

Prepare water budget for best use of groundwater

Bss, Dhaka

Speakers at a workshop yesterday called upon the government to prepare 'water budget' for ensuring the best uses of the groundwater resource.

"Being an agro-based country, we are totally dependent on groundwater for the national development," the speakers said mentioning that over 80 percent of irrigation water is procured from groundwater reserve.

Organised by the Directorate of Continuing Education (DCE) of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), the workshop on 'Groundwater management' was addressed by DCE Director Dr M Imtiaz Hossain, Dr M Ashraf Ali and Dr M Mirzahan of the Department of Water Resources Engineering.

The speakers said the

poverty alleviation goal could not be achieved unless we achieve self-sufficiency in food, which depends on successful management of groundwater resource.

"Although the ground water has not yet been a constraint for irrigation the quality hazard might become a major concern in the coming days if proper steps are belated," they added.

Dr Ashraf Ali in his keynote paper expressed concern over arsenic contamination, especially presence of arsenic in the irrigation water and its contamination in rice, vegetables and other foods.

For overcoming this situation, he laid emphasis on alternative sources of water such as deep tubewell, dug well, pond, sand filter and rainwater harvesting.



Brac University Vice-Chancellor Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury gives away a crest to the team leader of the Institute of Business Administration of Dhaka University.

DBBL donation for treatment of disabled children

Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited (DBBL) donated Tk 3 lakh to "Saleh Child Development and Disability Management Centre" of the Institute of Child and Mother Health (ICMH) for providing free medical treatment to the underprivileged and destitute disabled children, says a press release.

The DBBL Managing Director Md Yeasin Ali handed over a cheque for Tk 3 lakh to ICMH Executive Director Prof Dr Abdul Hannan at a simple ceremony at the Institute auditorium on August 18.

Dr Hannan appreciated the DBBL initiative and said that other corporate bodies would discharge their corporate social responsibility like it. Yeasin Ali gave a brief resume of the initiatives taken by the bank in making every effort to carry out its corporate social responsibility by way of providing diverse philanthropic activities to the distressed humanity of the country.

Prof Soofia Khatoon, Dr M Quamrul Hasan, Mohammed Mominul Haque and Dr Mozammel Hossain Khan also spoke.

3 arrested with 1100 grams of heroin in Ctg

BDNEWS, Chittagong

The Department of Narcotics Control (DNC), metro region, seized more than one kilogram of heroin worth about Tk 1.25 crore and arrested three people, including one woman, from Battali in Anwara upazila yesterday.

Acting on tip-off, a team of the DNC raided the house of Mohammad Kadem and seized heroin.

The team in cooperation with the Anwara police recovered 1100 grams of heroin wrapped in a number of small packets.

DNC men arrested Abu Naser Chowdhury (Badal), Arju Begum and Mohammad Kamal, son of the landlord in this connection.

The arrested were taken to the zone office at city's Sadarghat area for further interrogation.

BUSINESS CASE COMPETITION IBA becomes champion, NSU runner-up

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Institute of Business Administration (IBA) of Dhaka University and North South University (NSU) became champion and runner-up in a two-day National Business Case Competition 2005, says a press release.

Brac University organised the competition on August 19 and 20 on its Savar campus. The representatives of seven universities and one institute, including Dhaka University, Jahangirnagar University, Independent University, IBA, NSU, Islamic University of Kushtia, The University of Asia Pacific and Brac University participated in the competition.



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ASM Abdur Rob speaks at a discussion titled 'The prevailing situation and the responsibility' at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. On his right is Krishak Sramik Janata League President Bangabir Kader Siddique. The Unity for Political Reforms organised the discussion.