

KNOWLEDGE CORNER

CREATION OF MANKIND

In the beginning there was only chaos. Then out of the void appeared Erebus, the unknowable place where death dwells, and Night. All else was empty, silent, endless, darkness. Then somehow Love was born, bringing a start of order. From Love came Light and Day. Once there was Light and Day, Gaea, the earth appeared. Gaea alone gave birth to Uranus, the heavens. Together they produced the three Cyclopes and twelve Titans. However, Uranus was a bad father. Eventually his son, the youngest Titan, Cronus, set up an ambush and overthrew Uranus. Cronus became the next ruler and married Rhea. Gaea and Uranus both had prophesied that he would be overthrown by a son. To avoid this Cronus swallowed each of his children as they were born. Rhea was angry at the treatment of the children and plotted against Cronus. When it came time to give birth to her sixth child, Rhea hid herself, and then she left the child to be raised by nymphs. This child was Zeus. He grew into a handsome youth on Crete. Then eventually Rhea convinced Cronus to accept his son and Zeus was allowed to return to Mount Olympus. This gave Zeus the opportunity to slip Cronus a specially prepared drink designed by Metis that made Cronus vomit up the other children. The brothers of Zeus made him their leader. But Cronus was yet to be defeated. He and the Titans, except Prometheus, Epimetheus, and Oceanus, fought to retain their power. Atlas became their leader in battle and it looked for some time as though they would win. However, Zeus was cunning. He went down to Tartarus and freed the Cyclopes who gave him Thunderbolts for weapons. With the new weapons Zeus won the battle. He exiled the Titans who had fought against him into Tartarus. Prometheus and Epimetheus were spared imprisonment in Tartarus because they had not fought with their fellow Titans during the war with the Olympians. They were given the task of creating man. Prometheus shaped man out of mud, and Athena breathed life into his clay figure. Epimetheus's task was to give the creatures of the earth their various qualities. By the time he got to man Epimetheus had given all the good qualities out and there were none left for man. So Prometheus decided to give them fire. But Zeus took fire away from man. However, Prometheus lit a torch from the sun and brought it back again to man. Zeus was enraged that man again had fire. He decided to inflict a terrible punishment on both man and Prometheus. To punish Prometheus, Zeus took him to the Caucasus

Mountains, and chained him to a rock with unbreakable adamantine chain where he was tormented day and night by a giant eagle tearing at his liver. To punish man, Zeus and Hephaestus with the help of Hermes, created a mortal of stunning beauty, with a deceptive heart and a lying tongue.....Pandora, the first woman.

WORLD MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT

Media is the carrier of mass communication. This communication began with the invention of newspapers and got established as a widely known term in the late 1920s. Media has numerous branches : news media, movies, music, daily soaps, sports entertainment, etc. All of them reach people via TV, radio or internet.

News media is the most influential branch of world media. It was confined to newspapers in the early years. Gradually the role of newspapers was pushed to the second position by the news-channels offering oven-fresh news 24/7. BBC, the leading news broadcaster of all time was founded in the year 1922.

Recently, internet based Wiki Leaks has been making waves all around the world.

Cinema is the most popular medium of entertainment today. Hollywood has blessed the earth-dwellers with romantic epics like 'Gone with the Wind', war pieces like 'Patton', thrillers like 'Psycho' and also musicals like 'West Side story'. The British film industry has also been a symbol of a success. 'Gandhi' is an example of British classics. Indian films are also very popular all around the world. Though contemporary Bangla movies are way behind in the international race, the old ones like 'Pother Panchali' by Satyajit Roy, 'Meghe Dhaka Tara' by Ritwick Ghatak have charmed the audience to the full.

Music is the most versatile medium of entertainment. Mozart, Salieri and Beethoven ruled the early music eras.

In the mid-twentieth century, band music became the passion of youth. The Beatles are considered as the most popular band of all time. Apart from rock bands, solo artists like Michael Jackson blended performance with music and initiated a new era in the music industry. Ravi Shankar's sitar will be listened to for decades..

Sports are now a source of immense entertainment. Beijing Olympics in 2008 was watched by more than a billion people all over the world.

The development of world media has also led to speculative yellow journalism, blue films, use of narcotics etc. Keeping the dark side away, the media has been one of the best gifts mankind

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NEWS IN

brief

Miscreants stab man to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Miscreants stabbed a man to death in the outskirts of city's Tongi area last night.

Deceased Ashiqul Islam, 26, resident of Ershadnagar in Tongi, was sitting in a rickshaw garage when a group of criminals attacked, stabbing him indiscriminately and leaving him severely injured.

He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Ashiqul's wife Ruma Begum claimed that her husband was a source of police and Rapid Action Battalion.

Officer-in-Charge of Tongi Police Station Gazi Ruhul Iman said Ashiqul used to extort money by imposing as a police informer.

Weeklong art exhibition on BDR carnage from Feb 25

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To commemorate the slain army officials in BDR carnage on February 25 and 26 in 2009, a weeklong art exhibition-'Buk Tar Bangladesher Hridoy' begins at the Dhaka Art Centre from February 25. On the occasion, over 30 leading painters of the country participated in a camp at Gallery Chittrak in the city yesterday to deliver the message. Colonel Mojib Trust, Gallery Chittrak and Dhaka Art Centre are jointly organising the programme, says a press release.

'Free Amar Desh acting editor'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some pro-BNP academicians and journalists yesterday strongly criticised the government for imprisoning Mahmudur Rahman, acting editor of the daily Amar Desh, and demanded his immediate release. They placed the demand at a roundtable at the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday.

Former vice chancellor (VC) of Dhaka University (DU) Moniruzzaman Miah, DU's ex-VC Emazuddin Ahmed, JPC president Kamaluddin Sabuj, former VC of Jahangirnagar University Khandakar Mustahidur Rahman, and BFUJ President Ruhul Amin Gazi and secretary general MA Aziz among others spoke. Mahmudur Rahman was arrested on June 2 last year in a criminal case.

Stalker jailed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A mobile court awarded one month's jail term to a young man for stalking a schoolgirl at Rohonpur in Gomostapur upazila on Thursday night.

Tajul, 18, of the area, used to stalk a class six student of Prasadpur Girls High School, on her way to school off and on. Following a complaint by her father, the court led-by Rabiul Faisal, executive magistrate and acting UNO, sentenced Tajul and sent him to jail.

CRICKET WORLD CUP 2011 OPENING

Int'l media see new Bangladesh

Praise efficient management

UNB, Dhaka

International media eulogized Bangladesh's skill and efficiency of management to host Thursday's sizzling opening ceremony of ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 at Bangabandhu National Stadium.

British Daily Mail wrote "Bangladesh stages glitzy opening ceremony to kick off cricket world cup.

"Bangladesh hosted the party of its life to welcome the start of the cricket World Cup. The world's leading team captains were ferried into Bangabandhu National Stadium in a fleet of bicycle rickshaws to kick off the evening event."

BBC said, "The 10th Cricket World Cup has been launched following a \$30m (£18.6m) opening ceremony in Bangladesh.

"The often chaotic roads in Dhaka witnessed relatively light traffic on Thursday with the government declaring a half-day public holiday so its people could return home in good time to view the opening ceremony on television."

Praising innovation in the opening function, BBC said all 14 captains were paraded in rickshaws around Bangabandhu Stadium as 3,500 performers demonstrated local cultures.

India Today quoted ICC President Sharad Pawar of acknowledging the contribution and support of Bangladesh government and, in particular, of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Asian Age wrote, "Dhaka has been spruced up for the World Cup as it seeks to take advantage of a prime opportunity to re-brand a country often known only for devastating floods and cyclones."

Hindustan Times wrote that rock star Bryan Adams provided the sparks to a dazzling opening ceremony, showcasing a vibrant blend of sub-continental traditions and modernity.

The Hindustan Times observed that it was a giant leap for Bangladesh which hosted perhaps the biggest sporting show so far in its history.

Language movement hero Azmee passes away

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Maulana Ahmedur Rahman Azmee, a language movement hero of 1952

and a freedom fighter, passed away around 9:30pm on Thursday. He was 82.

He left behind his wife, three sons and two daughters. Maulana Azmee was born in Daikhalhi of Ichakhali union of Mirsarai in Chittagong.

In 1952 as a student of Hathazari Alia Madrasa he was involved in the Language Movement. He had organised a meeting in protest of firing in the rally on February 21.

He was the general secretary of the Chittagong district unit of East Pakistan Students Union. He was also office secretary of Chittagong district unit Awami League and the convener of the election management committee of United Front in 1954.

He was declared fugitive in 1958 during the martial law period. General Ayub Khan declared prize for arresting him. He was arrested and later freed during the 11-point movement.

Azmee was also general secretary of Chittagong district unit of National Awami Party (NAP). After liberation he was elected organising secretary of NAP. Later, he was elected presidium member of Ganoforum.

President of Ganoforum Dr Kamal Hossain and general secretary of the party Adv Subrata Chowdhury in a joint statement expressed deep shock at the death of Azmee.

Sammitilo Sangskritik Jote, Bangaldesh Khetmajur Samity, Communist Party of Bangladesh and Bangladesh Krisok Samity also condoled his death.

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