

Dhaka Day by Day

You are always with your radio

by Fayza Haq

How do I get to recognise you? I asked this PTI journalist Achin Roy. "I sport a beard" he said mischievously over the telephone.

Recent elections although he pointed out that some voters could not vote as their names were not listed or they had been registered in the villages which they could not reach while attending their job in the city, as in the case of rickshawpullers.

Dhaka was the pomp, show and the wastage among the middle-classes. Mr. Roy has a wife who did her thesis on Tagore's contribution to the dance in India.

Another Indian journalist due to leave Dhaka shortly is Sanat Mukherjee from All India Radio, whom I met the following day at his house in Dhanmandi.

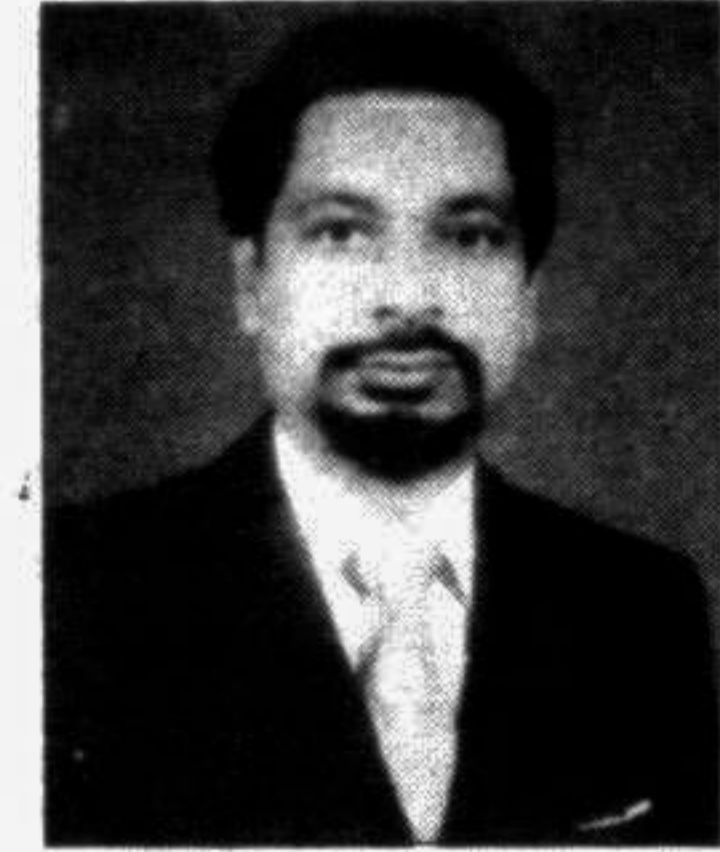
Although he prefers Dhaka to Calcutta in way of cleanliness, he missed the "intellectual vibrations of the West Bengal city."

He regretted the fact that there was no proper bridge between the rich and poor in Dhaka. In India there is a strong middle class.

Speaking on the radio broadcast, he stressed on the fact that it was easily available, cheap and direct. There were seven special correspondents like him employed by All India Radio.

Mr. Mukherjee, who enjoyed his work as a liaison officer in Agartala before 71, said that he worked from five in the morning till midnight in those days.

Commenting on his work in Dhaka he said that he resented the fact that there was no briefing system and that a lot of information was confused with rumours.



Achin Roy



Sanat Mukherjee

the ruling government. If they can truly give this verdict they will be interested in making changes through elections and will not take to the street and violence, he believed.

Commenting on Sheikh Hasina he said, "Hasina talks a lot. A political leader must be diplomatic, and choose his or her words. Political speeches are not table talk."

Having a considerable cultural background himself Mr. Roy was horrified by the standard of our naive films but felt the stage was good. Another element that annoyed him in

A study to determine the extent of maternal mortality in rural Bangladesh has found a maternal mortality rate of 101 deaths per 100,000 women, or 5.5 deaths per 1,000 live births.

FP methods help reduce maternal mortality

By Staff Correspondent

women aged 15-44. Deaths were classified by cause based on details in the vital records and, when necessary, on additional information provided through interviews with the community health workers and family members.

As one that occurred while the woman was pregnant or within 90 days of the termination of pregnancy.

A total of 1,037 deaths occurred among women aged 15-44 between 1976 and 1985. Of these, 387 were attributed to maternity-related causes, for a maternal mortality rate of 101 per 100,000 women.

There were 70,286 live births during the study period, resulting in a maternal mortality ratio of 5.5 maternal deaths per 1,000 live births. Maternal deaths were 37 per cent of all

deaths among women of reproductive age. The proportion ranged from 40 per cent to 43 per cent across five-year age-groups between 15 and 39; however, maternal deaths accounted for only 12 per cent of deaths among women aged 40-44.

A disproportionate number of maternal deaths occurred among women who were early in their reproductive careers. Twenty-four per cent of all maternal deaths occurred among women aged 15-19, 34 per cent occurred among women having a first pregnancy and 36 per cent occurred among women who had no children.

in about one-third of cases, maternal death occurred before labor and delivery: Three per cent of deaths occurred in relation to a miscarriage, 15 per cent accompanied an induced abortion and 17 per cent happened with the pregnancy intact.

Direct obstetric causes accounted for 77 per cent of maternal deaths; in the order of their frequency, these were postpartum hemorrhage, induced and spontaneous abortion, toxemia and eclampsia, postpartum sepsis and obstructed labor.

BCS (Ansar) Assoc Secretary stabbed

Dilip Kumar Biswas, acting General Secretary of BCS (Ansar) Association, was stabbed in old part of the city Wednesday night, reports UNB.

Family sources said on Friday that Biswas was admitted to a private clinic in a critical condition.

Two youngsters stopped Dilip's rickshaw at about 11 pm in Wrishikesh Das road and stabbed him, inflicting severe injury.

Association sources said the attack might be linked to internal feud between cadre service and non-cadre officials of the ansar department.

Khaleda to take salute of Mar 26 juvenile rally

A colourful and attractive juvenile rally will be held on March 26 at 8 a.m. at the Dhaka National Stadium on the occasion of the Independence and National Day, reports BSS.

About one hundred juvenile organisations including Dhaka District, will participate in the march past, waving and physical exercise.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will take salute in the march past.

27,000 rural doctors in country now

By Staff Correspondent

The Palli Chikitsahak Samity has offered its contribution to formulation of a village-based medical policy under the leadership of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia.

In a statement to the press on Friday, the Samity President and convenor of the Preparatory Committee Dr. Nazim Uddin Ahmed and a member Dr. Enayetuddin extended greetings to Khaleda Zia on her assumption of office and her cabinet saying under the dynamic leadership of her husband President Ziaur Rahman, the cadre of rural doctors was created.

They also congratulated the Chief Patron of the Samity Dr. Badruddoza Chowdhury and Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf for being appointed as the members of the cabinet.

Weather

Temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

Rain thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and the regions of Comilla and Sylhet. Weather will remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country.

Day temperature is likely to rise by one to two degrees Celsius at most places over the country. Westerly low persists over Bihar plain, Orissa, West Bengal and adjoining Bangladesh.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Little change. Extended outlook for another five days: Weather may improve.

The sun sets Today (Saturday) at 6.11 pm and rises on Sunday at 5.59 am.

Table with columns: Cities/Towns, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in Percentage (9 am, 6 pm). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Cox's Bazar, Sylhet, Barisal, Dinajpur.

Temperature recorded in major regional cities on Friday were: Bangkok 33 degrees Celsius, Delhi 32, Colombo 33.

BDR personnel held for dacoity

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 22: A BDR personnel was caught by villagers Thursday night on charges of an attempted dacoity and handed over to police, reports UNB.

Police and villagers said Shahidul Islam, a BDR personnel of Rajshahi sector and inhabitant of village Dhukuria in Kamarkhand upazila here, was nabbed from a house at village Debanipara.

Villagers alleged Shahidul, who came home Thursday night on a two-day leave, alongwith five other people attacked the house of Hanif at about 8 pm and claimed Tk 20,000.

Hanif refused and shouted for help, which brought hundreds of people around his residence. They caught Shahid and handed him over to police.

The villagers also said Shahid was wanted by Strajganj sadar police in two other kidnapping cases. Police confirmed it.

However, Shahid, now in police custody, denied the allegations brought by the villagers.

A dacoity case was filed with Strajganj Sadar police in connection with last night's incident.



Saturday

- 5.00 Opening and Recitation from Al Quran
5.20 News in Bengali
5.30 Esho Gaan Shikhi (Music lessons for children)
5.55 Mahe Ramzan Programme on Pakistan's National Day: Ambassador's speech and documentary film
7.00 Banshori (Programme of folk songs)
8.00 News in Bengali
8.30 Special Programme on World Meteorology Day: Shiropa (Programme of General Knowledge)
10.00 News in English
10.30 Drama Series: Return to Eden
11.15 Khabar / The news
11.30 Closing.

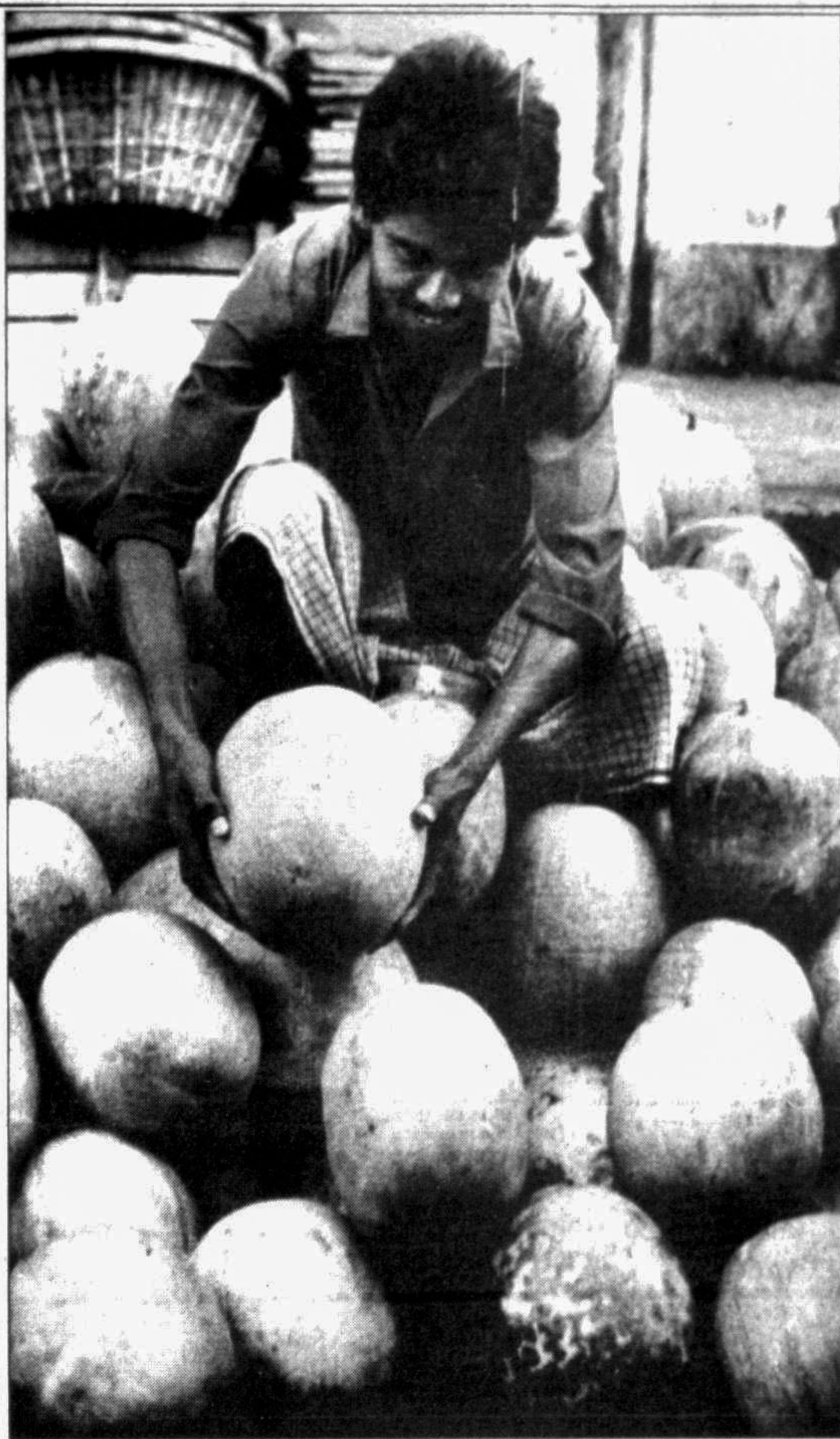
PROGRAMME today

An extra ordinary general meeting of Engineers Service structure and Welfare Committee (ESSWC) of Engi-neers Institution, Bangladesh will be held today (Saturday) at 3-15 p.m. at IEB auditorium.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a section for the answer to the previous puzzle.

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting points for clues.



Water melons in abundance in city markets but their prices are prohibitive. — Star photo

Population explosion creates inequity

By Staff Correspondent

The problem of population explosion should be solved by turning the people into a workforce. Professor Kazi Saleh Ahmed, Vice Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University told a seminar in Dhaka on Friday.

He was speaking as chief guest at a seminar titled "illiteracy is one of the major causes of population explosion" organised jointly by Lions Club of Dhaka Golden and Lioness Club of Dhaka

Golden at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium.

Contradicting with the key-note paper Professor Saleh Ahmed said our main problem was social inequality, not illiteracy.

Referring to the recent Parliament elections he said even a Vice Chancellor of a university can not run for membership of the Parliament as the expenses in such elections were huge.

Dr. Halida Hanum Akhter, Director of Bangladesh Fertility Research Programme presented the key-note paper while Md. Serajuddin, Member of the Planning Commission, Dr. A.K. Azad Chowdhury, astrologer Muhammed Anisul Haq and lion Khondaker Habibur Rahman participated in the discussion.

Dr. Akhter in her key-note paper said the rapid growth of population has been creating disparity between the developed and underdeveloped countries.

What percentage of a population is educated rather than years of schooling affects the rate of fertility more, Dr. Hanum said. President Lions Club of Dhaka Golden Lion Lalun Nahar Ershad presided over the seminar and lion M.A. Malek, Governor, Lions District 315B was the special guest.

Call to ensure health for all

Health and Family Planning Minister, Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf on Thursday called for solving the problems of the health sector in the light of national objectives and realistic situation obtaining in the country, reports BSS.

BJMC TENDER NOTICE

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