Dhaka Day by Day

Shaping a Civil Servant

by Rahat Fahmida

There have always been administrators, but the modern civil service dates only from the nineteenth century. It initially recommended the separation of the intellectual from the mechanical side of administration, the unification of the service, with unified recruitment and inter-departmental promotion, recruitment by competitive examination, not by patronage, and promotion by merit.

In Bangladesh there are thirty different cadres for which Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) competitive examinations are held regularly. The government has made it compulsory for all cadres to undergo a foundation training course'.

Thus with the aim of training the civil servants Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BAPTC) was formed in 1984. It is now situated in Savar, on the north-west of Dhaka-Aricha highway. Sprawling over a widespread area of land it is an ideal location for training.

One of these 'foundation training courses' ended recently in BAPTC. This course began on April 24 and ended on June 20 last. This is actually a four-month course, which is crushed down to two-month because of the backlog. Trainees are sent from all the cadres and the number ranges from one hundred and fifty to two hundred. The BAPTC coordinates many other trainings for civil servants.

A trainee of this course from the foreign service cadre, said that the course is designed to give a basic concept about the different policies of the country. "We had regular lectures on different important policies of the government." The entire course was divided into a number of modules, which ultimately fin-

ished off with an examination. The course also included literary subjects like book review and public speaking, submitting research papers, and survey tour to a particular upazila. All this is included within the limited time span of two-month training, which involves daily routine work, study and preparation for scheduled and unscheduled examinations. She added that the training, though rewarding, was taxing too. It began 5 o' clock in the morning with physical exercise and went on till dusk. Outdoor games was compulsory for everyone at the end of the day.

Discussing about the benefits of this course she said. "This is the best opportunity to meet our colleagues from the other cadres. And regarding the required preparation for any examination it is not particularly difficult. This is mainly because BAPTC has one of the best libraries around, and the number of books there may be more than 70,000."

The trainers for this specialised training are deputed from different cadres, basically ma-

jority are from administrative cadre. These civil servants' job, once they are back in office ranges from overseeing the day-today work of the concerned department or some part of it; dealing with difficult, non-routine cases; conferring with colleagues; corresponding with, or talking to persons and groups with an interest in the department's

work. These training adds to compatibility. not to say that they can show much of their ef ficiency to the commoners. This is because they are trapped in the red-tape bureaucratic system, which ultimately slows down any and almost every procedures!

Bangladeshi youths to be invited to Japan

Light rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

at most places over Chittagong and Khulna divisions and many

places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the next 24

hours commencing 6 pm on Tuesday, reports Meteorological

nearly unchanged over the country. On Tuesday, the highest

temperature recorded at Rajshahi was 34.5 degree Celsius

while the lowest temperature recorded at Feni was 23.9 de-

Outlook for subsequent two days: No appreciable change.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6.50 pm and rises to-

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Extended outlook for another five days: Little change.

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The Japanese government has decided to invite 100 youths to Japan every year from South Asian countries -Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldives - under the "Japan-South Asia Youth Friendship programme, reports

The programme will start this year and continue for five consecutive years and be implemented under the JICA's scheme.

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South Asian countries based upon mutual understanding and true friendship through exchange of youths. The programme provides

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Programme for The 21st The programme of 1991 Century when he visited will take place from October South Asian countries includ-17 to November 12 and it has ing Bangladesh in April and been agreed between Japan and Bangladesh that the can-The purpose of the prodidates for this year's programme is to foster long-lastgramme will be selected from ing relationship of peace and teachers of Bangladesh by the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Bangladesh Government in consultation with this embassy

> A four-member delegation of the Japanese parliamentarians from the Komei Party (Clean Government Party) headed by Yoneo Hirata, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan, will pay a three-day visit to Bangladesh from July 14, a press release of the Embassy of Japan said.

> The purpose of the visit of the delegation to Bangladesh as well as Thailand. Vietnam and Cambodia is mainly to study the possibility of Japan's participation in the United Nations Peace Keeping Organisation (UNPKO) including the international disaster relief operation.

Scouts Field Commissioner

dead

Abdul Wahab, Field Commissioner of Bangladesh Scouts died of prolonged illness at his restdence in Dhaka on Tuesday morning, family sources said, reports BSS. He was 46.

He left behind his wife, two daughters and two sons.

His Namaze- e- Janaza was held today at the national head quarters of Bangladesh Scouts

Fresh probe into mishap killing Bappi Shahriar ordered

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Mr Azizul Haq Bhuyian has ordered fresh investigation into the causes of the road accident in which rhymer Bappi Shahriar was seriously injured in September 1985, reports BSS.

The order passed on June 16 revived the case whose final report was submitted on December 8, 1985 reportedly at the instruction of then Home Minister Dr M A Matin.

private car had hit a rickshaw, grievously injuring its passenger Bappi Shahriar.

Bappi Shahriar who had his spinal cord broken in that accident died in 1989 after suffering nearly for four

Bhutanese grant for cyclone victims reaches today

The King of Bhutan has granted 180 metric tons of foodgrains and 60 metric tons of cement for the cyclone vic-

tims, reports UNB. A convoy of 24 Bhutanese trucks carrying these materials will reach the country through Burimari border of Lalmonirhat district Wednesday, it was learnt officially on Tuesday.

What's on today

UZ chairmen rally

Bangladesh Upazila Parishad Chairmen Samity will hold a rally today (Wednesday) morning in front of the Jatiya Press Club in protest against the reported move to abolish the posts of the Upazila chairman.

All the UZ chairman have been requested to attend the

Discussion on "Education for all"

Bangladesh Primary School Teachers Association holds a discussion on 'Education for all by the year 200' at the auditorium of Motifheel Government Boy's High School in the city today (Wednesday) at 10 am.

State Minister for Education, Principal Younus Khan will attend the discussion as the chief guest.

Secretary General of the Association, M. Fazlur Rahman has requested all concerned to attend the programme.

Discussion on drug abuse

Dhaka Ahasina Mission has organised a discussion on "Drug abuse and control" at the Dhanmondi Boy's High School in the city today(Wednesday) at 4 pm.

State Minister for Information, Nurul Huda has consented to attend the discussion as the chief guest, Psychologist Dr Najimuddowla Choudhury, Prof Bashira Mannan, and BGRI Director Dr 4nam-e-Rasul Choudhury will be special guests. Kazi Rafiqul Alam, Secretary Member of the Ahsania Mission's Drug Abuse Resistance and Control Programme, will preside.

Bangladesh-China Friendship Assoc

An important meeting of the Executive Committee of Bangladesh-China People's Friendship Association will be held today (Wednesday) at 5 pm at the Association office at 18, Purana Paltan in the city.

The meeting will decide programmes relating to observance of the founding anniversary of the People's Republic of China and also the Association and selection of a five-member delegation invited by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with foreign countries for visit to

Rotary Club meet

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today (Wednesday) at 5.30 pm at Hotel Sonargaon in the city. All the Members have been requested to attend the meeting.

JCD victory procession

The Jahangirnagar University unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal(JCD), student front of ruling BNP, will bring out a victory procession on the campus today(Wednesday) morning to rejoice JCD victory in the JUCSU and hall union polls. JCD swept the polls held on Saturday.

Seminar on Budget '91

A two-day seminar on "Budget '91" begins this afternoon at the Teacher-Student Centre(TSC) of the Dhaka University. Noted economists Rehman Sobhan, Fasihuddin Mahtab, Dr Mozaffar Ahmed, Dr Mahbub Hossain, Dr Omar Haider Chowdhury, politicians Abdus Samad Azad, Rashed Khan Menon, Suranjit Sengupta, Hasanul Haq Inu, Mujahidul Islam Selim, play organiser Nasiruddin Yousuf and Dhaka University Economics Department teacher MM Akash are among others, scheduled to address the seminar. Barrister Amirul Islam, DU teacher Dr Selim Jahan, researcher Dr Devaprio Bhattacharya and Journalist Najimuddin Mostan will present papers on the

ICTVTR Board meeting

A four-day 17th meeting of the Board of Directors of Islamic Centre for Technical and Vocational Training and Research (ICTVTR), a subsidiary branch of the Organisation of Islamic Conference(OIC), begins today (Wednesday).

Twelve member-states of the OIC - Bangladesh, Egypt, Gambia, Indonesia, Kuwait, Malayasia, Pakistan, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Oman and UAE, the representative of the General Secretariat of the OIC and Director of the Centre, who are members of the board are expected to participate in

Lions governor leaves for Sylhet

Ln Jalal Ahmed, District Governor of Lions Club International, today(Wednesday) morning leaves Dhaka for Sylhet to install the newly-elected office-bearers (1991-92) of the Sylhet Lions Club. A ceremonious function will be held on the same day evening. Barrister Moinul Hosein, Chairman of the Editorial Boards of the Ittefaq and The New Nation, will accompany the Lions Governor to attend the function as the chief guest.

Rishiz Shilpi Gosthi

Rishiz Shilpi Gosthi (a cultural organisation) has arranged an open function in front of National Press Club today (Wednesday) in remembrance of late poet Rudrah Mohammad Shahidullah. Combined Cultural Alliance Convenor Faiz Ahmed will be the Chief guest at the function.

Jatiya Bitarka Mancha

Jatiya Bitarka Mancha will organise a two-day seminar on 'Budget' 91' on July 10 to 11 at 3pm at Teachers Students Centre (TSC) auditorium in the city.

Dr. Selim Jahan and Nazimuddin Mostan will read out a key-note paper on july 10 while another key-note paper prepared by Barrister Amirul Islam and Dr. Debapria Bhattyacharia will be read out on July 11.

Dr. Oahiduddin Mahmud will preside over the seminer and specialists from different sections will participate in the discussion.

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Anti-nuclear war filmshow

A show of films themed 'Anti-nuclear war and apartheid' will take place at the central auditorium of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology(BUET) tomorrow (Thursday).

Organised by the students chapter of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB), the filmshow is being sponsored by the United Nations Information Centre(UNIC). The films to be screened are titled as "Boom", "Human Rights and Concert" and "Apartheid: 20th Century Slavery".

World Population Day tomorrow

In observance of the World Population Day, UNFPA in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Directorate of Family Planning, will organise a national seminar tomorrow(Thursday) at the Osmani Memorial Hall in the city. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the seminar while Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamai Ibne Yousuf and UNDP Resident Representative Charles Larsimont will speak as special guests.

DU Islamic History reunion

Old-students of Islamic History and Culture Department of Dhaka University will hold an Eid reunion tomorrow (Thursday) at 6 pm at the Hotel Sundarban in the city. Concerned persons have been requested to contact Rasheda Wazed, Professor, Eden Girls College, over telephone numbers: 506479, 5072 44 or 501565.

Eid-reunion

have been asked to attend the Eid-reunion of Economics Department Alumni Association of Rajshahi University will be held on July 12. says a press release Thursday, reports UNB. Members of the Association

programme at the auditorium of National Academy for **Educational** Management (NAEM) near New Market in Dhaka at 3.30 pm.

Bangladeshi students make car



Two brothers Dipu and Nipu, students of City College, put on display at the 14th National Science Exhibition an innovative car they made. The car cost them Tk 2.5 lakh. There is no lack of initiative and innovation in Bangladesh, as evident from different exhibits in the exhibition but what is needed is promotion of such drive of Bangladeshi youths.

Govt accords priority to science and technology

The 14th National Science and Technology Week concluded in Dhaka on Tuesday. reports BSS.

The theme of this year's week was "Science and Technology in the socio-economic uplift and control of en-

vironment." Minister for Education and Cultural Affairs Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury attended the closing ceremony of the week as Chief guest at the National Science Museum

in Dhaka. State Minister for Educa tion Principal Mohammad Yunus Khan was the special guest in the function, which was presided over by the Secretary of the Science and Technology Division Abul Hashem.

Prof Chowdhury called upon the young scientists to put in their endeavours to utilize science and technology for building a happy and prosperous nation and alleviate poverty.

"You must be imbued with

the spirit of patriotism," he urged the young scientists. Prof Chowdhury said the na

tional progress and prosperity Mid-term report

to stop exam malpractices Principal Yunus Khan, State

Minister for Education submit ted the mid-term report on stopping malpractices in different public examinations to the Minister for Education and Cultural Affairs Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury on Tuesday, reports UNB. The minister thanked the

members of the committee for performing their duties and hoped that it will provide a guideline for taking steps towards stopping malpractices in different public examinations, official source said. Members of the committee

Wing Commander (Rtd) M Hamidullah Khan MP, Dr Abdul Latif Bhuyan MP. Dr Abdul Moin Khan MP, AKA Firoz Noon and Ahmad Hossain. Joint Secretary of Education Ministry were present.

Textile Mills Assoc President calls on Hasina

The President of the specialised Textile Mills

Association Kazi Selim Uddin, along with other representatives, called on Awami League Chief and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina at Bangabandhu Bhaban on Tuesday, reports BSS. Kazi Selim apprised Sheikh

Hasina of various problems and prospects of the specialised Textile Mills in the country. Shetkh Hasina gave a pa-

tient hearing to their prob-

of a developing country like Bangladesh depended on how science and technology were used in the practical life to meet the basic needs. He said

The minister in this regard recalled that Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman had established the Science and

the BNP government attached

top priority on the develop-

ment of science and technol-

Solar eclipse tomorrow

A total eclipse of the sun will occur tomorrow (Thursday), reports BSS.

According to Bangladesh Meteorological Department the eclipse will begin at 1029 pm on July 11 and will end at 0343 am on July 12, an ISPR press release said on Tuesday.

However, the central eclipse will begin on July 11 at 1123 pm and will end on July 12 at 0249 am. The maximum duration of

the total phase and magnitude of the eclipse will be 6 minutes 57.6 seconds and 1.081 respectively, the press release added

This eclipse will not be visible anywhere in Bangladesh.

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Attached Baths

Wide Parking Place

Three Beds

Two Lifts

Technology Division for the development of science. The government of late Ziaur Rahman introduced

Science and Technology Week for the first time in Bangladesh in 1978 for imparting science education to children and for the development of their innovative faculty. The State Minister for Education said Science and

Technology had been working as the driving force in the development process in the present day world. He urged the scientists to devote themselves for the solu-

tion of the basic needs of the Principal Yunus Khan said the overall development of the

nation would depend on the progress in the fields of science and technology. Two young scientists M Akramul Hafiz Chowdhury

(Rajshahi) and Irin Aktar Panna (Patuakhali) also spoke on the occasion. Later. Prof B Chowdhury

distributed prizes among the winners of the competition organised on the occasion of the week. The science and technology

week was inaugurated by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on July 6.

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