

Dhaka Day by Day

'Joyrides' in the City

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FOR those of you who are the adventurous type let me inform you of a novel way to experience the thrill of a roller coaster. One does not have to go all the way to Disney World or Apot Centre; joyrides can be found right here in the city of Dhaka. Just try any form of public transport and you will know what I mean. The degree of thrill or danger you'll get will depend on the type of public transport you'll take. Buses, especially double deckers carry the highest capacity to produce an adrenaline flow, followed by baby taxis, mishuks, tempoes and rickshaws.

junctions is neither fun nor safe. In addition, some of these vehicles do not even have proper brakes which is obviously the most important safety device for a moving thing. Regular inspection of brakes, seats, etc should be made by the concerned officials. Seat belts could also be introduced.

As far as traffic control is concerned, its solution seems to be almost a Herculean task. Nevertheless, observing certain traffic rules such as maintaining speed limits, not overtaking on narrow roads, stopping at red lights, would definitely help. Licences of motor vehicle drivers should be checked regularly to ensure their validity.

Last of all let us come to my favourite issue - noise. As if being slowly broiled inside a bus or a scooter, while waiting in the middle of a traffic jam, is not enough, one also has to endure the cacophony of the streets. In the midst of an orchestra of blaring, obnoxious horns from buses, trucks and cars, and nonsensical announcements on the loudspeaker, there is the most irritating sound of all - the constant tinkling of rickshaws, cycles and heaven knows what. After experiencing this kind of hell, it is truly a miracle if one comes out of it with one's sanity, let alone with one's ear drums intact.

So to those of you who take a public transport whether you think it to be a 'joyride', or a trip to hell, please check the brakes and seats of the scooter, bus, rickshaw or whatever the case may be. Plugging the ears with cotton wool and wearing a gas mask would not be a bad idea either. If that does not work, all I can say is rely on your good luck and prayers!

1m cancer patients in country

Education and Cultural Affairs Minister Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury Monday underscored the need for creating public awareness about prevention and early detection of cancer, reports BSS.

renowned physician in the country, said many cancer patients could be cured if the disease could be detected early. He said there are many easy process available now to detect cancer which should be known to the members of the voluntary organisations working in health sector as well as the public at large.

ally and 150,000 of them die virtually without any treatment. Most of the cancer cases in Bangladesh are detected very late when the doctors have nothing to do.

The president of the cancer centre M Salmullah presided over the inaugural function.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 'ACROSS' and 'DOWN' words. Includes 'Answer to Previous Puzzle' section.

A second crossword puzzle grid with clues for 'ACROSS' and 'DOWN' words.

What's on today

Rally for K Siddiqi's release
A public meeting demanding release of freedom fighter and Awami League leader Kader Siddiqi will be held in front of the AL central office at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city today (Tuesday) at 4 pm.

Welcome the Rainy Season
A cultural function welcoming the rainy season will be held today (Tuesday) at 7 pm at the auditorium of National Museum in the city. Renowned singers and recitists will present songs and poems on the season composed by the popular poets.

BPATC training programme
The 16th foundation training course of the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) will be inaugurated today (Tuesday) at 11 am.

Rotary Club installation
The annual installation meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held today (Tuesday) at 7 pm at the Dhaka Sheraton hotel in the city.

Discussion on TV serial 'Oshin'
An open discussion on the popular television serial 'Oshin' produced by NHK will take place today (Tuesday) at 4 pm at the Community Development Library (Road No. 25, Dhanmondi) in the city.

Preclinical seminar
A seminar on 'Endocrine functions of the pancreas' will be held today (Tuesday) at 10 am at the Gallery-1 of Sir Salmullah Medical College. Prof Kasimuddin will preside over the programme.

Rotary Club meeting
The first club assembly will be held at Hotel Sheraton today (Tuesday) at 5.15 pm. The assembly will discuss the issues relating to the rotary governor's visit to the club, projection club activities and recognition of the dreamers and doers.

Plea to review SSC objective questions
Over 50 guardians of Agrani Balika Vidyalaya Monday appealed to the Ministry of Education and Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Boards to review the introduction of objective type of questions for each subject for the students who will be appearing in the S S C examinations in 1992 and 1993, reports BSS.

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BNP, Opposition urged to sink differences

Dr Aleem Al Razeem Memorial Council on Monday welcomed the unanimous decision made by the Selection Committee to move the 11th and 12th Constitution Amendment Bills simultaneously, reports UNB.

Leaders of the National Federation of Blind addressing a Press conference at the National Press Club on Monday.

Corruption alleged in Federation for Blind
The National Federation for the Blind sought the authority's interference in resolving the crisis of the federation.

Jamaat's plea to publish probe body report
Jamaat-e-Islami demanded immediate publication of probe body report on the attack and killing attempt of the party's Secretary General Matur Rahman Nizami at Dhaka University recently.

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Magistrate ordered to post-pone the elections as there were some Government employees enrolled in the voter's list. Later, the High Court ordered to hold the election in accordance with the laws and by laws of the Sangstha with the members eligible to participate in the said election. But the election has not yet been held.

The blinds' leader said that Hashemi week the help of his son attacked some of their supporters and injured them. He also alleged corruption and embezzlement of organisation's fund by Hashemi. Among others Shahjahan, Faima Khatun, Ashraf Alam, Mir Ashraf Hossain, Kamal Hossain and Rabeya Begum were present at the press conference.

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Advertisement for 'চাকাছু সাতক্ষীরা জন সমিতির নির্বাচন' (Chakachhu Sattarkhira Jan Samitir Nirbachan) with details of the election and a TV Tuesday schedule.

Advertisement for 'Norquest' featuring a woman's face and the text 'Norquest for today's Woman'.