

Dhaka Day by Day

Of Leaves, Flowers, Buds and Twigs

by Fayza Haq

Nasima Sarwar Queenie, who had her three day solo exhibition at the Sheraton had cleverly combined art and craft in her 37 displays. She had carefully pressed flowers, buds, branches, twigs and leaves. She had then arranged them in an aesthetic manner to create an idyllic world in landscapes and still life. Every one of her entries was pleasing to the eye, and was definitely the work of a woman who took a lot of pains over her work. She took three years to assimilate this exhibition.

In "Something" Queenie had used twigs, leaves and flowers to create a romantic scene with creepers in the verandah. "Way 1" similarly used this media of dried leaves and petals, and was purely experimental, like all her other works. The ferns and leaves were arranged to delineate a dream-like forest. Everything was arranged in a neat and artistic form.

sophic. Tiny flower buds stood for the sands of time. The background and the time instrument were created by dried leaves. "We have limited time to achieve what we can. We don't have time to stand and stare," was the artist's message.

Queenie was once again caught up in abstractions in "Unknown Planet". Here she had depicted a planet with ferns and leaves. "There may be peace in some unknown planet and we are in the search of it," the artist commented. This was a protest against the turmoil of our own universe.

"Garo Hills" had been done with ferns, hills, railway lines, a water canal, and memories of a visit there in her past were brought with amazing symmetry.

A bird's nest with eggs were brought in "Bird's Eye View". "Still Life -2" had vases with



Queenie with visitors at the exhibition.

"Innocent" had dried leaves converted into the images of fish. While the shoal of fish was shown as cleverly avoiding the fish net, one foolish one was seen heading for the net made with delicate twigs. "Fishing Net" was an ethereal piece where with the help of ferns and pieces of brown, beige and yellow bits of leaves, the artist had created the impression of many fascinating fish being caught in a net.

"Survival Of The Fittest" brought in the underwater world in a poetic way. The fish were depicted as struggling for food. It was once again very pleasing to the eye.

"My Institute" had a pond with a seat for people to use. The background was formed by punched pieces of leaves. There were no figures. There was a dreamlike autumnal mood. In contrast was "Black Time" where the artist had the Middle East war and the recent cyclone in mind, as well as the widowhood of Sonia Gandhi. She had depicted the clock as dark, using dried bougainvillea leaves. The hands of the clock were like that of a bird to add a romantic touch to the theme.

"Pail" showed different containers. This represented a still life where the original shapes of the objects were not presented in a realistic form. It was impressionistic.

"Bland" was a fascinating piece with tables and chairs in a park shown by the space left behind by the surrounding flowers and leaves. The near at hand trees and lawn were covered with leaves and ferns. This experimental work stood out as one of the best in the exhibit. It was throbbing with life and was both subtle and suave.

A pond with leaves and flowers were carefully delineated in "Water Lily". It was almost Edwardian in its presentation with "Art for art's sake" in mind. It was highly decorative.

"Not much time for me" was a little philo-

flowers. Once again leaves and petals took place of conventional colours or strokes.

"Turmoil" had an abstract whirlpool of tension. This whirlpool was created by the dried leaves. "People are obsessed with problems in developing countries like Bangladesh," was the artist's explanation.

The remainder of punched leaves helped Queenie create a composition called "Mosaic Floor". It gave a purely abstract image.

Leaves had been used once again, with flowers, to create a butterfly. This was impressive and realistic. The "Boat" ushered in a river scene which was eye-catching. The waves were created with delicate ferns. The boat and the people were made from flowers. The weeds, along the river bank, were made with actual leaves.

In "River and Island" the artist, once a keen enthusiast of Oriental art, turned poetic and commented that, "Life is like an island. It then turns into a river. Those who want to have a career want to climb on to the mountains."

Another idyllic scene was "Raining" which showed a bridge, river and the rain. It was extremely pleasing to the eye with the yellow, brown and green pieces pasted on with ferns, to heighten the poetic effect.

In "Face or Mask" the artist had the thought that people perpetually put on some act. "Sometimes they are, are genuine but very often they are simply out to impress and gull you. I am not talking about the people in Bangladesh alone but all over the world," the artist elaborated.

Queenie, who graduated from the Institute of Fine Arts in '86, believed that "In spite of our close proximity to Nature, we are degenerating into deceitful beings. I have kept Nature as my medium which I find soothing, generous and assuring."

Army personnel continued their relief activity in the flood affected northern districts, and ISPR press release said in Dhaka Tuesday, reports BSS.

Bogra Area Commander Major General Sadiqur Rahman Chowdhury visited remote places of Shariatkandi upazila in the Bogra district to supervise the on-going army relief activities there.

Army relief operation continues

Army officers and troops from Bogra and Rangpur areas assisted the local administration in distributing about 686 metric tons of rice and wheat

at different places of Bogra, Rajshahi, Naogaon, Nawabganj, Pabna, Sirajganj, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh and Dinajpur districts during the last two days.

They also assisted in distribution of about four lakh Taka in cash and other essentials among the flood victims of these places.



Jatiya Party activists brought out a procession in the city Tuesday in support of their October 10 programme.

What's on today . . .

Jatiya Press Club lecture series

Jatiya Press Club lecture series 1991 will begin at the Press Club auditorium today (Wednesday) as part of the club's 37th founding anniversary programme.

Prof Emajuddin Ahmed of Dhaka University, Department of Political Science will present a paper on "democracy and political accountability" at 4 pm. The discussants of the day are: Sheikh Razzak Ali, Deputy Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad, Tofael Ahmed, MP, Salahuddin Kader Chowdhury, MP, Sheikh Ansar Ali, MP, Nirmal Sen of Five Party Alliance, Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed of Supreme Court Lawyers Samity, Abu Hena of BCS (Coordination) Committee, Dr Sadat Hossain of BCS (Administration) Samity, Gias Kamal Chowdhury and Khandakar Abdul Haq Mia, Joint Secretary, Jatiya Sangsad.

Netherlands Alumni Assoc

The first general meeting of the Netherlands Alumni Association will be held today (Wednesday) at 4 pm at the National Press Club auditorium.

Seminar on women's history

Centre for Higher Studies in humanities of the Dhaka University will hold a seminar on "Women's History: The Case of Muslim Bhadramahillas in Bengal (1876-1939)" at the seminar room of the Centre today (Wednesday) at 4 pm. Prof Sonia Nishat Amin of the History Department of DU will present the key-note paper on the issue.

Discussion on World Children's Day

Zia Shishu-Kishore Organisation will hold a discussion meeting and a cultural function today (Wednesday) at Shishu Academy auditorium at 5 pm on World Children's Day.

Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda will be the chief guest.

Rotary Club meet

The regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga will be held today (Wednesday) at 5.30 pm at Sonargaon Hotel. All members have been requested to attend the meeting.

Freedom Party press conference

The Freedom Party will hold a press conference today (Wednesday) at 4.30 pm at its central office, House No 48, Road No 15/A, Dhanmondi.

Co-chairman of the party, Col (ret'd) Abdur Rashid will address the press conference.

Hormone pill to promote birth control evolved

A noted French physician Wednesday recommended hormone administration to prevent early pregnancy and avoid the hazards of abortion in the developing third world, reports UNB.

The best way to prevent unwanted pregnancy and promote birth control and family planning is to use a newly evolved hormone pill known as RU 486, Prof Etienne Emile Baulieu told newsmen at the French Ambassador's residence here in the afternoon.

Abortion is a brutal method

and causes serious psychological effect on women specially in the developing countries, he said adding about one million women die annually in Bangladesh due to abortion related causes.

Referring to his meeting with the Health and Family Welfare Minister, Prof Baulieu said the Bangladesh Government was considering introduction of the hormone treatment method which, he claimed, had proved effective in 35 countries of the world.

Life-sketch of Abdur Rahman Biswas

President-elect Abdur Rahman Biswas was born September 26, 1926, in a respectable family at Shatstabad, Barisal, reports UNB.

After his early education in Barisal Zilla School, he obtained his BA (Hons), MA and LLB degrees from Dhaka University.

He was a resident student of Salimullah Muslim Hall and actively participated in the historic Language Movement.

Abdur Rahman Biswas joined the Barisal Bar in 1965 and was enrolled as an advocate of the Dhaka High Court in 1969.

He was elected member of the East Pakistan Provincial Assembly in 1962 and in 1965. He was Parliamentary Secretary to the then Government of East Pakistan for Finance, Planning, Education, and Services and General Administration. He was also the Chairman of the standing committee on law and parliamentary affairs.

Biswas was a member of the Pakistan Delegation to the United Nations in 1967 where his performance was highly praised.

He joined the cabinet of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman in 1979 as Jute Minister and during his tenure the jute sector for the first time earned a record profit of Taka 116 crore.

He was again inducted in the council of ministers by late President Justice Abdus Sattar in 1981 and was assigned the Ministry of Health and Population Control.

Biswas was elected Speaker of the present parliament on April 5. He resigned from the office of the Speaker on September 25 to contest the Presidential election.

CU Degree Pass exams from Dec 26

CHITTAGONG, Oct 8: The Degree Pass Examinations of 1991 under the University of Chittagong will now commence on December 26 instead of the date announced earlier, a university press release said here today, reports BSS.

RU students' gherao VC

RAJSHAH, Oct 8: Activists of Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya of Rajshahi University today gheraoed the Vice Chancellor's office to press-home their five-point demand, reports UNB.

They withdrew their three-hour siege at about 12 noon after an assurance from the VC of the University Prof Amanullah Ahmed that their demands would be looked into.

The demands include, withdrawal of cases against 60 student leaders of the University, withdrawal of police from the campus and formation of a new judiciary committee instead of the existing one. The VC assured the students that he would place the matter before Syndicate meeting to be held on October 10.

Meanwhile, the student body has announced a rally on the campus and gherao-programme during the meeting of the Syndicate on the day.

Enamul Huq gets Interpol medal

M. Enamul Huq, Additional Inspector General of Police (CID), has been awarded Interpol medal for his performance in fostering international cooperation for law enforcing, reports UNB.

Huq is the first to represent Bangladesh in the 154-member world body since 1989. He was elected to the 12-member Executive Committee of Interpol.

Huq entered the police service in 1964.

Wednesday

- 5.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran, Programme summary
- 5.15 Recitation from the Oecla
- 5.20 News in Bengali
- 5.30 Sourav Gourabe
- 5.55 Sports programme
- 6.30 Programme on World Postal Day
- 7.05 Programme of new artists
- 8.00 News in Bengali
- 8.30 Bism Parikrama
- 9.00 Film: MacOyker
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Programme on Folk songs
- 11.30 Khabar / The News
- 11.45 Close down

'Cultural heritage can play role in strengthening SAARC spirit'

Majid-Ul Huq, Minister for Agriculture, Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Tuesday said sports, arts and culture could play the most significant role in fostering mutual understanding among the peoples of the South Asian countries, reports BSS.

The understanding among the South Asian nations would eventually lead to mutual cooperation, said Huq while inaugurating the three-day meeting of the technical committee of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) on sports, arts and culture at a hotel in Dhaka.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain, State Minister for Culture Prof

JN College student found dead in hostel

Our SSMCH Correspondent

A young man was found dead on his bed at a hostel in Jinjira Tuesday morning. He allegedly committed suicide by taking poison.

The body of Nirob Adhikari (24), a final year student of the Geography Department of Jagannath College, was discovered by his room-mate at the Hashem Mess in Jinjira.

An unnatural death case was registered with the Keraniganj police and the body was sent to the Mitford Hospital for autopsy.

One murdered

Our SSMCH Correspondent

One person was allegedly murdered by unknown assailants near Patuatuli Monday night.

The body of Abu Zaid Bashar (31), a resident of 20, Patuatuli, was found by his family members abandoned near the Rajar Deuri Primary School Tuesday morning. The body contained several injury marks on the throat.

A case was lodged with Kotwali Thana and the body was sent to the Mitford Hospital for autopsy. However, none was arrested till filing of this report.

Two car thieves arrested in city

By Staff Correspondent

Two car thieves were arrested while trying to steal a private car from Dilkusha Tuesday morning.

The two were caught red-handed by the guards of the Janata Bank at Dilkusha when they were trying to enter a private car (Dhaka-Ga-671) parked in front of the bank at around 11.30 am. They used a set of duplicate keys to enter the car.

Ahmed Kader and Masum were handed over to Motijheel police and a case has been filed against them.

Jahanara Begum attended the inaugural function as the special guests.

Eighteen delegates from the seven SAARC countries are attending the meeting. Additional Secretary in-charge of the Ministry of Youth and Sports M A Rouf presided over the meeting.

The Agriculture Minister said, "the South Asian Region has a cultural heritage which can play an important role in the consolidation and

JS body on estimates meets Oct 11

The second meeting of the Parliamentary Committee on estimates will be held on October 11 at 9 am at the Accounts Committee room, housed at the Third floor of the south east block of the Sangsad Bhavan, reports BSS.

According to a Jatiya Sangsad press release, committee chairman Abdur Rouf Chowdhury MP will preside over the meeting.

The committee members are: Salahuddin Yusuf, Abdur Razzak, Wing Commander (ret'd) Hamidullah Khan, Khurram Khan Chowdhury, Dr. Abdul Mayeen Khan, Shahidullah Khan, Mohammad Abdullah, Saiful Azam and Abdul Hasan Chowdhury.

strengthening of mutual bonds of friendship existing between us."

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain said the technical committee meeting has an advantage towards mooting some tangible issues for the development of sports in the region under the purview of SAARC, a concept of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman.

Recalling the importance of holding sports events under joint sponsorship, Hossain said "such measures will enhance spirit and ideas of SAARC."

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara said late President Ziaur Rahman first mooted the idea of forming an organisation for regional cooperation among the South Asian countries for the betterment of the socio-economic, political and cultural condition of these nations. Dreams of President Zia were materialised in 1985, she added.

She said since then the SAARC has been organising a series of useful conferences and workshops on various fields of arts and culture.

Chairman of the organising committee of the meeting Major General Mahbubur Rahman, Director of SAARC secretariat Q M A Rahim and delegates' representative Brig Khan, Muhammad Ayyub of Pakistan also spoke on the occasion.

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