

Dhaka Day by Day

Dhaka and its Delights

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Dhaka has its faults. You could reel off a thousand and one of them, on the tips of your fingers, any given time. In fact, one of the favourite pastimes of the Dhakaites is reeling off Dhaka's faults.

Of course, while we are on about the problems, we refuse to dwell on the ones which really have us tearing our hair. We prefer to stick to the lighter side of the situation. But whichever side we face and no matter how often we face it, Dhaka has a charm, all its own.

Where else do we have the luxury of the 'ferry-walla' vending what we need, or he thinks we need, at our doorstep? In no uncertain terms? Many a Dhakaites, when visiting the civilized west has sighed a sigh of regret, as he has had to trudge long distances, to fetch a box of matches and sorely missed his rickshaw. Or the little 'shop of everything' round the corner. Who wants to take a bus ride, waiting in an endless queue, just to buy a

kilogram of potatoes, or a packet of milk?

Life is somehow easier when there are rickshaws around. We are helpless without them. And starting from the little fish-man who is ready to sell you your fish at the doorstep, to the banana man, to the chicken walla, you name it, he is there, to be sorely missed, when we are not in the mood, to carry home those heavy grocery bags. Doorstep shopping somehow makes life that much easier, we all agree. Some will shake their heads and murmur, how spilt we are in Dhaka, but that again is the distinct privilege of the Dhakaites. It compensates for the power cuts by the power development people. The policy the PWD seem to follow is, 'live and let live' or how else will the seller of the hand fan eke out his living? And at no point does one realize how dearly fond one is of Dhaka with all its hazards, than when that aircraft hovers over the city, and one returns home, after a long sojourn abroad.

Thrown immediately into the mad, mad crowd, cursing, pushing, jostling, you realize that this was perhaps what you had missed all along. It is when you are away from home and you start to miss the rickshaws and the crows of the city, that you get the distinct impression, it is time for you to head home. For the man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said, this is my own, my native land, has never had the joy of coming home. And is to be pitted.



Lioness Club of Dhaka 315-A organised a tree plantation programme in the city last week.

National savings funded 24 pc of development in last fiscal

Social Welfare and Women Affairs Minister Tariqul Islam yesterday stressed the need for honest and sincere effort of officials in the smooth running of government machinery, reports BSS.

According to a PID handout, he was addressing the inaugural ceremony of newly constructed Narail Zila Parishad Bhaban in Narail.

State Minister for Establishment - Md Nurul Huda spoke on the occasion.

The Social Welfare Minister said the government has taken different measures to improve the national savings and achieved good results. As a result, 24 per cent of the development of the last financial year had been utilized from the national savings and in the current financial year it would be raised up to 27 per cent, he

600 criminals held, 23 firearms recovered

The police arrested more than 600 alleged criminals and recovered 23 unauthorised firearms from different parts of the country during last 24 hours, ending this afternoon, reports BSS.

Hindu Parishad demands repeal of Vested Property Ordinance

Bangladesh National Hindu Parishad Monday demanded immediate repeal of the Vested Property Ordinance to help grow religious harmony in the country, reports UNB.

Saudi visa seekers advised to collect passports

Bangladeshi citizens who applied to the Saudi Embassy in Dhaka for visa on or before August 9 may now collect their passports from the embassy on any working day, said a press release yesterday, reports UNB.

Those who submitted documents for medical slip or attestation within August 9 have also been advised to collect their documents from the embassy counters during the delivery hours.

The concerned passport holders as well as recruiting agencies should collect passports and documents immediately as the delay may result in the expiry of the validity of visa, the press release said.

Distant edn B. Ed course begins Aug 14

The first tutorial class of Distant Education B. Ed course run by Bangladesh Open University will start in the respective regional centres on August 14 at 9 am, reports BSS.

The students have been requested to contact the coordinator of their respective centres.

BFPA to introduce film award

Bangladesh Film Producers Association (BFPA) has decided to introduce annual film award to encourage making creative and healthy films in the country with effect from 1991, reports BSS.

The president of the association Azizur Rahman Butt told a press conference that the association has taken the decision to help development of the film media and make its role more significant in the socio-cultural life of the nation. He said the move of the association is aimed at giving incentives to the people engaged in the industry since there is no such regular award giving in the country.

BTMC urged to improve quality of fabrics

By Staff Correspondent

The president of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) M Yunus, Monday urged the Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) to improve the quality of fabrics and make the prices competitive for working as a backward linkage to the garment industry.

The DCCI chief was exchanging views with the Chairman of BTMC, Syed Yousuf Hussain, at the conference room of the DCCI.

M Yunus assured the BTMC Chairman to extend all sorts of cooperation to develop the textile sector for the betterment of national economy.

The chairman of BTMC, Hussain said that the private sector and the public sector corporations should work together for the economic development. In this context, he sought suggestions for the development of the textile industries under BTMC and to solve the marketing problems.

The chairman also assured that the mills under BTMC for dyeing, printing and finishing are able to work as backward linkage industries of the garments sector.

Participating in the discussion ASM Quasem, Md Ali Ahsraf, M H Rahman, Nazir Hossain, directors of the DCCI, Syed Toufique Ali, Habibur Rahman, Benazir Ahmed and N I Khan, members of the DCCI expressed their views that in order to compete with the foreign suppliers of the raw materials of the garment sector, modern machinery should be installed in the BTMC units and administrative efficiency should be improved.

BKB fixes Tk 601 cr lending target for '92-'93

Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) has fixed the target for lending at Tk 601 crore and recovery of loans at Tk 850 crore in the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

The targets were set in a two-day conference of divisional general managers and zonal managers of BKB which ended here yesterday.

Officials said the target was fixed in light of last year's performance. Last year, the target of lending was about Tk 550 crore and recovery Tk 750 crore.

A few important administrative and operational decisions were taken in the conference to ensure achievement of the targets, they said.

Besides, performance and problems in lending, recovery and deposit mobilisation in the previous fiscal year were reviewed in the meeting.

Presided over by Dr ATM Shamsul Huda, Managing Director of the bank, the conference was also attended by the general managers and the deputy general managers of the head office.

Dr Huda called on the bank officials and employees to discharge their duties sincerely keeping in mind the role of the bank in the national economy.



TV schedule for Tuesday: 5-00 Opening announcement Al-Quran, 5-10 Programme summary News in Bangla, 5-20 Recitation from the Gecia, 5-25 Cartoon film, 6-00 Sikkha Dikkha, 6-30 Ma o Shishur Shashya, 7-05 Nazrul songs, 8-00 News in Bangla, 8-40 Drama serial: Jolashot Kato Dur, 10-00 News in English, 10-25 Parliament round up, 10-35 Mini series: All the Rivers Run, 11-45 Closing

Weather Moderate rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Temporary light or moderate rain or thundershower is likely to occur at many places over Khulna, Chittagong divisions, few places over Dhaka division and at one or two places over Rajshahi division during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Tuesday).

Day temperature is likely to fall by one to two degree Celsius over Chittagong and Khulna divisions and remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country.

The Met office forecast, rainfall activities may increase within two days.

The maximum and the minimum temperatures were recorded at Rangamati yesterday (Monday) to be 34.6 degree and 23.0 degree Celsius.

The sun sets today Tuesday at 6.35 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5.33 am. The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity of some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Weather table with columns: Cities/Towns, Temperature in degree, Max, Min, Celcius, Humidity in percentage, 9 am, 6 pm. Data for Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Dinajpur, Cox's Bazar, Sylhet, Jessore.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and Prime Minister of Bahrain Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa signing two agreements on August 8 in Manama during her visit to Bahrain. - PID photo

Tk 525 cr power station to be commissioned April next

CHITTAGONG, Aug 10: Taka 525 crore 210 mw thermal power station project now under construction at Pahartali, Raozan here would be commissioned in April 1993, reports BSS.

Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan said this today while briefing the newsmen after visiting the project-site.

He said that 71 per cent construction work of the project had already been completed, while the remaining works would be completed before April next year.

He said that 210 mw thermal power station is being constructed with Chinese assistance. Chinese government is providing Taka 277 crore for the project, he added.

Zahiruddin Khan pointed out that Chittagong region would be highly benefitted when the thermal power station would be commissioned.

The sufferings of the people and the loss incurred by industrial sector in Chittagong because of frequent load shedding would come to an end

after the commissioning of the thermal power project.

The Planning Minister said the government was actively considering establishment of a second unit of thermal power station with the same capacity in Raozan area of Chittagong to ensure smooth power supply to the industries of the region.

Khan said his ministry was giving top priority to power and energy sectors to help accelerate economic progress of the country.

The Planning Minister, called upon the engineers of power development to work with a sense of patriotism and honesty to decrease the system loss in the power sector.

He added, the system loss and much higher in the power sector than in any other sector and this has been pointed out by donor countries and agencies time and again.

The donors are reluctant to advance credit for power sector of the country because of higher system loss, he added. We have no other alternative but to lower the system

loss to the minimum if we want foreign aid for development of this vital sector.

Stressing the need for finding alternative source of power and energy, the Minister said efforts were made to explore, coal and husk for this purpose.

Later Zahiruddin Khan visited the first gate of late President Ziaur Rahman at Zianagar and offered فاتحہ there.

JUCSU budget approved

JU Correspondent

A budget of Taka 3.5 lakh has been approved by the Jahangirnagar University authorities for its central students union JUCSU for the 1992-93 fiscal year.

This was announced Monday at the first meeting of the newly elected JUCSU office bearers at the senate hall with Vice-Chancellor Prof Kazim Saheb Ahmed in the chair.

The highest allocation of Tk 67 thousand has been made for literary purposes, while sports sector gets second priority.

A total of Tk 35 thousand has been sanctioned for the installation programme of the ninth JUCSU office bearers scheduled to be held on August 16.

নির্বাচন সংবাদ



মোঃ জহানলাব আলী পেশ, ৭/২, কলকাতা, বালা- ডেমরা, জেলা- ঢাকা পত ৩০/৭/৯২ ইং তারিখে কুলে যোগ্য পুঁজি হস্তান্তর করা হয়েছে। সে শরীফ নবী উচ্চ বিদ্যালয়ের নবম শ্রেণীর ছাত্র। এ ব্যাপারে ডেমরা থানায় অভিযোগ করা হয়েছে। মিডিসি নং- ৫৩০, ডাঃ ৮-৮-৯২ ইং।

Advertisement for W. Rahman Jute Mills Limited. Notice of Annual General Meeting. AGENDA: 1. To confirm Minutes of the 8th Annual General Meeting held on 31.7.1991. 2. To consider and approve the audited accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th June, 1991 and to accept the Directors' Report thereon. 3. To elect Directors. 4. To appoint Auditors for next financial year 1991-92 and to fix their remuneration. 5. To transact any other business with the permission of the Chair.

Advertisement for New CU museum building inaugurated. CHITTAGONG, Aug 10: The new building of Chittagong University museum was inaugurated today on the university campus at a simple ceremony held in this connection, reports BSS. Vice-Chancellor of the university Prof R I Chowdhury inaugurated the museum building.

Advertisement for Stands 12th in General Science group. Tanveer Rana Mustafa has secured twelfth position in the combined merit list in General Science group in the SSC examination under Comilla Board held this year, says a press release.

Advertisement for Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited. Tender Notice. Description of work: Construction of 4 bar Gas line at Compagnonj Bazar and its adjoining area from Muradnagar Upazila (Comilla PH-14). Estimated Cost: Tk. 11,08,609.00. Cost of Tender documents (Non-refundable): Tk 600/=.