

Rose Society AGM on Jan 30

The Annual General Meeting of Bangladesh National Rose Society will be held on January 30, at 4 pm at Khadya Bhaban, Abdul Gani Road, reports BSS.

The meeting will discuss about the annual rose festival to be held on February 7 at the Dhaka Club premises.

The rose festival is being organised jointly by the Rose Society and Dhaka Club Limited.

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Hamid Mistri is a mystery

By Masud Hasan Khan

Hamid Mistri (mechanic) knows everything about everything that runs on four wheels. The Old Car Club gave him the crown as the country's best car renovator while owners call him an auto-wiz.

In his greasy garage near the Bangla Motors crossing in the capital, this automobile genius was working on a 1965—model Toyota. The jalopy earlier refused all coaxes. It needed a fix at the hands of Hamid Mistri.

When I approached the garage, the mechanic, now in his early 40s, reacted with a — "Yes? ... Your car?" I do not own one. Amid the deafening noise from a nearby gas compressor, we began talking.

Mohammad Hamid, popularly known as Hamid mistri, could not figure out how many cars he had brought back to life, during his 28-year career as an automobile mechanic. "I cannot remember ... thousands, may be 10 thousand," he said. "It's a long way from here to that small auto repair shop at Dholakhal where I first joined as a garage boy."

Now, the trail, indeed, looks longer. He was once accompanying a cargo vessel owner to the Narayanganj dockyard. The vessel, with a bogged down engine, was moored for months and the marine mechanics were struggling hard to fix it. When the auto mechanic humbly enquired about the problem, he was encountered with a sharp snap from the head mechanic — "Don't you ever try to shove your hand in a snake's hole without learning the art." A flushed Hamid slipped off and went to art engineering shop at Dholakhal. After a workout with a lathe machine, he returned and sought permission of the owner to have a try. Incredibly, after a minutes'

effort the vessel roared to life. Only that day, after a minor repair job, Hamid mistri advised a car owner not to drive it for more than an hour. As the clock ticked past 60 minutes, the car slowed in the middle of the road and fell asleep.

Hamid mistri joined his first job as an apprentice at 10

in Dhaka. Now Hamid mistri runs his own shop with eight employees. They are proud at his call "shagrid" (followers). The leader is now well off.

However, amid a cacophony of zoom, whiz, rattling and whining at the garage, Hamid mistri nurtures two dreams. One is building an engine by himself. He said, "I long to do something really worthwhile.

Till now I have only repaired other people's cars with imported spare parts. I have designed a two cylinder engine with parts made in the country." He informed that the engine would be made public later this year after trial.

The other dream is the future of his school-going son. He said "I can't even sign my



with a payment of only 50 paise a day at a Dholakhal auto repair shop. "Ah, those were the days. I used to walk miles from my residence at Chankharpool to the garage everyday just to save half of my daily wage," he recalled. The savings would go to buy ice-creams, chanachurs and other cheap foods.

"I worked under a great mechanic—Alauddin Ustad."

name. I hope that one day my son will be an automobile engineer."

Habibur Rahman, President of the Old Car Club, said "Hamid mistri is extra-ordinarily innovative. Although he has no schooling, he can design engine parts by the rule of thumb. Try him with only a layout of any car— he is a sure success."

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Khan Educational Trust set up

"Khan Educational Trust" set up in memory of a former teacher of Political Science at Dhaka University will introduce a scholarship in the department, reports UNB.

Prof Mahmuda Islam and Begum Tahmida Syed, sisters of late teacher Lutfar Rahman Khan, handed over a cheque for Tk 1.25 lakh on behalf of the Trust to DU Vice-Chancellor Prof M Maniruzzaman Miah at his office Monday morning.

The monthly scholarship worth Tk 1,000 will be awarded every to the student who will secure first position in the Honours examination of the department of political science.

L R Khan died in 1983 while working as an expert at ESCAP, said a press release.

BCU demands trial of Golam Azam

The Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) leaders at a discussion at the Dhaka University Monday demanded trial of Golam Azam immediately.

The leaders also demanded the implementation of the students' 10-point charter of demand.

The discussion was arranged on the occasion of its 22nd city conference at the Teachers Students Centre (TSC) of the Dhaka University. The discussion was addressed by BCU leaders Ruhin Hossain Prince, Sazzad Zahir Chandan, with its city committee president Shahidul Islam Liton in the chair.

1,555 abandoned houses under unauthorised possession in city

There are 1,555 abandoned houses under unauthorised possession in the Dhaka city, Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Mia told the Jatiya Sangsad Monday, reports BSS.

Answering another question from Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury (JP-Moulvibazar) the minister said Rajuk have plans to set up new housing, commercial and industrial projects in the Dhaka city.

DUJ AGM begins today

The inaugural session of the seventeenth annual conference of the Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) will be held today (Tuesday) at 10'30am at the Auditorium of the National Press Club.

The Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. Maniruzzaman Miah will attend the conference as chief guest.

1298 died in road accidents last yr

A total of 1298 people died and 1665 were injured in road accidents in 1991, reports BSS.

This was stated by Communications Minister Col (Retd) Oli Ahmed, while replying to a question of Mohammad Nasir Uddin (Nogaon) during the question hour in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

The Minister said the Bangladesh Railway had suffered a loss of Taka 2.50 crore from January 1, 1991 to January 15, 1992 in 291 accidents. The total number of road accidents during the time

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During his visit, the Chief Election Commissioner expressed satisfaction at the peaceful atmosphere in the polling stations, where a large number of voters were waiting to exercise their right of franchise. He talked to the voters and exchanged views with them on various matters relating to election.

Justice Rouf saw the polling arrangements and members of the law enforcing agencies.

He advised them to discharge their duties with utmost sincerity, devotion, efficiency and total neutrality.

Khatimunesa and Md Hanif Lashkar Trust established

A "Khatimunesa and Mohammad Hanif Lashkar Trust" has been established at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) to award two scholarships in the faculty of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, reports UNB.

Mustafa Quamrul Haque Lashkar, a former BUET student and a senior engineer at NASA, handed over a cheque of Taka one lakh to BUET Vice-Chancellor Prof M Shahjahan at his office Monday to constitute the trust fund in memory of his deceased parents.

The scholarship worth Tk 500 per month each will be awarded to the best student of the faculty in every academic year on the basis of their annual results.

HERE and THERE

New body of Theatre

A new executive body of theatre was formed on January 26 with Mohtuddin Faruq and Nareah Bhuiyan as President and General Secretary respectively.

The other members of the body are Begum Sayeda Islam and K S Firoz (Vice-Presidents), Afroza Banu and Apel Bashir (Joint Secretaries), M A Muhit (Treasurer), Ashok Kumar (Publicity Secretary), Rafiqul Islam (Office Secretary) and Keramat Maola, Quazi Tamanna, Golam Rabbani, Sufi Shaful Alam, Pradip Barik, Rezaul Karim Raza, Ranjit Saha and Abdul Latif (Executive members).

The body was formed at the annual general meeting and election of the theatre held on January 26.

Jatiya Sramik Party

Jatiya Sramik Party in a statement Monday demanded immediate realisation of the demands of the bank employees.

The statement served by Shah Md Abu Zafar and M A Gafur, President and General Secretary respectively of the organisation alleged that the BNP government had stopped all the facilities of the bank employees which were given by the Ershad government.

The statement also expressed its support to the demands of the demonstrating employees of Birman and Power Development Board.

Non-formal pry education

The training of the fourth batch on non-formal primary education and adult literacy management conducted by Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) concluded

in Dhaka on Monday. CAMPE, the coalition of the leading NGOs having literacy programme had so far provided literacy training to 80 directors and coordinators of 41 local development organisations from different parts of the country.

Garments Sramik Oikya Parishad

Bangladesh Garments Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad on Monday alleged that some factory owners started repression on the workers following the postponement of their movement from January 8 after a tripartite meeting between the authorities, owners and workers.

At a meeting of the Parishad with its Advisor Abul Hussain in the chair, the speakers demanded to stop such harassment immediately.

Among others, Abul Bashir, Khurshid Alam, Antrul Huq, Selim Reza, Maya Begum, Rahim Mian, Shafulqul Islam, Mosaddek Hasan, Hanif Mukta and Harunur Rashid, addressed the meeting.

Sonali Bank

Sonali Bank Officer and Karmachari Samannoi Parishad at a rally Monday called upon all bank officers and employees to make the programmes of January 29, February 2 and February 4 a success.

The programmes were taken up to press home its ten-point demand including introduction of separate wage-scale for the bank officers and employees, reinstatement of the terminated bank employees in their previous posts and cancellation of marking system.

The rally held in front of the main office of the bank presided over by B M Baki.

What's on today . . .

Mohammadpur School
The inaugural function of the four-day programme organised on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the Mohammadpur Government High School will be held today (Tuesday) at 9 am at the school compound.

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar will attend the function as chief guest while Dr Mozammel Huq, Director General of the Directorate of and Higher Secondary Education will be present as the special guest.

Lions Club of Dhaka Blues
The Board and regular meeting of the Lions Club of Dhaka Blues will be held today (Tuesday) at 5 pm at the Canton Chinese restaurant at Maghbazar.

Rotary Club of Dhaka
The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held today (Tuesday) at 5 pm at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

Rotary Club of Ramna
The regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Ramna will be held today (Tuesday) at 5:30 pm at the Hotel Sonargaon.

Mobile Replica Show
A mobile replica show titled "Buddha Chitrakala" will begin today (Tuesday) at the gallery of the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy at 4 pm.

Jatiya Ganotantrik Party
Jatiya Ganotantrik Party (JAGPA) has decided to organise a demonstration towards the Jatiya Sangsad today (Tuesday) afternoon to press home its six-point demand including cancellation of Mujib-Indira Border Pact and repeal of Special Powers Act.

It will also hold a rally in front of the National Press Club at 3 pm before demonstration.

Five Party Alliance
The Five Party Alliance has convened a press conference tomorrow (Wednesday) at 12 noon at the Col. Taher Auditorium at Bangabandhu Avenue to announce its programme demanding ousting of Golam Azam from the country.

Bangladesh Jana Parishad
Bangladesh Jana Parishad has decided to hold a rally tomorrow (Wednesday) at 3 pm at the Gulistan Square.

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Population Day Feb 2
The National Population and Family Welfare Day will be observed on February 2, reports BSS.

The main theme this year is "Family Planning for the Healthy Mother and Children of tomorrow."

The day will be observed in a befitting manner to create awareness among the people for building small family by adopting family planning.

Elaborate programmes have been taken from national level to upazila and union levels to observe the day.

Iranian envoy meets Mosharraf
The Iranian Ambassador in Bangladesh, Mohammed Ganjdoost, yesterday called on the Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, reports BSS.

They discussed issues of mutual interest, especially exploration of gas in Bangladesh and import of oil from Iran.

The Minister expressed the hope that the relations between the two Muslim countries would broaden further in the days to come.

The Ambassador reciprocated the feeling.



The annual sports of Bangladesh Bank Ideal High School was held at the school premises at Faridabad recently. —Star photo

Tender Notice

1. Tender Notice No. : 7 of 1991-92.
2. Name of work. : Construction of RCB sluices in Sub-Project No. 69 and 70 respectively under SSSFCDI Project during 1991-92.
3. Estimated cost. : Tk. 28.74 lacs to 49.23 lacs (4 Groups).
4. Earnest money. : 2½ % of estimated cost.
5. Receiving/opening date of tender. : a) Receiving during office hours of 1.2.92 and 2.2.92 and up to 12-00 hrs. of 3.2.92.
b) Opening 12-30 hours of 3.2.92.
6. Name and address of office which tender documents and other information will be available. : a) Manager, Sonali Bank, Sathkira/WAPDABranch, Dhaka.
b) Office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, Narail O&M Sub-Division, BWDB, Narail/ Madhumati-Nabaganga O&M Sub-Division-II, BWDB, Magura.
c) Office of the Executive Engineer, Khulna O&M Division-1, BWDB, Khulna/Jessore O&M Division, BWDB, Jessore/Bagerhat O&M Division, BWDB, Bagerhat.
d) Superintending Engineer, Faridpur O&M Circle, WDB, Faridpur/Dhaka O&M Circle, BWDB, Dhaka/Project Director, G.K.I.R.P. Kushtia.
7. Address of the Advertiser. : Executive Engineer, Sathkira O&M Division No. 1, BWDB, Sathkira.
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- | Name of the party with address | Description of goods |
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| M/s. Abba Colour
8/4-A, Topkhana Road,
Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
Prop. : Mr. Abu Hossain Mallick | 26 (twenty six) sets Fax
machine with Release-II
Model No. B, FAX 100
Country of origin-Hongkong |

1. Tenders should be submitted supported by an earnest money equal to 5% of the quoted value in the form of payment order issued by any scheduled bank.
2. Tenders must be submitted on or before 05.02.92 by 1.00 P.M. which will be opened on the same day at 3.00 P. M. in presence of tenderers if any.
3. Goods can be inspected/verified on any working day from 10.00 A. M. to 1.00 P. M. upto 04.02.92
4. Successful tenderer shall have to lift the entire goods, within 10 (Ten) days from the date of accepting tenders on payment of the full value failing which the earnest money will be forfeited.
5. Unsuccessful tenderer's earnest money will be refunded in due course and earnest money of the successful tenderer will be adjusted as part payment.
6. The Bank reserves the right to accept/reject any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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