

Dhaka Day by Day

Lyrical Lines in Handloom

by Fayza Haq

In an effort to resurrect the ailing art of handloom in India a workshop was held for modern creative artists and traditional weavers. Skills and expertise from different parts of India and Europe lived in a common campus for three weeks and shared their working hours beneficially. The product of this effort generated at Tasara was exhibited at the Goethe Institut, Dhaka. In this tapestry exhibition one came across an integration of traditional textile craft and the formal language of modern art.

A scintillating work with geometric squares, triangles and rectangles was brought in Akhlesh's work. This was in vermilion, orange and pink. Akhlesh has a diploma in Fine Arts (painting) from Indore. Among others he has received the Kalidas Academy Award (Ujjain) and The State Award (Gwalior) and has exhibited all over India.

A world of dreams, myths and fairytales were seen in the lyrical swirls and glides of V. Balakrishnan's green and blue work, set off by yellow and burnt sienna. Interested in innovative application of the traditional frame looms, he was in charge of the Tasara workshop's dyeing processes besides experimenting with natural dyes and artistic designs of his own.

Bhavani Shankar's entire was a magnificent piece with fascinating yellows, oranges, greens and black. Looking at the tapestry you would think you had gone for a long dream-like walk in some pavilion of gods. It had mystifying symbols and lines. Bhavani had received his diploma in Fine Arts from Madras in '79. A freelance artist, he has been awarded a research grant from Lalit Kala Academy and has exhibited in numerous one-man and group shows in India, USA and other places abroad. He received a State Award from Madras in '88.

Joy Chacko from Kerala had an interesting piece with a perched crow. The bird appeared so realistic that you would think it would fly out of the tapestry and peck at something any time. There was a beautiful combination of tawny colours offset by powdery blues and blushing pink hues. There was both a sense of immediacy and mystery in the entire. Joy works as an art teacher at Universal Fine Arts in Calicut. His paintings have been included in various exhibits all over Kerala and abroad.

Subha De had strange hypnotic images of human beings presented in a geometrical, simplified vision. Her piece was a superb combination of blues, purples and yellows. The pink and vermilion in it were dream-like and decorative. Subha, who was born in West Bengal had a first class in B. Fine Arts from Santiniketan. Having studied sculpture, painting and pottery she went on to Baroda to study graphics. She

won a Lalit Kala Academy research grant in '80-'90 for printmaking and has participated in various workshops and exhibitions in India. She has her work at the British Museum, Lalit Kala Academy and several private collections. She is a lecturer at Loyola College, Madras.

There were strange mythical and mystery figures and motifs in P. Gopinath's piece. You could see a lady swooning in the hands of a bold hero. Alongside were soft patterns in greys, blues and yellows. Vermilion brightened the

piece and added life to it. Gopinath, who was born in Kerala, has exhibited all over India, and in Chile, Netherlands and France. He represented India for the XXII international festival of paintings (Cagnes-sur-Mer) in France in '90.

K.V. Haridasan's piece was a neat geometrical one with a sunflower type disc dominating the brown background. Widely exhibited in India, his work has been shown in France, Canada, USSR and Bangladesh. He is working as the principal of the Government College at Trevandrum. He won a gold medal in '75.

Irmgard Herzog's creation with tassels and open spaces in purple, green and yellow was another fascinating entire. She got her diploma in weaving from Wolfenbuttel and has worked as a weaver and a textile designer. She is now a freelance artist at Frankfurt.

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Sigun Neumann from Germany, who has a degree from the State Academy of Fine Arts Mainz, had an overwhelming creation with purple mountains and golden sun-like discs. Sigun has worked as a freelance painter in Germany, France and USA.

Cornelis Peters, from Netherlands, had abstracts woven into his threads, like so many of the others. The blue, pink and yellow colours were buoyant. He has studied art at The Hague and Pabo Academy, Harlem.

Margit Richter from Germany is a social worker and a musician, apart from being interested in handloom designing. Her entire with the swirling lines in black and indigo was sophisticated and subtle. Vasudha Thorur, who has a degree from Croydon (UK), had an impressive piece included in the exhibition. Consisting of blues, pinks, greens and yellow, it had floating images of men, animals, fish and birds. She has had solo shows in Madras and London.

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Develop computer software to absorb jobless: Sircar

Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar Thursday underscored the need for more use of computers in different offices and business firms as well as in every day activities, reports BSS.

He said this was necessary to develop skilled computer operating manpower and expertise for national progress and development.

The Minister was speaking at the inaugural function of a seminar on 'Prospects of software development and data entry services in Bangladesh and role of Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC)' held at the auditorium of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation here.

Organised by BCC the inaugural session of the seminar was presided over by the Secretary of Science and Technology Division Lt Col (ret'd) Heshamuddin Ahmed. It was also addressed by the Executive Director of BCC M Azizur Rahman and Deputy Director M Azharul Haque.

Bohra community chief in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Apr 23: Dawoodi Bohra community Chief Dr Syedana Mohammad Burhanuddin was accorded a hearty welcome at the Chittagong Airport here Thursday, reports BSS.

Chittagong City Mayor Mir Mohammad Nasir Uddin, Divisional Commissioner Omar Faruk, some prominent citizens and members of the Bohra community in the port city were present at the airport to receive the distinguished guest. He was presented with bouquets.

Dr Syedana Mohammad Burhanuddin was briefed at the VIP room by the City Mayor on the developed port city. He was also apprised of the devastation caused by the April 29/91 cyclone and tidal bore.

Estesqa Namaj offered in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Apr 23: Estesqa Namaj arranged by Rajshahi City Corporation was offered today at Rajshahi Shah Makhdom Eidgah Maidan seeking the mercy of Allah for rainfall, reports BSS.

Dry spell has been prevailing in the country particularly northern region for a long time adversely affecting crops and supply of pure drinking water creating problems for the people and spreading various diseases.

A large number of people including Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu and government officials attended the Namaj.

The Namaj was conducted by the Principal of Rajshahi Islamia Madrasa Moulana Salim Uddin Ahmad.

BAAS confce May 2

The 17th annual science conference of Bangladesh Association for the Advancement of Science (BAAS) will be held on May 2 at the Institute of Post-graduate Studies in Agriculture at Gazipur, reports BSS.

All members of the association have been requested to attend.

List of Rohingyas handed over

A spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here Thursday stated that the 15th instalment of the list of Myanmar Muslim refugees numbering 24,060 (twenty-four thousand sixty) was handed over Thursday, to the Embassy of the Union of Myanmar in Dhaka for necessary action by the Myanmar government.

Thus lists of 191,263 (one hundred ninety-one thousand two hundred sixty-three) Myanmar Muslim refugees have so far been handed over to the Myanmar authorities.



Friday

Morning Session

- 8.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran
- 8.10 Programme summary
- 8.15 News in Bangla
- 8.45 Amra Natun
- 9.10 Cartoon: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Tukitaki
- 9.30 Film: The Spectacular World of Guinness Records
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.15 Moner Mukuray
- 11.15 Documentary: National Geographic Explorer Closing

Evening Session

- 3.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran
- 3.15 Programme summary
- 3.20 Recitation from the Triptak
- 3.40 Alore Dishari
- 3.50 Movie of the Week
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.30 Sports programme: Football
- 6.45 Shikshangan
- 7.05 Malancha
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Musical programme
- 9.00 Shatarupa: Magazine
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Drama series: L.A. Law
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.40 Saturday's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing

Huda inaugurates Star TV channel

The Sonargaon switched on the satellite receiving dish (Star TV) to beam four cable television channels to all their guest rooms Thursday, reports BSS.

The channels include the BBC direct from London with news and information incorporating special news programmes on Asia and the sub-continent.

Prime sports, a sports channel bringing the latest sports, plus a channel bringing the latest movies, dramas and shows, and music television, the latest hits broadcast on its own music channel.

The four channels will operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Inaugurating the ceremony, the Minister of Information Barister Nazmul Huda pulled the switch to beam the channels to the hotel. Abdul Mannan, State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism, Andrew McBurnie, General Manager of the Sonargaon Hotel, Gazi Sadequul Islam, Managing Director of the owning company, Hotels International Ltd, members of the Board of Directors and members of the press were present.

Transport owners oppose enhanced ferry charges

Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Samity Thursday sought intervention of the Prime Minister for resolving the problem arising out of government decision to enhance ferry charges by 58 percent, reports UNB.

"Running transport by paying the enhanced ferry charges is not possible for the owners," the Samity said in a press release after its National Executive Committee meeting held here Thursday.

The government is raising ferry fare without implementing an agreement signed with the Samity after a wildcat transport strike that paralysed road communication in the country in last February, it added.

One killed in road mishap

By DMCH Correspondent

One person was killed when a minibus knocked down two passersby near Mirpur Bangla College on Thursday evening.

Abdul Malek (27) died on the way to hospital while his fellow pedestrian Musa (10) got first aid from the hospital. Malek was a sugarcane juice seller. No one was arrested in this connection.

Biswas visits Mirza Hafiz

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Thursday visited ailing Minister of Law and Justice Mirza Gohar Hafiz at the Diabetic Hospital, reports BSS. The President stayed with the minister for some time and enquired about his health condition.



William B. Milam, Ambassador of USA receiving Lions flag from Lion Gautam Saha, President of Dhaka Club at a function at Dhaka Club Wednesday evening. Carl Olof Cederblad, Ambassador of Sweden and Winston Temple, Mission representative of UNDP also seen.

Weather

Day temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

Light to moderate rain accompanied by squally or gusty wind is likely at a few places over Dhaka and Khulna divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi and Chittagong divisions during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Thursday.

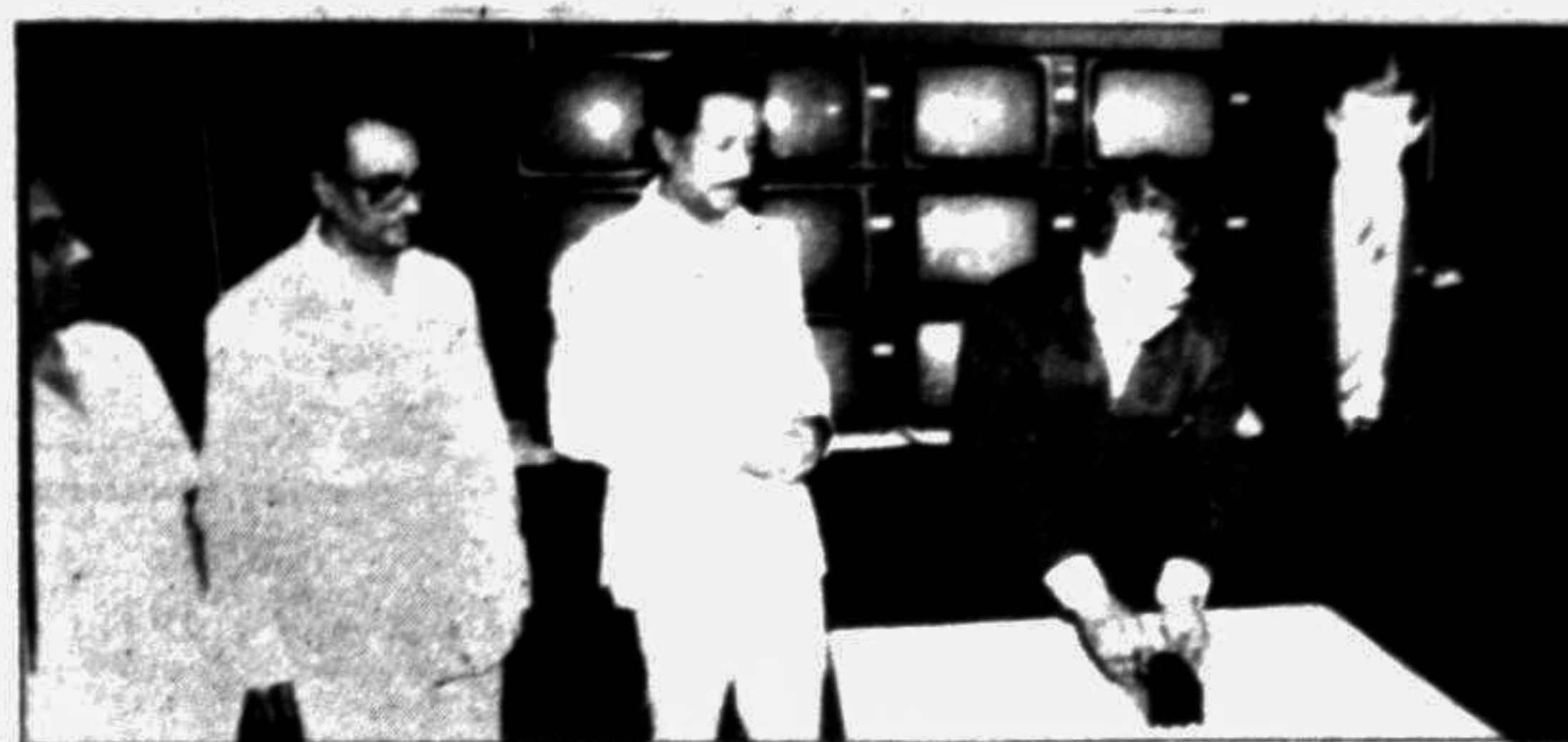
Temperature is likely to fall by one to two degree Celsius during the period.

Little change in weather would be noticed during subsequent two days.

Temperature and humidity recorded at important cities on Thursday were:

	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	36.5	26.6	76	60
Chittagong	32.0	25.5	72	78
Rajshahi	40.6	26.5	58	35
Khulna	35.2	25.3	75	65
Barisal	33.4	26.5	78	79
Dinajpur	36.3	20.0	72	32
Iskhuri	42.0	26.9	59	32
Jessore	38.5	26.0	-	-
Sylhet	31.3	-	82	-

The highest temperature on the day was at Ishuri. Sunset in Dhaka on Friday at 6:24 pm and sunrise on Saturday at 5:29 am.



Information Minister Nazmul Huda inaugurated the Star TV channel at Sonargaon Hotel Thursday. State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan was also present on the occasion. —PID photo

Bangladesh capable of treating gastro-intestinal diseases

Bangladesh is now capable of providing treatment of various complicated gastro-intestinal liver diseases by ultra-modern methods, reports BSS.

The advanced diagnosis and treatment under ERCP (Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangio Pancreatography) — the special examination for bile duct, gall-bladder and liver, pancreas — is now being done at the BIRDEM Hospital, which was founded by Professor Mohammad Ibrahim, the great late physician, social worker and National Professor.

The BIRDEM Hospital is not only doing ERCP but stones from the bile ducts are also being taken out without surgery.

Talking to BSS, Dr A Q M Mohsen, in-charge of BIRDEM's ERCP unit, said the hospital has been performing these advanced medical procedures since the middle of 1980. He said about one thousand such procedures had been done so far with encouraging rate of recovery.

The only hospital with latest medical technology in the country, BIRDEM is also treating

jaundice patients through the system. Dr Mohsen said pancreatic cancer or cancer of the bile duct (Cholangio-Carcinoma) is being treated by inserting special tubes (stent) inside the bile duct to maintain the free flow of bile into the intestine, thus relieving jaundice.

Dr Mohsen said in many cases jaundice was caused by the migration of round-worms into the bile duct which could only be diagnosed and treated by this procedure.

Bleeding from the gastro-intestinal tract is one of the very critical medical emergencies whose surgical treatment carried a very high mortality rate, say the experts. They also say that the main causes for this are gastric and duodenal ulcers and oesophageal varices. This condition could not be treated with endoscopic means without surgery. A number of patients have been treated at the BIRDEM hospital during the last few months which was earlier not possible.

Also the colonic polyp (small tumour of the large intestine) is being treated without surgery at the BIRDEM Hospital is regularly performing diagnostic laparoscopy and planning to introduce laser technology in the treatment which is not available in the country.

Dr Mohsen, who served in Saudi Arabia as gastro enterologist and hepatologist, said in the field of medical service Bangladesh was in a position to offer the people the same level of service as currently available in the advanced countries.

Visiting US team briefed of relief to Rohingyas

The visiting two member US delegation led by Eric Schwartz, staff consultant to the Asia and Pacific sub-committee of the House foreign affairs committee, called on Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman here Thursday morning, reports BSS.

The foreign minister briefed the delegation about the plight of the refugees and emphasised that government is doing everything possible to provide relief to the refugees.

Pak Army Chief leaves Dhaka

Chief of Army Staff, Pakistan Army, General Asif Nawaz left here Thursday after a week long visit to Bangladesh, according to an ISPR press release, reports BSS.

General Asif Nawaz, Begum Asif Nawaz and other members of his entourage were given a hearty send-off at the Zia International Airport by Chief of Army Staff Lt General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan and Begum Sophia Khan.

Other senior army officers were also present at the airport to bid farewell to the distinguished guests. Pakistan High Commissioner to Bangladesh Anwar Kemal was also present.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

The containerised cargo ex. M. V. Brandenburg V-EM-209 from Felixstowe, Rotterdam, Aarhus, Hamburg, ex. M. V. Halberstadt V-972B from Damman have been relayed to M. V. WESER STAR V-9209, Import Rotation No. 293/92 is due to arrive Chittagong on or about 25-4-92 from Singapore.

Consignees are requested to take delivery of their cargo from FCL containers within 5 days free time from the date of landing and if cargo not cleared within 45 days will be guided by Customs Act.

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Notice Regarding Computer Training

To enhance the standard of computer professionals and create new professionals, Bangladesh Computer Council invites applications from govt./semi-govt./autonomous/private bodies and intending persons. Description regarding the training is given below:

- Course title
- Duration of course
- Number of trainees
- Cost of training

Introduction to Unix, C/C++ and Oracle (2nd and following batches)
46 days (46x6=276 hours) excepting govt. holidays daily 8-30 AM to 3-00 PM.
probable date of starting the 2nd batch: 22-05-92.

20 (twenty) persons in each batch.
Taka 5,000/- (five thousand) only per trainee. In case of trainees from such govt./semi-govt./autonomous establishments as without financial allotment in their current budget, the course fee in part or full may be paid from Bangladesh Computer Councils own budget, subject to the approval of the council. In case of retired or about to retire officers of govt./semi-govt./autonomous establishments or college/university teachers intending to work as trainees later on, the course fee of maximum three persons may be paid from the grant account of the Computer Council subject to prior permission.

Minimum educational qualification — graduate in any subject.
Participant in the course must have primary knowledge on use of computer. Preference will be given to persons employed as programmer/Systems Analyst/UP Manager or in equivalent posts in different establishments and selected persons of establishments which have computer system or are going to have that. Bio-data of the candidate, certificates of passing different examinations, detailed description of experience and training on computer and one copy passport size photograph. Trainees in the course will be imparted training on the following subjects:

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- Computer Programming Techniques: knowledge of programming with different programming tools and their application.
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- UNIX Operating System: Practical knowledge of UNIX Operating System, shell programming UNIX System administration.
- C/C++ programming: Construction of C programme, use of operator, pointer, structure & file, concept of object oriented programming & general application.
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- Project work: Any practical system design applicable in the field of management — through integrated application of subjects on which training has been imparted in different modules of the course.

Employees of Govt./semi-govt./autonomous establishments should send application through proper authority channel. Last date of application: 10/05/92.

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