

Dhaka Day by Day

Inspired by Environment

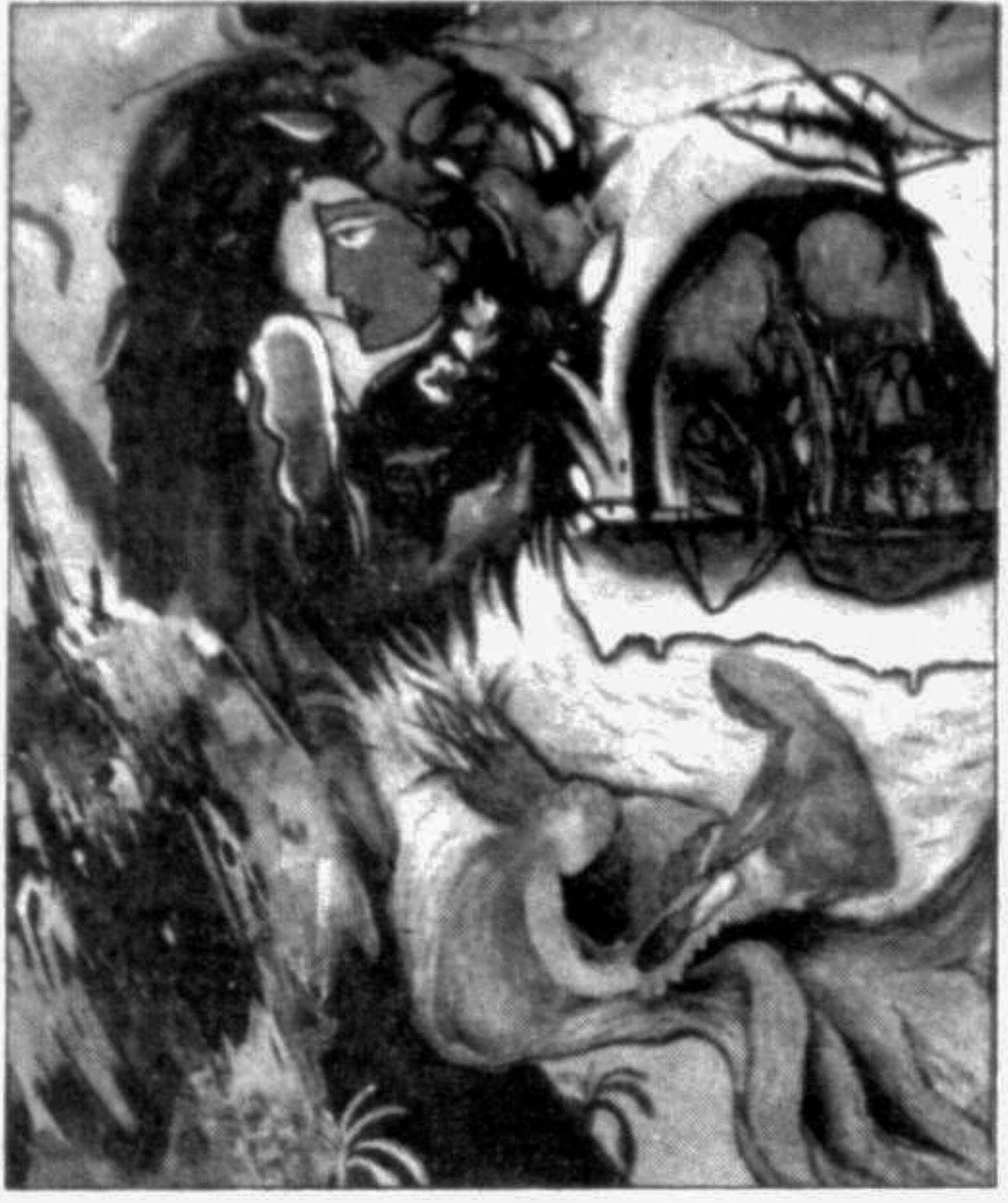
by Fayza Haq

The paintings and other creative pieces, which were the product of the Artists' Camp held at Chittagong were exhibited at the Shilpakala Academy. Goethe Institut and Shilpakala Academy sponsored the display in a joint venture.

One of the first items of remarkable merit was the untitled mixed media by Christian Rothman. There were wild, imaginative green and ochre swirls for the land and different shades of blue for the sky and the sea.

Born in Poland, Rothman has had four solo exhibits and nine group shows in Europe. He teaches photo-screen print in Berlin.

The subject of the Artists' Camp being environment, all the artists kept the relationship between man and his surroundings in view. Naïma Haque brought in the soft romantic half moon and soft waving trees against the star filled sky in 'The Lost Image'. Naïma, who has her MA from Barodha has had fifteen group shows and a solo display at home and abroad.



Nasreen Begum painted one of her delightful romantic delineations of women in 'Still Then Love' in dreamy blue. Nature was carefully combined with the portrait of young woman with flowers, trees, a butterfly and soft cascading hills. She has had one solo and twenty-three group exhibits.

Shamsul Islam Nazami had a soft, scintillating and soothing creation in the oil 'Incomplete', which was an abstract with soft purples, pinks and oranges. Nazami, who has had his higher education at Bretton College of Education and the Barnsly College of Arts and Crafts, UK, has had four solo exhibits and forty-three group shows. He now heads the Ceramics Department at the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka.

Shoumen Das from Chittagong University had an exotic oil on canvas termed 'Nature'. It had birds, leaves and flowers arranged in a boyant, idyllic swirl. The colours ranged from vermilion and cobalt blue to mauve pinks and white. Shoumen is at present a lecturer at Chittagong.

'Grey Square' by Naheed Akhtar was another impressive abstract piece in oil with yellow, brown, ochre and black with a single dominating grey square. Naheed, who has studied in barodha now teacher Art History at the Institut of Fine

Arts, Dhaka, similarly, Murshid Arzu Alpana's abstraction in shades of green, with touches of white and blue, brought in the richness of the Bangladesh countryside, with its vast expanse of different shades of green.

Nazlee (Liala Mansur)'s 'Rickshaw', delineated a rickshawalla sitting and relaxing in his rickshaw and waiting to pick up a passenger. The oil painting had brought in the green and blue of the surrounding nature in Bangladesh on to the skin and clothes of the human being as well as his means of earning a living his gaily decorated vehicle. Nazlee is a lecturer in Art History at Chittagong. Morshed Chowdhury's 'Everyday Vs One Day' was an interesting surrealistic painting with symbols and pieced together scenes from the city. It had a lot of grey, blue, red and pink. Morshed has had several exhibitions and is a freelance artist.

The depiction of trees, grass, mountains and clouds by K. M. Abdul Quayyum was another thought-provoking and inspired piece. The greens and blues were subtle and soothing. Quayyum has received four awards in painting from the Shilpakala Academy from '76 to '85. He is at present a lecturer at Chittagong. 'Angry Bay' by Khandakar Badrul Islam was pulsating with life with its rich blues, reds and ochre. Islam has had two solos and seven group exhibits.

'Nil Kantha', an oil on canvas by Dilara Begum Jolly, was bursting with bright yellows and orange, which went in the depiction of the eye-catching images. Dilara has had 10 group exhibitions. 'Boraque' by Dhali Al Mmamoon was interspersed with imaginary and surrealistic figures. Niloofer Chaman was there too at the camp and produced a highly imaginative entree called 'Dragon Lily and They are Four'. Niloofer won the Young Artist Award from the Shilpakala Academy in '90. Similarly the abstraction in blue and brown 'Only For You' by Sanjib Dutta was a powerful creation in oil.

Interesting to note were also the 'installation works' by Niloofer Chaman, which consisted of a collection of paper bags; Dilara Begum Jolly's creation with lamps; Nasreen Begum's collection of paint tubes; Naïma Haque's entree with torn packages, as well as the creations out of thread and cane by Shoumen Das and Nazli Mansoor.



Mohiuddin Ahmed MP and AL Leader addressing a public meeting in the city yesterday in support of today's hartal. — Star photo

Exclusion of English, Arabic from primary curriculum suggested

Massive mass-awakening and spontaneous participation of the local populace were stressed at a national seminar here Sunday for successful implementation of Woman Education and Compulsory Primary Education Programme, reports BSS.

Presenting the key-note paper on 'Woman Education and Compulsory Primary Education (CPE): Problems and Solution' at the seminar, educationist Prof M Harun-Rashid said people's active participation were needed for attaining success in the CPE and Woman Education Programme.

The seminar, held at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium, was organised by the Ministry of Education on the occasion of National Education week that began Sunday.

Presided over by Education Secretary Shaful Alam, the seminar was participated, among others, by Mrs Khurshid Jahan Huq MP, Ziaur Rahman Khan MP, Eshanul Kabir, Prof Nurul Kabir and Prof M Abul Hossain.

Prof Rashid, Director-General of Bangla Academy called for giving importance to the role of primary level teachers, for the development of primary education. No massive plan had been taken so far for raising the skill of

the primary teachers, who were supposed to play the vital role in CPE programme, he added.

He said "the cultural obstacles" on the way to eradication of illiteracy and implementation of the CPE and Woman Education would have to be removed.

The Bangla Academy Director-General called for changing the curriculum in primary level and examination system

The primary level curriculum was inappropriate for the children of the rural areas, he said, adding that the spontaneous pleasure of reading was lost as the children had to carry the burden of three languages.

He suggested exclusion of English and Arabic from the primary curriculum.

Prof Rashid said the present examination system was needed to be modified. The students should be evaluated by the teachers on the basis of their academic performances throughout the year, he suggested.

He also recommended to integrate the madrasahs, mak-tabs and mosques of the rural areas in the illiteracy removing programmes.

Prof Rashid suggested setting up of a separate ministry for primary education to accel-

erate the CPE programme.

He also recommended formation of an all-party task-force for making the CPE and Woman Education Programme a success.

Taking part in the discussion, Mrs. Khurshid Jahan Huq, MP emphasised the need for Woman Education, which, she said, was necessary to create consciousness among the women who constitute half of the total population.

She said participation of the students in the CPE programme should be made obligatory to get a government job or business.

Shaful Azam, in his presidential speech, said if income-generating projects were tagged with the CPE, the poor guardians would be encouraged to send their wards to schools.



Bangladesh Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding ban on Jamaat politics. — Star photo

Two CPB central committee members relieved

By Staff Correspondent

The Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) has relieved Mahbub Zaman and Abul Kashem of their responsibilities as the party's Central Committee members in view of their requests.

CPB General secretary Nurul Islam Nahid in a statement issued yesterday made it clear that the two were still members of the party. 'Mahbub Zaman is carrying out responsibilities as a Secretary of the party's city unit.'

French wheat handed over

20,000 tons of wheat given by France as food assistance to Bangladesh for 1992 was yesterday formally handed over to the authorities, reports BSS.

The French Ambassador Serge Degallaix, handed over the wheat to Additional Commissioner of Chittagong.

Since the beginning of fiscal year 1992, Bangladesh has received 40,000 tons of wheat as grant from France to be used under the Food for Work, vulnerable group development and NGO projects.

The French embassy press release said, financial support is also being extended for facilitating transport, processing and use of wheat.

'Carry forward campaign against drugs trafficking'

as resource persons.

Presided over by Prof M S Akbar, President of PSFB the inaugural session was also addressed by Youth and Sports Secretary Nazrul Islam, World Health Organisation (WHO) representative in Bangladesh A N A Abye Sunder, International Council on Alcohol and Addictions (ICAA) Director Evan Tongue, Organising Committee Chairman Badrul Ameen, Executive Secretary of PSFB Dr Farhad Ali and Joint Secretary of PSFB Dr Mesbahul Karim.

He said parents, teachers, social workers, political workers and leaders and government functionaries should carry forward the campaign against drugs and its trafficking.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural session of a week-long international training course for Primary Health Care and Prevention professionals in the field of drug abuse in Bangladesh and Nepal.

Organised by the National Council on Alcohol and Addictions in cooperation with Palli Shishu Foundation of Bangladesh (PSFB) and supported by the Commission of the European Communities, the training course is being participated by over 40 physicians and nurses from Nepal and Bangladesh.

Over a dozen experts including six from the United Kingdom, Germany, Switzerland, India, Zaire and Mauritius are joining the course

What's on today . . .

Management Training Course
Sponsored by Rapport Bangladesh Limited, a six-week Management Training Course on 'Inventory Control and Stores Management' will be inaugurated by M Mosharraf Hossain, Managing Director, Rapport Bangladesh Ltd today (Monday) at 5:30 pm at Rapport Seminar Hall, 98 Malibag (DIT Road), Dhaka.

IEB committee meet
The third meeting of the committee for Service Structure and Welfare of the Engineers of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) will be held today (Monday) at 5:30 pm at the IEB headquarters in the city.

Rotary club of Dhaka North
The 1121st regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held today (Monday) at 5:30 pm at Sonargaon hotel. Dumitru Mociotu, Ambassador of Romania in Bangladesh, will speak on "Political and economic reforms in Romania."

IEB condolence meeting
The Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) has arranged a meeting at its seminar room today (Monday) at 4:30 pm to condole the deaths of three students of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).

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Workshop on Garments Export
A two-day workshop on garments export research, business expansion and company development planning process, jointly organised by the UNDP, Export Promotion Bureau, Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers' and Exporters' Association and Bangladesh Hosiery Association, begins tomorrow (Tuesday) at 9 am at Hotel Purbani International in the city.

Commerce Minister M K Anwar will inaugurate the workshop as chief guest.

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

Weather

Day temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or shower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Khulna and Chittagong divisions and one or two places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Sunday.

Meteorological office forecast day temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius during the period over the country.

Rainfall recorded on Sunday were 16 mm in Cox's Bazar and 3 mm in Sylhet.

The sun sets in Dhaka on Monday at 6:36 pm and rises at 5:14 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	35.0	24.2	75	56
Chittagong	33.6	24.6	76	77
Rajshahi	37.0	26.6	75	58
Khulna	34.5	26.0	-	-
Barisal	34.0	27.0	82	82
Cox's Bazar	34.0	23.0	77	74
Mymensingh	34.4	23.7	85	72
Rangpur	33.0	23.2	88	84
Chandanga	38.8	27.8	64	55

Public servants urged to work efficiently

State Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Sarwari Rahman called upon the officials of the Social Services department to materialise the welfare oriented-programmes of the present democratic government for the rural people, reports BSS.

The State Minister said all officials and employees should work honestly and efficiently so that poor and destitute rural people could get direct benefit from the public services.

She said that any negligence would not be tolerated.

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