Glory for Agrabad Girls' School, Ctg School, Cuet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Agrabad Girls' School, Chittagong Government High School and Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (Cuet) became champions at different categories in the weeklong Mutual Trust Bank-The Daily Star Debate Competition '09 that concluded yesterday.

Mutual Trust Bank Managing Director Anis A Khan distributed prizes among the winners at a ceremony as the chief guest at the Theatre Institute Chittagong (TIC) auditorium.

Drishty, a cultural organisation, organised the competition in association with Equity Properties Management Limited while ATN Bangla and Radio Foorti

were the media partners.

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inter-varsity debate.

High School clinched the title of inter-school debate for the third consecutive time defeating Silver Bells Girls' High School. Tahsin Mahmud of the winning team was adjudged the best debater.

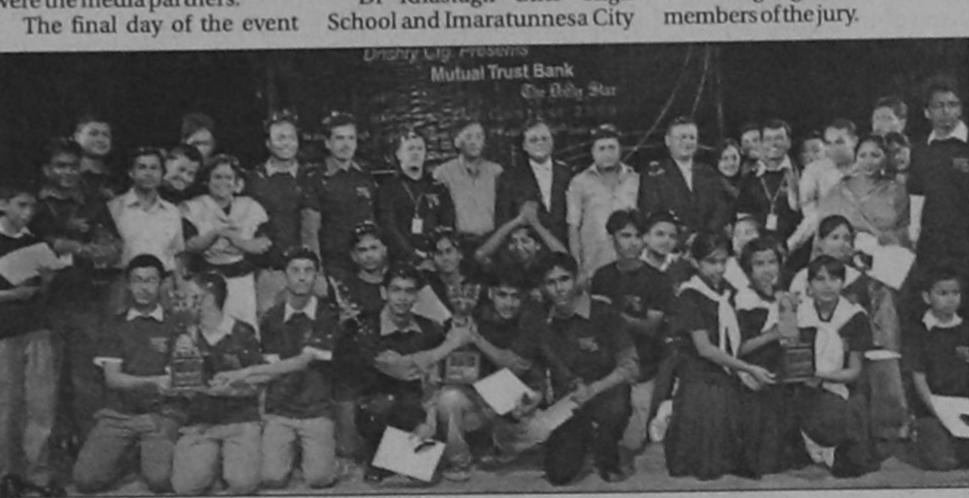
Primary level students from Agrabad Girls' School defeated Chittagong Government High School in the children's debate while Mehrun Saima of the winning team was adjudged the best debater.

The Cuet team defeated Jahangirnagar University (JU) in the final round of the university level debate. Tonmoy Chowdhury of the winning team was adjudicated as the best debater.

featured the final rounds of Corporation Girls' High 17th inter-school debate, 2nd School were also awarded for children's debate and 6th their promising performance.

Former chairman of Chittagong Government Chittagong Club and Equity Properties Management Limited Director Dr Moinul Islam Mahmud, Mutual Trusty Bank Senior Vice President Nazrul Islam and Convener of the Competition Committee Rashedul Amin also spoke at the ceremony with Drishty President Masud Bakulin the chair.

Drishty General Secretary Saif Chowdhury conducted the programme while Assistant Public Prosecutor Advocate Mili Chowdhury, Assistant Professor of Bangla Department of Chittagong University College Udity Das, former debater Dr Masud Rana and Mominur Rahman of International Islamic University Dr Khastagir Girls' High of Chittagong (IIUC) were the



Winners of Mutual Trust Bank-The Daily Star Debate Competition '09 pose for photograph with the guests at the prize giving ceremony at the Theatre Institute Chittagong (TIC) auditorium yesterday.



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Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the first death anniversary of poet Samudra Gupta, says a press release.

On the occasion, wreaths will be placed on the grave of the poet at the Shaheed Buddhijibi Graveyard in Mirpur at 10:00am. Mukta Chinta Prakashana will organise a seminar at the Central Public Library Seminar hall at

Mizanur Rahman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

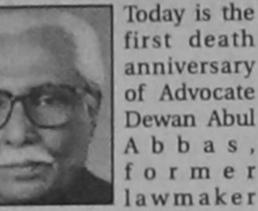
6:00pm.



Today is the sixth death anniversary of Language Movement veteran and journalist

Rahman, says a press release. On the occasion, milad and doa mahfil will be held at the National Press Club after Maghrib prayers. Milad mahfil and a discussion will also be held at his village in Tongi, at press clubs at Tongi and Gazipur.

Dewan Abul Abbas STAFF CORRESPONDENT



first death anniversary of Advocate Dewan Abul Abbas former lawmaker

from Bansarampur and member of the constitution framing committee, a press release said. On the occasion, a milad

mahfil will be held at the Abdur Rahim (Wari) Community Centre at Tipu Sultan Road in the city at 8:00pm.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the milad and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Dr Md Zahir Khan METRO DESK

Today is the 10th death anniversary of Dr Md Zahir Khan, former director of Bangladesh Krishi Bank, says a press release. On the occasion, Qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at his residence in Dhaka.

Fazlul Karim METRO DESK



15th death anniversary of Fazlul former chief arboricultur ist, Roads

Today is the

and Highways Department, says a press release.

Md Ashraf Ali Khan

METRO DESK



Today is the first death anniversary of Md Ashraf Ali Khan, forme health education official in Tangail, says a press

On the occasion, Qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held and food will be distributed among the

of a river cannot be the only

equitable and reasonable."

are international laws and

treaties that bar India from

building dam on a cross-

various international river

dispute cases, she said that

'good neighbourliness' should

Quoting environmental

be the core principle of river

economist Prof Saeed Osman

of Queen's Mary University,

Virginia, USA, Chowdhury

said that the economic loss

due to the dam would amount

built, severe adverse impact

will destroy the fresh wetlands

and ecosystems of greater

Sylhet and Netrokona, he said.

Rivers Commission Touhidul

Anwar Khan, former state

minister for foreign affairs Abul

Hasan Chowdhury, former

ambassador Masud Aziz and

Jahangirnagar University Prof

Dilara Chowdhury spoke at the

meeting chaired by former

ambassador M Anwar Hashim.

CFSD Secretary General

Mahfuz Ullah moderated the

meeting.

Former member of Joint

Once Tipaimukh dam is

dispute resolution.

Referring to resolutions of

boundary river unilaterally.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina calls on President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday to brief him about the Nam conference. (Story on Page 16)

TRANS-BOUNDARY RIVER

Respect principles of int'l convention

Speakers urge India

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

India must respect the principles of fair play and no-harm and existing international convention before building a dam on any trans-boundary river, speakers said yesterday at a meeting in the city. Centre for Sustainable course of 1997, said that there

Development (CFSD) and Bangladesh Centre for International Studies (BCIS) jointly organised a consultative meeting titled "Transboundary water sharing: concerns and prospects" at the city's CIRDAP auditorium.

The proposed 500-metre Tipaimukh Dam by India on the river Barak will dry up the rivers Surma and Kushiara in Bangladesh during lean season, said former conservator of forest Junaid Kabir Chowdhury in his presentation.

The 30-year Indo-Bangla to 30 billion US dollars. Ganges Water Sharing Treaty of 1996 provides for principles of fair play and no-harm and India should be respectful of them while building Tipaimukh dam, said Syeda Rizwana Hasan, executive director of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA).

"Mere economic utilisation

Tree plantation, fair at Bhawal

Raibari A CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A seven-day tree plantation and fruit fair have started at the Bhawal Rajbari ground in Gazipur yesterday. State Minister for

Environment and Forest Mustafizur Rahman inaugurated the fair. Dhaka Forest Department

and Agricultural Extension Department in Gazipur jointly organised the programme. Gazipur District

Commissioner Kamal Uddin Talukdar chaired the event. Advocate AKM Mozammel

Huq MP, Meher Afroz Chumki MP, Chief Conservator of Forest Zahir Uddin Ahmed, Agricultural Extension Department official Abdul Wali Khan were present at the programme.

Health clinic held in Ctg

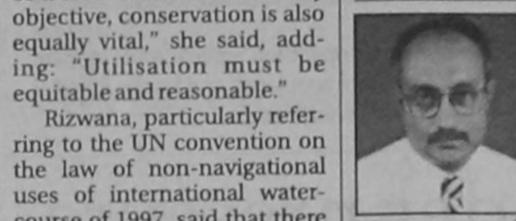
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Apollo Hospitals Dhaka organised a daylong health clinic at Apollo Info Centre in Chittagong recently, says a press release.

Dr AQM Reza, consultant of cardiology department, and Dr Abdullah al Mamun, consultant of internal medicine, provided health services to the patients. Later, a focused meeting was also held with community doctors of Chittagong. Dr Reza explained to the doctors the modern treatment Apollo Heart Centre is providing for the patients of cardiac arrest, heart attack, heart failure, congenital defect and heart block. Dr Mamun also spoke.

Obituary

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Nazru Haque, head of the department of Natural History Bangladesh

Nationa Museum, passed awayyesterday due to cancer at the age of 56, says a press release.

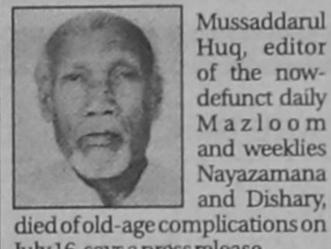
He left behind his mother, wife, two sons and a horde of well-wishers to mourn his death.

Nazrul was the general secretary of the Zoological Society of Bangladesh.

He was the first scientist who studied critically endangered white-winged duck at Pablakhali wildlife sanctuary to achieve an MPhil degree from Dhaka University.

Mussaddarul Huq

METRO DESK



of the nowdefunct daily Mazloom and weeklies Nayazamana and Dishary, July 16, says a press release.

Mussaddarul

Hug, editor

He was 92. He left behind his two sons, a daughter and wellwishers to mourn his death.

He was the eldest brother of Editor of the daily Naya Diganta Alamgir Mohiuddin.



Former Indian president Abdul Kalam due today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Former Indian president Dr APJ Abdul Kalam arrives in Dhaka today on a three-day visit to Bangladesh.

Dr Kalam will meet President Zillur Rahman, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus during his stayhere.

He will also visit the University of Dhaka and Vigarunnisa Noon School and

Official sources said on his arrival in the afternoon, the former Indian president would first visit Grameen Bank headquarters at Mirpur and meet ProfMuhammadYunus.

Sheikh Hasina will host a dinner in honour of Dr Kalam who was the 11th president of India from July 25, 2002 to July 25, 2007. The distinguished guest will

visit Vigarunnisa Noon School and College tomorrow morning, and interact with the students and faculty members

He will be presented with a crest of the institution.

The former Indian president along with President Zillur Rahman will attend the first annual convocation of the University of Information Technology and Sciences at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre at 12:30pm.

The eminent scientist will visit Dhaka University the same afternoon, deliver a special lecture at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban on the campus at 4:00pm and exchange views with the students and faculty members.

DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique would chair the session. A crest of the university

would be presented to Dr Kalam.

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