

Dhaka Day by Day

The "Aussieland" Fashion Framework

by Fayza Haq

The Australian fashion, show designed by 19-year-old Amanda Gabb from Sydney, was fascinating indeed. This was presented at the "Sonargoon", and appreciated and admired by all present.

This was despite the fact that the touring fashion group appeared weary, jet-lagged, and a trifle out of breath. The background music was impeccable, the presentation graceful, and the poses of the young models were admirable.

The fashion parades at the city seen at other vicinities are always of a different quality. The viewers are caajoled and coaxed into watching the presentations with delectable food and drinks. This "Aussie" show did not need any persuasion for the viewers. It began at 7 p.m. and continued non-stop till 8 p.m.

Within this period nobody was bored or disinclined to be fascinated by the spectacular presentation. The models had been flown in to Dhaka for the tour, that included various places in different continents. Without the usual dining and drinking, the people were coaxed to watching the labour of the young designer from Sydney.



Delectable models from "Fashion Framework"

The show was the result of many dedicated people. All the designs were original and 100 per cent Australian. The fashion show group had travelled to Madrid, New York and were scheduled to go elsewhere shortly. It was innovative and admirable — while the accompanying music co-ordinated in perfect harmony.

The young models were young, confident, with their Alice-bands and trackuits, feathers, frills, hats, and all the various accoutrements that are required for any such display. The romping and prouetting on the catwalk, were entertaining for the Dhaka viewer, who had not seen anything so dramatic earlier — specially since the work had been done under duress, as was learnt from the group manager, Mr. John Scriber from Sydney.

The romping, twirling and twisting on the stage may not have been anything new for someone who had read "The Cosmopolitan", "Elle" or "Vogue" years back. Yet the simple exercise of going from Motijheel to the area in the vicinity of "Kawranbazar" was not in futility. With platts, top-knots, umbrellas and feathers — the young models — with their designers to guide them, appeared extremely eager to please and tranquillise any lazy viewer.

One may have asked "Who has not seen a bra-and... show before?" The keen sensitivity and the suavity of the voluptuous models were engaging. Stiletto heels, sequins, and peacock-feathers gave the performance an elegant mixture of the east and west. This was despite the fact the Kipling has said, "and near the twin shall meet".

If one was searching for colours, all the hues of the rainbow were presented with subtlety and careful concentration. The tall, fair model, with an apparent Eurasian ancestry, was certainly the most confident. She may not have had the confidence of the mannequins, seen in the films and videos, shown at Alliance Francaise, at Mirpur Road, Dhanmandi. Yet she had all the appeal and grace that is expected from a model.

The themes of the fashion show were imaginative. The presentation was indeed dramatic. This was even though there was only one male model. Even in a place like Bangladesh (which is often described as an underdeveloped country), there has never been a lack of models of the

both sexes, as has been witnessed in Dhaka earlier. The animations of the body were contemporary, while the dance steps took Aussie Aboriginal or Amazonian strides, whenever necessary. The ballet-like poses were appreciated and applauded.

Talking to the designer, young Ms. Gabb, one realised that she had a principal of a TAFE college for a father and a fashion teacher for a mother. She has been examining fashion magazines from Europe, USA, as well as for the Far East — specially Japan. She kept details in mind and felt that she should be different from other competitors. She had been to Singapore and Bangkok three years ago, on a Christmas holiday, which comprised three weeks.

The "Fashion Framework" has been touring at Sydney, on 11th Dec. '91, and is scheduled to continue its presentations at London and Madrid this month.

In the past four years, the team of designers, models, stylists, hairdressers, make-up artists, behind-the-scenes personnel, comper, choreographer, and photographer have all travelled vastly. This group is committed to promoting Australian design and fashion, and remains a non-governmental organisation.

More allocations for health, education sectors sought

National Professor Dr Nurul Islam on Friday called for reallocation of fund and readjustment of thoughts for imparting basic education and ensuring medicare to the people, reports BSS.

Delivering a lecture on "meeting some challenges in health care" in the city, Dr Islam said, allocation for the health and education sectors in the national budget is not sufficient.

Dr Islam, a noted physician of the countries, said education is of prime importance and infect the only effective weapon in combating the

communicable diseases. The lecture was organised by the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh marking its 40th anniversary and Foundation Day.

Presided over by the president of the Society Dr A M Sharafuddin, the function was also addressed by the Secretary of the Society Prof Syed Anwar Husain.

Dr Nurul Islam underscored the need for international co-operation for checking the sexually transmitted diseases, and other disease like Viral Hepatitis and AIDS.

"Due to international coop-

eration, we have attained success in the fields of Extended Programme of Immunisation (EPI) and Oral Rehydration Saline (ORS)", he said. Dr Sharafuddin, in his presidential address, called upon the government to improve the health facilities and quality of service in the public hospitals.

The Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, a research oriented organisation of the intellectuals and scholars, completed its fortieth anniversary Friday. The society is dedicated to the study of 'man and nature' in Asia.

Rotary Club confce Jan 9

A three-day annual conference of Rotary Club will begin here at a local hotel January 9, reports UNB.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas is expected to inaugurate the district conference 1991-92, at Sonargoon hotel. It is being hosted by Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka.

Titled as "Conference of Harmony", the annual gathering of Bangladesh's 79 Rotary Clubs is expected to be attended by about 1,500 Rotarians from all over the country.

President of the Rotary International will be represented by Rabintra Reddi of India.

The conference, dedicated to peace, harmony and understanding will review the Rotary movement's activities

Lions urged to help combat drug abuse

The three-day Diamond jubilee celebration of Lions movement concluded on Friday with a pledge to intensifying Lions services to the mankind, reports BSS.

Organised by Lions, Club International District 315-B, a seminar on "Lionism in Bangladesh" was held at the Lions Foundation at Agargaon.

Presided over by Lt. Jalal Ahmed, Governor, International District 315-B, the seminar was also addressed, among others, by Lt. Humayun Zahir, Lt. Ataul Karim, Lt. M.G. Morshed, Lt. Mosharraf Hossain, Lt. Engineer Shajahan Khadem and Lt. Nizamuddin Ahmed.

The speakers for identifying

social problems and taking measures to eradicate the vices like drug abuse.

The speakers also urged all to contribute their mite in making the compulsory education programme launched by the government a success.

Earlier, in the morning the Lions International District 315-B held a rally in which Dhaka-Karnaphuli Lions Club stood first while Dhaka Metropolitan Lions Club and Dhaka progressive Lions Club secured second and third position respectively.

The Lions District 315-B also held a painting exhibition for children where 18 children were given prizes.

'People fought for democracy, not for trial of Mujib's killing'

Minister for Agriculture, Irrigation and Flood Control M Majidul Huq Friday regretted that some major parties were out to disrupt the on-going democratic process, initiated after a long struggle against autocracy, reports BSS.

He was addressing as chief guest the Conference-92 of Sabujbag Thana Jatiyatabadi Sweshashebak Sangathan, a front organisation of the party in the afternoon at Khilgaon Srijani Sangsad field.

Huq referred to violence in parts of the country and said large-scale smuggling and disruptive forces within the country were least bothered about the independence and sovereignty. They are out to grab power by hook or by crook, he said.

The minister said these

forces were also spreading false propaganda against the government to serve their ulterior motive and urged the people to thwart any attempt to discredit the government or foil democracy.

Presided over by Faruk-Ul-Islam, the conference was addressed, among others, by Mayor of Dhaka Mirza Abbas, State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan, Kazi Asaduzzaman, Convener of Jatiyatabadi Sweshashebak Sangathan, Shaiful Huq Ansari, Zahir Uddin Babul, Ali Akbar, Shamsul Huda, Mujibur Rahman, Sirajul Islam, Ataur Rahman Khan, Khorshed Alam and Mahbuba Qudus.

Huq said the party, which was in power before 1975 had plundered national wealth while the past autocratic

regime had brought ruination to all fields including economy.

Mirza Abbas said those, who had cooperated with the autocratic Ershad regime by participating in election under it in 1986, were now conspiring against the democratic government.

Those forces, now instead of criticising the misdeeds of Ershad regime, are opposing the democratic government, he said.

Referring to the demand of certain quarters to try the killers of Sheikh Mujib, Abbas said the people had struggled for the last 10 years for democracy and establishing their rights and not for holding the trial.

The Awami Leaguers were involved in the Sheikh Mujib Killing, he added.

What's on today . . .

Indian fine art exhibition

A twenty-day long contemporary Indian art and sculpture exhibition will begin today (Saturday) under the auspices of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy at its gallery.

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman will inaugurate the exhibition today at 4 pm as the chief guest while State Minister for Cultural Affairs will be present as the special guest.

Acting Secretary of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs IU Malik will preside over the inaugural function. The exhibition will remain open from 2 pm to 7 pm everyday except Thursday.

Grand rally of the teachers fed

Bangladesh Federation of Teachers Association (BFTA) has organised a grand rally today (Saturday) at 2 pm in front of the National Press Club to press home its 15-point demand.

SKOP-BADC Employees Union meeting

A meeting of the leaders of Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SKOP) will be held today (Saturday) at 10 am with the BADC Employees Union at the Krishi Bhaban.

A rally of the union will also be held in front of the Krishi Bhaban at 12 am.

Majedul Islam Shikkha Trust

Majedul Islam Shikkha Trust announces scholarships today (Saturday) at 3:30 pm at the auditorium of the National Museum at Shuhbag.

Local government, Rural Development and Cooperative Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar will attend the function as the chief guest.

National Drama Festival '91

Today's drama of the month-long national drama festival will be staged by Rangpur Sarathi. The title of the drama is "Rupashri Etkantha". The drama will be held at the auditorium of the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy at 6:30 pm.

Jatiya Sramik Party

The biennial council of the Jatiya Sramik Party will be held today (Saturday) at 10 am at the auditorium of the Dhaka District Sport Association.

Editor of the daily Janata Sanaullah Noor will attend the council as the chief guest while Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, Vice-Chairman of the Jatiya Party will be present as the special guest.

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Seminar on South Asia's security

A three-day international seminar on "South Asian Security in the 1990s: primacy of its internal dimension" will begin tomorrow (Sunday) at 9 am under the auspices of the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) at the seminar room of the institute.

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman will inaugurate the seminar as the chief guest while former Foreign Minister M Shamsul Huq will be present as the special guest.

Seminar on contemporary Indian art

A seminar on "Contemporary Indian fine art" will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 3:30 pm under the auspices of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy at its conference room.

Noted Indian artists Jogen Chowdhury, Sanat Kar and Nilima Sheikh will participate in the discussion.

IEB convention begins today

The 36th convention of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh begins today (Saturday), says a press release.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will formally inaugurate the convention tomorrow (Sunday) at 10 a.m. at the IEB headquarters, Ramna in the city.

The main theme of this year's convention is "International Decade For National Disaster Reduction — Make it a success." Besides, a national seminar on Engineering for natural disaster mitigation will be held during other important lectures.

The lectures include: "Jabbar Memorial Lecture on Water Resources Development in Bangladesh," Shahed Engineers' Memorial Lecture on "Bangladesh — the Challenge of Nineties," Dr Rashid Memorial Lecture on "Experience of some Selected Countries in Economic Development and Our Future," Dr F R Khan Memorial Lecture on "From the pages of Engineering History" and SOBA Lecture on "What should be our preparation for the next twenty years."

About 3000 engineers and delegates from home and abroad are expected to participate in the IEB convention, the press release added.

Pharmaceutical Society executives

M K Chowdhury has been elected President of the Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society at a general meeting held Friday at NIPSOM auditorium in the city, says a press release.

The other members of the society are, Dr A M M Khan, Prof A K Azad Chowdhury, Shahjahan Miah, N S Zahedec, Aia-a-Moula, Anisul Islam, M A Malek, Dr Chowdhury Mahmud Hassan, A B M Paraque Muhammad Jawad Yahya, Md Ershadullah, S Nurul Islam, Salim Khan, Mesbahul Hoque, Samresh Sur, Mosadick Hussain, S K Firoze Ahmad Chowdhury and Dr Anwarul Islam.

The society is an organisation of qualified Pharmacists.



A sequence of drama 'Dr Faustus' staged Friday at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium on the occasion of National Drama Festival. — Star photo.

Body to create awareness about environmental pollution

By SSMCH Correspondent

A new organisation named "Bangladesh Society for Conservation of Environment (BSCE)" was formed Friday with a view to creating awareness of the people about environmental pollution.

An eleven member convencing committee of the BSCE, the

first of its kind, was also named at a meeting of 24 professionals at the Shisu Academy in the city.

Prof. Abul-Allah-Al-Haroon was made the Convener of the committee while Engineer Endadul Islam will act as its Member Secretary.

Qulkhawani

Qulkhawani of Abu Baker Siddique, a businessman and social worker will be held today (Saturday) after Aar prayers at his 1/3 Lalmitia, Block-A residence, says a press release.

Friends, relatives and admirers of the deceased have been requested to attend.

TV Saturday

- 5:00 Opening announcement, Al Quran, Programme summary
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Reading from the Tripitak
- 5:30 Sports World
- 6:00 Cultural programme
- 7:05 Banashri-Folk songs
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Door diganta: Special documentary programme on Biman's completion of 20 years
- 9:00 Sangeet Probaha
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:35 Parliament round-up
- 10:40 Drama series: Dallas
- 11:30 Khabar/The news
- 11:40 Sunday's Programme Closing

Weather

Cold wave to continue

Cold wave now sweeping across the country likely to continue for another 2 to 3 days. Met office said on Friday reports UNB.

It said night temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country during the next 24 hours till 6 pm today (Saturday).

Dry weather will prevail during the period over the country.

Fridays maximum temperature in Dhaka was 20.5 degree Celsius and the minimum 10.8 degree. Country's lowest temperature 6.5 degrees was recorded at Dinajpur.

Percentage of humidity was 67 both in the morning and evening.

Sun sets today (Saturday) at 5:25 pm and rises on tomorrow (Sunday) at 6:43 am.

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