

Dhaka Day by Day

'Cobbler, Cobbler Mend My Shoes'

by Sabah Choudhury

One of the most important contributions of Rabindranath Tagore, to Bengali lore, is the creation of the two characters Hobu Chandra, the king and Gobi Chandra the prime minister...

Shourja Mohan Das, is one such mender of shoes, he sits at Mohammedpur market, repairing shoes along with a number of those in the same trade.

Trying to keep the feet clean, the pair first tried to settle the issue, by sprinkling water, which only resulted in making a lot of mud all over. They even tried to cover the earth in leather, in a desperate attempt.

Well, so much for the cobbler, and his brilliant idea, to protect the feet from dust, it was no doubt an excellent invention, without which today's civilized mortals would find it extremely messy to lead a clean and hygienic way of life.



A street-side mender reconditioning a pair of shoes.

Commenting on the difference of shoe material and style these days, he said the shoes he gets to mend nowadays is made either of rubber or synthetic stuff.

Placing before the government a number of demands at a press conference in the National Press Club, the Krishak League General Secretary Rashed Mosharraf, MP urged the government to write off the old loans of farmers and sanction new long-term loans for house building, agriculture, shrimp culture and salt bed in the cyclone-affected areas of the country.

Prof Shahjahan, Vice-Chancellor of BUET as the chief guest. Inaugurating the exhibition, Dr Shahjahan said that the exhibition will provide a great contribution to increase the field of association among the two countries and also encourage the field of research on science and technology.

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Zafar's petition granted

Former Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed filed and moved a petition Saturday before the District and Sessions Judge, Dhaka, for recalling the witnesses to cross examine. The court granted the petition and fixed May 25 for the hearing, reports BSS.

Book exhibitions boost research

A week-long book exhibition relating to the science and technology jointly organised by Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) and USA Information Service (USIS) in Dhaka began at the Central Library of BUET on Saturday.



Chhatra League (A-A) brought out a procession demanding release of its workers in city on Saturday.

Call to write off farmers' loans

The leaders of Bangladesh Krishak League called for continuing the present relief activities in the calamity affected areas till the next harvest as peasants had lost their standing crops in cyclone, tidal surge, tornado and floods, reports BSS.

Dhaka-London trade discussed

British High Commissioner in Bangladesh Colin H Imray Saturday called on Commerce Minister Muammad Keramat Ali at his office in city, reports BSS.

Course on personal management

A three-week training course on 'personal management and human relations' begins today (Sunday) at the seminar hall of Rapport Bangladesh.

Parties greet US marines' relief work

Different organisations on Saturday hailed the active participation of the US Marine Task Force in the relief and rehabilitation work in the cyclone-affected areas of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

Summer Science Institute' course begins at DU

Sponsored by Institute for Advancement of Science and Technology Teaching (IASTT), a four-week inservice training programme, 'Summer Science Institute', of psychology, philosophy and management for the teachers of colleges and universities of Bangladesh began on Saturday on Dhaka University campus, says a press release.

JUCSU polls schedule

SAVAR, May 18: The Election Commission for the JUCSU (Jahangirnagar University Central Students Union) election '91 has announced the schedule for holding the forthcoming 8th JUCSU and hall-association election. The election will take place on June 6 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Viva-voce exam

The result of the written admission test of the first year honours classes of four different faculties of Jahangirnagar University will be announced on May 22. The viva voce exam of the selected candidates will take place on June 16, 17 and 18.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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

Weather Rain with wind likely

Weather forecast valid for 24 hours till 6 p. m. on Sunday says: rain/ thundershower accompanied by temporary Kalbaisaki squalls likely to occur at many places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Khulna divisions. Day temperature likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

Bid to export manpower illegally to ME foiled

Biman officials have foiled an attempt by a travel agency to send a number of passengers to the Middle East region with irregular documents, a Biman Press release said in Dhaka Saturday, reports BSS.

Release of BCL workers demanded

Bangladesh Chhatra League (A-A) Saturday held a rally in front of Jatiya Press Club demanding the immediate and unconditional release of party workers arrested from the campus Wednesday night. The rally was addressed by Shah-e-Alam, Ashim Kumar Ukil, Goum Mustafa Sujon and Kamruzzaman Ansari.

Direct dialing system to be installed in Savar

Minister for Industries Shamsul Islam Khan Friday said that the government was committed to save the cyclone-hit people through appropriate relief operation. The Post and Telecommunication State Minister said the direct dialing system would be installed in Savar within next July.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Food Bangladesh Secretariat: Dhaka

Corrigendum to Tender No. MF (PRO. 1) IP-2/91/64 Dated 22.1.1398 BS (6.5.1991) for Import of 200,000 M.T. of Wheat.

In Tender Notice:

- 1. PARAGRAPH-1: (i) Against Item No. (h): Date of shipment: Following shall be inserted against the present entry: 60-70,000 M.T. by 30th June, 1991 and balance to be shipped by 15th July, 1991.

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