

Dhaka Day by Day

Earthen Pots for Better Living

by Rahat Fahmida

Do they look decorative, artistic, and is it convenient in different ways? The answer is in the positive. People's interest in pot plants and even taking it up as their hobby are growing. For some it is one of artistic ways of ornamentation of the room. Hence, the use of earthen pots for indoor and outdoor plants are rising.

For thousands of years plants have been grown in containers by many civilisations. The ancient Egyptians, Greek and Chinese also produced handsome ceramic pots. The Romans had a wide variety, both as ornaments and for growing plants. They included them on their gardens and even had window boxes — it was in addition to their usual garden in front of their house.

What about those who do not live in big houses with a garden? They have if not more but the same interest in having a small greenhouse of their own. They probably live in small flats in the towering multi-storied buildings of the city. So the best alternative for them is to divert their interest to pot plants. Obviously, containers have to be used for growing plants if one does not have a garden — for instance, if all gardening is done on a balcony.

Throughout history clay has been the most widely-used material for pots and other containers because it has always been readily available and easily worked, even into quite intricate designs. Today we are quite content with the simple earthen pots with slight curving on their necks. Though some artistic ones are again coming up with the encouragement from the buyers.

These earthen wares, made for generations, together usually reach the commoners through

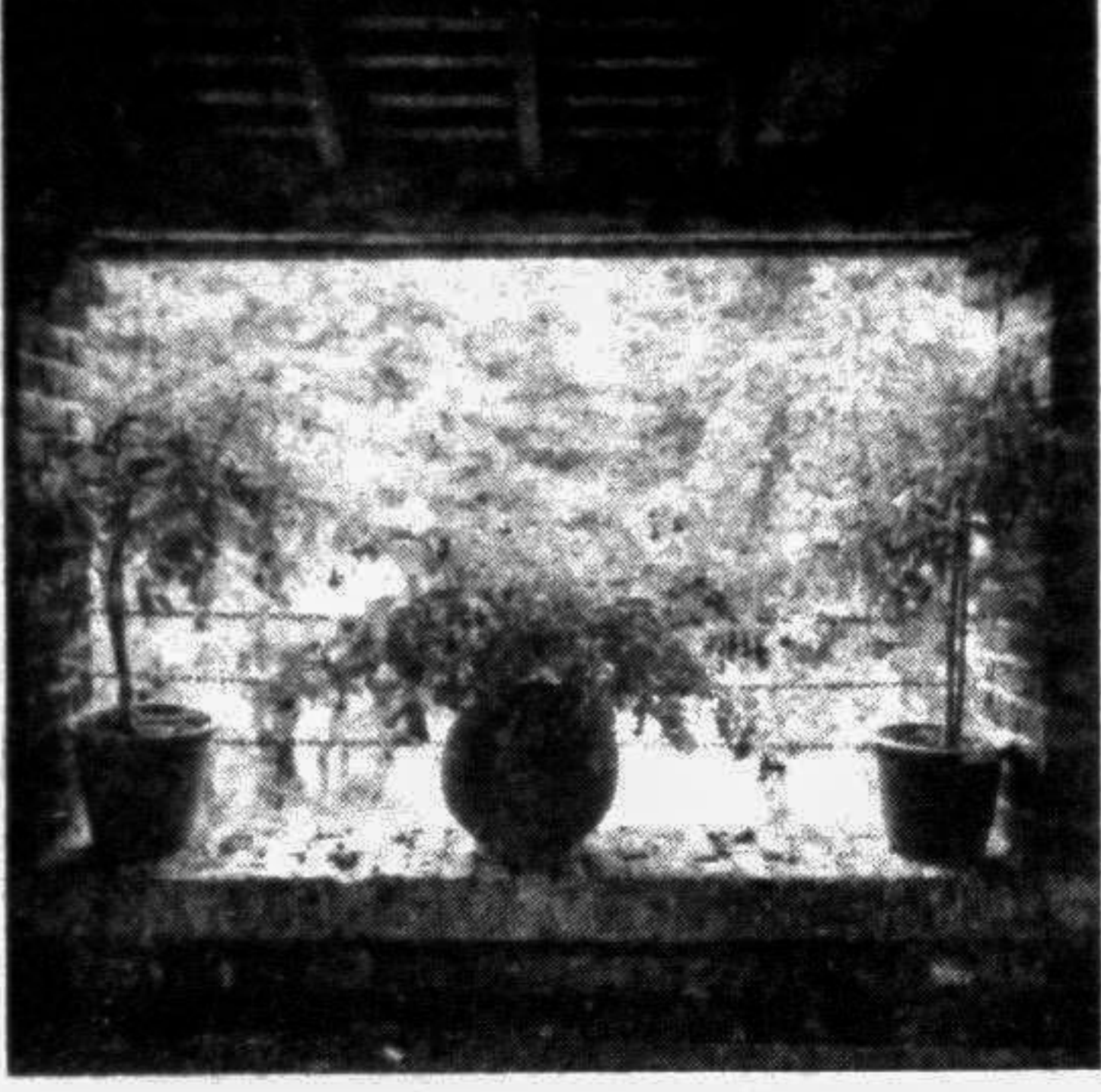
a street vendor or a shop owner of any particular market. Within Dhaka city, one of the areas where these craftsmen have been living for many years is Rayer Bazaar.

These pots are found in almost all sizes and the price ranges accordingly. The smallest one is about five to six inches high costing around Tk. 4 each and some of the large ones are about one and a half feet high costing about Tk. 30 each. The price range also varies depending on the locality of the shop. We often hear street vendors calling out 'Phuler tub', and one can expect to have a good bargain with them. Recently we find small street corner shops in various areas selling these earthen pots. For example, in front of Dhaka College, where the entire foot

path is filled with different types of pots; then we find them at one side of Mohammedpur Bazaar, and on the other end to cater to the taste of the expatriates there is quite a big shop just outside Gulshan D.I.T. (2) market. And there are many more all round the city. Recently the various fairs in the city have more than one stall of these earthen pots, offering various ornamental shapes and sizes, but within a reasonable price range.

Today even the offices have pot plants to give it a touch of warmth and present a welcoming atmosphere. The plants that these earthen pots carry are sometimes the focal point of the room or balcony, whether in a house or in an office. It is an object that one is tempted to walk towards it and admire it more closely.

Every gardener can make good use of these pots. Ornamental or practical, they can play a fundamental role in the overall design of the house and add colour and variety all year round.



Changes in top level of administration

By Staff Correspondent

Some important changes were made at the top level of administration recently, a Press Information Department (PID) handout said Monday.

General Education Project Coordinator (Additional Secretary) Syed Alamgir Faruque Chowdhury was appointed Additional Secretary to the President's Secretariat.

NGO Affairs Bureau Director General (Additional Secretary) Kazi Raquibuddin Ahmed was appointed TCB Chairman on deputation.

Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (Savar) member, MDS (Joint Secretary) Md. Shahidul Alam was made Director General, NGO Affairs Bureau under President's Secretariat on deputation.

Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation Chairman Shamsul Islam was appointed Chairman, Bangladesh Water Development Board.

Joint Secretary, Finance, Mamunur Rashid was appointed Chairman, Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation on deputation.

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Akmal Hossain was appointed Project Coordinator, General Education Project under the Education Ministry on deputation.

SPARSO Director Dr. Md. Abul Hossain was made Director General, Environment Directorate under the Ministry of Forests and Environment.

PROGRAMME
Alfadanga Assoc
Alfadanga Youth and Students Association will organise a meeting at the Dhaka University Teacher Student Centre (TSC)

Reception
A reception will be accorded to Ramjan Ali Khan Majlis, an eminent writer of the country in a function to be held at National Museum today at 5pm. Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury will preside over the function.

New terminal building at ZIA opened
A separate domestic terminal building at Zia International Airport was formally inaugurated by the Prime Minister, Begum Khaleda Zia at a simple ceremony Thursday morning, reports BSS.

The new terminal building, built at a cost of about Taka six lakh, will accommodate 300 passengers. The building, completed in 20 days, has two VIP rooms and other modern facilities including computer system and X-ray.

Rotaract Club executives
S.M. Jakir Hossain and N.S.A. Istehad Hossen have been elected President and Secretary of the Rotaract Club of Dhaka for the term 1991-92, says a Press release.

The election to the 11-member board of officials of the club was held on April 26. Other office-bearers elected are: Jahir Hossain, Vice-President, Jinat Mou Khan, Joint Secretary, Rafiqul Hassan, Treasurer, Ashrafur Rahman Shiohi, Fayza Ela Kamal, Khalequzzaman and Sukhendu Baidya, Directors and Aminul Islam and Mustafizur Rahman, surgeons. Akhteruzzaman conducted the election as election commissioner. Rotaract Club, the first international voluntary organisation in the country, has been serving the ailing people for last 18 years.

Weather
Rain with gusty wind likely

Rain/thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty/squally wind likely to occur at a few places over Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions and at one or two places over Chittagong and Khulna divisions. Day temperature is likely to remain unchanged over the country.

The sun sets today (Friday) at 6.28 pm and rises on Saturday at 5.23 am.

Rain/thundershower occurred at one or two places over Rajshahi and Chittagong divisions and weather remained mainly dry elsewhere over the country. Chief amount of rainfall was 0.7 cm at Bogra.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Little change. Extended outlook for another five days: No marked change. The highest temperature of 37.7 degree Celsius was recorded at Rajshahi while the lowest temperature of 20 degree was recorded at Sylhet.

Temperatures and humidity of some cities and towns recorded on Thursday were:

Towns/Cities	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
Dhaka	33.6	25.4
Sylhet	26.5	20.0
Comilla	32.0	24.0
Khulna	33.2	27.8
Rajshahi	37.7	27.2
Rangpur	31.6	22.5
Dinajpur	32.5	22.6
Barisal	31.6	27.0



The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) Examinations under Dhaka Board began on Thursday. Candidates seen appearing in the examination at a city centre. — Star photo

APSU may face split over DUCSU polls

The All-Party Student Unity (APSU), a major force behind last December's mass upsurge that toppled autocratic Ershad regime, may face split over participation in the forthcoming Dhaka University Central Students Union (DUCSU) election, reports UNB.

With the DUCSU and the hall union elections scheduled for July 18, leaders indicated, the student alliance forged during the anti-autocracy movement despite wide differences of political ideology of the components would suspend its activities within next fifteen days.

The APSU components will be contesting the polls individually and are active in formulating their respective election strategies, it is learnt. Moves are underway by a major portion of pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra

League (A-A) and a minor faction of pro-JSD (Inu) Chhatra League (N-S) to activate former Central Students Action Committee (CSAC) to fight the elections against the Jatyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student wing of ruling BNP, which swept the last polls bagging all the 20 DUCSU seats and 138 of the 168 seats of 14 hall unions.

CSAC split on October 22, 1989 over hanging the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the room of then DUCSU VP Sultan Mohammad Mansur Ahmed and the Awami League-backed Chhatra League's refusal to go for a united student movement with JCD.

But the left-leaning student organisations which fared miserably in the last elections are trying for a separate electoral alliance to salvage some of

their lost glories in the ensuing polls.

They have expressed unwillingness to join hands with BCL (A-A) for a JCD defeat. These student bodies participated in the 1989 DUCSU polls jointly with the Chhatra League under the CSAC banner.

They, however, contested the 1990 election as a combine of nine student organisations and failed to bag a single seat.

Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU), the student wing of CPB, was learnt to have stuck to last year's decision for sailing alone in the fray.

PM to receive relief money from today

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will receive cash money and other goods for the Prime Minister's Relief Fund from today (Friday) at Prime Ministers Secretariat at Sughandha between 6 and 7 pm every day, reports BSS.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister's Relief Fund has been opened for relief and rehabilitation work for the distressed people in the cyclone-hit areas. The central account of the fund has been opened at Sonali Bank, Ramna Branch, the number of which is current account No. 5398.

All branches of Sonali Bank will receive donations towards the fund. Members of public have been requested to generously donate to the fund.

JUCSU elections likely in June

SAVAR, May 2: The elections of Jahangirnagar University Central Students Union (JUCSU) and hall student unions are likely to be held in the last week of June, reports BSS.

A meeting of the student leaders of various students' organisations was held Thursday with Vice Chancellor Prof Qazi Saleh Ahmed in the chair to fix the date of the elections. But no decision was taken as the student leaders differed on the date of the elections.

Another meeting will be held on Saturday to finalise the date.

Jatyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) is expected to give full panels in both JUCSU and hall union elections. Other student

organisations are likely to launch a joint panel for the elections. If they fail to give a united panel then four to six panels might contest the elections.

Admission test results

Our JU Correspondent adds: The results of the written admission test of the first year honours classes of Jahangirnagar University will be published on May 22.

A total of 17957 candidates appeared in the written test for 600 seats in eight departments of the University.

JCD council date shifted

By DU Correspondent
The date of the council of Jatyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Dhaka University Unit was shifted to May 4 from May 2. The date was shifted due to lack of adequate preparation, JCD sources said.

WHO to provide mobile hospital

SSMCH Correspondent
World Health Organization (WHO) will provide 12 mini emergency medical kits and one mobile hospital for the cyclone-hit people.

The mini emergency medical kits will start arriving Dhaka from today (Friday). A WHO team has left for cyclone affected areas to assess damage.

Book fair to continue till May 9

The book fair, organised by the Bangla Academy, will continue till May 9, an Academy press release said in Dhaka on Thursday, reports BSS.

The book fair will start today at 3 pm instead of 10 am. All the cultural programmes on the occasion of folk-festival, also organised by the academy, have been postponed due to the situation arising out of the cyclonic storms, the press release added.

Obituary

By Staff Correspondent
Businessman Abdul Mannan Bhuyan died of heart attack in city on Tuesday. He was 78.

He left behind one son, five daughters and host of relatives and well wishers to mourn his death.

His Quikhwant will be held today (Friday) after Asr prayer at 923, Shahedbagh (Salma Manjil) in the city.

Tk 60.92 lakh donated to PM's Relief Fund

A sum of Taka 60 lakh and 92 thousand was received as donations for the Prime Minister's Relief Fund Thursday, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia received the donations at her office at secretariat in Dhaka.

Those who donated include Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) Taka 16.75 lakh, Police — Taka 15 lakh, Navy — 10 lakh, Navy Family Welfare Association — Taka five lakh, Ansar and VDP — Taka five lakh, Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry — Taka three lakh, Air Force — Taka two lakh, Women Affairs Directorate — Taka 1.26 lakh, Bangladesh Tea Board — Taka one lakh, Social Welfare Directorate — Taka one lakh, Ministry of Information and its various departments — Taka 69,568, Health and Family Welfare Ministry — Taka 18,000 and Women Affairs Ministry — Taka 4,000.

Nazma Jesmin Chowdhury Memorial Lecture Fund

A new trust fund called 'Nazma Jesmin Chowdhury Memorial Lecture Fund' has been constituted at Dhaka University on Thursday to preserve the memory of Late Dr Nazma Jesmin Chowdhury, a renowned writer and teacher of the Institute of Modern Language of Dhaka University.

Her husband Dr Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Professor of the Department of English on Thursday handed over a cheque for Tk one lakh to the Vice-Chancellor of DU Professor Manruzzaman Miah.

One memorial lecture will be organised every year from the income of this fund. The function was attended, among others, by Prof AHM Abdul Hye, Director of the Institute of Modern Language and high officials of the University.

Heroin worth Tk 85,000 seized: 1 held

By Staff Correspondent
Kotwali police Thursday arrested a youngman in the city and recovered 85 gram of heroin worth about Taka 85,000 from his possession.

Police found the youngman who identified himself as Khandakar Mohammad Moniruzzaman (21) suspiciously moving at a lane of Maltoia in the old part of the city. A case has been filed with Kotwali police against the arrested person.

Coastal students won't sit for MBA Admission Test

By DU Correspondent

A large number of Admission-seekers of the cyclone hit areas who applied for the MBA course of the Institute of Business Administration of Dhaka University are being deprived of a chance to appear at the Admission Test scheduled to be held today (Friday).

Some Admission-seekers came to the National Press

Club on Thursday and informed the journalists that they had appealed to the Director of the Institute for shifting of the examination date on account of unusual circumstances wrought by the devastating cyclone recently.

Moreover many candidates of the coastal areas which were badly hit by cyclone were not in a position to appear in the Admission Test but he (Director) did not respond at all, they added.

While asked about the matter the Director of the Institute Dr Rahim B Talukdar told the Daily Star that the Admission Test might not be shifted at this moment.

Considering the attendance of the admission seekers the authorities may take decision later, he added.

It may be mentioned that this year's SSC examinations under Comilla and Jessore Board were postponed due to recent cyclone.

Rabindra Charcha Kendra programme

Rabindra Charcha Kendra (Centre for study on Tagore) in collaboration with the Central Public Library will hold a cultural programme on May 7 at 7 pm at the Public Library auditorium, Shahbag to mark the 130th birth anniversary of poet Rabindra Nath Tagore.

Noted artistes Papiya Sarwar, Ifat Ara Khan, Sadi Mohammad, Mridul Bhattacharjya and Mita Haq will grace the occasion presenting Tagore songs.

Youth lawyers confce today

The annual conference of Bangladesh Youth Lawyers Association will be held today (Friday) at 10 am at hotel Eran International Limited Shukrabad, Mirpur road, Dhaka.

Justice Kamaluddin Hossain, former Chief Justice, Bangladesh Supreme Court will attend the function as chief guest while Dr. M. Ershadul Bari, Chairman, Law Department, Dhaka University and M. Nawab Ali, Senior Advocate, Bangladesh Supreme Court will be the special guests.

FRIDAY

Morning Session

8:00: Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Programme summary
8:10: News in Bangla
8:15: Cartoon Film — Yearling
8:40: Natun Kuri — Children's programme
10:00: News in English
10:05: Documentary film — Voice of the planet
11:15: Drama — wroter Mukurey
12:00: Programme summary of evening session, Close down.

Evening Session

3:00: Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Programme summary
3:12: Recitation from the Tripitak
3:15: Alor Dishari
3:40: Maa-O-Shishur Swasthya — Health programme
4:10: Film show — The Chronicles of Narnia
4:40: Sawravy Gawrabey
5:20: News in Bangla
5:30: Sports programme
6:30: Documentary film on Poland and address by Polish Ambassador.
7:00: Madhuchhanda
8:00: News in Bangla
8:40: Weekly drama
10:00: News in English
10:25: Sangsad reporting
10:40: Film show — LAL
11:30: Khabar / The News
11:40: Sunday's programme summary, Verses from Al-Quran, National Flag and National Anthem
11:45: Close down

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22 Series of games
24 More contemptible
28 Demon
30 Underlying reason
32 Belabor
34 Measure of weight

Answer to Previous Puzzle
35 Measure duration of
36 Insane; violent
39 Conducted
40 Seasoned
41 Eat
43 Rupees; abbr.
44 Guido's low note
45 Leather belt
47 "— of Fools"
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