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### to hold blood donation programme

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Pan Pacific Sonargaon will hold a blood donation programme tomorrow (Monday) at its Surma room at 10 am, according to a press release.

#### New organisation starts functioning

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SASC Alumni Society (SAS) Bangladesh, a non-political organisation comprising former advisers, sponsors, officials and members of Students Anti Smoking Committee (SASC), has been launched with a humanitarian objective to initiate and promote activities.

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The Department Cooperatives and Bangladesh National Cooperatives Union have jointly organised a colorful rally and a discussion meeting like else where of the world to observe the 81 st International Co-operatives Day on Saturday.

State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Ziaul Haq Zia led the rally that ends at the Mahanagar Nattya Manch, Gulistan in the city. A discussion meeting on 'Cooperatives Make Development Happen' was held after the rally.

President With National Bangladesh Cooperatives Union Abdul Ali Mridha in chair the meeting was attended by the State Minister for Cooperatives Ziaul Haq Zia as chief guest, Deputy Minister for land Ruhul Kuddus Talukder as special guest, Secretary of Development and Rural Division Cooperatives Hedaetul Islam Chowdhury, Registrar of Cooperatives Department Ashraf Ali, Director General of CIRDAP Dr Mya Maung was also present as special guests. Among others Director General of BRDB AFM Matiur Rahman, Chairman of Cooperatives Abdus Salam, Insurance Rural President Development and Federation, Cooperatives Secretary of Bangladesh Cooperative Union, leading cooperatives personalities and of cooperatives officers department also spoke in the meeting.

#### More funds for Razzaq, Shamsun Fund

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Razzaq-Shamsun Trust Fund for Research in Physics established in the Department of Physics, Dhaka University in 1995, has been given Tk 1,50,000 more to the existing principle of Tk 3,50,000 of the trust fund, according to a press release.

A teacher of the Ohio State University Ms. Sultana Nurun Nahar handed over a cheque for Tk 1, 50,000 to the Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz at the latter's office on Saturday.

Pro-VC of DU Prof AFM Yousuf Haider, Treasurer Prof Syed Rashidul Hasan, Dean of Science Faculty Prof RIM Aminur Rashid, Chairman of Physics Dept Prof Ahmed Shafi, retired Prof of Physics Prof Harun-ar-Rashid, acting Registrar Anwar Hossain, and sister of the donor Ms Sultana Khairun Nahar were present on the occasion.

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# Call for collective to improve qua

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**Tahmina** Hussain, Secretary of the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, said that literacy, education and poverty alleviation were linked together and, for this reason, collective efforts were needed to address them simultaneously for the improvement of quality of life of the countrymen.

She was speaking as chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of a 10-day South Asia Sub-Regional Training Workshop on Planning and Organising NFE for Poverty Alleviation in the city on Saturday.

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