

Dhaka Day by Day

Fishing — in Dhaka

by Parveen Anam

The Bangalee loves his fish. No two ways about it. He is hardly likely to compromise on the issue. No meal is complete, without at least one tasty fish included in the menu. But, in these modern times, he is finding it more and more difficult, to keep up the tradition. Fish is a scarce commodity, with only a few being actually able to afford it. The transport strikes at regular intervals, of course, add to the misery of the fish loving Bangalee. But, the Bangalee has always been known for his innovativeness.

If there is no fish available in the markets, he is not unduly worried. At least a good many of them are not. And these are the ones determined to have their fish, no matter what. So, out comes their fishing rod, and they are off to catch their own fish — in the lakes, ponds, 'jheels' whatever is available. Perhaps it sounds too snooty, to say 'fishing rods'. The best most of them can afford, is a piece of bamboo, with a string attached, at a hook at the end and fish bait improvised from their even more improvised kitchen. And he is happily off to catch his own meal.

The city fathers' are not so happy though, at this determined attitude of the angler and the arm of the law is often out prowling, to catch them at it. For the ones who fish in the lakes, (there are not very many of them, though) can only do so at certain times of the year, after buying a regular ticket, which gives him the right to fish at a particular spot. But then, rules are only made to be broken.

The determined fish lover is puzzled, as to



what exactly the authorities mean by a certain time of the year? Surely, you have to eat the year round? So what's all this about a particular time of the year? If the authorities begin to bother him too much, he will go fishing at night. Hopefully, the powers that be are night blind and will not notice him! And in the unlikely event, that he does manage to get caught, well, there are ways and means, of getting out of these tricky situations. But fish he must have. It is a fact, that fishing is forbidden at certain times of the year.

Not that that bothers the Dhakaites. He will happily fish the year round, at the rather contaminated lakes and ponds, dotting the city limits. Some times, we read about these people falling ill, after consuming fish, which were probably better off in the lakes or wherever. And these people would have probably been better off, on a vegetarian diet. But then, there you are. The eternal Bangalee and his eternal love for his fish. The city fathers make half-hearted attempts to make the fish lover buy his ticket during the peak fishing season. But their greed prevents them from being successful. The few odd takas is the greatest hindrance to the fish reaching maturity. The great fanfare on TV, informing us of the well-meaning govt official releasing the fish fries, somehow has begun to sound hollow. The fish fry are only visible on the TV. They never go beyond that. The fish lover's plate is where the fish is. And we are all happy; the Bangalee with his fish and the authorities with their extra taka.



Indian High Commissioner Sree Roghunnath at the inaugural ceremony of 'Satyajit Saptah' at Shishu Academy auditorium Thursday evening. Sitting from left: Morshedul Islam, Sayeed Ahmed, Kamal Lohani, Shamsur Rahman. — Star photo

JCD demands action against miscreants

Leaders of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Thursday demanded arrest of the miscreants who manhandled one of their activists recently, reports UNB.

Rafiqul Islam Bhuiyan, General Secretary of the Institute of Education and Research (IER) Students' Union of Dhaka University was beaten up seriously by some miscreants on Tuesday at the institute premises.

The IER unit of JCD organised a protest rally at its campus protesting the attack and demanding arrest of those responsible for the incident.

Presided over by Kamal Hossain, JCD IER unit President, the rally was addressed among others by SKM Asaduzzaman, IER Students' Union VP Saiful Islam, AGS Golam Hossain Sohel, Literary Secretary Anwarul Hossain, Sports Secretary Abdullah Al Harun.

They urged the university authorities and law enforcing agencies to take stern action against the outsiders and "identified terrorists" staying on the campus.

Opening of new bus terminal in Chittagong demanded

CHITTAGONG, July 9: One hundred six eminent citizens here today demanded immediate opening of the newly constructed Taka three crore Bahadurhat bus terminal, reports BSS.

In a statement here, they said the construction of the terminal was completed a few months back but on account of a tussle between Chittagong Development Authority (CDA) and bus owners and transport workers over leasing of the terminal delayed its opening much to the inconvenience of the people.

BPDB urges consumers to pay dues

Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) has requested all its valued consumers to pay their electricity bills, including arrear without further delay, a PDB press release said Thursday, reports BSS.

PDB magistrate courts have started special drive for disconnecting the lines of defaulting consumers and illegal users of electricity.

The last date of payment of electricity bills without interest and surcharge expired on June 30.

World Population Day tomorrow

World Population Day '92 will be observed in Bangladesh as elsewhere in the world tomorrow (Saturday), reports BSS.

The theme of this year's World Population Day is "A world in balance". The day will brighten public awareness of population and environment issues throughout the world, a UN information centre press release said.

In Bangladesh, the day is expected to be formally inaugurated by the Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, at Osmani Memorial Hall. The Prime Minister, the Minister for Health and Family Welfare will deliver messages highlighting the significance of the day.

The day will start with a rally in the morning.

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will also organise a seminar on July 13.

Special newspaper supplements will also be brought out on the occasion. Bangladesh Television and Radio Bangladesh will air special programmes.

Also in connection with the observance of the day, Family Planning Association of Bangladesh in collaboration with UNFPA will organise debate contests for school children, children's painting exhibition and essay contest for college and university students.

The painting exhibition will remain open on July 13 and 14 at the auditorium of Family Planning Association of Bangladesh.

Projanmo, a monthly journal of Family Planning Services and Training Centre, in cooperation with UNFPA will also

publish a special issue on this occasion.

The day will be observed all over the country. At the district level rallies and seminars will be the main events.

Seminar on 'environment of Dhaka' today

By Staff Correspondent

Dhaka City Museum and Bangladesh Shapath Institute will jointly hold a seminar on "the environment of old Dhaka and the Dhaka central jail" today at the seminar hall of the Engineers Institution at 4 pm.

Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation and member of the parliament Mirza Abbas will attend the seminar as chief guest while President of the Dhaka City museum trustee board Professor Nazrul Islam will preside over the seminar.

Architect Abdul Mohaimen and Selina Afrose will present the keynote papers while architects Majharul Islam, Shah Alam Jahiruddin, planner Jakir Hossain and ER Khan will discuss at the seminar.

Obituary

By Staff Correspondent

SK Shome, a former high ranking police official, died of old age complications at the BIRDEM Hospital in the city early Thursday. He was 70. Shome had a chequered career in the police department retiring as Deputy Director (Anti-Corruption).

An amiable personality, Shome was also known for his social work and magnanimity.

He leaves behind a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

He was cremated at Postagola yesterday afternoon.

Dr Moshir Rahman elected BMRC chief

Dr Kazi Moshir Rahman has been elected Chairman of Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC) for three years. At present, he is head of Microbiology Department at PG Hospital. The election was held in the Public Health Laboratory Conference room on June 25.

It may be mentioned that Dr Kazi Moshir Rahman has secured the first position among professors' gradation list. He is the founder of modern microbiology department of IPGMR. A good number of his articles on research had been published at home and abroad.



A Los Angeles musical troupe arrived in Dhaka at the invitation of 'Show Biz International' yesterday.

Consensus a must to build free market economy: Suranjit

By Staff Correspondent

Parliament witnessed the general debate on the proposed budget for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the fourth day Wednesday with its 11 members taking part in the deliberations.

Five out of a total of 11 members taking part in the discussion belong to the ruling BNP while rest of the MPs belong to Awami League, Jatiya Party, Jamaat and Gonotantri Party.

Suranjit Sen Gupta of Gonotantri Party at the beginning of his deliberation on the proposed budget said that with his departure from conventional socialist ideology, he was, in principle; agreed to the spirit of the proposed budget seeking flourishing of a free market economy in the country.

Suranjit, before getting critical about the government's approach to the budget, praised some of its aspects that included the Finance Minister's attempt to restructure

the taxation system of the country and meet 25 per cent of the development expenditure from the internal resources.

Then Suranjit observed that political consensus between the Treasury Bench and the Opposition was a must for really pushing a free market economy. In that case, Suranjit continues, the government had to take the parliament in confidence even for revealing the World Bank and IMF conditionalities relating to aids and grants for the country in Parliament.

Suranjit observed gap between the budget speech of the Finance Minister which claimed that the government was accountable to the people and the government's real practice in dealing matters that did not care for taking the Parliament in confidence. In this respect, he alleged that the MPs, even all the ministers reportedly, were not properly

consulted about the guiding principle of a budget to be drafted earlier.

Suranjit also observed that political stability was a must for the economic development of the country. But political stability could not be ensured without ensuring rule of law in the country, he added.

You talk about rule of law but hesitate to separate judiciary from administration, Suranjit accused the ruling party adding this gap between slogan and practice must be removed for the sake of the country's welfare.

Plan to install digital phone all over country

The government has undertaken a massive plan of installing 3,15,300 digital telephone lines all over the country to meet the growing demand for telephone, the Telecommunication Minister told the Parliament Thursday, reports UNB.

Replying to Maksud Ibne Aziz Lama of Jatiya Party, Telephone Minister Mohammad Keramat Ali said, under the plan, 65,000 digital telephone will be set up in Dhaka Metropolitan city and 20,500 in Chittagong Metropolitan.

All said, 1,00,000 digital sets and 28,800 analogue telephone lines will be installed by Telephone Shilpa Sangstha at different places in the country. He said, 4500 public call offices will also be installed under the plan.

The Minister informed the House that international tender has been invited to modernise the Telephone Shilpa Sangstha which will provide one lakh digital telephone links annually.

In reply to a supplementary, he said, at present there are two telephone sets per 1,000 people in the country as against 600-700 telephone per 1,000 people in developed countries.

He told Abdus Shahid of Awami League that 20,000 new telephone connections will be given during the current financial year.

In reply to Mirza Azam of Awami League, the Telephone Minister said that T&T Board earned 308562.50 lakh and spent Tk 215750.32 lakh in the last 20 years since 1972.



Friday Morning Session

8.00 Opening Announcement
Al-Quran Programme Summary

8.10 News in Bangla
8.15 Chena Kahini
8.40 Cartoon Show:
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle

9.10 Taka Paisa
9.30 The Spectacular World of Genes Record

10.00 News in English
10.05 Moner Mukure
11.15 Sports programme

Evening Session

12.00 Programme Summary
Closing Announcement
Opening Announcement
Al-Quran Programme Summary

3.00 Recitation from the Tripitak

3.12 Alor Diahari
3.40 Movie of the Week
5.10 News in Bangla
5.30 Sports Programme Football
6.45 Anu-Poromanu
7.05 Sangeeta
8.00 News in Bangla
8.30 Musical Programme: Euro tops

9.00 Ithadi
10.00 News in English
10.30 Drama Series: LA Law
11.30 Khabar/The News
11.40 Saturday's Programme Summary
11.45 Closing Announcement

Weather

No change in day temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Light or moderate rain or showers likely to occur at a few places over Chittagong and Khulna divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the next 24 hours commencing from 6 am today (Friday).

The met office forecast day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country. Rainfall may increase by five days under the influence of monsoon, the met office said.

Yesterday (Thursday) the country experienced rainfall at many places. The highest of 59mm of rainfall recorded in 12 hours from 6 am to 6 pm was reported from Satkhira. While Comilla had 56mm, Teknaf 28mm, Feni 23mm, Khulna 15mm, Cox's Bazar 7mm, Kutubdia 5mm and Bogra had 2mm of rainfall.

The maximum temperature of 34.8 degree Celsius was reported from Comilla yesterday and the minimum of 22.4 degree was reported from Faridpur.

The sun sets today at 6.50 pm and the sun rises tomorrow at 5.18 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	33.0	26.0	83	82
Chittagong	31.8	25.8	75	86
Khulna	32.9	26.2	81	98
Rajshahi	32.7	25.0	97	76
Rangpur	32.4	25.8	98	74
Cox's Bazar	28.4	26.0	89	92
Comilla	34.8	25.5	88	100
Faridpur	33.0	22.4	86	90

"Satyajit Saptah" begins

By Staff Correspondent.

'Satyajit Saptah', a seven-day function of holding discussion, seminar on and show of Satyajit Ray's films, began in the capital yesterday.

Bangladesh federation of film societies arranged the programmes at the Shishu Academy auditorium to pay tribute to Ray, a film-maker of international repute.

Poet Shamsur Rahman opening the week's programmes termed Ray one of a few Bangalees, we could be proud of. He (Ray) upheld the Bangalee culture before the world community.

Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Sree Roghunnath attending the inaugural session as chief guest pointed out Satyajit through his films tremendously reflected man and nature and the correlations between the two. Satyajit by dint of his sincere effort succeeded in making extraordinary films based on very usual pictures surrounding us, he added. Kamal Lohani chaired the opening session while the federation General Secretary Morshedul Islam delivered the address of welcome.

On the first day, Satyajit Ray's last film 'Ganasatru' was screened.

Food stock 'satisfactory'

Different aspects of procurement, storage and distribution of foodgrains were discussed at a meeting on 'food policy and management' in Dhaka Thursday with Food Minister M Shamsul Islam in the chair, an official handout said, reports BSS.

Speaking at the meeting the Food Minister described the present stock of foodgrains in the country as 'satisfactory' and expressed hope that the food procurement during the current Irri-Boro season might exceed the target.

The meeting decided to stop supply of wheat to the flour mill owners from the food department from October this year with a view to encouraging the private sector with regard to import of wheat.

It also discussed various measures to make the open market sale system more dynamic.

Agriculture, Irrigation and Flood Control Minister M Majid-ul-Huq, Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman and State Minister for Relief Lutfar Rahman Khan also spoke at the meeting.

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Happy Birthday

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