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Dhaka Day by Day

Of Sticks, Twigs and Leaves

by Fayza Haq

Most of the women of the poorer classes who go to work in our cities are often widowed, divorced or separated. They cling on to whatever source of income that they can get hold of and make their last Taka eke out. Their jobs are their entire existence and they have little time for respite or recreation.

Feroz Ma, who originally comes from Manikganj, is a widow of 46, with two grown daughters Jahanara and Feroza. Feroz Ma is not a 'Tokal' as she has a full time job as a cook-maid at a house in Dhamondi, and is paid Tk 275 plus other benefits like food, clothes, a bed for the night, and medicines. But she spends her spare time collecting branches of trees, dry leaves, empty cigarette boxes and sweetmeat containers, squabbling with other rivals in the vicinity for the booty.

While she sells the cigarette and sweetmeat boxes to earn only as much as perhaps Tk 10 per month, this gets her part of her pocket money which comes to Tk 40 a month. With this she obtains her stock of 'pansupar' which keeps her going as she labours in her mistress's kitchen through the heat of the day.

As for the sticks and branches she gathers at six different houses in the neighbourhood, they are used to keep the fires lit at her sister Rabiya Ma's house at Jhikatola. Feroz Ma is beholden to her sister for sheltering and feeding her divorced daughter Feroza and her three-year-old grandchild Shanti.

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is no way covers for her expenses and that of her child. Her mother, in fact, parts with Tk 200 from her own salary for the upkeep of her homeless daughter.

The fate of Feroz Ma's other daughter, Jahanara, who works in a garment factory, is from a bed of roses. "Her husband beats her up regularly and often comes home late at night. There is not a minute's peace in that house," her mother says. The husband is a rickshawpuller, but he brings home nothing to his wife.

With the nagging problems of two discontented

daughters and an oft-neglected grandchild Feroz Ma keeps herself occupied cooking the daily 'daal bhat' and fish curry for the family she works for. She will tell you with a proud smile "I can make a meal comprising roast chicken, 'palau korma', 'kebab', 'pudding and 'firni' for twenty guests."

Having done threshing of rice in the village for three years 15 years ago, Feroz Ma drifted to the city, guided by her more enterprising sister. She tried to do her best for her daughters. She spent Tk 4,000 for the elder daughter's wedding and Tk 3,000 more for the younger one's muptuals, but apparently both the marriages have proved to have been total disasters. She constantly saves her new clothes and tasty morsels from the kitchen for her daughters. But all her persistent efforts are never enough. Her latest concern is her granddaughter. "Because of her Feroza can't get work in a garment factory. We'll have to put her in an or-

phanage."

Feroz Ma is not working for prestige, honour, name, or any sense of glamour or excitement which a career woman will go in for. "Who wants to struggle and work all her life? My head often spins, and heart pounds unusually, but if I decide to quit work who will feed and clothe me? I wish I had the 'kistnet' of having had sons to support me, even if there is no question of an old age pension as my mistress tells me exists abroad."

Mass movement not reflected in films'

By Staff Correspondent

Bangla Academy on Saturday organised a discussion on 'our mass movement and films' as a part of its programme in connection with the commemoration of Amar Ekushey, 91.

Film maker Kabir Anwar presented the key-note paper. Gaziul Huq, Syed Salauddin Zaki, Moshedul Islam participated in the discussion. Khan Ataur Rahman presided.

Kabir Anwar said different mass movements which were a part of our heritage were not reflected properly in our films. He said workshops free from the influence of bureaucracy, film-educated workers and positive political decision were necessary for the production of good and healthy films.

Salauddin Zaki said absence of healthy film criticism was responsible for the present crisis in film industry.

Gaziul Huq said aspirations of the masses could not be reflected in films unless there were democracy in the country.

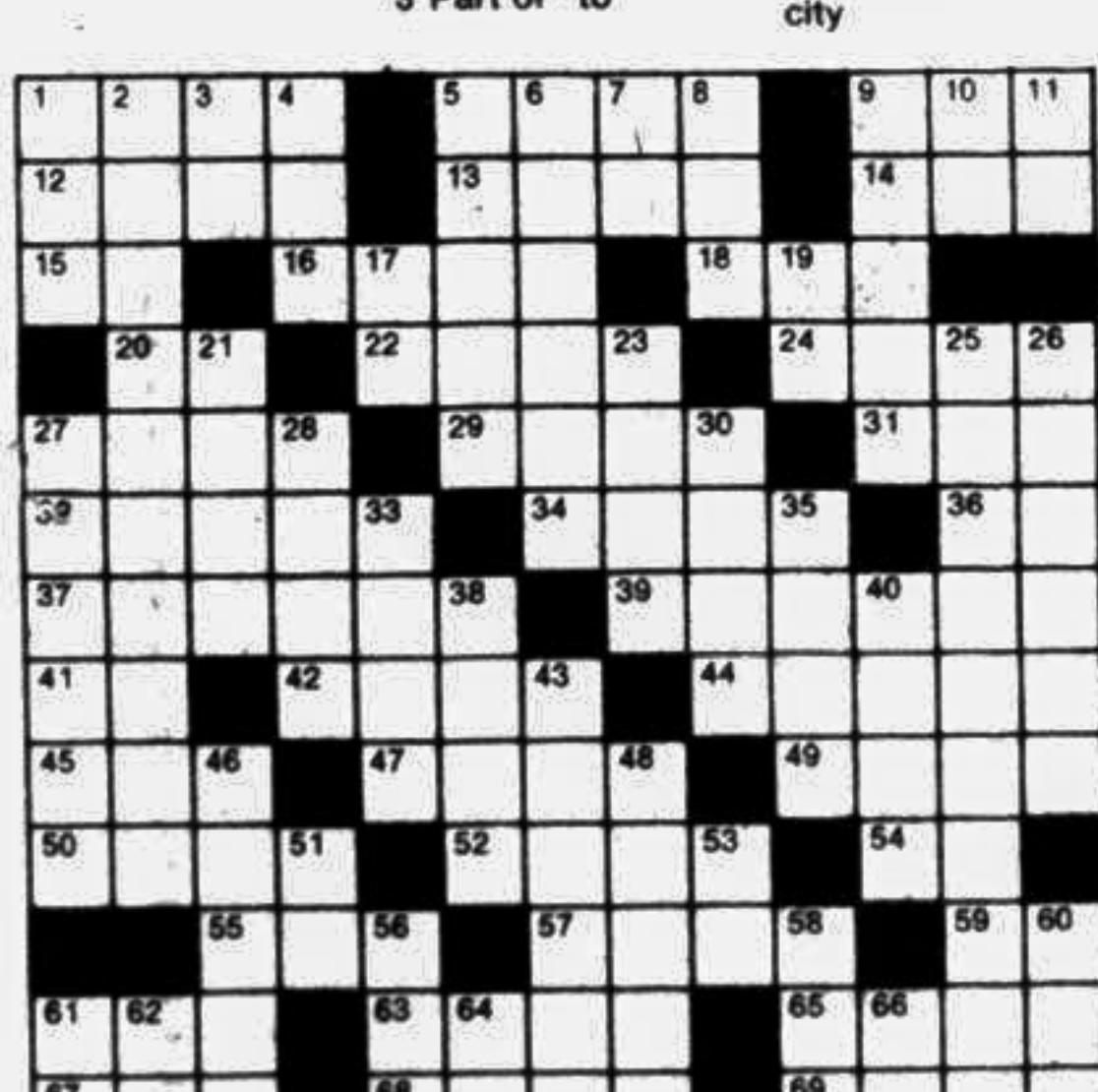
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Bijoy Mancha at JU opens

SAVAR, Feb 16 : The Vice-Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Prof. Kaji Saleh Ahmed, inaugurated the Bijoy Mancha at the Mir Mosharraf Hossain Hall premises today. Reports BSS.

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