

# Dhaka Day by Day

## The Thrill of Silence

by Kazi Ahsan Sakhawat

The word 'Mouna' means reticent or abstinence from speech; and 'Mukhar' means just the opposite — resounding or reverberating. So what 'Mouna-Mukhar' means is reverberating in silence. Somewhere in the name of this mime group there is a hidden aesthetic expression. This group from Calcutta seems to be a regenerated articulation of reverberation. They can portray the reticence with excellence, creating a thrill of silence. In the propensity of discovering the ocean of art this group is magnanimously susceptible. That is why today they are so much enviously known to the mime perceivers of the whole India.

Mime is not that much popular or appreciable in our country. How many of us do know that Parthapratim Majumdar, a renowned mime artist of our country, is undergoing a training under the world famous mime artist Marcel Marceau of France and has already been adorned with the title Master of Mime? We are so busy with music, dance, poetry recitation, drama festivals and so on that we hardly have much spare time to think about mime. But very recently this art has become quite popular in our country. Dhaka Pantomime and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy for the first time in our country arranged the 'First Mime and Pantomime Festival 1991' on 24th, 25th, and 26th October at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium. Two mime groups from India namely Modern Mime Centre and Mouna-Mukhar along with Dhaka Panto-

mime of Bangladesh took part in this 3-day festival.

Mouna-Mukhar from Calcutta was able to capture the attention of the audience on the concluding day of the festival. They performed eight different parts on the stage. The acts were, 'Aj Shondhar Bhasha' (This evening's speech), 'Ha-du-du Khele' (Ha-du-du game), 'Jatibhed' (Cast distinction), 'Pradarshani Football' (A football match), 'Shilpo O Shilpee' (Art and Artist), 'Dui Bigha Jomi' (Two bighas of land), 'Phuchkawa' (Phuchka vendor), and 'Asray' (Shelter). Among the acts 'Jatibhed' and 'Asray' were significantly important. In 'Asray' the group successfully depicted the dream of a rickshaw puller who sleeps in the pavement and dreams of having a shelter. He finally got one, but where? Nineteen eighty-seven had been observed internation-



Mouna-Mukhar players on stage.

ally as the year of giving shelter to the homeless. The artists of Mouna-Mukhar believe that every fine art should be life-oriented. Thus, mime too can be a reflection of joy and sorrow, happiness and misery, hopes and confidence. Mime is nothing but the mute form of acting. Every actor/actress has to depend on mime while acting. With this objective and aim in mind Mouna-Mukhar was established in 1984. Within these 7 years Mouna-Mukhar spread the practice of this art in almost every province, in various festivals of India. Mouna-Mukhar is the first mime group of India which was invited outside the country for performing mime.

### Italy to give aid for research on archaeological relics

The Italian government will provide financial assistance to Bangladesh for launching research, renovation and restoration of archaeological relics in Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The Italian Ambassador to Bangladesh, Claudio Pacifico, said this when he called on Minister of State for Cultural Affairs Prof. Jahan-Ara Begum at her Secretariat office on Sunday.

They discussed the different aspects of Italy-Bangladesh Cultural Agreement, which was signed in Rome recently. They also exchanged views on proper implementation of the agreement.

### Put in all efforts to pull economy out of stagnation

By Staff Correspondent

Pulling the economy out of stagnation and initiating a growth process is a challenge for the nation, which should be faced with all efforts, economists observed here at a seminar on Sunday.

Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) organised the seminar on the 'current economic situation in Bangladesh'. Two research papers on the state of the rural economy and the state of industrial production and trade were presented and followed by an open discussion.

Inaugurating the seminar at the BIDS auditorium, Planning Minister AM Zahiruddin Khan pointed out that an enduring foundation for the national economy could be secured only through increasing the income of the rural people.

He said the major thrust of the government was on strengthening the rural economy with a view to sustaining the development process. The challenge for the nation is how soon we can reach development programmes to rural areas, he added.

The Planning Minister said that although the return on investment in a agriculture was faster, it never received adequate attention from the planners. He said the government would encourage agro-based industries in the country.

Presenting a paper on 'the anatomy of Mora Kartik': an enquiry into the economic health of the countryside, Hossain Zillur Rahman pointed out that the seasonal deficit in agricultural output during the October/Kartik period was a normal phenomenon and a perennial feature in the country's rural areas.

adverse effect of the Gulf crisis in the international economy, devaluation of currency, decline in government spending and credit to the private sector.

Simultaneous decline in the level of economic activities in so many sectors would cause declines in the effective demand for locally produced goods, he pointed out.

Devaluation of the Indian currency has further accentuated the problems in our economic sector; particularly in the textile sector, he added.

He suggested that short-term policy options needs to be looked into for revitalising the economy and set it in a course commensurate with the long term objectives.

### Mohammadpur Govt High School Silver Jubilee in Jan

By Staff Correspondent

Silver jubilee of Mohammadpur Government High School will be celebrated in January.

A general meeting of the school will be held at its Teachers' Common Room at 5 pm today (Monday) in this regard.

Old students of the school have been requested to attend the meeting.

### What's on today . . .

#### Human Development Society

Human Development Society will distribute sleeping kits among 500 slum children at Uttara High School premises at 9.30 am today (Monday).

Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan will inaugurate the distribution programme as the chief guest while State Minister for Relief Lutfar Rahman Khan will attend as the special guest.

Prof M Alimullah Miyan, President of the organization will preside over the programme. Richmond Chandler and Clarence De Young, (SCAW) Volunteer Toronto, Canada will attend the programme as guests of honour.

#### Lawyers' Concern meeting

An emergency meeting of Lawyers' Concern will be held at its office at 72/2 North Mugdipara, at 5 pm today (Monday).

The leaders of the organisation will announce their next course of action for withdrawal of upazila courts in the meetings.

#### Nazma Jesmin memorial lecture

Nazma Jesmin Chowdhury memorial lecture will be held at the Modern Language Institute auditorium of Dhaka University at 4 pm today (Monday).

The programme will be presided over by Prof M Maniruzzaman Miah, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University. Dr Mohammad Anisur Rahman will read the key-note paper.

#### Rotary Club of Dhaka Central

The 381st weekly regular general meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel at 1.30 pm today (Monday).

#### 104th birthday of Nasir Uddin

The 104th birthday of 'Sawag' editor and writer, Mohammad Nasiruddin will be observed at Children's auditorium of National Museum at 4 pm today (Monday).

Poet Begum Sufta Kamal will preside over the birthday ceremony while several intellectuals, writers and journalists will speak on the occasion.

#### Baitul Mukarram businessmen

The businessmen of Baitul Mukarram Market will hold demonstration and rally near the market at 10 am today (Monday) in protest against the government's announcement of raiding shops to crack down smuggling.

The businessmen will also hold a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club at 4 pm today (Monday) in this regard.

#### Bangladesh Short Film Forum

Bangladesh Short Film Forum will hold a demonstration and rally in front of the Bangladesh Film Censor Board at 5 pm today (Monday) in protest against the ban on 'Dhusor Jatra', a Liberation Movement based short film.

The leaders of Bangladesh Short Film Forum called upon all short film makers, workers and well-wishers to join the demonstration.

#### Addhayan

The prize distribution ceremony of the BAPAN (Bot Pore Jano - know more by reading books) '91, arranged by Addhayan, will be held at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy auditorium at 4 pm today (Monday).

President Abdur Rahman Biswas will attend the function as the chief guest.

The function has been sponsored by Delta Life Insurance Company Limited.

#### Qul Khwani and Milad

Bangali Krishak Sramik Kalyan Parishad of Khagrachari district and Bangali Chhatra Gono Parishad of Chittagong have jointly arranged religious function in front of the Jatiya Press Club today (Monday) to mourn the death of six persons killed by Shantibahini in Chittagong.

Qul Khwani and Milad Mahfil will be held at 10 am and at 4 pm respectively at the same venue in this connection.

### . . . . and tomorrow

#### Press conference

A four-member team, which will arrive in Bangladesh from Scotland today to help the distressed, will hold a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club at 12 noon tomorrow (Tuesday).

Sheffa Welfare Trust will conduct the press conference.

#### Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Mojilish

Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Mojilish will hold a meeting at the South Gate of Baitul Mukarram Mosque at 4 pm today (Monday) in protest against the killing of six persons by Shantibahini members on November 14.

The workers of the organisation will also bring out a procession in this regard after the meeting. Compiled by FA

### Weather

## Shower likely

By Staff Correspondent

Met office forecast Sunday that rain or thundershower is likely at one or two places over Dhaka and Khulna divisions and the region of Rangpur, Comilla and Sylhet during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Sunday.

Weather would remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the period.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged across the country.

Temperature and Humidity recorded at important cities and towns on Sunday were:

Cities/Towns	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	27.8	18.5	75	76
Chittagong	29.0	19.2	87	70
Rajshahi	28.0	15.6	78	84
Khulna	26.8	20.6	91	91
Bhola	27.5	18.6	72	93
Rangpur	27.5	15.6	75	86
Sylhet	29.5	16.3	x	x
Srimangal	29.2	15.4	75	78
Cox's Bazar	30.0	22.9	91	70

Sunrise at Dhaka on Monday at 5-12 pm and sunrise Tuesday at 6-16 am.

### Land registration system to be made easier

Law and Justice Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz said Sunday that the procedure for transfer of landed property through registration would be made easier and acceptable to the people, reports BSS.

Addressing the members of Bangladesh Registration

Service Association in Dhaka, the Law Minister said the present democratic government was pledge-bound to alleviate the sufferings of rural masses. All necessary steps would be taken to reform laws and procedures regarding land registration, so that greater populace could enjoy the benefit of reformative measures initiated by present government, he pointed out.

Mirza Hafiz said that Registration Department's problems including anomalies of pay and status of employees would be resolved in phases.

He urged the officials of Registration Department to discharge their responsibilities with utmost sincerity and honesty.

### Air chief back home

Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Chowdhury returned to Dhaka Sunday ending a week-long goodwill visit to Malaysia, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

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### Drama training course begins today

A fortnight-long drama training course begins today (Monday) at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, a press release said on Sunday, reports UNB.

### Tempo driver stabbed

By DMCH Correspondent

Abul Khaleque (28), a tempo driver was seriously stabbed on his way to Tempo Stand near Babubazar on Sunday.

Three local mastans stopped him and stabbed in his abdomen with dagger in broad daylight at about 5.00 pm.

They also snatched away an amount of Tk. 1100 in cash from him.

### DUTA seeks action against terrorists

By DU Correspondent

The Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) in a statement Sunday reiterated its demand for the restoration of a congenial atmosphere on campus through effective measures against terrorists.

The statement said that the teachers were conscious about the loss to the students being caused by their indefinite work-stoppage.

A decision in this regard would be taken at a general meeting of the association scheduled to be held on November 23, it informed.

DUTA, however, found that the campus situation was yet to be improved for the resumption of classes as the fear of further clashes after reopening was yet present.

The resumption of classes may rather hamper the peaceful holding of the examinations, it added.

**Monday**

5.00	Opening announcement, Al Quran Programme Summary
5.10	News in Bangla
5.30	Cartoon film: The Yearling
6.00	Avinandan
7.05	TV debate contest
8.00	News in Bangla
8.30	Janamat
9.00	Geetanjali
10.00	News in English
10.30	Filmshow: Hot Pursuit
11.30	Khabar /The news
11.45	Close down

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18th November, 1991  
Happy Birthday to **Keka**  
Many happy returns of the day.  
From: **Jahangir**,  
House No.180, Road No. 18,  
Dhanmondi P/A, Dhaka.

**Congratulation**  
Happy Wedding Anniversary to **Nehar Ahmed & Mesbahuddin Ahmed** on November 18th.  
Afroze Azhar Momin  
Faisal Teresa Fahmid  
Farhan and Sufian.

**Birthday Greetings**  
18th November, 1991  
To, **Mrs. Abida Muquit**  
(Chunni Apa) and **Rufi**  
7/4, New Eskaton,  
Ghaus Nagar, Dhaka.  
Dearest Apa and Rufi  
Happy Birthday. Wishing you all the best.  
From: **Humayun & Nanni**  
7/A, New Bailey Road, Dhaka.

**Birthday Greetings**  
18th November, 1991  
**Gazi**  
Chandannura,  
Chittagong.  
Wish you the best of everything and Many happy returns of the day.  
**Baba, Maa & Afnaan**