central executive committee of Bangladesh Gonolantirik Ainjibi Samity will be held. Venue: Room No 124 of Supreme Court Bar Association Bhaban. Time: 4.15pm.

AGM

The 9th annual general meeting of Dhaka Reporters Unity will be held. Venue: DRU premises. Time: 12.00noon.

Meeting

A meeting of the executive committee of Chattagram Samity-Dhaka will be held. Venue: 32, Tophkana Road. Time: 5.00pm.

Reception

Bangladesh Loko Sangeet Parishad will accord a reception to Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed for winning the Magsee Award. Venue: Bishwasahity Kendra Auditorium, Bangla Motor. Time: 5.00pm. It will be followed by a musical function.

Drama

Loko Nalyadal, a theatre group, will stage a drama titled 'Siddhidata' directed by Liakot Ali Laki. Venue: Mahila Samity Auditorium, Bailey Road.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen an Indian film titled 'Chokher Bali' (2004). Venue: 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Discussion

Bangladesh Manobadhikar Sangbadik Samity will hold a discussion on 'HIV/AIDS and Human Rights'. Venue: Ramna Chinese Restaurant. Time: 9.30am.

Publication ceremony

The publication ceremony of a book titled 'Political Economy of Land Litigation in Bangladesh-A case of colossal national wastage' by Dr Abdul Barakat and PK Roy will be held. Venue: National Museum, Shahbagh. Time: 4.00pm.

GP HSE Week begins

The fourth annual Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Week of GrameenPhone Ltd began yesterday, says a press release.

This is a part of GrameenPhone's (GP) official policy to promote awareness about health, safety and environmental issues throughout the company and in the society at large.

Ola Ree, managing director of the company, inaugurated the HSE Week at its corporate head office. "Our sincere commitment and honest effort can really make a difference. Let us observe this week with enthusiasm," he said.

On Friday, an art competition was held for the children of the GP employees and children residing around the GP head office to mark the HSE Week. Ola Ree handed over prizes to the winners.

Training programmes, seminars and workshops on HSE issues will be held at the GP regional offices in Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi and Sylhet during the week. A hepatitis-B vaccination programme has also been taken up for the support and traffic staff.



Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country till 6.00pm today with light to moderate fog during early morning.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, Met office said.

Highest temperature 31.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and lowest 13.0 degree Celsius at Srimangol.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:11pm today and rises at 6:24am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	29.4	17.5	68	65
Chittagong	30.8	17.0	57	59
Rajshahi	29.0	14.8	92	82
Khulna	29.5	17.2	87	86
Barisal	29.0	16.4	92	93
Sylhet	30.7	16.6	57	61
Cox's Bazar	31.4	19.5	75	76



Ola Ree (R), managing director of GrameenPhone, and other senior officials with a winner of an art competition organised on the occasion of Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Week.

Create awareness to stop violence against women

Human rights activists tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Human rights activists at a seminar yesterday stressed the need for creating social awareness to stop sexual abuse, harassment and violence against women.

They urged the government, NGOs and mass media to play more active role in building the awareness.

The call was made at the second session of a two-day national conference on 'Institutional protection of human rights: Role of civil society, NGOs and media' in the city.

The conference has been organised jointly by the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, UNDP and Australian High Commission in Dhaka.

The speakers said lack of proper knowledge about law and religion, poor education and the absence of social awareness are mainly responsible for repression and exploitation of women in the society.

"Government, NGOs and other related organisations are not taking massive steps to eliminate violence against women although nobody denies that women and girl children are the most vulnerable group," said Shaheen Anam, team leader of Manusher Jonno, while moderating the conference at the plenary session on 'Human Rights

Intervention-A Case for Dis-advantaged Groups/People'.

She said women are the victims of sexual assault, rape, murder, acid-burn, fatwa, dowry kidnapping, trafficking and other form of grievous tortures in the society.

"Government should take further initiatives to make ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) more popular and the authorities concerned should be trained and sensitised to reduce violence against women," said Advocate Salma Ali, executive director of

Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA), while presenting a keynote paper.

She pointed out that total number of violence against women this year stands at 5,207 which is almost double the number of previous year 2,511.

In another keynote paper, Mosharraf Hossain, country representative of Action on Disability and Development (ADD), highlighted the rights of disabled people including women and girl children.

Pro-BNP panel wins Khulna Bar polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Mohammad Abdullah Hossain and Shaikh Masud Hossain Rony have been elected president and general secretary respectively of Khulna District Bar Association.

They contested as the candidates of 'Sarbadaliya Ainjibi Oikya' panel, supported by BNP-led four party alliance, against their rivals of 'Sammilita Ainjibi Samannoy Parishad' panel supported by Awami League.

Out of a total 775 voters, 721 cast

their votes in the annual election held on Saturday. Official results of the election were announced yesterday.

Sarbadaliya Ainjibi Oikya panel has bagged nine out of a total 14 posts, while Sammilita Ainjibi Samannoy Parishad panel captured five including the post of joint secretary.

The newly elected office bearers include two women Konika Saha and Nasrin Nahar belonging to Sammilita Ainjibi Samannoy Parishad.

They have been elected members of the 14-member executive committee.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Road Division, Laxmipur

Invitation for Tenders

RHD, Tender Invitation Notice

01. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Communication.
02. Agency	: Roads & Highways Department.
03. Procuring entity name	: Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Laxmipur.
04. Procuring entity code	: Not use at present.
05. Procuring entity district	: Laxmipur.
06. Invitation for	: Tender for work.
07. Invitation ref. No.	: Tender No.-LRD-07/2004-2005.
08. Date	: 07/11/2004.
09. Procurement method	: Open tendering method (as per The Public Procurement Regulation-2003).
10. Budget and source of funds	: Development Budget, GOB.
11. Project/programme name	: Improvement of Laxmipur-Charalexander-Sonapur (Majidee) Road to Regional Highway.
12. Tender last selling date	: 09/12/2004 (Up to office hours).
13. Tender closing date & time	: 12/12/2004 up to 12.00 Noon.
14. Tender opening date and time	: 12/12/2004 at 3.00 PM. (Tenderers or their representatives are allowed to attend the opening).
15. a) Name & address of the selling tender document (principal)	: Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Laxmipur.
b) Do-selling tender document (others)	: i) Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong Division, Chittagong. ii) Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Laxmipur/Noakhali/Feni/Comilla. iii) Executive Engineer (RHD), Planning Division-1 (P&D), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. iv) Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Laxmipur/Ramganj.
Do-receiving tender document	: i) The Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Noakhali. ii) Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Laxmipur.
Do-opening tender document	: Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Laxmipur.
16. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	: Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Laxmipur of 29/11/2004 at 11.00 AM.
17. Eligibility of tenderer	: Any individual(s)/firm(s) who fulfil the qualification criteria stipulated in tender data sheet (TDS) & other condition of the tender(s) document(s).
18. Brief description of goods or works	: Reconstruction, strengthening & widening of flexible pavement with earth work in embankment.
19. Brief description of works and related services:	

Lot No.	Identification of lot	Description	Location	Price of tender document	Tender security amount	Time for completion
1	LAS1	Widening & strengthening the flexible pavement including earth work in widening the road embankment at 3 rd km and 4 th km of Laxmipur-Charalexander-Sonapur-Majidee (Noakhali) Road under Laxmipur Road Division during the year 2004-2005. Road No. Z-1405.	At 3 rd km and 4 th km	Tk. 3000/=	Tk. 240000/=	120 (one hundred twenty) days
2	LAS2	Widening & strengthening the flexible pavement including earth work in widening the road embankment at 5 th km of Laxmipur-Charalexander-Sonapur-Majidee (Noakhali) Road under Laxmipur Road Division during the year 2004-2005. Road No. Z-1405.	At 5 th km	Tk. 3000/=	Tk. 165000/=	90 (ninety) days
3	LAS3	Widening & strengthening the flexible pavement including earth work in widening the road embankment at 35 th km (p) & 37 th km (ch): 34+735 to 35+000=265m & ch: 36+000 to 37+000=1000m total 1265m of Laxmipur-Charalexander-Sonapur-Majidee (Noakhali) Road under Laxmipur Road Division during the year 2004-2005. Road No. Z-1405.	At 35 th km (p) & 37 th km	Tk. 3000/=	Tk. 200000/=	105 (one hundred five) days
4	LAS4	Widening & strengthening the flexible pavement including earth work in widening the road embankment at 38 th km & 39 th km (p) Ch: 37+000 to 38+400=1400m of Laxmipur-Charalexander-Sonapur-Majidee (Noakhali) Road under Laxmipur Road Division during the year 2004-2005. Road No. Z-1405.	At 38 th km & 39 th km (p)	Tk. 3000/=	Tk. 225000/=	120 (one hundred twenty) days
20.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.					

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