

Promote forest resources to face environmental challenges

Devashish urges public-private sectors

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Special Assistant to Chief Adviser for Environment, Forest

and CHT Affairs Raja Devashish Roy has stressed the need for combined efforts of public and private sectors to promote the



Special Assistant to Chief Adviser for Environment, Forest and CHT Affairs Raja Devashish Roy speaks at the inaugural ceremony of a month-long tree fair at Outer Stadium in Chittagong city yesterday.

country's forest resources through tree plantation.

"The developed countries should come forward to help those facing the environmental challenges since they contribute a lot to climate change," he said.

Devashish Roy was speaking at the inaugural ceremony of a month-long Tree Fair 2008 organised by Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) at Outer Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Referring that the sea level has been increasing gradually due to global warming, he called on the people to get ready in order to fight the changing situation in future.

Emphasising the importance of afforestation, he said the mangrove forest of the Sundarbans saved the country to some extent during the severe cyclone 'Sidr' in November last year.

"People from all strata of life should help the forest department for its tree plantation programme and growing the planted saplings across the country," he said.

Speaking as the chief guest, Devashish said a total of 10 crore saplings are being planted across the country this year. Of them, 3 crore saplings are being planted by the forest department alone, while the rest by different NGOs, city corporations and other public-private organisations.

Presided over by CCC acting Mayor M Monjur Alam, the ceremony was addressed by Conservator of Forest, Chittagong Anwar Hossain, CCC CEO AKM Khairul Alam, Panel Mayor Rekha Alam Chowdhury, Ward Commissioner MA Malek and Fair Committee Convener Begum Afroja Kalam.

A total of 40 stalls are participating in the fair.

Polls campaign gets momentum in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Electoral campaign including rallies, meetings and door-to-door mass contacts by the mayoral candidates in the city got a momentum yesterday after a four-day continuous rainfall.

The first public meeting in favour of detained Sylhet City Corporation (SCC) mayor Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran was held in front of the main gate of the shrine of Hazrat Shahjalal (RA).

Addressing the rally, the speakers sought vote for Kamran to maintain ongoing development of the city.

MA Haque met the lawyers at the District Bar Association Building and on the court premises. He also had mass contact programme at Bandar Bazaar and Hasan Market areas in the afternoon.

At mass contact rallies at Nayasarak and adjoining areas AFM Kamal said his prime task will be to eliminate corruption from the city corporation. He will also make Sylhet a green city.

MA Mukit Khan had mass contacts at Dargah Mohalla, Ambar Khana and Kayestorail areas.

Meanwhile, campaign through loudspeakers on rickshaws and autorickshaws is going on in full swing.

Ctg RMG workers demand salary arrears

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Workers of a ready-made garment (RMG) factory put up a barricade on a road in Chittagong yesterday demanding payment of arrears.

Sources said around 200 female workers of JR Fashion Ltd put up the barricade on Jamalkhan Road in front of the factory at around 1:20pm demanding payment of two months' arrears.

During the one-hour blockade programme, the workers chanted slogans to press home their demand.

They said the authority is always

irregular in paying the salaries to its workers, adding that the workers had to go on movement for several times earlier for their salaries.

Workers alleged that factory authority after a meeting in presence of BGMEA leaders early this month ensured them of paying the arrears on July 10.

None of the officials of the factory, including the production manager,

could be found during the demonstration staged by the workers.

Commuters had to suffer a lot when a number of vehicles got stranded on both sides of the narrow but busy road due to the blockade.

Later, workers removed the barricade at around 2:30pm as Kotwali police assured them of help in meeting their demands by last night.

Quake felt in Rajshahi

BSS, Rajshahi

An earthquake of moderate intensity was occurred at 4 hours 58 minutes and 17.36 seconds yesterday.

The epicenter of the earthquake was 900km northwards from the Bangladesh Meteorological Department Seismic Centre at Agargaon.

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ESHO BANGLADESH GORI Road show ends in city tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The concluding ceremony of the road show 'Esho Bangladesh Gori' will be held at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre tomorrow.

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed and Army Chief General Moeen U Ahmed will attend the programme, said Kamal Uddin, deputy commissioner of Dhaka.

Earlier, a colourful rally of the road show with 40 motorcycles and buses started its journey yesterday from Mirpur Bangla College and ended in front of Bangladesh-China Friendship Convention Centre after crossing different roads in the city.

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