CHILD IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

Japan to provide Tk 13.38 crore

Bangladesh will receive Tk 13.38 crore from the government of Japan for procuring measles and tetanus toxoid (TT) vaccines that will be used during the upcoming measles and maternal-neonatal tetanus campaigns in 2005, says a press

Japanese Ambassador Matsushiro Horiguchi and Unicef Representative Morten Giersing signed and exchanged notes to this effect at a ceremony at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel on Saturday.

Health Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain presided over the ceremony, said a Unicefrelease.

Reduction of the child mortality rate by improving children's health has been one of the major objectives of Bangladesh. The government of Japan, through Unicef, has been making outstanding contribution since 1996 to increase the coverage

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen three Italian films titled 'The Bicycle Thief (1948) and 'Umberto D' (1952) by Vittorio De Sica, and 'Rome, Open City' (1945) by Roberto Rossellini. Venue: German Cultural Centre, Road-9, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.00pm, 5.00pm and

Photography exhibition

As part of Chobi Mela 111-International

Festival of Photography- a four-day photo exhibition titled 'Brickfield' by Dutch photographer John Lambrichts will be inaugurated. Venue: Gallery of German Cultural Centre, Road-9,

Dhanmondi. Time: 2.00pm to 8.00pm

Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit of Dhaka University

organises a seminar on 'Bangladeshis

abroad: Science and development in

Bangladesh.' Venue: Spectra Convention Centre, Gulshan-1. Time:

City seminar

A seminar on 'Approach to Clean Dhaka Master Plan (2005-15)' will be held with

City Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka as

টাঙ্গাইল-এ অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

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DU seminar

Film show

Measles is responsible for more deaths than any other vaccinepreventable diseases. According to a Ministry of Health and Family Welfare estimate, approximately 20,000 children die from measles every year and more than 86 percent measles cases are below 10 years of age.
On the other hand, neonatal

tetanus has been a major public health problem. At present, thousands of newborns die from neonatal tetanus due to lack of safe delivery practices and low tetanus toxoid (TT) vaccination coverage among pregnant women.

The measles campaign will cover 1.25 million children aged between nine months to below 10 years in two pilot districts, while the maternal-neonatal tetanus campaign aims to cover 2.1 million women aged between 15 and 49.

chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton.

The inaugural ceremony of a four-day

symposium on 'Cross-functional

Management', organised jointly by the

National Productivity Organisation and

Asian Productivity Organisation will be

inaugurated by Industries Minister

Motiur Rahman Nizami as chief guest.

Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 9.30am.

An international seminar of the Society

Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker

Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest.

Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 9.30am.

In observance of the Victory Day,

Jatiyatabadi Swechchhasebok Dal

organises a discussion. Venue: National

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad will hold

an opinion sharing meeting on the role

of the youth community in resisting

repression on women. Venue: Business

Studies Conference Room of Dhaka

of Bangladesh Neurologists will be inaugurated by Health and Family

Discussion

meeting

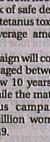
Press Club. Time: 3.00pm

Mahila Parishad

University. Time: 2.00pm.

Time: 12.00noon.

Symposium





Prothom Alo Best Book Award 1410 was distributed at a colourful function at Hotel Sheraton in the city yesterday. Sitting from left are Hayat Mahmud, Ferdous Azim, Abdul Mannan Syed, Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, Shawkat Ali Shahin Akhtar and Abdus Shakur.

PROTHOM ALO BEST BOOK AWARD 1410

WEATHER

Light to moderate fog likely

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with light to moderate fog dur-

ing early morning over the country till 6.00pm today.

Night temperature may fall slightly over Rajshahl and remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country, Met Office said.

Sitakunda and lowest 10.8 degree Celsius at Srimongal.

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major cities and towns yesterday were:

Chittagong Rajshahi

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Ref: TD/BCDC/02/

Highest temperature 29.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at

The sun sets in the capital at 5:16pm today and rises at 6.37am

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

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'Talash', 'Golap Sangraha' best books of the year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prothom Alo Best Book Award 1410 was distributed at a colourful func-

tion in the city yesterday.

Shahin Akhtar and Abdush Shakur received the award for their creative and reflective writings 'Talash' and 'Golap Sangraha'

respectively.

A jury board with Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui as president nominated the two books as the best books of the year. The other members of the board

were Shawkat Ali, Hayat Mamud,

Abdul Mannan Syed and Ferdous

Prof Zillur Rahman handed over the crest, certificate and a check for Tk50 thousand to each awardee. The Prothom Alo introduced the

award this year for two best books to be published in every Bangla year in the country.

Motiur Rahman, editor of the Prothom Alo, said his paper had always wanted to raise hopes and aspirations in the minds of the people in the midst of the news of

despair and distress. He said, "Bangladesh is doing

percentage

Morning Evening

COUNTRY OFFI

well in many sectors and the Prothom Alo will continue to be a partner in progress." Shahin Akhtar, author of Talash,

said the award is an honour for the women who were violated by Pakistani occupation forces during the War of Liberation in 1971.

A large number of writers, cul-tural personalities and intellectuals including Syed Abul Moksed, Tareq Masud, Rafiq Azad, Shawkat Ali, Shahdin

Malik, Ramendu Majumdar, Khondoker Ashraf Hossain, Mohammad Samad, Abul Hasnat attended the function held at Hotel Sheraton in the evening.

Prof Anisuzzaman of Dhaka University, Sultana Kamal of Ain O Salish Kendra, former finance min-ister AMA Muhit, Sub-editor of The Prothom Alo Sumona Sharmin and Maleka Begum were also present. Besides, publishers of different

publishing houses including Ahmed Mahmudul Haque of Mawla Brothers attended the function.

'Pre-primary schooling makes students competent'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Researchers at a discussion on Saturday underscored the need for pre-primary schooling to raise competency of students in primary

Children with pre-primary background performed signifi-cantly better than those without any in the achievement tests, researcher said quoting a study.

They were speaking at the Fifth Educational Researchers Conference for Dissemination of Research Studies organised jointly by Unesco, Dhaka and Bangladesh Forum for Educational Development (BAFED) at the IDB Building in the city.

Obituary



Prof abdul Momen, former Principal of Ananda Mohan College, brea-December 15 at his residence at Uttara in the city

at the age of 74, says a press release. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and one son.

Hasmat Ara Hasina

Hasmat Ara Hasina, mother of Md Shahidul Hasan, chief engineer of Local Govern-ment and Engineering Department, died of brain haemorrhage at the Birdem Hospital on Saturday at the age of 76, says a press release.

She was laid to rest at Alipur graveyard in the Faridpur town

Wazifa Khatoon

Mosammat Wazifa Khatoon, mother of Brig General (Retd) Sakhawat Hussain, died of kidney disease on December 17 at the age of 78, says a

She left behind her four sons and two daughters to mourn her death. Wazifa was laid to rest at the Mirpur Municipal Graveyard.

Death anniversary



death anniversary of M A Majid, former president of Bangladesh Lekhak Samity says a press

Today is the first

On the occasion, day-long Qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at his village home Kathalia in Bakerganj today. Besides, Jatiya Sangbadik Sangstha and Bangladesh Lekhak Samity will jointly organise a discussion and doa mahfil at 147/4 Arambagh in the city after Asr prayers.

RESERVED SEATS FOR WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT

Passage of bill goes against spirit of constitution

Speakers tell BILIA discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday said the recent passage of the bill relating to reserved seats for women in parliament goes against the spirit of the constitution.

They said it is inconsistent with the democratic principle that only women belonging to political par-

8 shrimp enclosures of slain outlaw sold at auction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Eight shrimp enclosures of slain outlaw were sold at auction by the upazila law and order committee at Shovna union under Dumuria upazila on Saturday.

The shrimp enclosures belonged to slain founder of New Biplobi Communist Party (NBCP) Monoranjan Goshai alias Mrinal of Shovna union, police said.

The shrimp enclosures were hubs of NBCP armed cadres and several murders were committed during the last five years, said Shaikh Moslemuddin, president of Dumuria upazila law and order committee.

The shrimp enclosures were purchased at auction by those from whom Monoranjan took possession at arms point with the help of his cadres and beneficiaries of BNP and Awami League and police, Shaikh Moslemsaid.

CARE EDN PROJECT

A hope for CHT children

"We want to continue our education," says an eight-year old boy Maoyen Thanchagha who came from a remote village to attend a seminar on "CHT Children's Opportunity for Basic Education". Care Bangladesh organised the

Care Bangladesh Country

Director Steve Wallace in his open-ing statement said Care's education programme is a vehicle to start up work in the education sector, which is totally different from its other traditional. This project works with diverse ethnic groups of the CHT area and teaches in local languages in the schools while continue Bengali as the principle language. It enables students to learn local culture through education with joy.

Deputy Minister for the CHT Moni Saewpan Dewan, also the chief guest of the programme, emphasised on building social leaderships. Many interior parts of the CHT is still untouched by the government while Care has filled that gap by coming forward with innovative life oriented education programmes, he added.

Special guest Ms Beth Page from the USAID said USAID believes that access to quality education is a fundamental human right. Hence they will continue their support for it.

ties would be able to become parliament members.

The discussion on the 'Status of women's rights' was organised by Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA) in the

city.

Taking part in the discussion, former finance minister SAMS Kibria said indirect election in the reserved seats for women in parlia-ment hardly match with the democratic practice.

"Both the BNP and the AL acted contrary to their election pledge," Kibria said, adding women's rights in Bangladesh is better in papers than in practice.

Kibria, also the alternate chair-man of BILIA, said the growing Islamist extremism is a threat to establishing women's rights in the

Replying to a question whether the AL is playing double standard by accepting its quota of reserved seats for women, Kibria said, "No, there is no double standard in it. If the AL

rejected the seats, it would have meant that we (AL) are boycotting parliament partially." Speaking on the occasion, Justice KM Sobhan said the bill is a tremen-

dous blow to women's rights.

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Harry K Thomas said women's participation in politics and viola-tion of their rights need to be exam-ined continuously by the lawmak-

"Although women constitute half of the country's population, it is a matter of regret that only 45 seats

have been kept in parliament for

those who do not belong to any political party would have no

chance to become parliament

members although our constitution has guaranteed that any eligible citizen can contest the election to

Noted lawyer Dr M Zahir said

them," he added.

become a lawmaker.

He said the rights of women must be recognised as their role in econ-omy is no less important than their male counterpart.

Former ambassador M M Rezaul Karim said women should not be confined to any particular profes-sions, rather they should come forward to take part in all profes-

Barrister Ziaur Rahman Khan MP, Col (retd) Faruk Khan MP, Suranjit Sen Gupta MP and BILIA Director Wali-ur- Rahman also took part in the discussion.



"Toggy World" of Theme Park at Bashundhara City launches a special package for the school children on December 14. International School of Dhaka participated on the opening day.



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Ref: PGCB's letter no. 01-PGCB/Sec/04/3491 dated December 15, 2004

) The 2nd and 3rd sentences of sl. no. 5 of the above invitation published on December 18, 2004 shall be read as " Bidders are to submit simultaneously two sealed envelopes, one containing the technical proposal and one containing the price proposal. Initially only the technical proposals are opened. Technical proposals which are submitted by non-qualified bidders or which are not substantially responsive are rejected.

The word "outline" in sl. no. 9 shall be read as "outlined".

All other terms and conditions of the above bidding document will remain unchanged.

(Mohammed Salim) Company Secretary



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