

Dhaka Day by Day

An Institute for Journalists

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PIB in Dhaka

In Dhaka, one often comes across huge smart buildings with important looking sign-boards, labelling it as a big-name institute in town or, by the sound of its name, in Asia. There is great enthusiasm for huge offices or rather institutes, claiming on the sign boards, to be doing all the possible things on earth, which people often regard as false or rather partially true.

There are a few other institutes which have remained shadowed, due to their own lack of interest for publicity. Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB), happens to be one of them.

"We try to cater to the needs of the media world in our country. More so for our journalist friends, many of whose ambition is to become a specialist," said Humayun Ahmed, a former director general of PIB. He explained, good journalism consists of the intelligent assembly of relevant facts.

This institute came about in 1976 after long persuasion of journalists and other media personnel. Before this, a handful of journalists were sent for training, with scholarship, to renowned institutes abroad. This opportunity was confined only to the outstanding ones. From the date of its establishment till now, PIB has trained over 3,000 journalists.

The Press Institute of Bangladesh is structured around four sections. Training section headed by Golam Kibria, research section headed by K M Morshed, Kamal Lohani heads the publication department and its administration is headed by Sheikh Kamal Bakht.

Training section can easily be called the most important and rewarding part of PIB. The training courses are divided mainly into two types. One is the foundation course, where journalists from the mofassil cities along with those in Dhaka attend for about 15 days to three weeks. Here they are given training on the basics of journalism, including news writing, reporting and editing, stressing on the use of language, ethics, and news sense of journalism.

The other is the specialised course, where

the field is varied, ranging from sports, finance, parliament reporting, politics, population reporting. They also cover areas like community newspaper production, news paper management, environment and development, child survival and development. The duration for these courses are from seven to 10 days. PIB also conducts a special course in public relations where 50 per cent of the trainees are journalists and the other half are from other fields.

To make these training programmes a success PIB gathers or rather invites expert resource persons from various fields, trying to provide some of the best trainers possible. Many of these trainings are organised in collaboration with foreign institutes, like the Manila-based Press Foundation of Asia, Asian Mass Communication, Information and Research Centre in Singapore, International Institute for Journalism in Germany and Thomson Foundation based in the United Kingdom. Other than these, the PIB also maintains links with various other mass communication institutes. These institutes at times send their trainers to conduct certain specialised courses.

The other sections of Press Institute of Bangladesh are equally active with varied works of the research section, training manuals and various other informative journals of the publication department.

The annual budget of PIB is around 60 lakh taka, for which fund comes from the foreign institutes mentioned above, along with that of the Bangladesh government, and for the last three years, from Asia Foundation. The director general of this institute is nominated by the government on a two year term. It is supported administratively by a strong board of management headed by an honorary chairman.

Press Institute of Bangladesh hopes to modernise its training facilities along with its press. This would depend on their financial position and assistance they receive from various institutes and sectors. But they strongly hope to expand their facilities more extensively.

LGRD Minister says Govt determined to solve housing problem by 2000

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder Monday said that accommodation was one of the five basic needs of the people and the present democratic government was making all-out efforts to fulfil all the basic needs of the people including accommodation, reports BSS.

He was inaugurating the World Habitat Day '92 organised by RADOL (Rehabilitation and Development Organisation for Landless) a Non-Government Organisation at the Shishu Academy premises.

Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Miah and Secretary General of RADOL Syed H Loton also spoke on the occasion.

Salam Talukder said that the government had decided to take an ambitious programme for removing the housing problem of all the rural and urban people. He said that government was firmly determined to achieve the target announced by the United

Nations to provide shelter for all by the year 2000. He called upon the concerned NGOs to cooperate with the government to achieve its goal.

Rafiqul Islam Miah said that his ministry was being implementing their own housing programmes throughout the country to ensure dwelling houses for all citizens. He called for boosting housing sector for a better dwelling atmosphere in the country.

The Secretary General of RADOL underscored the need for building low cost houses to fulfil the dwelling needs of the poor people of the country. He expressed his hope that government would extend all possible help and assistance to the NGOs in this respect.

Later LGRD and Cooperative Minister led a walkathon arranged by RADOL from Shishu Academy premises to Osmani Memorial hall. RADOL also organised a cycle-rally in the city.



The visiting Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday. —PID photo

Follow teachings of Buddha, urges Premadasa

The visiting Sri Lankan President, Ranasinghe Premadasa Monday called for following the teachings of Lord Buddha in establishing peace, harmony and tranquility in the context of unrest, greed and lust in the society, reports BSS.

Speaking at a reception held in his honour at the Dhammarajika Buddhist Monastery at Kamalapur here, President Premadasa said that the Lord Buddha had shown mankind the path of achieving peace.

The Sri Lankan President, who is also the current Chairman of the SAARC, said that mankind today was suffering either from poverty or from affluence. Such sufferings are created from ignorance, he said pleading for preaching the gospel of Lord Buddha in overcoming them.

President Premadasa appreciated the government of Bangladesh for rendering great assistance to the Buddhist community.

Referring to the excellent communal harmony in Bangladesh Premadasa expressed his gratitude to the government and the people for providing equal opportunity to the members of the different

communities for holding their respective religious faith.

He said when the members of the Hindu community were celebrating their greatest Durga Puja festival, the members of the Buddhist community are performing their religious rituals here today, he pointed.

Lauding different social welfare and education activities being run by the Dhammarajika, Premadasa announced a donation of Rs 5 lakh to the monastery.

The reception was also ad-

ressed, by the Minister of State for Religious Affairs M A Mannan, high Priest of Dhammarajika Buddhist Monastery and president of Bangladesh Bouddha Krishiti Pracher Sangha Vishudananda Mahathero and senior vice president venerable Suddhananda Mahathero.

Earlier on his arrival at the Dhammarajika accompanied by Madame Hema Premadasa, the Sri Lankan President offered prayer before the Shri Mahabodhi at the complex.

Mahanabami observed

'Mahanabami' was observed with due religious fervour on the fourth day yesterday of the five-day Durga Puja festival, reports BSS.

The puja celebration reached its peak at the city puja mandaps, yesterday evening with hundreds of Hindu devotees of all ages crammed into the mandaps.

The Mahanagar Sarbajanin Puja Committee organised 'Aarati' competition at the Dhakeshwari Temple Melangan yesterday evening.

'Bijoya Dashami' the last day of the puja festival, will be celebrated today. The day will be public holiday.

The images of Goddess Durga will be immersed at the 'Dashamighat' (Wizeghat) following a colourful procession to be brought out from the Dhakeshwari Temple at 3:00 pm. The Hindu devotees with the images of Durga will take part in the procession.

A voluntary blood donation programme will be held at 10:00 am yesterday in the Dhakeshwari temple premises.

'No plan to create new dist in Ctg'

CHITTAGONG, Oct 5: Government is neither considering a proposal for creation of a new district in South Chittagong, nor there is a 5-member committee to this effect as reported recently in a section of the press (not BSS). said a district administration press release here today, reports BSS.

The administration termed the report regarding creation of new district in South Chittagong with five thanas and constitution of a five member committee in this connection as motivated, baseless and fabricated.

The Communications Minister Col (Retd) Oli Ahmed who was contacted in this connection also made it clear that the government was not considering any such proposal at the moment, the press release added.

The district administration has requested the people not to be misled by such reports.

Kanchi-Kanchar Mela founding anniversary observed

A colourful ceremony was organised at the National Museum auditorium in the capital yesterday to mark the 36th founding anniversary of popular organisation of the children — 'Kanchi-Kanchar Mela.'

The dias of the auditorium was colourfully decorated and the hall room was packed with audience including the former and present members of the mela.

Songs and colourful dances performed by children of home and abroad received spontaneous applause of the audience.

Justice Habibur Rahman speaking as chief guest regretted that the rights of the children in our country were not yet established although the government signed the UN declaration on child rights.

A member of the mela addressing the opening session demanded his right to live and study in a terrorism-free society where the children were the worst victim of violence.

Presided over by noted scientist Dr Abdullah Al-Muti Sharfuddin, the inaugural function was also addressed by poet Begum Sufia Kamal and Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Ittefaq, Motnul Hosen.

Participants from Indonesia, Sweden, Norway and from Khagrachhari, Ullapara and Shahjapur of Bangladesh presented traditional songs and dances during the cultural function.

Renowned child litterateur Rokonozzaman Khan popularly known as Dada Bhai inaugurated the function in the afternoon.



5.00	Opening announcement
5.10	Al-Quran Programme summary
5.20	News in Bangla
5.25	Recitation from the Geeta
5.30	Shikha dikha
6.00	Programme on mother and child health
6.30	Cartoon : Adventure Under the Sea
7.05	Nazrul songs
8.00	News in Bangla
8.40	Drama series Jalashat Katarur
10.00	News in English
10.30	Film : Fortune of War
11.30	Khabar / The News
11.40	Wednesday's programme summary
11.45	Closing



An Indonesian child artiste performing a dance at the National Museum Auditorium yesterday to mark the completion of three decades of Kanchi-Kanchar Mela. —Star photo

Weather

Light rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Light rain or shower is likely at one or two places over Chittagong, Khulna and Dhaka divisions during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Monday.

Meteorological office forecast, weather is likely to remain dry over the Rajshahi division.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Little change. Extended outlook for another five days: Weather may deteriorate.

Light rainfall was recorded in Rangamati, Dhaka, Ishurdi and Rajshahi on Monday.

The sun sets today (Tuesday) at 5-41 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5:52 am.

Temperature and humidity recorded in important cities and towns on Monday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.5	24.6	78	74
Chittagong	32.6	24.5	80	72
Rajshahi	32.5	24.6	78	83
Khulna	33.0	25.3	75	85
Barisal	32.0	25.0	78	86
Cox's Bazar	32.0	23.5	71	73
Sylhet	30.0	22.0	88	81
Mymensingh	34.6	24.3	76	81
Dinapur	31.8	24.2	89	79

Mannan visits puja mandaps

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan yesterday visited several puja mandaps in Nawabganj thana of the city, reports UNB.

The minister had a discussion with leaders of the puja committees about the on-going festivals of the Hindu Community.

HERE and THERE

Non-Smokers Forum

National Non-Smokers Forum at a discussion meeting to observe the World Child Day urged all to keep the children free from all kinds of addiction including smoking.

The meeting was presided

over by the President of the forum, C G M Kamal.

Nirmul Committee

Ekkattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, Sabujbag Unit, held a rally presided over by Obaidul Haque Obaid.

The rally was a part of a programme to make the grand rally of October 14 a success.

The rally demanded ban on the politics of Jamaat-Shibir.

BIBM

A 15-day long training course on "Foreign Trade and Foreign Exchange", organised by Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM), concluded Monday.

Objectives of the course, interalia, were to acquaint the participants with the laws, principles, techniques and practices relevant to financing of Foreign trade and to help develop adequate skills for efficient management in foreign exchange business.

Plea to stop screening Radhakrishna

Bangladesh Jatiya Hindu Sangram Committee yesterday expressed grave concern at the continuation of commercial screening of feature film "Radhakrishna" despite objection by members of Hindu community. It urged the government to withdraw the film's censorship certificate and stop its public viewing, reports BSS.

The committee observed that the film has distorted the philosophy of the traditional religion and hurt the religious relief and sentiments of the members of the Hindu community.

The committee held a discussion meeting yesterday on "Bijaya Dashamee" at the auditorium of Bangladesh Mandirmission with Barrister Nikhlesh Datta in the chair.

The committee stated that it would continue with protest programme including rally, hunger strike and hoisting black flag atop at Mandirs demanding withdrawal of censorship and stoppage of screening of the film.

Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology Dhaka.

Notice for Admission into Postgraduate Courses

No.D-712(4) Dt. 4.10.92

Applications for admission into the 1st semester M Sc Engg/M Engg/PhD courses in Chemical/Civil/Electrical and Electronic/Computer/Mechanical/Metallurgical/Water Resources/Industrial and Production/Naval Arch & Marine Engg. course of the session 1989-90 of this University are invited from intending candidates who have passed BSc Engg/MSc Engg. in the relevant field from this University of equivalent examinations from any other recognised University. Last date of submission of application in prescribed form to be available from the office of the Registrar on payment of Tk. 100/ or Bank Draft in favour of BUET drawn on Sonali Bank, BUET branch is 22nd October, 1992. Classes in the above courses will start from 8th November, 1992.

Candidates may be called for interview before final selection for admission. Candidates in service will have to apply through their employer. They can study as part time student. Their credit hours per semester will be decided by the respective Head of the Department.

A few Teaching Assistantships may be awarded to the suitable full-time students. Further details may be obtained from the Head of Department concerned.

D-559 Registrar

Happy Birthday

With a scented rose many many Happy Birthday to

"SITI"

From : 'Lieu and a Lucky Dog'

Happy Birthday

to

Alim-Al-Rabby

From :

Colleagues in 'The Daily Star'

Happy Birthday

Wishing your best, many many HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

"TISHAD"

ABBU, AMMU & TOPU WITH PROFOUND LOVE

Happy Birthday

to

ABBU

Wishing many Happy Returns of the day

Topu & Tishad'

APPOINTMENTS

INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY (College), BANGLADESH

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All faculty posts carry responsibility to develop curriculum, design syllabus, conduct courses, and guide tutorials; and design and guide field survey/project for the students as may be necessary to integrate theoretical knowledge with applied experience. All candidates must be conversant with technological aids in teaching and learning and be skilled in their application. The status and grades of appointment will be according to qualification and experience. All posts are permanent but can be held on contract for a minimum period of 2 years. The specific requirements are as under the different posts describe below:

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- The appointment is on contract for 3 to 5 years.**
- Asst./Associate Professor, Communication:** to teach the undergraduates and access students oral and written communication, study skills and composition in English.
- Asst./Associate Professor, Mathematics/Computer Science:** to teach mathematics and mathematical application in business; principle of computing, computer application and programming.
- Asst./Associate Professor, Environmental Science:** to teach and to conduct field survey/projects in resource management related to geology, population and ecology.
- Asst./Associate Professor, Business Management:** to teach Management Science with particular emphasis on application of quantitative methods and to the analysis of decisions in business and industry. Also to teach basic undergraduate courses in Patterns of Business Organization, Principles of Marketing and Management Accounting etc.

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