

Dhaka Day by Day

Fascinating Playreading

by Kazi Ahsan Sakhawat

It is undoubtedly admirable to take the initiative of presenting a new form of poetical work to the audience of poetry. Combining intellect and diligence it is possible to make an art of limited preparation productive and praiseworthy — a group of six reciters has proved it recently. The arrangement of reading theatres in our country is not widespread at all.

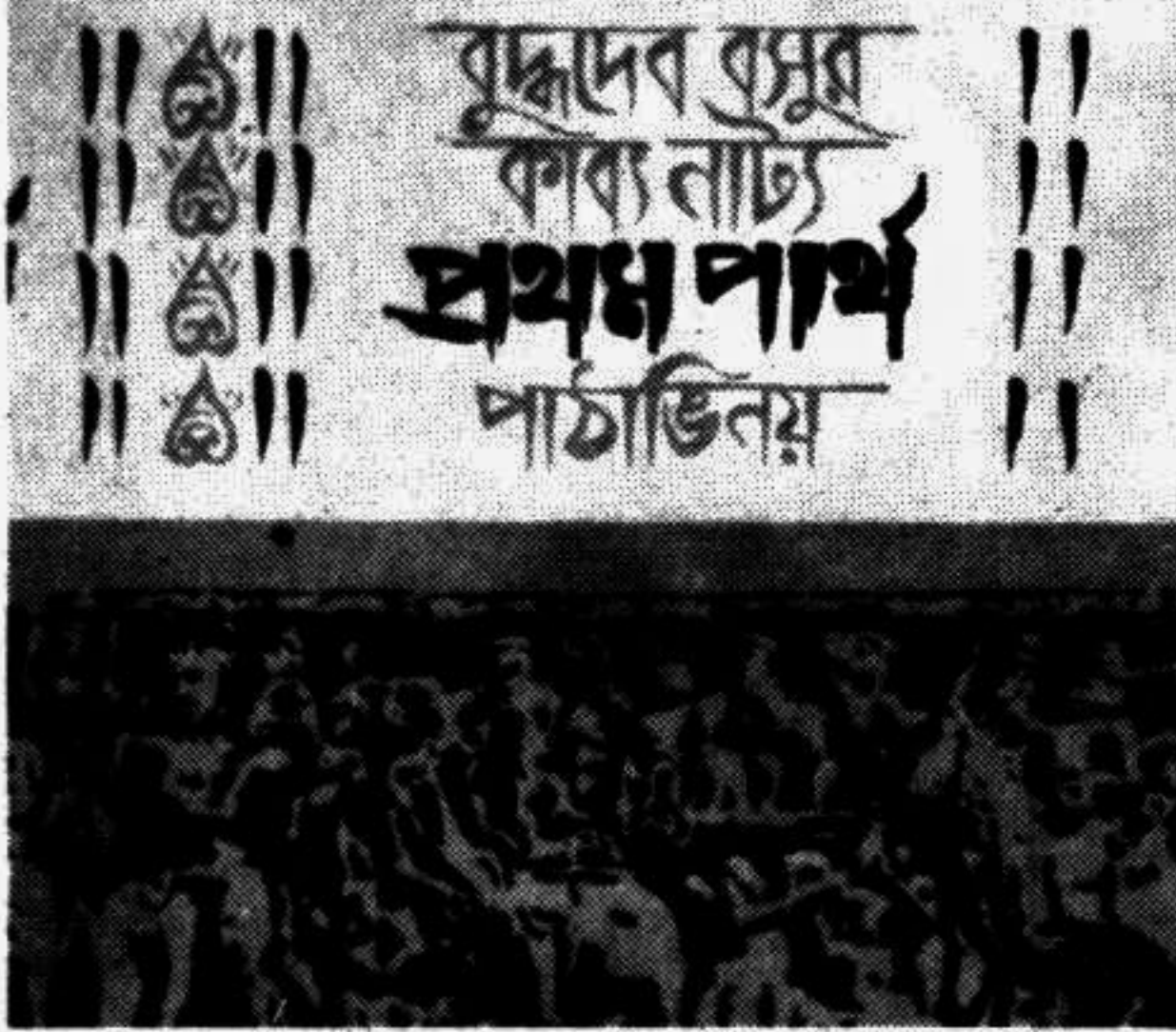
Although poetry is nowadays as popular and recognized as any other work of art we are almost unaware of the term 'Reading Theatre'. On the 1st November, there was an unprecedented poetry recitation show at the auditorium of Dhaka Museum. The audience on that day were amazed to see the presentation of such a literary work comprising artistic virtues and merits. Reading Theatre is very cordially received and carefully treated in many countries of the world.

These artists felt that an excellent verbal presentation of 'Pratham Partha' would be appreciable since everything in literature is recognized to be recitable. Nasim Ahmed, one of the artists, who was the founder Chairman of a poetry organization and a researcher, director and instructor as well, expressed his ideas about reading theatre. He believes that it is reading

theatre that can widen any literature completely. "If we perform in a drama, a question exists among the audiences that it is not real, they have dressed to give an untrue appearance or they are pretending to be like someone which in reality they are not. For example, I may try to become Nawab Sirajuddoula in cloth, gestures who I am not in real life. But, in

the case of a reading theatre the audience automatically presuppose that he is not Sirajuddoula but Nasim Ahmed! Nasim explained. When asked what are the plots he thought should be selected for reading theatre, he revealed, "In reading theatre the aim is to fascinate the audience, and the scope is only voice, nothing else. So, such a topic should be selected where action and reaction, collision and effect would come in an extensive way, so that the audience would be in a dilemma waiting eagerly to see what is going to happen next. However, the reciters must as well enjoy reading such a topic."

Nasim and his group wish to stage more reading theatres on our culture, tradition and on famous works of our poets and authors in the near future. Among others, the person who performs along with him is Dilwar Hasan, who is the founder general secretary of the first poetry organization of Bangladesh.



What's on today

Publication Ceremony

The publication ceremony of "Ziaur Rahman Memorial Book" will be held today (Saturday) at 4 pm at the auditorium of the Institution of Engineers.

The function initiated by "Suchana Sahitya and Sangskritik Sangsad" will be attended by President Justice Abdur Rahman Biswas as chief guest. Dr A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury, Deputy Leader of the Parliament and Abdullah-Al-Noman, Minister for Forest, Fish and Animal resources as special guests.

The function was presided over by Prof Jahanara Begum, State Minister for Cultural Affairs will be addressed among others by Dr Imajuddin Ahmed, Dr Anwarullah Chowdhury, Gias Kamal Chowdhury, Reazuddin Ahmed and poet Al Mubashir.

Society for pharmaceutical chemists

The publication ceremony of the quarterly journal of the "Society for Pharmaceutical Chemists" will be held today (Saturday) at 10:00 am at the Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation Auditorium, 30-31, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka.

Chowdhury Kamal Ibn Yusuf, the honourable Minister of Health & Family Welfare, will grace the occasion as the chief guest.

Dr A N A Ahsan, WHO Representative in Bangladesh, will attend the function as the guest of honour.

BSEHR

The certificate distribution ceremony of the Inquiry Training Project of the Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) will be held today (Saturday) at 5 pm at Chai Lung Chinese restaurant in the city.

Information Minister Bannur Mahmud Huda will attend the function as chief guest while Mosharraf Hossain Shajahan, State Minister for Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control as special guest.

The function will be presided over by BSEHR President Justice Kamaluddin Hossain.

Drama Training Course

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy is going to arrange a fortnight training course on drama from tomorrow (Sunday). Interested persons are requested to contact the Shilpakala Academy today (Saturday) at 10 am.

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Discussion meeting

Journalist Ferdous Alam Dulal Memorial Council will arrange a discussion meeting on 'Democracy and Freedom of Press' tomorrow (Sunday) at 3:30 pm at the National Press Club auditorium.

Alhaj Samsul Huda will read the key-note paper at the meeting.

The speakers are: Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, K M Obaydur Rahman, Begum Motia Chowdhury, Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, Abul Kalam Azad, Kazi Arif Ahmed, Nurul Islam Nahid, Habibur Rahman Milon, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Zahurul Haq, Mozammel Haq and M Sahjahan Miah.

PM releases commemorative postage stamp

Bangladesh Post Office Friday issued a commemorative postage stamp of Taka four denomination and a first-day cover worth Taka five in observance of the first anniversary of mass uprising of 1990, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Begum Sheikh Zia will release the stamp at a simple ceremony at Sugandha office.

A special canceller was also used on the occasion. The 32x42 mm size postage stamp will be sold from all the general post offices, head post offices and upazila post offices in the country.

Post and Telecommunications Minister M. Keramat Ali, Director General of Post Office Mohiuddin Ahmad, and senior officials were present on the occasion.



Saturday

5.00	Opening announcement, Al-Quran, programme summary
5.10	News in Bangla
5.20	Recitation from the Tripitak
5.30	Sports programme
5.55	Documentary film
6.30	Jibon-o-Prakriti
7.05	Banshari — Folk songs
8.00	News in Bangla
8.25	Programme not mentioned
9.00	Antirban
10.00	News in English
10.30	Drama Series — Dallas
11.30	Khabar/The News
11.40	Sunday's programme, verses from Al-Quran, National Flag and National Anthem
11.45	Close down.

Body of Shafiul Azam arrives tomorrow

Body of the former Cabinet Secretary Shafiul Azam will reach at the Zia International Airport tomorrow (Sunday), reports UNB.

Shafiul Azam died of heart attack in London Wednesday.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held at the Baitul Mokarram Mosque after Zohr prayer the same day.

Rule Nisi upon Noakhali judge

A High Court Division bench comprising Justice Mohammad Abdul Jalil and Justice Naimuddin Ahmed on December 1 issued a Rule Nisi upon the District and Sessions Judge, Noakhali to show cause within six weeks as to why the order dated 16.10.91 passed by Sessions Judge, Noakhali, in Case No. 2 regarding Contempt of Court should not be declared illegal, reports BSS.

The writ petition was filed by Chowdhury Mohammad Farooq, Editor, Dainik Meilat.

The High Court issued the rule on the writ petition challenging the show cause notice issued by the District and Sessions Judge, Noakhali, against district representative of Meilat Alamgir Yusuf and the Editor Chowdhury Mohammad Farooq regarding publication of a news item with the heading 'two youths arrested for posting against judge'.

Barrister Muhammad Karim Ali with Sheikh Rezaul Karim and Mohammad Nazrul Islam appeared for the petitioners.

'Media can play leading role to establish ideology'

The chairman of the Board of Directors of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) and noted litterateur, Dr Ashraf Siddiqi Friday said the newspapers which believed in religious values could play an important role to establish our national ideology and tradition, reports BSS.

He was addressing a discussion meeting arranged to mark the seventh founding anniversary of the weekly Meghna in Dhaka.

Dr Siddiqi who was the chief guest said no quarters could establish any other ideology or system bypassing the values upheld by 90 per cent muslim population of the country.

The meeting was presided over by Sharaful Islam, the editor of the weekly, Dainik Meilat editor Chowdhury Mohammad Farooq and General Secretary of Dhaka Union of Journalists Ruhul Amin Gazi were present as special guests.

The function was also addressed by the General Secretary of Jaker Party, Alhaj Adehuddin Haoladar, journalists Azizul Haque Banna and Anupam Hayat and Dhaka City president of Jaker Party Abdul Kabir.



President of Communist Party Saifuddin Manik addressing a public meeting organised by Patriotic Democratic Front on Friday in front of CPB office on Mass Uprising Day. —Star photo

Mutual tolerance to consolidate democracy needed: Speaker

Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali Friday stressed the need for mutual tolerance and cooperation for consolidating democracy by upholding the consensus spirit demonstrated during the past national events like independence war, anti-autocracy movement and passage of the 12th Amendment Bill in Parliament, reports BSS.

"We must follow the norms of democracy through mutual tolerance and cooperation for our greater national causes," the speaker said adding: This must be done to stop autocracy in future.

The speaker was inaugurating the two-day third national conference of Bangladesh "College-Bishwabidhalaya Shikkhak Samity" at the auditorium of public library in Dhaka Friday morning.

Presided over by the samity's President M Akhteruzzaman, the conference was also addressed by Prof Jyotiprakash Chattapadhyaya, President of West Bengal (India), College-Bishwabidhalaya Shikkhak Samity. Besides, samity's General Secretary Prof Anil Bhattacharya and Treasurer of All India College-Bishwabidhalaya Shikkhak Samity Federation Prof Ajoy

Chattapadhyaya attended the meeting. The three-member Indian delegation are attending the conference at the invitation of Shikkhak Samity.

Sheikh Razzak Ali said the opportunity for consolidating democracy had come soon after the independence but that could not be properly utilised. "That opportunity has come again today and we must work together to utilise it in a proper way by demonstrating our consensus view," he said with an observation that peace would be restored if democracy could be established in the country.

Terming the present parliament as the most effective one of all previous parliaments in Bangladesh, Sheikh Razzak Ali said the ruling party had only 170 seats, out of 330 parliament seats.

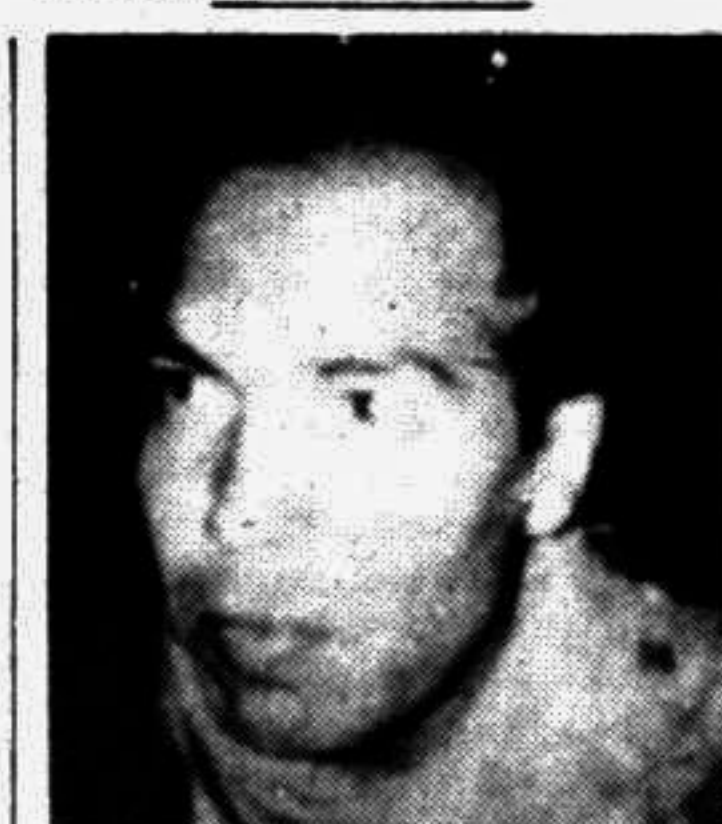
The opposition holding 160 seats in parliament was never seen so strong as they are today but we are yet to reach our cherished goal."

He said calling upon all concerned to make self-analysis whether "giving democracy an institutional shape" was a subject of mere talks or to be established in every sphere of national life.

Speaking about the struc-

tural effectiveness of the present parliament, Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali said 46 parliamentary standing committees had been formed to oversee the activities of respective ministers and find out ways of solutions of the prevailing problems. "The standing committees are engaged in policy formulation and supervision of the respective ministries making the government accountable to the present parliament," he said.

Razzak Ali said the parliament was not the part of government but it was an integral part of the state itself. So, he said, the government is accountable to parliament while parliament is accountable to the nation.



AL leader dead

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League leader and eminent Architect Alamgir Kabir died in Dhaka Friday afternoon. He was 49.

Kabir has been suffering from kidney disease and he returned home Thursday after a successful kidney transplant at Madras. But he suffered from a brain haemorrhage Thursday night and breathed his last at the Samarita hospital.

Alamgir Kabir, a former student leader, was actively involved with the progressive movement since '60s. He was the Vice-President of the then East Pakistan Students Union.

He left behind his mother, wife and two daughters.

His Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today (Saturday) after Zohr prayer at the Baitul Mukarram mosque.

National consensus needed for welfare

By Staff Correspondent

The speakers at a discussion meeting held in observance of the first anniversary of mass upsurge-90 Thursday morning at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) observed that it was essential to reach a national consensus on certain issues relating to the peoples welfare for materialising the spirit of the last mass uprising.

Presided over by Dr Mahboob Hossain, Director General of BIDS, the discussion meeting was addressed among others by Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Vice Chairman of BNP and Deputy Leader of the House in the Jatiya Sangsad, Abdus Samad Azad MP, Acting President of Awami League and Deputy

Leader of the Opposition in the Sangsad, Five Party leader and General Secretary of Workers Party Rashed Khan Menon, MP, Barrister Syed Istiaq Ahmed, Sammita Sangskritik Jote leader Fayez Ahmed and Dr Ataur Rahman of BIDS.

Chandru Molla, father of Abul Hossain who was shot dead by the police during the mass upsurge spoke on the occasion as chief guest while Dr Mashtur Rahman, President of BIDS Karmachari Kallyan Parishad delivered the welcome address.

Chandru Molla said both the party in power and the opposition were showing discriminatory attitude in paying tribute to the martyrs of last anti autocracy movement.

Making an oblique reference to the attitude of the leaders to a martyr with middle class background Chandru Molla said, the martyrs coming from the poor families had already been forgotten and their suffering families were yet to be rehabilitated.

Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury said despite difference of political opinions the political parties were equally committed to materialised the hopes and aspirations of the people who contributed most in ousting autocracy last year.

Prof Chowdhury, referring to the number of seats of the ruling party and those of the oppositions in Parliament said, all the concerned parties had to play almost equal role in clearing the residue of a nine year long autocratic rule and pave the way to materialise the dreams of the people.

Abdus Samad Azad said by ensuring supremacy of Parliament the hard earned democracy can be given institutional shape and a sovereign parliament could show us the way to translating the people's aspirations into reality.

Mahboob Hossain said, the political parties should take measures to ensure livelihood of the commonman.

Temperature and humidity recorded at other districts on Friday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	25.0	14.8
Chittagong	26.2	14.6
Rajshahi	26.2	13.6
Khulna	26.3	13.4
Barisal	25.5	13.0
Cox's Bazar		13.8
Srimangal	26.0	10.3
Mymensingh	26.5	13.2
Dinajpur	25.2	11.4

Sunset at Dhaka on Saturday at 5-12 pm and sunrise Sunday at 6-29 am.

'Mastans' paralyse Khilkhet areas

By Staff Correspondent

Local 'mastans' are reportedly continuing their activities at Namapara, Khilkhet, in the city despite the police drive against the miscreants.

The 'mastans' in the area are engaged in extorting tolls, hijacking and harassing girls and women.

A resident of the area al-

leged that panic had gripped the entire locality as crimes were on the increase every day.

When contacted, Cantonment Police admitted they were aware of the situation but they hardly received any written complaints against the miscreants.

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RHD Short Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed Tender Inviting in B. D. Form No. 2911

1. Tender Notice No.	47/RD-II of 1991-92.
2. Name of work	Tender for providing carpeting with seal coat after repairing the existing damaged depression and pot holes by semigrouting with stone chips at 68th km of Dhaka-Aricha Road under Dhaka Constr. Road Divn. II, Dhaka, during the year 1991-92.
3. Estimated cost	Tk. 13,37,900/- (Approx).
4. Earnest money	Tk. 26,758/- in BD from any scheduled bank/T.C./ Protirakha Sanchay Patra or Bonus Sanchay Patra etc. in favour of EE (RHD) Dhaka Constr. Road Divn. II, Dhaka.
5. Time allowed	20 (Twenty) days from the date of issue of Work Order.
6. Eligibility of contractors	'A' to 'D' Class Gen. category contractors of RHD enlisted.
7. Name of offices of availability of tender documents	Office of the E. E. (RHD) Dhaka Constr. Road Divn. II, Dhaka /Prel. Engg. Division, Dhaka/P & P Division, Dhaka/S.D.E. (RHD) Kallyanpur/City-IV, Nayerhat, Dhaka/Manikgonj/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Dhaka (under Dhaka Constr. Road Divn. II, Dhaka)/SDE (RHD) Joydevpur (under Dhaka Constr. Road Divn. I, Dhaka)/ Shibpur (under Dhaka Constr. Road Divn. III, Dhaka)/ Sreenagar (under Dhaka Constr. Road Divn. IV, Dhaka).
8. Name of offices to receive tender bids	S.E. (RHD) Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka /P&D Circle, Dhaka/Project Control Circle, Dhaka/E.E. (RHD) Dhaka Constr. Road Divn. II, Dhaka/S.D.E. (RHD) Kallyanpur/City-IV, Nayerhat, Dhaka/Manikgonj/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Dhaka (under Dhaka Constr. Road Divn. II, Dhaka)/SDE (RHD) Joydevpur (under Dhaka Constr. Road Divn. I, Dhaka)/ Shibpur (under Dhaka Constr. Road Divn. III, Dhaka)/ Sreenagar (under Dhaka Constr. Road Divn. IV, Dhaka).
9. Last date of receipt of tender	The concerning officers after receiving the tender bids will not open the tender and same will be sealed by him with due seal and signature on the body of the cover and the same shall sent to the S.E. (RHD) DRC, Dhaka, within 12-00 Noon on next day fixed for receiving of tender. The tender bids will be opened centrally by the SE (RHD) DRC, Dhaka at 12-30 on the following day fixed for receiving the tender in presence of the contractors, if any.
10. Date and time of opening of bids	Up to 12-00 Noon on 10-12-91. At 12-30 PM on 11-12-91 in the office of the SE (RHD) DRC., Dhaka.

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SK. Rabiul Islam Executive Engineer, RHD, Dhaka Constr. Road Divn. II, Dhaka.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, Motijheel P.W.D Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka

Notice Inviting Tenders

1. Sealed Tenders in Bangladesh Form No.2911 are hereby invited from Class-I(one) Enlisted Building Contractors in Public Works Department, Class-II(two) Enlisted Bldg. Contractors in P.W.D. Dhaka Zone, Dhaka and Class-III (three) Enlisted Building Contractors in Dhaka P.W.D. Circle-IV, Dhaka, for execution of the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by all Executive Engineers under Dhaka PWD Circle-IV, Dhaka & the Executive Engineer, Eden Building PWD Division, Dhaka up to 12-00 Noon of 22-12-91 and will be opened on the same day at 12-30 pm in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of works superscribed on it.

2. Name of work : Construction of Police Bhavan at Phulbaria, Dhaka (Phase-I) (SH : Site improvement of surrounding the Main Building) during the year 1991-92.

3. Estimated cost : Tk. 4,32,338/-

4. Earnest money : Tk. 8,647/-

5. Time allowed : 45 (Forty five) days.

for completion of work

6. Tender Form No-2911, schedule of items and conditions etc. can be seen and purchased from the office of the undersigned as well as by all Executive Engineers under Dhaka P.W.D. Circle-IV, Dhaka and the Executive Engineer, Eden Building P.W.D. Division, Dhaka, during office hours on payment of usual charge on all working days till 21-12-91. No tender will be sold after 21-12-91.

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