

Dhaka Day by Day

Relaxing and Studying while the Dhaka University is closed

by M. A. Kabir

As students frequent observations have been that the unscheduled closure of the universities is becoming now-a-days a regularly-featured coverage in the ages of our Dhaka dailies these making us to be dismayed about the posterity.

Being a BUET student, I happened to enjoy some vacations like Ershad-vacation (during the autocratic regime), "Gantam" vacation (due to terrorism) etc. Though it seemed to be frustrating, embarrassing and enigmatic to some, but to most of us, it was almost like a carte-blanche for relaxation, loitering, gossiping or playing games. We are wanted to this, says Humayun Kabir, a BUET student, "for me it's a blessing and it really releases some monotony and awkward pressures like classteats, occasional or assignments.

Yet students remain critically divided into two worlds during all these bootless lectures. One, is which some stuffy over-weening har-mo-nizing the proverb "an idle brain is the devil's workshop" enjoy themselves roaming in and around the Dhaka city markets eye-teasing the nymphet passers by; engage in nugatory gossips or dash pell-mell into the public gatherings with hilarious gusto. Some rush to the erotic movies or break out with the friends. Besides, hedonists those who want just something more, go on boozing or gorge themselves with grass, "charash" to sedatives, thus galloping for a dreamy world.

The other world, in which some realistic contentine react such unbecoming pragmatically; instead of being crestfallen, often try to make it unobtrusive. They utilize the time in learning computer programming or different language. Apart from this. Some connoisseurs

get engaged in workshops, on drama, recitation or photography. Besides, a significant portion of the students, specially the BUET students, boost up their financial ability involving in house tutoring. In my hall I was used to observing a boy known to all as "typical house-tutor", always in rush with his job. Four years ago, when he started his mechanical engineering course, his only object of luxury was a phoenix by-cycle. Now he is the proud owner of a HIS 1000 (CPI) Honda and spends lavishly Takas 3000 a month in his expenses.

Some balmy students disgruntled by the discontinuity of their study buzz to the village home relations, leaving all woes and despondency. Girls are often found to be different. Most of the time they occupy themselves in their studies, consult with the tutors or collect "chot-has" (notes) from their friends.

Moreover, those who do not like to be simply a bookish, nourish hobbies like sewing, cooking, gardening or "Rup-charcha". So, is that good for the nation? The thinkers must say no, goading with bete-noire over its trickle down effect that may ultimately exorcise our very education system. "It is a chilling tale of us; says EUCSU UP Ruhul Kabir, "and actually nobody is paying heed to it."

For unequivocal reasons, pragmatic celebration of thinkers like Ruhul may help get rid of this execration creating pressures to government and politicians. And for this our first desired aim must be to 'devote' to the establishment of peace and forbearance with curtailment of terrorism and anarchy.



A young women doing "rupcharcha" when the University shuts down

National Cub Camporee '92 today

The third National Cub Camporee '92 will be held today throughout the country, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the three day Camporee from Mouchak, Gazipur, at National Scout Training Centre, said a press release.

Similar programmes will be held at the same time under Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna and Railway region.

"Children are future" is the main theme of the Camporee.

Nearly 7,000 cubs, scouts and cub leaders are expected to participate in the programme all over the country.

Radio Bangladesh will direct relay the inaugural function.

BUET classes resume tomorrow

By BUET Correspondent

All classes of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) resume tomorrow (Saturday) following one-week winter vacation.

Earlier the teachers' association of BUET announced the withdrawal of their strike.

Teachers were on strike protesting the October, 19 incident in which armed hoodlums went on rampage on the campus and set afire several vehicles owned by the teachers of the university.

The Academic Council in an earlier notice called upon all teachers and students to help create a congenial atmosphere on the campus.

SCF slates police action in BL College

By DU Correspondent

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) President Belal Chowdhury and General Secretary Rasuzzaman Ratan Thursday in a joint statement condemned the police action at the BL University College premises on January 1 that left a student Fazole Rabbi Mukta killed.

The clash between police and the students of BL university college, Khulna, began after the entry of police into the college auditorium where Rotaract Club was celebrating the New Year.

Police resorted to lathicharge when students protested the presence of police inside the auditorium.



Obituary

Q G Chauce (63) senior advocate of the Supreme Court and Deputy Governor, Lions, District 3/5B died of cardiac arrest at 3:30pm Thursday. He left behind his two sons, three daughters and many friends and relatives to mourn his death.

His Namaz-e-Janaza will be held at the Dhaka Cantonment Mosque today (Friday) after Jumma prayer.

Alhaj Md Niyamat Ullah, a dedicated social worker and patron of education in Bheramara, Kushia, died of old-age complications at the Kushia General Hospital Wednesday, reports BSS.

He was 99.

He was buried at his family graveyard Thursday at Sholodag.

One of his sons, Engr M A Taher, is the editor of weekly Dhaka Times.

Weather

Night temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

Severe cold started sweeping the country from Thursday and will continue for the next few days, Meteorological office forecast Thursday.

Night temperature may fall by 2-3 degree Celsius during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Thursday.

Weather will prevail across the country during the period.

Temperature and humidity recorded at important cities and towns on Thursday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	21.2	12.0
Chittagong	24.0	13.1
Khulna	21.3	9.5
Rajshahi	20.2	10.2
Dinajpur	20.4	7.4
Mymensingh	22.0	10.6
Srimangal	-	8.2
Cox's Bazar	24.0	15.0
Barisal	22.0	11.5
Rangpur	20.0	7.0

The lowest temperature was at Rangpur. Sunsets, at Dhaka today (Friday) at 5:24 pm and rises tomorrow (Saturday) at 6:42 am.

'Unscheduled closure main factor of session-jam'

One-year moratorium on student politics suggested

Some educationists on Thursday said the root cause of campus violence is political and stressed the need for one-year moratorium on student politics for overcoming the prevailing crisis, reports UNB.

University Grants Commission Chairman Prof M Shamaul Haq, addressing a seminar, suggested teachers' association to request the leaders of main political parties — Awami League, BNP and Jamaat — to suspend political activities of their student fronts at least for one year to help restore peace on the campus.

"The main cause of violence on campuses is student politics, although the students have played key role in all anti-autocracy movement," the UGC Chairman told the seminar, also addressed by senior teacher from all universities of the country.

He also urged political parties and student groups to oust terrorists from their respective organisations in the greater interest of the nation.

The seminar on 'Session-jam in universities and its Remedies' was organised by the World University Service (WUS), Bangladesh, at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).

The UGC Chairman was chief guest at the seminar where Dhaka University VC Prof M Maniruzzaman Miah presented a key-note paper.

Presided over by WUS Chairman and BUET Vice-Chancellor Prof Mohammad Shahjahan, it was addressed, among others, by Jahangirnagar University VC Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed, Khulna

University VC Prof Golam Rahman, Prof Harunur Rashid, DG of Bangla Academy, Prof M Shahjahan Mina of DU, Prof Ali Aagar and Hamidur Rahman of BUET, Dr Khalequzzaman Ilyas of JU, Prof Abu Daud Hasan of Rajshahi University, Mahfuzul Haq of Bangladesh Agriculture University, Mozammel Haq Khan Azad of Khulna University and Dr Mohammad Mamin of Islamic University.

Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed said at present campus is the safest sanctuary for the terrorists and alleged some university teachers were also involved in campus terrorism indirectly.

"Social erosion begins with demoralisation of its leaders. Similarly, degradation of education starts with demoralisation of teachers," he said.

JU teacher Dr Khalequzzaman Ilyas told the function that they had succeeded in overcoming session-jam in their varsity and requested political parties to take effective steps for eliminating terrorism to save the nation.

Prof Shahjahan Mina stressed the need for amending the University Ordinance for smooth running of universities' academic activities.

A group of the varsity teachers pleaded for amending the University Ordinance '73 and demanded a single ordinance for all the universities of the country.

Prof Maniruzzaman Miah in his key-note paper pointed out seven causes of session-jam: Unscheduled closure, late admission, non-completion of syllabuses in time, demand for shifting examination dates, long time spent during holding

examinations, complex examination system and delay in publication of results.

Among those, unscheduled closure due to political cause is the main factor of session-jam and other six are universities' internal problems, Professor Miah said.

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What's on today . . .

- Nibedon's cultural show**
Nibedon, a cultural organisation, will organise a cultural show at the auditorium of Soviet Cultural Centre today (Friday) at 6-30 pm.
Iffat Ara Khan, Subir Nandi, Pramila Bhattacharyya, Nasima Shahin Fancy, Farhana Akter Sharly, Masud, Parvez, Salauddin Ahmed, Mahmud Scrim and Bishawjit Roy will render songs at the function.
- DU Mathematics Department**
Dhaka University Mathematics Department will hold a seminar on 'mathematics study and application' today (Friday) at the Department at 9 am in observance of its 70th founding anniversary.
- Muktijoddha Gobeshana Kendra**
A seminar will be held in observance of the 20th anniversary of independence at 12-13, Motijheel C/ A (Rahman Chamber) today (Friday) at 9-30 am.
Muktijoddha Gobeshana Kendra has organised the seminar.
- RU Ex-students Assoc**
The Rajshahi University Ex-students Association will accord a reception to the Ministers, State Ministers and MPs who studied at the university, at Shishu Academy today (Friday) at 3-30 pm.
About 40 ministers, state ministers and MPs will be cordially received at the function.
- Radio Beijing Listeners' Club**
Bangladesh Radio Beijing Listeners' Club and cultural office of the Chinese Embassy in Bangladesh will jointly organise a function today (Friday) in observance of 23rd founding anniversary of Beijing service and ninth anniversary of the club at 4pm at the auditorium of Chinese Embassy at Magbazar.
- Begum Mujib Smriti Sangshad**
Bangamata Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib Smriti Sangshad will organise a rally in front of the Awami League office at Bangabandhu Avenue today (Friday) at 3 pm.
Awami League leaders will address the rally.
- Dhaka City Theatre**
Dhaka City Theatre will stage a drama named 'Kandata Ki' (What's happening) today (Friday) at the auditorium of Teachers' Training Centre (ITC) at 5-30 pm.
- Lawyers' concern**
The Annual General Meeting of the Lawyers' Concern will be held at 270/1, West Rampura in the city today (Friday) at 4-30 pm.
- Asiatic Society**
The 40th anniversary of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will be held today (Friday) at 3-30 pm at 5, Old Secretariat Road.
National Professor Dr. Nurul Islam will deliver the foundation day lecture on "Meeting some challenges in health care."
Dr A M Sharafuddin, President of the Society, will preside over the function.

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- Jatiya Sramik Party**
The two-day biennial council of the Jatiya Sramik Party will start tomorrow (Saturday) at the auditorium of the District Sports Council Association.
- BFTA grand rally**
The Bangladesh Federation of Teachers' Association (BFTA) will hold a grand rally in front of the National Press Club tomorrow (Saturday) at 2 pm to press home its 15-point demand.
Chairman of the Federation Sheikh Amanullah, Secretary General, Principal AKM Sahidullah, Vice-Chairman, Prof AKM Ali Reza, Abdur Razzak, Kazi Faruk Ahmed and Joint Secretary General will address the rally.
- Rotary Club of Uttara**
The 47th regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Uttara will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at 5-30 pm at Chilling restaurant at Uttara.

Thai Crown Prince due Jan 16

Thailand's Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn is due to pay a 6-day state visit to Bangladesh beginning January 16, official sources Thursday said, reports BSS.

The visit, his first to Bangladesh, is seen here as significant against the backdrop of expanding relations between the two countries.

"The visit of the Thai Crown Prince would contribute positively to our relations and arouse both collective and individual interest in Thailand about Bangladesh", remarked an official.

Photo show on JCD founding anniversary

A week-long photo exhibition entitled "from autocracy to democracy" began in the capital on Wednesday on the occasion of the 13th founding anniversary of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of the ruling BNP, reports BSS.

The exhibition, organised by JCD Agricultural Institute unit Dhaka, was inaugurated by DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman, MP.

TV Friday

8.00	Opening announcement
	Al Quran, Programme Summary
8.10	News in Bangla
8.15	Amra Nutan
8.45	Cartoon: Mutant Ninga Turtles
9.00	Aash Pasher Manush
9.30	Film show: The Spectacular world of Guinness Records
10.	News in English
10.05	Popular film show
11.15	Moner Mukure
12.15	Programme Summary of Evening session, closing.

Evening session

3.00	Opening announcement, Al Quran
	Programme Summary
	Reading from Tripitak
3.20	Alor Dishiari
8.55	Live telecast of opening ceremony of Third National Cub Camporee '92
4.30	Movie of the week
5.10	News in Bangla
7.05	Malancha
8.00	News in Bangla
8.30	Comedy series: The Cosby Show.
9.00	Ittadi: Magazine programme
	Magazine programme
10.00	News in English
10.30	Drama Series: L.A. Law
11.30	Khobar /The news
11.40	Saturday's programme
11.45	Closing.