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CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS

Use wet-and-dry irrigation method in agriculture

Experts tell workshop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should immediately popularise the method of harvesting the best yields with the least consumption of water to tackle the climate change impacts on agriculture, speakers said on Thursday at aworkshop in the city.

The wet-and-dry irrigation method can produce optimum yield of rice and wheat by using less water and save energy significantly, Giasuddin Ahmed Choudhury, executive director of the Centre for **Environment and Geographic Information** Services (CEGIS), said while presenting a keynote paper.

This method is applied with a nine-foot pipe penetrated six feet in the soil and three feet above the surface to check the irrigated water level underground.

Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP) and the CEGIS jointly organised the workshop on 'Implementation of Bangladesh the LGED Bhaban.

Awami League lawmaker Akhteruzzaman

Chowdhury at a meeting yesterday urged all

to cast votes for AL-backed mayor candidate

ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury to turn

Chittagong a healthy and environment

keep unity and work actively for ensuring

the victory of Mohiuddin in the June 17

Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) elec-

unit president, was addressing the view-

exchange meeting at the Nagorik

Committee office with people hailing from

southern region of Chittagong and living in

ward in the afternoon, Mohiuddin called

upon his supporters to remain alert against

any conspiracy of snatching votes. "Vote

snatchers are again in the field. We have to

Chowdhury, Mohra Nagorik Committee

President Abu Taher, among others, spoke

meetings at Korbaniganj, Miakhan Pool,

Mohiuddin's wife Hasina Mohiuddin car-

ried out mass contact in different areas of

Patharghata in the morning in support of

AL leaders Abdus Salam, Iftekhar Saimul

Mohiuddin also spoke at several street

foil any attempt to hijack the votes."

on the occasion.

her husband.

Ishak Pool at Bakalia.

Earlier in a street meeting at Mohra

Akhteruzzaman, also AL (south) district

He also urged the leaders and activists to

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

friendly city.

Emaduddin Ahmed, executive director of the Institute of Water Modelling (IWM), said crop diversification and growing aman and boro rice with low water consumption and making use of available information are important to face the climate change impacts on agriculture.

Climate change impacts are set to September. gravely affect the agriculture, forestry, fisheries, health and water supply, Water Resources Minister Ramesh Chandra Sen said while speaking as the chief guest.

He stressed river dredging for agriculture, water transport and environment conservation, saying there are 310 big and small rivers in the country. A total of 22 dredgers are working at different rivers.

"I, however, do not like the way the shipping ministry dredges the rivers, as they dump the extracted sand back into the rivers," said the minister.

Md Habibur Rahman, director general of the Bangladesh Water Development Board Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan' at (BWDB), said cyclone Aila damaged 47 chaired by Md Shahidul Hassan, presipolders (a tract of low land projected by

AL-backed mayor candidate ABM Mohiuddin

Chowdhury and BNP-backed candidate M

Manjur Alam Manju exchange greetings at a

view exchange meeting at the Muslim

Institute auditorium in the port city yesterday.

BNP-backed and Chattagram Unnayan

Andolon candidate M Manjur Alam Manju

yesterday carried out electoral campaign

stressing to develop Chittagong as a violence

and anarchy-free city and rid the dwellers of

dam) stretching over 2000 kilometres of coastal embankment.

Foreign donors pledged a plenty of aid for the Aila victims' rehabilitation but a single penny has not yet been released due to complicated terms and conditions.

The BWDB repaired 42 polders by

"We are facing worst situation with three polders in Dakop, Koira and Gabura that we have not yet been able to repair and as a result, 50,000 people are still living on the embankment under the open sky," said Rahman.

"We too have failures, as we could not repair the damaged embankment in time," he said. Around two lakh people become homeless every year due to river erosion.

Muhammad Zamir, chief information commissioner; AYBI Siddiqi, former secretary; and Dr Azharul Haq, former managing director of the Dhaka Wasa, among others, spoke at the discussion dent the BWP.

During his mass contact in west, east and

south Bakolia (CCC ward no 17, 18 and 19)

area, Manjur said absence of measures to

develop drainage or remove waterlogging

cause a huge area of Bakolia going under

potential small and cottage industries

accelerating economic growth and devel-

oping Bakolia as a water-logging free

ing with leaders and activists of BNP and

its front organisations from No 2 Jalalabad

Ward, met people of Shapla Residential

Area and those from Harijan community

at his North Katolli residence in the morn-

President Shamsul Alam, General

Secretary Dr Shahadat Hossain, Jatiya

Party leader Noor Mohammad Khan and

other leaders of BNP-led four-party alli-

ance, among others, accompanied Manju.

of the Hindu community, exchanging

views and seeking votes at Mehedibagh

residence of his main election agent and

BNP Chittagong city unit President Amir

Member Salauddin Quader Chowdhury,

Vice-Chairman Abdullah Al Noman and

Vice-Chairman Morshed Khan also carried

out campaigns for Manju throughout the

Envoy to

Besides, BNP Standing Committee

Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury.

He was holding a meeting with people

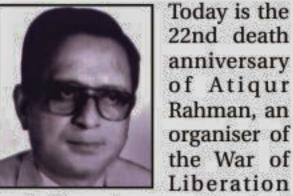
BNP Chittagong city unit Vice-

Earlier, he held a view exchange meet-

Manju sought votes to help flourish

water after a little downpour.

Death anniversary STAFF CORRESPONDENT



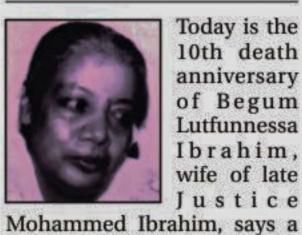
22nd death anniversary of Atiqur Rahman, an organiser of the War of Liberation

and founder president of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) city unit, says a press release.

Relatives, friends, colleagues and well-wishers are requested to pray for salvation of his departed soul.

Lutfunnessa Ibrahim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 10th death anniversary of Begum Lutfunnessa Ibrahim, wife of late Justice

press release. On the occasion, milad

mahfil will be held in the morning at her residence.

Foods will be distributed among the destitute and wreaths will be placed at he grave at the Banani grave-

Hectic campaign for Ctg polls Majeda Begum



Today is the 4th death anniversary of Majeda Begum, wife of former Bangladesh Bank director Tofail Ahmed Chowdhury,

says a press release. Relatives and admirers are

requested to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Fatema Zaman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 2nd death anniversary of Fatema Zaman, wife of Maj Gen (Retd) Shamsuzza

man, former GOC 9 division and former ambassador to Kuwait, says a press release.

On the occasion, a doa and milad mahfil will be held.

Relatives, friends and wellwishers are requested to pray for salvation of her departed soul.

Alhaj Md Turab Ali

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Engineer Fazlur Rahman and Md Rafiqul Islam Baset, who were killed by the Pakistani occupation forces on April 1

assistant of High Court.

On the occasion, a milad and doa mahfil will be held at his village home in Kazir Kandi, Narsingdi after Zohr

75 arrested

BSS, Rangpur

Police in separate raids



Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon holds a rally at Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday to press its 11-point demand ahead of the World Environment Day.

'Rooftop solar systems can ensure uninterrupted power'

UNB, Dhaka

Solar power systems on rooftops of high-rise buildings in urban areas can greatly help ensure uninterrupted supply of electricity that would mitigate the prevailing energy crisis to a large extent, expert said. "We need a sustainable energy source that

can ensure continuous supply of electricity," said Dr Mohammed Ataur Rahman, director, programme on Education for Sustainability, Centre for Global Environmental Culture (CGEC) of IUBAT.

The government should immediately make it mandatory in the building code for the households to install solar systems on rooftops of highrise buildings for generating solar energy, which has already been mandatory in the West Bengal of India, he told UNB. Dr Ataur has recently presented a paper at a

seminar on 'Solar energy for high-rise buildings in urban areas' at International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT).

Describing solar energy as the ultimate energy source of the lives on the earth having easy solution to substitute the conventional energy sources, he said, all plants and animals are using solar energy trapped by the green plants during photosynthesis. "By trapping solar radiation and converting it to electric energy is

an answer to sustainable energy for Bangladesh."

Dr Ataur said solar energy has been used by humans for thousands of years and ancient cultures used energy from the sun to keep warm by starting fires with it. "They also kept their homes warm through use of passive solar energy," he said, adding that buildings were designed so that walls and floors collected solar heat during the day and released same at night for warmth. Nearly 300 megawatts of power can easily be generated from solar energy to feed the hungry national grid if solar power systems are installed on rooftops of some 20,000 multistoried buildings in Dhaka, he said.

Dr Ataur said solar energy is one of the most important energy sources of the present world. He mentioned that with the development of technology for a modern life, especially for running the industries, transportation, domestic appliances, agriculture, health, education and research, food storage and transportation, and recreation, the demand for energy is experienced at an increasing rate.

Rapid urbanisation and concentration of population in the cities have created manifest crises such as energy, water, pollution, waste management, sanitation and natural disasters like floods, cyclones, drought, earthquakes and melting of glaciers of the mountains and Polar Regions causing rise in sea level, he said.

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Manjur's campaign

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> Newly appointed Bangladesh Ambassador to Germany Mosud Mannan presented his credentials to Federal President Dr Horst Kohler at Bellevue Palace in Berlin on May 28.

During the credential presentation ceremony, the ambassador conveyed to Dr Kohler the warm greetings of President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

In response, the federal president conveyed his regards to the president and the prime minister of Bangladesh, said a foreign ministry press release.

He assured the ambassador of all support and cooperation from him and the German government in his efforts to enhance friendship and cooperation between the two countries during his stay in Berlin.

Mannan briefed the president on the socio-economic developments in Bangladesh.



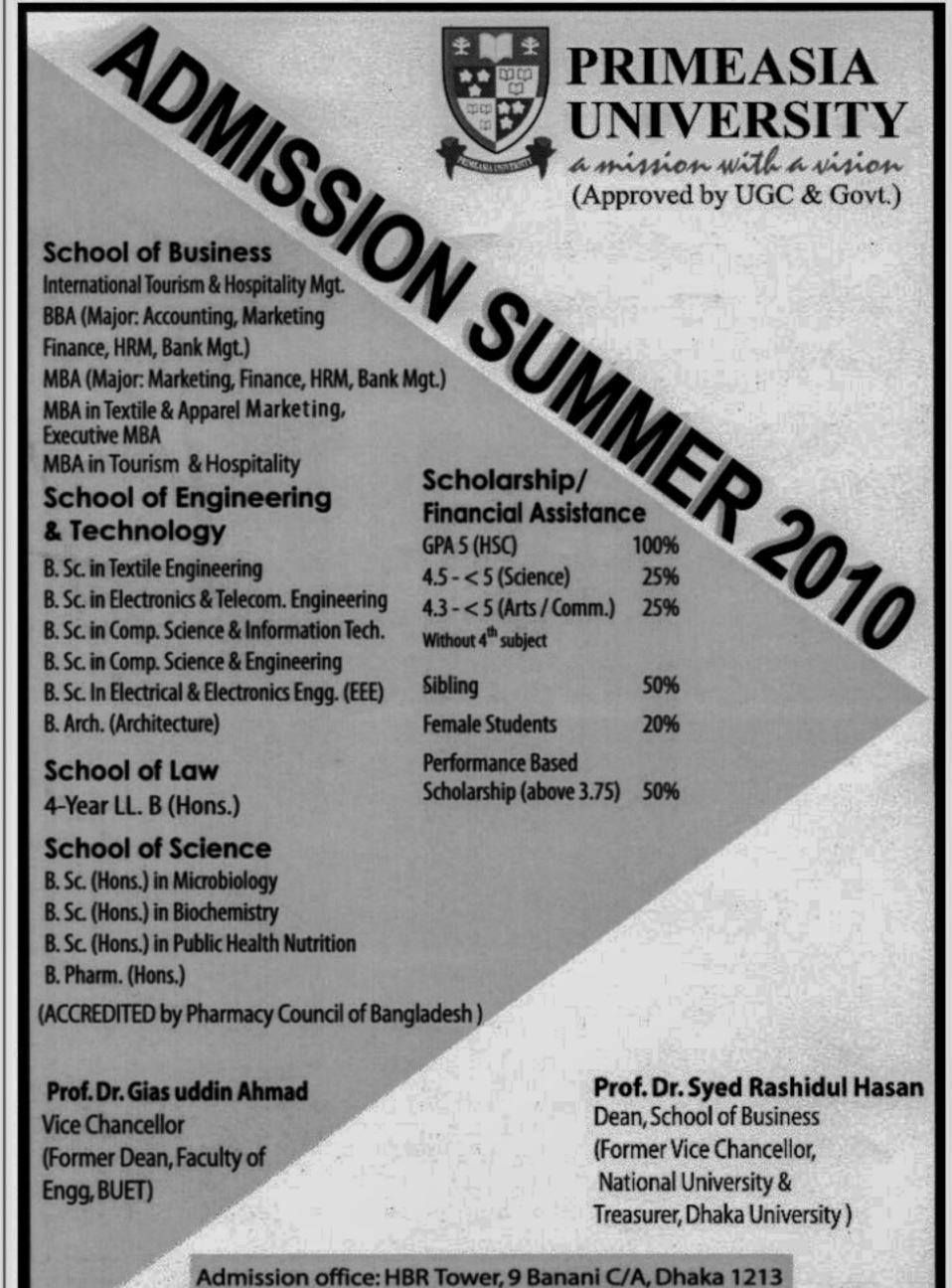
Today is the 31st death anniversary of Alhaj Md Turab Ali, father of martyred Shaheed

in 1971, says a press release. Turab Ali was a senior office

prayers today.

in Rangpur

arrested 75 people in connection with different charges from various places in the district during 48 hours as of yesterday noon, sources said.



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