

Dhaka Day by Day

Catering to the Needs of Pretty Accoutrements

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The fair sex harbour ingrained feelings of weakness for those things, not very consequential in male eyes, which tend to embellish or add to their grace and beauty. Those things should not necessarily be always costly. There are even certain things, though regarded apparently trivial in prosaic eyes, may exercise an irresistible appeal to them.

In course of my quick passage along the multi-coloured side-walks, I noticed a variety of wares displayed for sale, including glass bangles, choli, shalwar, kamiz pieces, shawls, and other trinkets. The 'chatpati wallas' and peanut sellers seem to occupy an important place in this scene, and reportedly they bring with glass bangle sellers relatively do a brisk



Side-walk shopping.

— Star photo

These stray thoughts crossed my mind, as I once chanced to pass along the road in front of the Dhaka University's women's hostels across the University campus. We know that necessity is the mother of invention and at this place I had no doubt that some resourceful brains were surely at work to pave the way for the sprouting of a veritable 'meena bazar' on the side-walks in front of the women's halls, taking calculated cognizance of the special needs of the residents of the halls. This is, of course, a minor road-show, subject to vicissitudes of many kinds.

This, however, presents contrasting picture with what we find before the male students' halls, where, except for a few isolated cigarette and 'pan' sellers, the kind of picturesque scenario that meets our eyes along the frontages of women students' halls is conspicuous by its total absence. The reasons are easy to understand.

business, particularly in the afternoons, when there are breaks in a student's daily routine. At that time a carnival-like atmosphere appears to permeate that area, attesting to the high spirits and happy moods of those in the throng. With the setting sun, the transient traders call it a day and pack up their wares, waiting for the morrow to renew their day-long business.

When the university remains closed for vacation or for any other reason, these small-time traders clear out of their respective spots in this area to wait for the day when the classes re-open and their valued customers return to the halls. Then again begin further rounds of these petty business transactions conducted in jovial and care-free fashion.

The whole scenario seems to form as much a happy part of the incidentals of student life as those connected with its other curricular activities.

Plea to diversify garment products

The government attaches priority to further promotion of garments industry, the country's largest export earner, to expedite national development, reports BSS.

With a humble beginning in 1977, this most appropriate industry has now emerged as the biggest export oriented one in the country. Textiles Minister Abdul Mannan said this while addressing as the chief guest the opening ceremony of Bangladesh-Japan training course on 'Industrial Sewing Machine Maintenance Technology in the city Saturday.

Mannan said it was high time that our garments industry should further diversify its products and go for high quality products to occupy the world market. For this, he stressed the need for development of this sector, especially maintenance of high tech machinery to generate employment for the huge unemployed work force.

Fifty-two participants from different garments industrial units of Bangladesh including two from Nepal are taking part in the 13-day long training course, the first of its kind in Bangladesh on machine maintenance.

AOTS of Japan has organized the course in cooperation with Brother Industries Ltd of Japan, Fairlon Agency Ltd, Bangladesh AOTS Alumni Society (BAAS) and Chattogram AOTS Alumni Society (CAAS).

The textiles minister said a large number of apparel in about one thousand garment industries were lying idle because of lack of technical know-how. He thanked the Brother Industries of Japan for providing experts to train up Bangladeshis in this sector.

The local organisers said the country was expected to earn Taka 4000 crore during the current fiscal year from the garments sector. During the last fiscal Taka 5000 crore was earned from this sector. They said more than four lakh people, 85 per cent of them

women, are looking in garment industries.

He said the rapid growth of garments industry in Bangladesh would contribute to the easing of employment situation and improvement of the country's balance of payment position.

Inchhashi said today's industrialist country-Japan had also begun its industrialization seeking expertise knowledge from the developed countries for several decades.

Explaining briefly about his organisation, Lizuka said AOTS established in 1959 had imparted training to more than 48,000 people in Japan from about 150 developing countries. Of them more than 400 were from Bangladesh.

Muslim heritage gallery opens at Rajshahi in Jan

RAJSHAHI, Nov 23: A Muslim heritage gallery at Rajshahi Varendra Research Museum is being constructed at a cost of about Taka twelve lakh, reports BSS.

The gallery will be opened in January and the Islamic documents, hand-written Holy Quran, coins, inscriptions, paintings and jewellery would be kept for public display.

The director of the Museum Dr Saifuddin Chowdhury said that the government has sanctioned Taka nine lakh for overall development of the Museum during the current fiscal year. Renovation and reconstruction work of the Museum is going on. Ford Foundation had provided fifty thousand US Dollars for the development of the Museum. Construction work of six modern galleries had been completed in June to preserve and display the relics.

The Museum has some rare collection of punch marked coins and antiquities of three century BC.

JCD confce deferred

The conference of the central council of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) scheduled to be held tomorrow (Monday) has been deferred due to some unavoidable reasons, reports BSS.

A Press release signed by Fazlul Haq Milon, Joint Convener of JCD said the next date of the conference would be announced later on.

Ustad Fazlul Haq ill

Ustad Mohammad Fazlul Haq, a renowned vocalist of the sub-continent, is now under treatment at the Suhrawardy Hospital, reports BSS.

Ustad Fazlul Haq, the head of the classical music faculty at the BFA, has been suffering from heart ailment for some time.

Former Home Secy dead

Former Home Secretary Shamsuddin Ahmed breathed his last in Dhaka Saturday, reports UNB.

He was 74. Late Shamsuddin Ahmed, son of late Moulvi Abdul Quddus of Raipara under Dohar upazila of Dhaka district, had been suffering from renal ailment for long.

He left behind his wife, two sons and a daughter besides a host of relations and well wishers to mourn his death.

Namaz-e-Janaza of late Shamsuddin Ahmed will be held today (Sunday) at Baitul Mukarram Mosque after Zohr prayers and his body will be laid to rest at the Intellectuals Graveyard at Mirpur.

His Quikhwani will be held on Tuesday after Asr prayers at his residence at 6 Mominbagh (north of Rajarbagh Police Line).

Sunday

- 5.00 Opening announcement, Al Quran, Programme summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.20 Reading from the Bible
- 5.30 Programme on Mother Educational programme: Can you do it?
- 5.55 Sports programme: Sharjah Cup Cricket - 1991
- 7.05 Tagore songs
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Probaha
- 9.00 Drama series: Oshin
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Chhaya-chhanda
- 11.30 Khabar/News
- 11.45 Close Down

Weather

Night temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

Met office forecast dry weather is likely to continue across the country during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Saturday.

Night temperature may fall by one to two degree Celsius over the country.

The Sun sets today (Sunday) at 5.11 pm and rises Monday at 6.20 am.

Temperature and humidity recorded at important cities and towns on Saturday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in Degree Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	27.0	16.0	74	65
Chittagong	26.5	15.8	77	66
Rajshahi	27.0	12.6	69	88
Khulna	27.3	13.8	79	80
Bartul	27.5	13.4	90	84
Cox's Bazar	28.0	18.4	84	74
Srimangal	27.0	10.5	86	85
Mymensingh	27.5	14.7	81	74
Dinajpur	27.5	13.0	79	81

What's on today...

Argenta Film Society

A 5-day programme on the occasion of the 15th founding anniversary of Argenta International Film Society begins today (Sunday) at the Soviet Cultural Centre in the city.

A seminar on "Cinema for peace" will be held at the inaugural session.

The State Minister for Youth and Sports, Sadeque Hossain will inaugurate the function while Dr Harunur Rashid Presidium member of the Society will preside over the inaugural session.

The seminar will be addressed by Prof Anisuzzaman, BFFS President Mahbub Jamil, journalist Aziz Misir and film maker Badal Rahman.

Garment workers meet

A press conference of Garment Workers and Employees Unity Council will be held at its office, 31/M Topkhana Road (Mitali Bhaban) at 11 am today (Sunday).

The leaders of the organization will speak on the current situation of the garments industries and the problems at its workers and employees.

Protest against arrest

The residents of Ward No 43, 45 and 46 of the city will address a press conference at Jatiya Press Club at 11 am today (Sunday).

They will speak in protest against the arrest of Saidur Rahman Shaheed, Commissioner of Ward No 46.

Asiatic Society of Bangladesh

A discussion on "Bengal politics and the Legislative Council 1937-1943" will be held in the seminar room of the society, at 5 old Secretariat road, Nimali, at 4 pm today (Sunday).

The discussion will be presided over by Dr A M Sharafuddin, President of the Society and Dr Shawkat Ara Husain will present the key-note paper.

Seminar on 'German Market'

A four-day seminar on "how to approach German Market" begins today (Sunday) at 10 am at the conference hall of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI).

The seminar jointly organized by FBCCI, German-Asia Pacific Business Association and the Embassy of the Republic of Germany in Bangladesh will be inaugurated by the Industry Minister Shamsul Islam Khan.

German Ambassador in Bangladesh Dr Karl Heinz Scholtyssek, will attend the function as the special guest.

A display of various Bangladeshi jute goods, handicrafts, jewellery, leather goods, ceramic, garments, frozen food, tea, cosmetics and electric goods has been arranged at the same venue.

Bangladesh-Saudi Arabia Society

Publication ceremony of the journal "Eternal bonds of brotherhood" of Bangladesh-Saudi Arabia Brotherhood Society will be held at Hotel Sonargaon at 4 pm today (Sunday).

President Abdur Rahman Biswas will attend the function as the chief guest. Abdul Latif A Al-Maimance, ambassador of the Kingdom Saudi Arabia in Bangladesh, will attend the function as the special guest.

... and tomorrow

BARC

A 2-day conference on "Production and use of multivalent fertilizers in Bangladesh" will begin at Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) auditorium tomorrow (Monday).

The conference has been organized by BARC in collaboration with Bangladesh Agricultural Ministry, International Fertilizer Development Centre, USA, United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

About 250 delegates, experts and agricultural scientists from different national research institutes, extension department, Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation, non-government agencies, Commercial Banks, universities and IFDC will take part in the conference.

AL nominee to Bakerganj-5 seat announced

Awami League Parliamentary Board Saturday named Ft Sgt Fazlul Haq as the party nominee for Bakerganj-5 constituency in the coming by-election to parliament, reports UNB.

The seat fell vacant following taking oath of office of the President by sitting member Abdur Rahman Biswas on October 9.

Ruling BNP is yet to announce its candidate.

Polling will be held on December 21, according to schedule announced by the Election Commission.

Hasina condoles death of Ataus Samad's mother

Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina Saturday expressed her profound shock at the death of Sayera Banu, mother of journalist and BBC Dhaka Correspondent Ataus Samad, reports UNB.

Obituary

CHITTAGONG, Nov 23: Razia Begum Chowdhury, wife of late Alhaj B S Chowdhury, Manager of the erstwhile State Bank of Pakistan, died of heart attack at Chittagong Medical College Hospital on Friday.

She was 78, reports UNB. Her Namaz-e-Janaza was held here and she was buried at the family graveyard.



General Secretary of the University Women's Federation, Begum Zeenat Ara Bhuiyan and General Secretary of the Jatiya Mohila Sangstha attended the 9th regional workshop on audio-visual education materials arranged by the Asian Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU) held in Islamabad, Pakistan from November 2 to 13.

Compulsory primary education soon

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Saturday underscored the need for both formal and non-formal education programmes for removing poverty and underdevelopment, reports UNB.

Speaking as chief guest at the 16th founding anniversary of Bangladesh Literacy Society (BLS) at the Institute of Engineers in Dhaka Saturday afternoon, the President also pointed out that non-formal education is essential for promoting literacy rate.

He said the present democratic government will soon make primary education compulsory as part of ensuring five basic needs for the people. In this context, he said mass education has been neglected during the previous government.

Termining illiteracy as one of the main problems, President Biswas said mass literacy is one of the pre-requisites of education expansion and economic emancipation. Every conscious citizen, he said, should cooperate in the national efforts to remove illiteracy.

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar, who was special guest at the function, said illiteracy is the root cause of problems like population boom, food shortage and lack of housing and shelter.

He stressed the need for non-formal education for illiterate elderly people and said that a non-formal education centre should be set up in every union to eradicate illiteracy.

Workshop on ecological bases from tomorrow

An international 4-day workshop on "Ecological Bases for Water Resource Management in Hypertrophic and Polluted Tropical Fresh Water Ecosystem" will be held in city from tomorrow (Monday), reports UNB.

State Minister for Education Principal Eunus Khan will formally inaugurate the workshop at the International Conference Centre tomorrow (Monday).

Biman employees asked to uphold image

Managing Director of Bangladesh Biman Abdul Mueed Chowdhury Saturday called upon Biman employees to make their sincere efforts with full commitment for furthering the growth of the national airline, reports BSS.

He was addressing a meeting of the representatives of different unions and associations of Biman employees at Biman Bhaban, a Biman press release said.

Chowdhury sought meaningful cooperation of all in discharging his duties and urged all concerned to uphold the airline's image as a national flag-carrier.

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