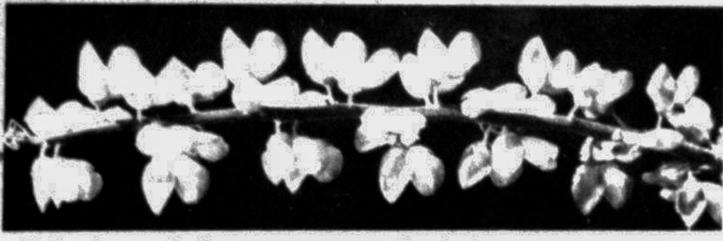


# Dhaka Day by Day

## In Love with Spring

by Tulip Ibrahim



"Madhuro basanta eshechhey Madhuro milono ghotathe..."  
Rabindranath Tagore in these lines sings in praise of spring as the harbinger of beauty and love. Through the ages poets and writers have found their deepest aesthetic senses roused by the queen of seasons—spring. Nature has roused their creative spirits to realize imaginatively the mystery of life, the beauty of nature, the sublimity of transcendental ideas, the intensity of love, the haunting spell of romance.

The third article of the romantic credo holds that love is blind, the lover neither observes nor admits the imperfections of the loved one. Parents are gripped with terrible fear of blind loves. Because everyone knows that young adolescents have mad crushes for quite inappropriate people, and fall in love with "just the way he walks" or "the sweet smile of the red lips."

The alluring beauty of spring brings out so vibrantly the joie de vivre. In nature lies a magic which makes our senses reach out for love. And on spring days we might find time to think about the wonder and miracles of love far behind all reservations and pragmatic cautions about it. When Virgil wrote "Omnia vincit Amor" long ago, was he merely being poetic? Spring is one many splendored vindication of Virgil — perhaps in the best lights possible.

And spring in Dhaka must also make one sad about the host of flowers that bedeck Bengali poetry and songs, specially Tagore's, — and is lost to us perhaps for ever. Parul and Mashavi and Malati are all gone. O reader, have you seen Parijat with your own eyes, or you think it is in the heavens or in Tagore songs? No, there is at least one Parijat tree in the University botanical garden in the Curzon Hall precincts. One of these days the fantastic clustered balls of the flower called, God knows why Brownia, will blossom and make a paradise of the poor garden. The reader may also be gratified to know that all is not lost for Parul — a sapling brought from the Sylhet hills is growing healthfully in the Mahanagar Library gardens.

Dhaka is a city of Krishnachurans and they are there even after the state-backed rampage of vandalism. And there are still some Shimul, to make spring all red in the capital city. Ashoke, it is only the incomparable Ashoke which has gained popularity in the last decade or so. We are so thankful to those responsible for the Bibhutibhusan once marvelled seeing, in the fashion European explorers did on seeing the forest of spethodia Campanulata in blossom, — the hills of Sitakunda all aflame with the Palash. One keeps on hoping Dhaka one day will become as much a city of Palash as it is of Krishnachura.

### Bhutan to increase imports from Bangladesh

Visiting Bhutanese Minister for Trade and Industry Lyonpo Om Pradhan called on Foreign Minister A S M Mustafizur Rahman Monday and discussed various matters, including joint venture in Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Mustafiz warmly welcomed Pradhan and termed his visit "timely and useful in the context of ongoing mutual efforts for strengthening Bangladesh-Bhutan relationship".

The Bhutanese Minister reiterated his country's commitment to increasing the volume of imports of various items from Bangladesh.

The Foreign Minister appreciated various steps taken by Bhutan in this regard and expressed the hope that friendship and cooperation between the two close neighbours would be strengthened further both bilaterally and in the framework of SAARC.

The visiting minister evinced keen interest in undertaking joint-venture projects using Bhutanese raw material.

Mustafiz expressed the optimism that these would go a long way in diversifying trade and commercial relations and provide greater thrusts to and contents in Bangladesh-Bhutan relationship.

Additional Foreign Secretary A H Mahmood Ali and Ambassador of Bhutan Karma Dorjee were present in the meeting.

### Delhi, Pindi big competitors in CIS markets

## Dhaka obtains Tk 300 cr export contracts : Mannan

Bangladesh has obtained export contracts for various items worth Tk 300 crore from seven states of the former Soviet Union, reports UNB.

State Minister for Textiles Maj (Rtd) Abdul Mannan who returned home ending a three-week trip to the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) also told newsmen at the airport that export orders worth about Tk 1,000 crore could be netted if the country could agree on deferred payment.

Terming the "good will" mission he led as "very successful" Mannan said a new and big horizon of economic cooperation was opened up, besides signing accords on diplomatic relations with the seven states during the visit.

"We didn't expect such spontaneous and tremendous response from our hosts."

The economic benefit of the visit includes Tk 100 crore demand for jute goods, including Tk 30 crore spot agreement for sales of the products and Tk 100 crore market of tea of which Tadjikistan alone will buy 20,000 tons.

The remaining Tk 100

crore worth of export items include readymade garments, pharmaceutical and sanitary products, toiletries and electronics.

Bangladesh has also signed agreements with jute mills in Kirghistan and Ukraine for exports of 5,000 and 8,000 tons of raw jutes respectively.

"There is a big market for our agricultural products," the minister said, adding scope of joint-venture in service sectors like restaurants, saloons, engineering and motor workshops also exists.

"There seems to be no private sector, all our economic proposals were accepted without any hesitation," Mannan said and informed that a team of private sector entrepreneurs in readymade garments would soon be sent to the new states for market exploration.

Trading with the Russian Federation has also been increasing, he said.

Mannan also told newsmen that Ukraine had shown interest in setting up weekly airlift with Dhaka, and so did Tadjikistan.

Regarding imports from the CIS, the minister said oil and

petroleum products, raw cotton, metal products, fertilizer and rock phosphate could be imported from there.

The minister termed India and Pakistan big competitors of Bangladesh in grabbing "highly potential open markets" in the CIS and stressed dynamic and aggressive sales approach for the country's future gains.

The 20-member delegation, comprising 11 private sector members and 9 official, visited Russia, Belarussia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Tadjikistan, Kirghistan and Kazakhstan.

Russian Charge d' Affaires in Bangladesh Igor A Saprykin and high government officials were also present at the briefing.

### ADB team will review progress of Chhatak Cement factory BMRE

An Asian Development Bank (ADB) mission is expected to pay a week-long visit to Bangladesh sometime next week to review the progress of BMRE of Chhatak Cement factory, reports UNB.

The Tk 82-crore Balancing, Modernisation, Rehabilitation and Expansion of the factory began in 1986 with Tk 59 crore ADB assistance.

The ADB mission, led by its project engineer Guoluan Hu, will discuss current status of limestone crusher, shut-down plan and construction of power station for expediting the BMRE project.

The BMRE was designed to enhance the production capacity of the factory from 1.98 metric tons to 2.67 lakh metric tons.

## IDB assures allot help for Rohingya refugees

The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) mission Monday assured that it would take all possible measures to provide succour and relief to the Rohingya Muslim refugees in Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The assurance was given when the IDB mission led by its Director Hassan M Jeng called on Economic Relations Division Secretary Enam A Chowdhury at his office in Dhaka.

The mission, during its stay in Bangladesh, will make an on-the-spot assessment of the extent and dimension of the problems of the Rohingya Muslim refugees and devise ways and means for extending succour to the distressed humanity.

The IDB mission assured that the bank would take all

possible measures to assist Bangladesh and appreciated the steps taken so far by the government of Prime Minister Begam Khaleda Zia.

ERD Secretary Enam A Chowdhury told BSS in the morning after the meeting.

The condition of the Myanmar refugees was brought to light in the IDB Board of Governor's 16th meeting held in Tripoli last month which was attended by Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman as member of the Board of Governors and the ERD Secretary as alternate governor.

The President of IDB and all other members of the Board had expressed deep concern over the inhuman treatment to the Rohingya Muslims by Myanmar authority.

The mission will be visiting

border areas and refugee camps and see for themselves the distress and sufferings of the refugees.

The ERD Secretary told the mission that despite the fact, the Government of Bangladesh had been trying to tackle the problem.

The sheer size, magnitude and intractability of it have compelled to seek international cooperation. Besides, being a human problem it was not limited to Bangladesh alone.

During their stay in Bangladesh the IDB team will finalise three project financing matters involving 30 million US dollars.

The projects are for rural electrification, feeder road construction, and establishment of primary schools.

### Massive rigging in Andha Sangstha polls alleged

By Staff Correspondent

Sayedul Huq Chunnun, candidate for the post of General Secretary of the Jatiya Andha Sangstha (National Organisation for the Blind) at a press conference Monday alleged widespread rigging in the election of the Sangstha held on March 5.

The General Secretary candidate also sought interference of the Directorate of Social Welfare to cancel the result of the election and arrange a fresh one.

The press conference held Monday at 5 pm at the National Press Club also alleged that the organisation since its inception in 1964 failed to play effective role for the welfare of the blinds due to massive corruption, irregularities and mismanagement.

### Two killed in city mishaps

Two persons including a minor girl were killed and a five-year old boy was injured in separate incidents in the city on Monday, reports UNB.

A young shopkeeper was killed in Jatrabari area early Monday after being hit with a ram dao by a rickshaw-puller.

The shopkeeper Nanna Mia (16) and the unidentified rickshaw-puller were earlier locked in a serious brawl over rickshaw fare, local people said.

The victim was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead.

A case has been filed with Demra police.

In another incident, an unidentified minor girl was killed after falling from the roof of a multi-storied building at Motijheel T&T colony in the noon.

She was admitted to DMCH in critical condition and died there at 4 pm.

Babu, a five-year old boy from Harnath Gosh Road of Lalbagh received serious injuries when a home-made bomb blasted in the afternoon.

The explosion occurred while he was playing with a tin pot which contained explosive materials.

He was admitted to DMCH with injuries on his right hand and right leg.

### TV Tuesday

#### Special Session

- 3.15am Opening announcement
- 3.30 am 5th World Cup Cricket: India vs West Indies

#### Evening Session

- 5.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran/Al-Hadith Programme Summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.30 Documentary: Wild Life on One
- 5.50 Mahey Ramzan Shikshangon: Programme on Education
- 6.30 Nazrul Songs
- 7.05 News in Bangla
- 8.00 Drama
- 8.30 News in English
- 10.00 Mini series: Sword of Honour
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.40 Wednesday's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing



Members of Jatiya Andha Sangstha speaking at a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday. — Star Photo

## What's on today . . .

### Seminar on bio-medical study

A seminar on 'bio-medical study of spirituna' will be held today (Tuesday) at 9 am at Alliance Francaise in the city. Deputy Leader of the House in the Jatiya Sangsad Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury will attend the seminar as the chief guest while Prof S A R Chowdhury Head of the Department of Pharmacology of IPGMR will present the key-note paper.

### Graphic exhibition

The graphic exhibition by Wakilur Rahman begins today (Tuesday) at 4 pm at La Galerie (54, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka). The exhibition will continue till March 20 and will remain open everyday from 9 am to 8 pm. A total of 21 graphic works of Wakilur Rahman will be exhibited.

### Rotary Club of Dhaka

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held today (Tuesday) at 5 pm at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. Mofazzal Hossain Khan, Director Culture, Islamic Foundation will be the guest speaker at the meeting. He will speak on 'significance of the Holy Ramadan'.

### Rotary Club of Ramna

The meeting of Rotary Club of Ramna will be held today (Tuesday) at 5.30 pm at Hotel Sonargaon.

### Press Conference

The Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh Maulana Mattur Rahman Nizami, MP, will address a press conference today (Tuesday) at 3.30 pm at the party's central office (505, Elephant Road, Baro Maghbazar).

### Rotary Club of Motijheel

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Motijheel will be held today (Tuesday) at 5 pm at 45/Ka. New Eskaton, instead of Hotel Purbani.

## . . . and tomorrow

### Communist Party

Communist Party of Bangladesh will hold a discussion tomorrow (Wednesday) at 4.30 pm to observe the International Women's day. The meeting will be held at party's central office at Purana Paltan in the city.

## Weather

### Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Monday, according to Meteorological office.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged during the period.

The sun sets in Dhaka today (Tuesday) at 6-06 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 6-11 am.

Temperature and humidity recorded in important cities and towns on Monday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature		Humidity in percentage
	in degree Celsius		
Dhaka	Max 30.7	Min 18.4	9 am 6 pm
Chittagong	29.4	20.5	48 34
Khulna	31.4	18.5	94 73
Rajshahi	32.0	13.0	50 34
Dinajpur	29.0	14.5	45 34
Cox's Bazar	29.4	21.0	83 77
Sylhet	29.4	14.2	74 35
Faridpur	31.4	14.3	68 40
Mymensing	29.7		49



Commonwealth Deputy Secretary General Sir Peter Unwin called on ERD Secretary Enam Ahmed Chowdhury at the latter's office in the city yesterday. — PID photo

## 'Climate congenial for investment'

The visiting Commonwealth Deputy Secretary General Sir Peter Unwin Monday called on Secretary, Economic Relations Division (ERD), Enam Ahmed Chowdhury, at the latter's office here, reports BSS.

He stayed for sometime with the ERD Secretary and discussed matters relating to mutual interests.

Chowdhury apprised Unwin of the Myanmar refugee problems and growing influx to Bangladesh. He requested the Commonwealth Secretariat to take measures for arousing world conscience about the

problem. Unwin expressed concern over the situation.

The ERD Secretary gave a brief resume of the present democratic government's policy of privatisation and steps taken to attract private investment both from home and abroad.

He held that the climate in Bangladesh was good enough for investment from Commonwealth Equity Fund.

He also insisted the Commonwealth Fund Management to visit Bangladesh for appraisal of investment climate and asserted that the policies

pursued by the present government should attract large scale investment from Commonwealth Equity Fund.

Unwin assured that he would convey this message to the ensuing meeting of the Board of Trustee of Fund and request the Board to send a team to Bangladesh.

It was also discussed that government of Bangladesh would circulate a paper on investment opportunity in the next meeting of Commonwealth Finance Ministers and Commonwealth Technical Cooperation (CFTC).

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'খ' ও 'ঘ'-ইউনিটের ভর্তি পরীক্ষা সংক্রান্ত যে বিজ্ঞপ্তি ইতিপূর্বে প্রচারিত হয়েছে তার আংশিক সংশোধন করে নিম্নরূপ করা হয়েছে :-

(ক) উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক পরীক্ষায় গার্হস্থ্য অর্থনীতি শাখায় উত্তীর্ণ ছাত্রীদের গার্হস্থ্য অর্থনীতি কলেজ থেকে উত্তীর্ণ 'ঘ'-ইউনিটের ভর্তি পরীক্ষায় (২০-৩-৯২ ইং তারিখে অনুষ্ঠিতব্য) অংশ গ্রহণ করতে হবে, যদিও তাদেরকে 'খ'-ইউনিটে পরীক্ষা দিতে হবে বিজ্ঞপ্তির মাধ্যমে ইতিপূর্বে প্রচার করা হয়েছিল। এ সব ছাত্রী গার্হস্থ্য অর্থনীতি কলেজ থেকে উত্তীর্ণ 'খ'-ইউনিটে ভর্তি পরীক্ষায় অংশ গ্রহণ করতে পারবে না। ইতিপূর্বে 'খ'-ইউনিট অফিস থেকে নেয়া প্রবেশপত্র 'ঘ'-ইউনিটের অফিসে (কোলা ভবনের সামাজিক বিজ্ঞান অনুষদের জীবনের কার্যালয়ে) জমা দিয়ে নতুন করে প্রবেশপত্র সংগ্রহ করতে হবে এবং তাদেরকে বিনামূল্যে 'ঘ'-ইউনিটের ভর্তি নির্দেশিকা দেয়া হবে। তাদেরকে নিম্নবর্ণিত বিষয়সমূহে পরীক্ষা দিতে হবে:-

বালা অথবা এডভান্সড ইংলিশ (কেবল জি, সি, ই, পাস করা প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে) ৩৫ নম্বর, ইংরেজী ৩৫ নম্বর এবং সাধারণ জ্ঞান অথবা গণিত ৩০ নম্বর-মোট ১০০ নম্বর।

মানবিক শাখায় গার্হস্থ্য অর্থনীতি বিষয় নিয়ে উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ ভর্তি প্রার্থীরা কেবল 'খ'-ইউনিটের ভর্তি পরীক্ষায় অংশ গ্রহণ করতে পারবে।

(খ) 'খ'-ইউনিটের ভর্তি পরীক্ষার মোট নম্বর থাকবে ১০০।

বালা ও ইংরেজীর জন্য ২৫ (পঁচিশ) নম্বর করে নির্দিষ্ট থাকবে। তা ছাড়া উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক পর্যায়ে পঠিত যে কোন দু'টি বিষয়ের সাধারণ জ্ঞানের প্রশ্নের উত্তর দিতে হবে। প্রতি বিষয়ের জন্য ২৫ (পঁচিশ) নম্বর করে নির্দিষ্ট থাকবে।

ভর্তি ও ভর্তি পরীক্ষা সংক্রান্ত অন্য কোন তথ্য জানতে হলে সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ ইউনিট অফিসে যোগাযোগ করতে হবে।

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