

'KALPALOKE PHASE-II'

CDA plans to develop 900 more plots



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Chittagong Development Authority (CDA) has started the process of implementing the second phase of project titled 'Kalpaloke Phase-II' at Bakolia along the river Karnaphuli.

CDA handed over 400 plots under the Kalpaloke Residential Area Development Project Phase-I in March at the same area.

Under the project titled 'Kalpaloke Phase II,' some 900 residential plots will be developed on some 90 acres of land to the southeast of Kalpaloke Phase-I project site.

CDA has finalised the process of acquiring land, mostly belonging to private owners, for the project.

It would float tender immediately after the district administration issues demand notes to CDA for handing over money to acquire land and pay compensation to the affected people, sources said.

For landfill at the project site CDA will use the sand to be dredged out of the river Karnaphuli. Two small canals running through the project site will be preserved to give the area a natural and panoramic look, said the sources.

Earlier, CDA allotted 400 plots under first phase through lottery in presence of the applicants on March 22.

The lottery and announcement of plot owners' name were made as per the revised Kalpaloke Residential Project Plot Allotment Policy 2005 to make the process transparent, fair, impartial and acceptable to all.

The ministry for housing and public works sent the new plot allotment policy to CDA on July 17 last year cancelling the Plot Allotment Policy 2004 to stop nepotism, irregularities and corruptions, said the sources.

As part of its efforts to solve the housing problem in the city, CDA has so far implemented eight residential projects in its areas where some 3500 plots have been allotted, sources said.

The residential areas CDA developed till date include Agrabad CDA Residential Area (R/A) with 700 plots, Silimpur R/A with around 1000 plots, Karnaphuli Bamtir R/A with 500 plots, Chandgaon R/A phase I and II with 900 plots, Katalganj R/A with 100 plots, Colonelhat R/A with 70 plots, Kalpaloke R/A phase I with 400 plots.

Of them, projects in Silimpur and Karnaphuli residential areas scheduled to be implemented by 1983 and 1993 did not succeed as the authorities could not provide utility services till date. The project sites have been lying as grazing fields.



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Kalpaloke Residential Area Development Project Phase-II site, top, the 2nd phase project site, bottom.

Student wings set example for national leaders

JCD, BCL agree not to interfere in each other's political activities at CMC

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While major political parties continue mudslinging, two leading student organisations here reach a rare consensus not to harass each other in their political activities.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) - student fronts of ruling BNP and opposition Awami League -- have reached an unusual consensus to carry out their respective political activities side by side at Chittagong Medical College (CMC).

Following the decision, BCL was allowed to bring out a mourning procession marking the 31st death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on August 15 on the CMC campus that remained inaccessible to the BCL men for around five years since the present alliance government assumed the power.

Leaders, activists and supporters of different student organisations as well as the general students of CMC welcomed the decision, which they regard as a "noble reconciliation" and an instance of "tolerance of others view" that would create a congenial atmosphere for student politics on the campus.

Immediately after the ruling alliance came to power BCL leaders and workers left the campus fearing attack by JCD and Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) cadres, bringing a halt to its activities, sources said.

"Around eight of our leaders and activists, including former CMC Student Union (CMCSU) vice president (VP) Abdus Sattar and CMC unit president Abdul Alim, were assaulted by the Shibir and JCD cadres on October 4 in 2001," said newly formed BCL CMC unit committee convener Ripon Das. "Twenty-five BCL activists were compelled to

start activities, said one joint convener of the 71-member committee on condition of anonymity.

Present JCD leaders also showed tolerance and cooperative attitude to the BCL move, he added.

JCD leaders said they agree with the BCL proposal for resuming their activities on the campus as a sign of demo-

academic life of their classmates' of other organisations," said CMCSU Pro-VP Sohag, also a JCD leader.

Asif, a third year MBBS student of the college said ill practice of student politics hampered study of many students at CMC and we should stop it.

Suparna Dey, a 4th year MBBS student, said if all the student organisations are allowed to carry out their respective political activities side by side for at least one year then CMC campus will be able to present a congenial atmosphere.

Asked about the initiative taken just before the upcoming national election, Matin said they would have welcomed the proposal the same way if the BCL leaders could have made it earlier.

Ripon said they started the process few months ago and it needed some time to take preparation.

Debabrata Roy, CMC unit president of Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU), said the initiative might help remove the unwanted situation on the campus.

CMC unit Shibir President Masud Rana, however, said they have no headache about resuming the BCL activities on the campus.

"We are mainly concerned about ensuring congenial atmosphere on the campus and we will not tolerate any attempt that threatens the existing atmosphere, he added.



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Activists of different student organisations chat at Chittagong Medical College Student Union (CMCSU) office.

leave the campus," he added. All of them lost about six months to one and a half years of their academic careers. Many entered the campus only after paying Tk 30,000 to Tk 50,000 each to influential JCD leaders of the college under a deal, Ripon added.

"We want to resume our politics on the campus again as many new students have joined our organisation as members during the last two years and they are eager to

cratic norms. Abdul Matin, CMCSU vice-president and JCD leader, said, "We welcomed them and helped when they approached us of organising a mourning procession on August 15. We want to establish politics of tolerance and coexistence as it exists at Dhaka University and other educational institutions."

"We want to stop such a narrowness of politics that instigates activists or leaders of one party to destroy the



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Mobile vegetable vendors sit everyday inches beside the railway track at Gate No-2 Rail Crossing at Sholashahar area in the port city, risking their lives as well as buyers'.

the week that was

Unilever launches tree plantation

Unilever Bangladesh Limited launched a tree plantation programme on Thursday with a view to keeping the ecological balance and saving the environment from pollution.

On the occasion, Unilever officials planted different kinds of trees on its factory premises and adjoining areas at Kalurghat BSCIC Industrial Area. Company General Factory Manager Hasan Jafar Chowdhury inaugurated the programme while Senior Product Development Manager Aminur Rahman and Personnel Manager Mohammed Sanaulah were present.

Hasan Jafar in his speech at the inaugural function emphasised the need for tree plantation and called upon all to come forward to help green 25 per cent of our total land.

He said there is no alternative to saving the environment than planting tree as much as possible.

The company Product Development Manager Pulok Barua, Union President AM Shahidul Alam and General Secretary Salim Enayet also spoke.

Lecture on transformation of human figure

Alliance Française in Chittagong organised a lecture by artist Prof Abul Mansur on "Transformation of the human figure in the visual art of the subcontinent" on Saturday at its auditorium.

Prof Mansur, also a teacher of Chittagong University Fine Arts Department, delved into the evolution of the representation of the human figure in painting and sculptural art of the Indian subcontinent stretching from the ancient ages to the modern ages.

The presentation also included the colonial time and the western influences, the subsequent nationalistic and revivalist trends, the partition of the subcontinent and the development of art in the post-colonial Bangladesh, India and Pakistan, said the organisers.

Aramit Ltd declares 37 pc dividend

The 35th and 10th annual general meetings (AGMs) of Aramit Limited and Aramit Cement Limited were held at Chittagong Club on Thursday.

Mohammed Ziaul Haque Khandaker, chairman of Board of Directors and managing director of Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB), presided.

Aramit Ltd at the AGM declared 37 per cent dividend for its shareholders and fetched a net profit of Tk 4.19 crore in 2005 ending on December 31,

which is 51 percent more than the corresponding year. Besides, the company has deposited Tk 6.76 crore to the national exchequer accumulated in terms of import tax, income tax and value added tax.

Meanwhile, Aramit Cement AGM told the shareholders that the company has deposited Tk 11.33 crore to the national exchequer in the same period. Company Managing Director Saifuzzaman Chowdhury, directors Humayun Kabir, Mohammed Amirul Islam and Mohammed Jahangir Mian and Secretary MA Siddiquee and a good number of stockholders were present at the meetings.

Call for effective disaster management

Speakers at a workshop here on Monday emphasised the need for an effective plan for disaster management.

They were addressing a daylong workshop on "Preparing hospital-based plan for disaster (earthquake) management and its rehearsal" at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH).

Concerned Women for Family Development (CWFD) organised the workshop in cooperation with ActionAid Bangladesh and European Union.

CMCH Director Brigadier General Abedur Rahman and University of Science and Technology, Chittagong (USTC) Hospital Head Specialist in Public Health Prof Dr Jalal Uddin spoke on the plan.

ActionAid Project Officer Khaled Masud Ahmed and CWFD Project Officer Fahmida Rahman were present.

Reception to GPA- 5 achievers

Chittagong Education Board Chairman Prof AJM Shahidullah said copy-free examination in the country upheld the image of our education system.

He said the students are now

studying seriously to achieve their ultimate goals.

He was addressing as the chief guest a reception accorded to the SSC (Dakhl) students, who obtained GPA-5 on Friday.

Raozan Club, a social organisation, organised the ceremony at the Raozan Upazila Public Hall with Upazila Nirbahi Officer Mohammed Jasim Uddin in the chair.

Prof Shahidullah thanked the students for their brilliant results despite many limitations and advised them to continue their efforts.

District Lion Governor Dr Prakash Biswas, Education Board School Inspector Prof Ali Hossain, Prof Dr Sultan Ahmed, Dr Mohammed Abdullah Mamun, Dr Aiyub Islam, Agrabad Women College Principal Prof Anwar Alam, Prof Taiyeb Chowdhury and Ferdous Khan Alamgir also spoke.

"Create awareness about AIDS"

Speakers at a seminar here on Saturday called for creating awareness about AIDS among the people to prevent the deadly disease.

They were addressing a seminar on "AIDS" at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB), Chittagong auditorium.

Rotary Club of Islamabad and Rotary Club of Dhaka North-West jointly organised the seminar. Islamabad Club President Dr Abdul Wahid Al-Mamun presided.

The speakers said there are around four crore HIV and AIDS patients in the world and the number has been increasing geometrically.

Bangladesh also has around 11,000 patients and the number is rising, they added.

They called upon all not to be scared of the disease.

Standard Chartered Bank Director Mafizur Rahman, Chief Reporter of Daily Suprabhat Bangladesh M Nasirul Haque, Rotarian Ahmed Faruk, KM Joyntul Abedin, Dr Mohammed Jahangir, Latifur Rahman Chowdhury and Anisuzzaman Bhuiyan also addressed.

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Samabaya Samity election schedule

The schedule for the triennial election of Chittagong Metropolitan Sangbadik Samabaya Samity Limited was announced here on Wednesday.

As per the schedule the election to the six-member executive committee will be held on September 16. Samabaya Samity is a cooperative of Chittagong Metropolitan Union of Journalists (CMUJ).

The dates for collecting nomination papers are September 4 and 5. Last date for submission of nomination papers is September 7 while the rough list of candidates will be published after scrutiny on September 8.

The last date for withdrawal of nomination papers is September 10. The final list of the candidates will be published on September 11.

Free mobile medical camp

Feni Zila Samity, Chittagong organised a mobile medical camp on the city's Lalkhan Bazar Government Primary School premises on Friday.

The Samity President Mohammed Nurun Newaj Selim inaugurated the camp with Mohammed Abdul Haque in the chair.

A total of 800 poor patients received free medication and prescriptions from the daylong camp, organisers said.

Prof Dr Mukutur Rahman, Dr Wasir Ahmed, Dr Jamal Ahmed, Dr Rawshan Akhter, Dr Iqbal Hossain, Dr Mahmudur Rahman, Dr Anwar Hossain, Dr Suman Talukder, Dr Rashed Rezwana, Dr Pradip Kumar Devnath and Dr Mujibul Islam Tutul conducted the camp.

Former lawmaker from Feni, Mujibul Haque Chowdhury, Lalkhan Bazar Ward Commissioner Kabir Ahmed Manik, Women Commissioner Monwara Begum Moni and Samity Vice President Abdul Mannan Majumder spoke at the ceremony.



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Noted social scientist Dr Anupam Sen hands over a Shokanjali (elegy) to poet Syed Shamsul Haq on behalf of Shamsur Rahman Nagorik Shokasava Committee at a memorial meeting on DC Hill premises in the port city on Friday.