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Noted writer Mahasweta Devi looks at a photograph at Chobi Mela, an international festival of photography, after inaugurating it at the National Museum in the city yesterday. On her right is Dr Shahidul Alam.

Int'l photography festival begins in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chobi Mela, an international festival of photography, was inaugurated through a unique exhibition 'A Long Walk to Freedom' recreating the life and history of Nobel laureate Nelson Mandela, in the city yesterday.

Magsaysay award winner and noted writer Mahasweta Devi from Kolkata was present as the guest of honour at the inaugural ceremony of the three-week festival at the National Museum.

Chobi Mela, the largest photography festival in Asia, are being held at various prominent galleries in the city.

There will be a total of 62 exhibitions at different venues like National Museum, British Council, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Alliance Francaise, Goethe Institute, Asiatic Gallery of Fine Arts and Drik Gallery.

Noted photographers from 35 countries, including South Africa, Argentina, Nepal, France, the UK, Denmark, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Lebanon, China, Germany, India,

Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Iraq, Japan, Mali, Mexico, Russia, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Palestine, the Philippines, the Netherlands, the USA, Singapore, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia and Sweden, are here to feature their works.

Internationally acclaimed local artists will also exhibit their creative works.

A number of photography maestros and photo enthusiasts are participating in different workshops and other photography-based programmes which will be held during the festival.

Apart from exhibitions at the galleries, photographs will be put on display on 10 rickshaw vans, in open spaces and at unconventional galleries like Kolpona Boarding, Shankhari Bazar and Chhobir Hat at University.

Shahidul Alam and Yasmin Eid from Lebanon were present at the inauguration ceremony.

Ricardo Rangel from Mozambique was handed over the lifetime achievement award at the festival.

Govt urged to protect rivers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a meeting yesterday urged the government to save Buriganga, Turag, Balu and Shitalakha rivers from pollution and encroachment.

They said many of the cabinet members and lawmakers of the government are already involved with the movement for saving the rivers around the city.

The meeting was organised by Save the Environment Movement (SEM) at Sadarghat in the city.

They also called for steps to stop dumping of industrial wastes especially from Hazaribagh tannery and Wasa and conduct drives against the encroachers.

SEM Chairman Abu Naser Khan, Inamul Haque, Manzur Morshed Opu and SEM Programme Coordinator Kamal Pasha Chowdhury addressed the meeting.

DHAKA-CHITTAGONG HIGHWAY Commuters face untold suffering

MAHTABI ZAMAN

Commuters on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway have been experiencing untold suffering for nearly eight months due to an under-construction culvert at Rayerbagh and potholes near the Jatrabari intersection causing accidents and traffic jams almost every day.

Roads and Highways Department (RHD) is constructing the 70-metre-long culvert to resolve chronic waterlogging problem of DND (Dhaka-Narayanganj-Demra) project area.

For the construction of the culvert, a diversion road was made beside the busy

highway, but this kutchra road has been damaged very badly due to continuous plying of heavy vehicles.

As a result the commuters are passing through this road risking their lives every day.

Ismail Mia, owner of a roadside bakery shop, said, "A truck turned turtle before the Eid-ul-Azha while passing through the diversion road. Most of the accidents occur at night."

Ali Hossain, driver of a Narayanganj-bound bus said, "Due to this section of the highway we are facing traffic jam everyday and this is also causing damage to our vehicles."

The RHD has so far com-

pleted construction of 42 metres of the culvert.

Non-cooperation of Wasa, Titas and BTTB in removing their wires is delaying the construction work, it said.

The potholes near the Jatrabari intersection are also creating hindrances to smooth journey along the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway.

The bus owners association filled the large pits four times with mud in last six months, but the repair was not strong enough to stand with the heavy load of buses.

RHD officials said tender has been called for repair work which will start depending on the finalisation of tender process.

Unesco Club's flower show February 5

BSS, Dhaka

The National Association of Unesco Clubs in Bangladesh will hold day-long "Unesco Club Flower Show Competition-2009" on February 5 at BANBEIS Bhaban at Palassy-Nilkhet in the city.

Commerce Minister Lt Col (ret'd) Faruq Khan will inaugurate the show as the chief guest while Rahat Khan, editor of the daily Ittefaq, Prof Dr Aminul Islam of Dhaka University and Kiichi Oyasu, officer-in-charge, Unesco Dhaka office will attend the function as special guests, a press release said.

Education Secretary Syed Ataur Rahman will be the chief guest while Omura Hiroshi, first secretary, Japanese Embassy in Bangladesh will attend the prize-giving ceremony at 4:00pm as special guest.



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Construction work of this 70-metre-long culvert at Rayerbagh in Jatrabari on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway is going on at a snail's pace, causing immense suffering to commuters.

DEATH OF JUI Protesters call for punishment to those responsible

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different socio-cultural organisations and relatives of Razia Sultana Jui, who died following a faulty surgery on her at Galaxy Hospital, staged a demonstration at Mirpur in the city yesterday demanding punishment to those responsible for her death.

They formed a human chain and held a protest rally at Mirpur Section-10 demanding punishment to surgeon Dr Atiar Rahman, anaesthetist Dr Mirpur Sangskritik Oikya Forum, Akhteruzzaman Ilias Gono Pathagar and Aj Mukta Mancha took part in the

programme. Jui, a fashion designer who worked with Red Point at DEPZ, died several hours after the surgery on January 24.

Mahasweta Devi meets Hasina

UNB, Dhaka

Mahasweta Devi, a noted Indian writer, called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Sudha Sadan residence yesterday.

During the meeting, Mahasweta hoped that the new government would be able to build a happy and prosperous Bangladesh free from poverty.

Hasina presented some of her books to Mahasweta Devi.

"Attain The Extraordinary"

Energis Power Corporation Ltd has been awarded by the Government of Bangladesh to develop a 55MW Power Plant at Shikolbaha, Chittagong. Energis is looking for really deserving candidates for the following posts. Candidates having requisite qualifications and experience are requested to apply with photocopies of relevant documents including a passport size photograph on or before February 12, 2009 addressed to AGM (Admin), Energis Power Corporation Ltd., Maskot Plaza, 10th floor, Plot 107/A, Sonargaon Janapath, Sector - 7, Uttara, Dhaka-1230.

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Experience in MAN B&W engines preferred.
 Candidates should have experience in erecting/ implementation Diesel power plants.
Age: Below 50 years.
Language: Fluent in English is must.
Salary: Negotiable. However, applicants should mention their expectation.
Place of Posting: Shikolbaha, Chittagong. However, require local and foreign travel.

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Experience Required: minimum 10 years experience having at least 3 years as Financial Controller cum Company Secretary of power plant/process industry/big industrial production facility.
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Language: Fluent in English is must.
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Qualification Required: B. Sc. Engineering/Marine Engineering/Diploma Engineering.
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 In case of B.Sc Engineers minimum 7 years experience out of which 5 years experience in operation and maintenance in power plant/process industry/big industrial production facility
 In case of Diploma Engineers minimum 10 years experience in operation and maintenance in a power plant/process industry/big industrial production facility

4. Shift Engineers
Qualification Required: B. Sc. Engineering/ Diploma Engineering.
Experience Required: In case of B.Sc Engineers minimum 5 years experience out of which 3 years experience in operation and maintenance in power plant/process industry/big industrial production facility
 In case of Diploma Engineers minimum 7 years experience in operation and maintenance in a power plant/process industry/big industrial production facility

5. Store Officer/Store Keeper
Qualification Required: Graduate in any discipline
Experience Required: minimum 5 years experience in similar type of job.

6. Technicians:
Qualification Required: Diploma Engineering.
Experience Required: Minimum 3 years experience in operation and maintenance in a power plant/process industry/big industrial production facility

7. Electricians:
Qualification Required: Diploma Engineering.
Experience Required: Minimum 3 years experience in operation and maintenance in a power plant/process industry/big industrial production facility

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Qualification Required: Diploma Engineering.
Experience Required: Minimum 3 years experience in operation and maintenance in a power plant/process industry/big industrial production facility

9. Helpers:
Qualification Required: Vocational/SSC
Experience Required: Minimum 3 years experience in operation and maintenance in a power plant/process industry/big industrial production facility.

*General for all posts:
 Age: Below 35 years
 Salary: Negotiable. However, applicants should mention their expectation.
 Place of Posting: At Shikolbaha except sl. no. 2. Experience in HFO engines will be preferred.

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