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Information Minister M Shamsul Islam inaugurated a three-day 'Rupashi Bangla Photo Exhibition' on the Bangladesh Photojournalists' Association premises in the city yesterday.

Formulation of strategic transport plan finalised

UNB, Dhaka

The Dhaka Transport Coordination Board (DTCB) has finalised the formulation of a Strategic Transport Plan (STP) for greater Dhaka. The DTCB, which formulates and implements transport plans, is now holding seminars and symposiums with different organisations to gather opinion and suggestions. After gathering suggestions, the strategic transport plan will be submitted to the government and then DTCB will take future programmes on its basis after its approval by the authorities.

This was told at the 11th meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Communications yesterday, according to an official release. A report on the overall progress of the DTCB was also discussed at the meeting. Chaired by committee Chairman Syed Monzur Hossain, the meeting was attended by its members Communications Minister Nazmul Huda, Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, M Mostafizur Rahman, Ataur Rahman Khan, M Harun-ur Rashid, Dr Mohammad Ali and M Nadim Mostafa.

Eskayef's New Year's gift

On the occasion of the Bangla New Year, Eskayef Bangladesh Limited, a leading pharmaceuticals company, will distribute 'Neosaline', a glucose-based oral rehydration in the city today.

Moving pickup van of the company will distribute the Neosaline among the people in Shahbag, TSC and Ramna areas, says a press release.

Eskayef claims that 'Neosaline' will help replenish the loss of water and electrolyte from the body, caused by excessive heat and other reasons.

UODA art exhibition begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The second annual exhibition of artwork of the University of Development Alternatives (UODA) was inaugurated at the National Museum gallery in the city yesterday.

Addressing the inaugural session as chief guest, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Selima Rahman underscored the need for promoting Bangladeshi art and culture.

Chaired by UODA Vice Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, the session was attended, among others, by noted painter Mustafa Monwar and National Museum Director General Mahmudul Huq.

A total of 244 artworks by 122 artists are on display at the exhibition that will remain open until April 18.

Obituary

A CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

Hazrat Moulana Mohiuddin Ahmed alias Dadon Mia passed away due to old age complications at his residence in Madaripur yesterday at the age of 90.

He was a descendant of Haji Shariatullah, the pioneer of Farayez Andolon.

He left behind one son and eight daughters to mourn his death.



Students of the Society for the Welfare of the Intellectually Disabled, Bangladesh, Ramna branch, perform at a cultural function marking the Victory Day and the Independence Day at Eskaton Garden in the city recently. Geetiara Safia Chowdhury, chairperson and managing director of Adcomm Ltd and president of Dhaka club, was present as chief guest while Sajida Humayun Kabir, president of the Ramna branch of the Society, presided over the function.

Web library launched

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The News Network has set up a web-based documentation centre to provide backup information for journalists.

Cippings of research works, ana-lyses and features of the News Network and selected news items from national dailies and weeklies are preserved in the centre, set up with assistance from the Danida.

The addresses of the web library are www.newsnetwork-bd.com and www.thenewsnetwork.info.

'Divisions undermine strength of journalists'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Manifold divisions have undermined the strength of the journalist community, said senior journalists at the inauguration of a well-furnished modern auditorium at the Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) yesterday.

An unfortunate atmosphere prevails at the National Press Club as the journalists remain divided with regard to their views and ideals, said Joint News

Editor of the daily Ittefaq Hasan Shahriar, adding that 90 percent of the reporters cannot become members of the press club because of restrictive rules.

It is a matter of pride that the reporters have maintained their unity and harmony though faced with various divisions, said Information Minister M Shamsul Islam as chief guest.

He said there has been a free flow of news and information in the country, and the media should make proper use of press freedom.

The minister called upon the media persons to focus not only the flaws and failures of the government but also portray the country's positive achievements with equal importance.

State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon, DRU President M Shafiqul Karim, its former president Ajmal Hossain Khadem, founder president Shafiqul Kabir, UNB Editor Golam Tahaboor and former chairman of Dhaka Bank Hayatuzzaman also spoke on the occasion.

Dhaka Bank has sponsored the new auditorium.

Earlier, Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka laid the foundation stone of the extended building of the DRU on its own land at Topkhana Road.



Ruby Rahman, president of Women's Voluntary Association, Veena Sikri, the high commissioner of India, Rehana Manzar Shafique, wife of the Pakistan high commissioner, and other guests pose for photograph at a fund raising event of the WVA held at a Gulshan restaurant in the city recently.