

Dhaka Day by Day

Fancy for 'Dail'!

by Dipak Kumar Karmaker

Society can never be altogether free from drugs. People who are prone to drug, will manage one or the other by hook or by crook. The only difference is that sometimes this drug dominates while another some other time.

Even just the other day, heroin was the rage in our country. One still remembers what a great panic it was for the guardians and what a great charm it had for the addicts. Violent attempts were made to eradicate heroin from society and it gradually dissolved under the attempts. But what is now dominating the domain of drug? It is one with rather an innocent and benevolent guise. It is Phensidyl.

Phensidyl was originally a syrup for cough and cold. But thanks to its soporific quality, now people of almost all callings use it rampantly as an intoxicating drug. And as a drug, it has a few advantages over other drugs. Inasmuch as basically it is a medicine, one, while taking it, does not feel the guilt which normally accompanies drug-taking. Furthermore, it can give rise to nice feeling.

But the greatest advantage is that it does not give off smell for which the young people can easily throw dust in their guardians' eyes. This drug, with its medicinal prestige, has been so popular that it is no more called by its original name, but by a pet-name — the Bengali dialect, Dail. As they say taking of Dail has to be followed by plenty of tea and cigarette, for otherwise it does not work. One bottle does for three or four neophytes while for those who are used to it, one requires one full bottle. One bottle of Dail may cost fifty to seventy Taka. It may be remembered that this item was banned long before. But that means nothing. One craves for a bottle of Dail and the seller supplies it. The former derives pleasure and the latter is benefitted; is there anything wrong? — all's right with the world. It seems that normal medicines may sometimes run short, but Dail can never.

There is no room for doubt about the effectiveness of the drug. This will be clear from the following instance. One of my friends, who is not

an addict, recently took Dail at the instance of his addict friends. Consequently he felt very high, sang and felt like dancing. But the actual power of Dail he felt the very next day. He, for the next three days, suffered from a tenacious constipation. He drank milk and took other kinds of purgatives, but to no effect. Nothing could match the strength of Dail. And my friend cannot forget Dail, for, as is obvious, the latter incident.

Those who want to maintain that Phensidyl is comparatively innocuous, unwillingly admit that it has a few disadvantages. It tells upon kidney making one to a great extent vulnerable to jaundice. As one takes it, one frequently feels

the discomfort of dry lips. Above all it eats into vitality leaving the victim all skin and bone. One who has once got addicted to it, meets with various complications, both psychic and somatic, as he gives it up. And this list could be quite sizeable.

It is often said that only the frustrated people take recourse to drugs. But it is, as a matter of fact, the other way round. Those who are really frustrated in life, try to compensate for the loss, while people who want to enjoy the life in toto but have not the necessary push, seize upon the cheaper ways of life. Interestingly enough, such frivolous people become very melancholic as they take drug. They seem to derive a masochistic pleasure in humbling themselves.

Lovers, whether of Dail or other drugs, usually defined themselves by arguing that many great men used to take drug or that many great things of the world were the direct result of the use of drug. The addicts usually refer to a few commonmen who were great but addict. It is a great pity that Shakespeare or Tagore did not take drugs at least to supply the addicts with more points of reference at hand. However, it is evident on the face of it that colorage was not great by virtue of opium — "genius is ten per cent inspiration and ninety per cent perspiration". Drug can induce neither inspiration nor perspiration, but indolence only.



Govt identifies villages as focal point of development

State Minister for Establishment Nurul Huda yesterday called upon the people to work for socio-economic development of the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing a public meeting at the Baganbari Ideal Academy premises at Matlab in Chandpur district.

Presided over by Al-haj Bazlul Gani, former MP the meeting was addressed, among others, by Alam Khan MP and Mosharraf Hossain, Chairman of Baganbari Union Parishad.

The state minister said the government had already identified the village as the focal point of development.

The government would supplement the private entrepreneurs efforts in building small and medium scale industries based on local raw materials. It will help solve acute

rural unemployment problems, he added.

Huda further said the majority of the women-folk of the nation could not take part in the development activities. Their active and equal participation in all development works is badly needed, he said. He called upon the people to take initiatives so that peoples of all walks of life could participate in nation-building activities.

Earlier, the state minister visited the under-construction Meghna Vegetable Oil Industries Limited at Sonargaon upazila.

This industry is being constructed at a cost of over Taka 14 crore and will go into production by August next. The industry will have a production capacity of 50 thousand metric

tons annually. This industry with computerized technology can help save foreign currency reserve equivalent to Taka 50 crore by reducing the vegetable oil import.

Addressing a gathering there the state minister called upon the industrialists to invest in the production oriented sectors.

He sought cooperation of the local people and workers in order to grow interest for establishing industries without any fear and hesitation.

The state minister went round the different parts of the industry. Alam Khan MP, Major General (ret'd) M A Latif, advisor of the industry and Mostafa Kamal, Managing director of the industry accompanied the minister during the visit.

Students, teachers urged to help maintain peace in academic arena

LORD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder said here Friday that after a long struggle of students and people against autocracy, a democratic government had been established in the country, reports BSS.

He said the present government was firmly determined to maintain peace, discipline and congenial atmosphere in the educational institutions. He called upon the students teachers and all others concerned to maintain peace and discipline in the academic arena.

The minister was addressing the freshers' reception function '92 of Tejgaon College Students' Union in the college premises here.

The function was presided over by the principal of the college Tofayel Ahmed Chowdhury and addressed, among others, by State Minister for Textile Abdul Mannan, Kamrul Islam MP, President and General Secretary of Chhatra Dal, Dhaka Metropolitan wing Abdul Khayer Bhytayan and Nasiruddin Pintu. Other leaders of Chhatra

Dal and Tejgaon College Students' Union also spoke.

The minister said education is the backbone of a nation. Without education no country or nation can be developed. The present government has given the highest priority to education sector, he said.

The government, he said had taken some realistic steps for the spread of education which include Compulsory Primary Education and Gono Shikkha Programmes. For the spread of women education, the government had made education free for girl-students upto class eight outside the municipal area.

Salam Talukder said the students are the future of the country and they will have to shoulder the responsibility to build up and lead the country. He called upon the student-community to build them up as worthy and educated citizens through timely completion of their education with perseverance, sincerity and devotion in order to carry out their future responsibilities.

BCS (Judicial) team meets Mirza Hafiz

An eight-member delegation of Bangladesh Civil Service (Judicial) Association called on Law and Justice Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz at his office on Thursday, reports UNB.

The delegation led by Dhaka District Judge and President of the Association Nasir Uddin Ahmed requested the minister to look in to the problems relating to promotion of BCS (Judicial).



Obituary

G M A Helali, Public Relations Officer of the Election Commission Secretariat, died of liver cirrhosis at Holy Family River Cerebral Hospital here Thursday night. He was 42, reports UNB.

A freedom fighter, Helali left behind his mother, wife, one son, one daughter and a host of friends and relatives.

His namaj-e-janaza was held at Baitul Mokarram Mosque after Juma prayer Friday.

Qul Khwani of the deceased will be held on May 25 at his Baily Road residence after Asr prayers.



Saturday

- 5:00 Opening announcement Al-Quran, Programme summary
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Recitation from the Geeta
- 5:30 Khelag Jagat
- 6:00 Drama Series: Moon Dial
- 6:30 Matti O Manush
- 7:05 Banishari
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Prabaha
- 9:00 Balun Dekhi
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Dallas
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:40 Sunday's programme summary
- 11:45 Closing



Karak Nattya Sampraday staged a play 'Jago Lakkha Noor Hossein' Friday at the Shaheed Minar on the occasion of Gono Nattya Utsav '92.

What's on today....

Art exhibition

A Turkish Embassy-sponsored art exhibition will be held today (Saturday) at House No 13 of Road No 96, Gulshan in the city.

The exhibition will remain open for public from 10 am to 5 pm.

The exhibition will put on paintings by Professor Massuda M R Choudhury, Gudrun Cederblad, Mary Coldren, Shamsuddoha, Jamal Ahmed, Mohammad Mohsin, Shukumar, Cemal Sangu and Jahangir Hossain.

ICAB Convocation '92

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) will hold its convocation for distributing certificates among the students passed CA final and intermediate examinations at the Chartered Accountant Bhaban (100 Kazim Nazrul Islam Road) today (Saturday).

Commerce Minister M K Anwar will attend the function as chief guest. The function starts at 5.30 pm.

PIB training course

A fortnight-long training course for the sub-editors working in Mufassil desk in different national dailies and news agencies of the country begins today (Saturday) at the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB).

University teachers, veteran journalists and PIB instructors will discuss various aspects of the course.

ICMA-UNDP workshop

The inauguration of a six-day workshop, jointly sponsored by the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will take place at hotel Purbani International in the city today (Saturday) at 4.30 pm.

Information Minister Nazmul Huda will attend the workshop as chief guest while State Minister for Law Aminul Haque will be the special guest.

Management Deptt function

A joint function of prize-giving, freshers' reception and old student's farewell of the Management Department of Dhaka University will be held at Teacher-Student Centre today (Saturday).

Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof Wajid Ahmed will inaugurate the function as chief guest at 10 am.

Commerce Faculty Dean Prof A B M Khaled and Daily Ittefaq chairman of editorial board Moinul Hossain will be the special guests.

Workshop on non-destructive testing

A workshop on non-destructive testing for Bangladesh Railway begins at Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission auditorium in the city today (Saturday) at 9.30 am.

Jointly sponsored by the Atomic Energy Commission and non-destructive testing personnel certification, the workshop will be inaugurated by Hesamuddin Ahmed, Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology, as chief guest.

Solo art exhibition

A 10-day fourth solo art exhibition of Ratan Majumder will be opened today (Saturday) at Panda Garden restaurant in the city.

French Ambassador in Bangladesh Serge Degallaix will inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest at 10 am.

Inner Wheel Club meet

The regular monthly meeting of Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka South will be held at 5 pm today (Saturday) at Hotel Metropolitan in the city.

Rotary Club of Uttara

The Rotary Club of Uttara holds its 66th regular weekly meeting at the Chilling Chinese restaurant at Uttara today (Saturday) at 5 pm.

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Orgenta film show

A German film 'The Run Away' will be screened at the auditorium of German Cultural Institute in the city tomorrow (Sunday) at 6 pm.

The film show, part of a fortnight-long film festival, organised by Orgenta International Film Society in observance of its 16th founding anniversary and in memory of Oscar-winner film-maker Satyajit Ray.

Distribution of "Swadhinota Padak '92"

Save the Distressed People will distribute "Swadhinota Padak '92" at a ceremonial function at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium tomorrow (Sunday) at 4.30 in the afternoon.

Weather

Thundershower likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at many places over Chittagong division and at a few places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Khulna divisions.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country for the next 48 hours commencing from 8 am Saturday.

The country at various places experienced rain Friday. The highest rainfall was recorded at Chandpur of 71 mm. Dinajpur had 20 mm, Rangpur 21 mm, Chittagong 4 mm, Jessore and Satkhira both 1 mm of rainfall.

The highest temperature of 33 degree Celsius was recorded at Kutubdia Friday.

The sun sets today (Saturday) at 6.39 pm and the sun rises at 5.13 am Sunday.

Temperature and humidity recorded in some important cities and towns Friday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity percenta	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 p
Dhaka	32.0	21.2	70	
Chittagong	31.2	21.5	92	
Rajshahi	31.4	20.2	54	
Khulna	31.0	19.3		
Sylhet	30.4	22.2	57	
Dinajpur	28.3	23.0	73	
Cox's Bazar	30.0	22.3	70	
Barisal	31.6	19.2	82	
Kutubdia	33.0	22.0	91	

Four rescued from sunken trawler

KHULNA, May 22: Members of the Bangladesh Navy Unit at Mongla rescued all the four crew members of a sunken trawler at Mongla last night, says a press release.

The trawler was fully loaded with cement and sand while it sank in the river Pussur.

BUET exams from June 23

The final examination of 1990-90 session of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) will begin June 23, reports UNB.

The examinations will continue till July 29, BUET sources said.

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An International Development Agency is looking for a Female Qualified Secretary

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World Bank Vacancy for an Irrigation Engineer

**The Job:** Supervised by Chief of the Agriculture Unit in the Bank Office at Dhaka, the incumbent will be one of the two Engineers responsible for supervising the Bank financed civil works, operation and maintenance of flood control, drainage and irrigation projects, river control works, review of Flood Action Plan Reports and the evaluation of impact of projects on agriculture production.

**Qualification:** The ideal candidate would be 40-55 years of age, have a Masters or equivalent degree in Civil Engineering (relaxable in the case of outstanding candidates with overseas training), be fluent in spoken and written English and be knowledgeable in computer based analyses.

**Experience:** The minimum requirement is 15 years of experience in planning, designing, construction, operation and maintenance of flood control and irrigation projects, of which 5 years should be in senior management positions. Interest in irrigated agriculture would be of advantage.

**Remuneration:** The World Bank pays competitive salaries and benefits.

**Joining Date:** The World Bank would prefer that the candidate could join by August 1, 1992.

All applications will be treated with strict confidence.

Please apply with a copy of your cv no later than 15 June, 1992, at the address given below:

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