

Dhaka Day by Day Beauty for the Asking

by Rahat Fahmida

You find them almost in every locality in Dhaka city now. Yes, ladies beauty parlours are growing like mushrooms all around the residential areas and a few even in the commercial areas. They are undoubtedly doing well. The fact that whether it is set up by an experienced beautician or even a beginner is irrelevant. But they are in a great demand, whatever the situation or staff may be.

As offerings of beauty care and cosmetics for men and women increase so does confusion, tinged, perhaps, with scepticism, in those of us who want to identify just what are the real beauty aids are. Caught up in a crowd at a beauty parlour, trying to compare and cost the various treatments which promise to do something extraordinary or special, is confusing.

Few of us think of food in relation to beauty, except in case of weight reducing. Yet not only do we carve our figures with knives and forks, the food we eat also affects the health and beauty of our skin, nails, teeth, hair and eyes. But to some us this might sound like old wife's tale.

"Beauty is truth and truth beauty, that is all ye know in this earth and all ye need to know", was written by

Keats and presently, almost after 200 years is in the bloodstream of most of the middle class and upper middle class ladies of our country.

When Eid comes it is time for shopping. And a lot of shopping! But for the last few years it is a time for beauty care too. Ladies rush to the beauty parlours just before the Eid day with their children tugging along. Some do not stop after their hair trimming or hair styling. Hair styling is not confined to cutting alone, but may go into perming and freezing, for something from not less than Tk. 150

and may go up the ladder to Tk. 1000. For them it ranges from pedicure and manicure, costing around Tk. 70-75, each, to facial and bleaching for which charges are around Tk. 100 - Tk. 150 respectively. It goes without mentioning that most of these ladies are not satisfied without eyebrow plucking that cost about Tk. 25. Some of these parlours also offer waxing, massage and even slimming courses.

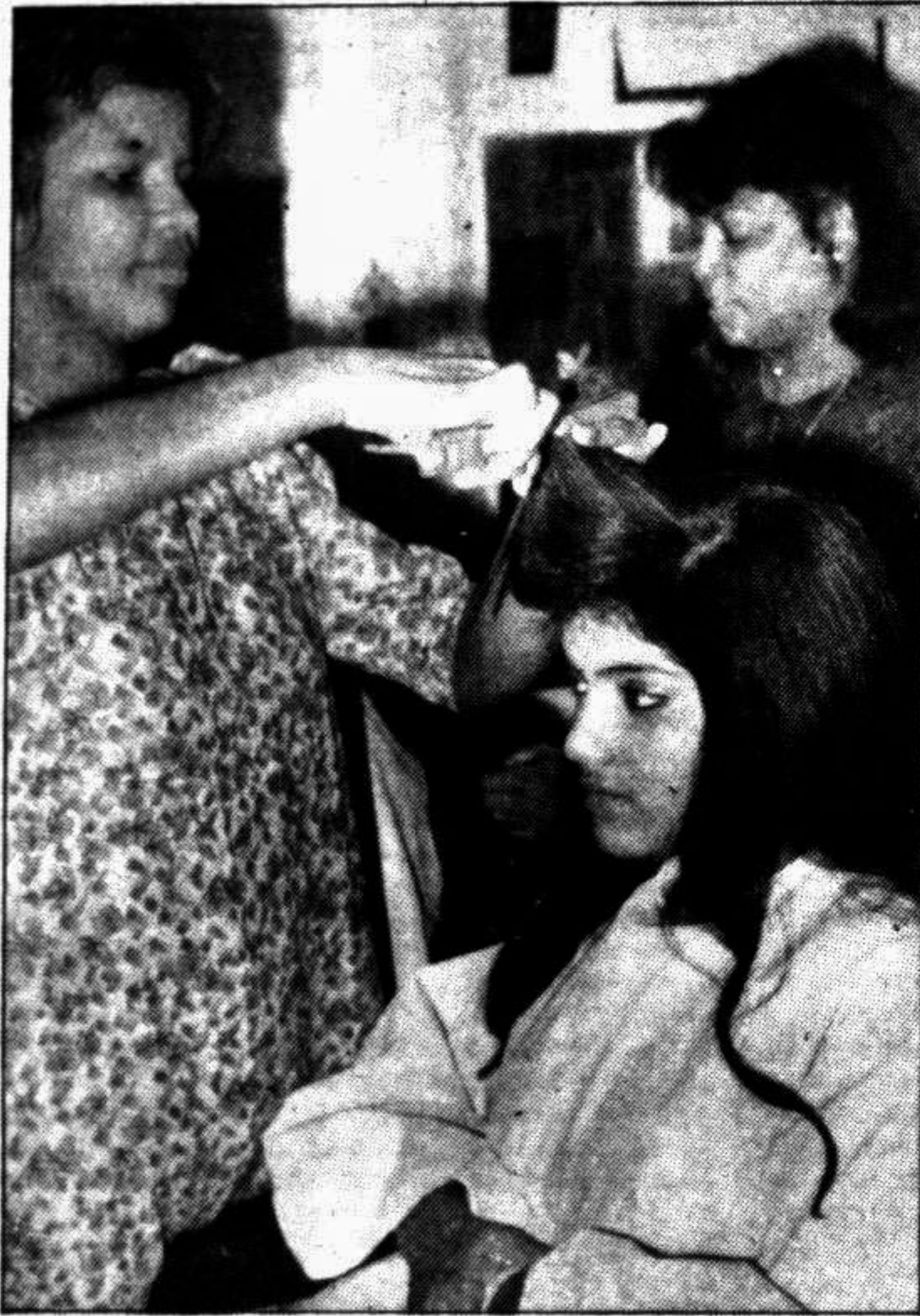
As reported by a few of the parlour owners, their daily income just a few days before Eid shot up to Tk. 20,000 to Tk. 25,000, from Tk. 4,000 - 5,000, which is the average income on other days in the year. This obviously varies during winter, when the season is jammed with wedding ceremonies.

A few of the well-known beauty parlours are Mayfair, Lee and Lily's at Dhanmondi, Femina beauty parlourists in the middle of the busy Green Road, while Liting Dolls located at the city centre, in Purana Paltan, and Rose beauty parlour at Banani. There is a wide range of other beauty parlours all around the city. And of course new ones are on the go!

It clearly shows how much beauty conscious the ladies are. This indeed leads to a great demand for the

parlours and later helps to flourish their business. But one important question—do these treatments really help one to look beautiful?

It is never too late to begin a beauty care treatment and it is never too soon! The main thing is to develop 'beauty habit' to be aware of just how much you can do to keep yourself looking young and lovely. Time, trouble and money are essential ingredients for this treatment, of course depending on one's concept of beauty!



A girl getting a beauty treat at a leading city parlour. — Star photo.

Gitikabi Sangsad executives

Khan Ataur Rahman and Hamidul Islam were elected President and General Secretary respectively of Bangladesh Gitikabi Sangsad in the annual conference of the Sangsad held in Dhaka on Tuesday, reports BSS.

The conference held with Masud Karim in the chair also elected other office bearers and members of the executive committee of the Sangsad, a press release said.

Other elected office bearers are — Vice Presidents — Mukul Chowdhury and SM Hedayet, Asst. General Secretaries — Moniruzzaman Monir and Safat Khalim, Treasurer — Sadek Chowdhury, Organising Secretary — Gazi Abdur Razzak, Cultural Secretary — A B M Salauddin, Publication Secretary — Luthfor Rahman Liton, Publicity Secretary — Hasan Motiur Rahman and Executive Secretary — Delwar Hossain Jahangir.

Besides, 13 members were also elected in the conference.



Dr. Shahjahan appointed VC of BUET

Dr M Shahjahan, internationally renowned water resources expert, was on Tuesday appointed Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) for a four-year term, reports UNB.

He will take over the charge from the outgoing VC Prof Mosharraf Hossain Khan tomorrow (Wednesday), a press release said.

Dr. Shahjahan joined the erstwhile Ahsanullah Engineering College in 1960 as Lecturer. In 1974, he joined the department of Water Resources Engineering as Professor.

Prior to his appointment as VC, he was holding the post of National Coordinator, AIT-BUET post graduate programme.

Weather

Gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Met office on Tuesday forecast that weather will be deteriorated in next five days commencing from Friday.

Little change will be recorded in next consecutive two days. Rain/shower accompanied by gusty/squally wind may occur at one or two places over the region of Rangpur, Bogra, Pabna, Mymensingh, Dhaka, Tangail, Comilla and Sylhet during the next 24 hours.

Temperature and humidity recorded in important cities of the country on Tuesday were:

Cities/towns	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	35.0	24.2	75	64
Chittagong	33.6	25.8	70	72
Rajshahi	37.3	25.0	71	54
Khulna	35.8	24.4	84	59
Jessore	37.6	23.5	-	-
Dinajpur	33.5	17.7	66	65

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- Sched. abbr.
- Turner ID
- Warsaw natives
- Very talented person
- Created a disturbance
- Running
- "Gulliver's ..."
- Hickel symbol
- Futill
- God of love
- Mix
- Towel
- Cook slowly
- Ship's record
- Muse of poetry
- Sonny Shroyer series
- Concerning
- Flaccid
- Parent ...

DOWN

- The self
- "... is the night"
- Newsley ID
- Entrice
- Former Russian
- rules
- GI
- Lubricate
- Defeat
- Latin conjunction
- Fourth-year high schooler
- Funerai hymn
- Ballot
- Spoken
- Thallium symbol
- That man
- Wags' abbr.
- Had on one's person
- Leave out
- Transacation
- Gratities
- Seed
- Containers
- Roman goddess
- of the wood
- Plants firmly
- Latin girl
- Hurled rocks at
- garde
- Math term
- Send forth
- Mr. Pickens
- Anger
- Spanish article
- Anglo-Saxon money
- Mother
- Roman 51

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Kabir's painting show tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

The solo exhibition of G. S. Kabir's sketches and paintings will be held at La Galerie, 54, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, on April 25 at 4 pm.



Lost Victory

The display will be inaugurated by His Excellency M. Serge Delalalix.

Kabir has had an exhibition earlier at the Alliance Francaise and his socio-political comments on Bangladesh in his sketches and prints have been greatly appreciated.

Training on acting begins

Abolokon Nattya Charcha Kendra will organise a six-week training on acting from May 3, a press release said, reports BSS.

Ali Zaker, Abdullah Abu Sayeed, Abdullah Al-Mamun, Mamunur Rashid, Syed Hasan Imam, Golam Mostafa and Ferdousi Mojumdar will conduct different sessions of the training.

Interested persons to participate in the training have been requested to contact for details at 14-Mymensing Road, Bangla Motor, Dhaka.

A friendship mission

Two youths from India are travelling across the country by bicycle with slogans of "strengthen India-Bangladesh friendship" and "international brotherhood," reports UNB.

Prasenjit Maitra (27) and Dilip Sarkar (28), students of North Bengal University, India, entered Bangladesh on April 1 through the Burmari border and came here on April 20 travelling through different districts and upazilas.

In a statement they wished to tour more districts and upazilas of the country by bikes and sought cooperation from all particularly students and youths in this regard.

Ban on 'Bangabandhu' in media protested

Thirty lawyers on Tuesday protested the directive of the Ministry of Information banning use of Bangabandhu and Father of the Nation in the government media including radio and television, reports BSS.

In a statement in Dhaka they urged the Government to withdraw this directive saying that the nation would not accept such an order.

The signatories to the statement include: Md. Kamrul Islam, A.F.M. Razaur Rahman, A.K.M. Zakaria, M.A. Khan, Mizanur Rahman, Md Moshleuddin, Md Shamsur Rahman, MMA Qaiyum, Tapan Kumar Rajbangshi, Ms. Nazma Akhter, Mr. Monwar Hossain Choudhury, Md. Ali Hossain, M.A. Malek, S.M. Anwar Hossain, Fariduddin Ahmed Talukder and S.M. Altaf Hossain.

Agrani Bank workshop begins

By Staff Correspondent

A 2-day training workshop on loan management and accounts for the Agrani Bank employees started in city on Tuesday.

It was inaugurated by the General Manager of the Bank, A J Masudul Haq Ahmed.

Chehlum

The chehlum of Sayeda Aklima Begum, daughter of late Syed Abdul Hakim of Barisal and wife of Dr. A. Majed Khan, a former minister will be held on April 26 (Friday) at 65C, Road No 4, Banani here after Juma prayer, reports BSS.

programme Wednesday

- 5-00 Opening, Al Quran
- 5-15 Recitation from the Geeta
- 5-20 News in Bangla
- 5-30 Jatra: Open stage drama
- 8-00 News in Bangla
- 8-30 Sangbad Parikrama
- 9-00 Film: Macgover
- 10-00 News in English
- 10-30 Parliamentary roundup
- 10-40 Songs Programme
- 11-30 Khabar/The News
- 11-40 Closing



Jatiya Party organised a rally in city on Tuesday demanding release of HM Ershad and Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury. — Star photo

Astronomy Day observed, an observatory demanded

Speakers at a discussion meeting here Tuesday underscored the need for study of astronomy to widen the horizon of knowledge about the universe and broaden the mental faculty of mankind, reports BSS.

They demanded establishment of an observatory in the country to facilitate observation of the sky and create public enthusiasm in this oldest discipline of science. They also demanded introduction of astronomy in the text books to create interest of the students in this field.

Organised by the National Museum of Science and Technology at its premises at Agargaon in observance of the World Astronomy Day '91, the discussion was chaired by eminent educationist, Dr Abdullah al-Muti Sharfuddin.

Veteran astronomer Prof M Abdul Jabbar was the chief guest at the function but spoke very briefly due to

illness. It was also addressed by Prof A K M Aminul Huq, former Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Prof A R Khan of Dhaka University, Prof Ali Ashgar of Engineering University, General Secretary of Bangladesh Astronomical Society Mr F R Khan and member of the Planetary Society at Pasadena, United States, Mr S M Islam.

Prof Aminul Huq suggested undertaking organised efforts to observe the movements and nature of different heavenly bodies and broaden the outlook of the people to encourage sky observation.

Prof A R Khan said study of astronomy was needed to apply the knowledge in every day use of the people from farming to sailing and space flight. He said knowledge of astronomy was also needed in studying different other disciplines of science as all sciences

were interdependent. Prof Ali Ashgar said human curiosity for observation of the sky and the universe was universal. Giving a short description of the development of astronomical science he said due to developments in electronics and material science scientific contributions in the field of astronomy during the last 30 years was much greater than that over the last few centuries.

He urged the young scientists to take interest in this field. Mr FR Sarker emphasised the need for study of astronomy for public interest.

In his presidential speech Dr AM Sharfuddin said study of astronomy was necessary to know the past, present and future of the earth and the universe. He said this would also enrich our knowledge required to improve the standard of life.

Pay-scale for pry teachers demanded

By Staff Correspondent

President and General Secretary of the Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association (BPTA) Professor Abul Kalam Azad and Kazi AK Fazlul Huq respectively in a joint statement issued to the press on Tuesday demanded pay-scale for the assistant head masters. The statement also called upon the government to introduce pay-scale for all the primary teachers in line with other government employees of the similar status.

The joint statement also urged the authority to implement compulsory primary education policy to eradicate illiteracy from the country.

Badruddoza visits bus passengers

Minister for Education and Cultural Affairs Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury Tuesday visited the Orthopaedic Hospital to see for himself the conditions of those injured in a bus accident on Dhaka-Aricha highway Monday, reports UNB.



Miscreants set ablaze a newspaper stall at New Market in Dhaka on Tuesday following refusal of hawkers to pay illegal toll. — Star photo

Dhaka gets \$20.5b Japanese aid

Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan said here Tuesday that the present government was determined to uplift the economic condition of the people through rapid industrialisation in the country, reports BSS.

No country can develop its industries without adoption and diffusion of appropriate and modern technology of the industrialised nations the Minister said adding that Japan, being the largest donor of Bangladesh, could play a vital role in this regard.

The Minister was speaking as the chief guest at the 25th anniversary of the AOTS Alumni activities in Bangladesh at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. The Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS), Japan, has chosen transfer of technology as the theme of the anniversary.

Among others, the function was addressed by Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Toshio Saiki, Director General of AOTS Nagaaki Yamamoto, President of BAAS, Moynul Hasan and the President of CAAS Muhammad Nurul Islam. BCIC Chairman, Nefaur Rahman was the key-note speaker. The Industries Minister

said Japan had provided 20.5 billion US dollars (approximately Taka 73,800 crore) to Bangladesh as aid till December last year, almost 14 per cent of it in the form of grants and loans.

Lauding the role of AOTS, the Minister said this organisation had trained about 500 Bangladeshi nationals in Japan and 600 in Dhaka. The organisation receives the support of the Japanese Ministry of International Trade

Silkworm project discussed

The Director-Operation of World Food Programme, Mr Gaston Eyben, called on LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder at his office on Tuesday, reports BSS.

They reviewed the on-going programmes of WFP in Bangladesh and discussed matters relating potential areas of cooperation between WFP and Bangladesh. The proposed WFP project on silkworm cultivation using fallow lands was also discussed in the meeting.

PROGRAMME

World Courtesy Programme

The 5th regular weekly meeting of the World Courtesy Programme of Uttara Model Town will be held Friday at 4.30 pm at the residence of Md. Khalilur Rahman, House-51, Rd-15, Sector No-3, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka.

IFPRI ceremony

The certificate-awarding ceremony of the IFPRI computer training programme will be held today (Wednesday) at 3 pm at IFPRI, Local Office at House No 48, Road No 16 (new), Dhanmondi Residential Area. Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Food Mottur Rahman will attend the function as the chief guest while the ceremony will be presided over by the IFPRI Resident Representative in Bangladesh Harold I. Rice.

Rotary Club

Regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today (Wednesday) at 5-30 pm at Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka.

Band festival

Bangladesh Musical Bands Association will hold a day-long "Baisakhi Band" festival at Dhaka University Mall premises from 9 am on Friday. The programme will be open to all, according to a press release.

Baisakhi Festival from Apr 26

By Staff Correspondent

A grand week-long Baisakhi cultural function including a colourful display of books, will be held at reduced prices, will begin at the Bangla Academy premises from April 26.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the Baisakhi festival. Education and Cultural Minister AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury will attend it as a special guest while Gazi Shamsur Rahman will preside.

The Baisakhi festival is unique in the sense that it is for the first time that the Bangla Academy is organising it reflecting unalloyed tradition and festivity associated with the Bengali New Year.

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