

Dhaka Day by Day

Recipe for Results

by Parveen Anam

Education is the birth right of every individual. Or so they say. What most people consider their 'birth right', is a debatable issue, at best. The number of students graduating each year from the schools and colleges, is more of an embarrassment than source of credit, to the beleaguered authorities. If they had their way, no child would go beyond the fifth grade, at the most. And yet, there seems to be the most violent tussle going on, between the powers that be, who would rather the students just all dropped out, and the shrewd Dhakatte. For the Dhakatte is determined that the students should all pass their exams with flying colours, contrary to what the authorities feel. So, the innovative Bengali, has come up with his own solution to instant success in the exams, for the gullible student. And his even more gullible parent. The recipe for this success, is in the shape of the little booklet, which if the student can manage to commit to memory before the exams, is sure to grant him his passage to the higher seats of learning. No problem at all. And all without ever going to the classes. We can see the livelihood of the teachers threatened, by this invention, of course. Apparently, all the student has to do, is take a little walk, down one of those little streets, dotted with countless number of 'book-stores' pay a negligible amount of money, for the miracle book,

tuck it under his arm, and come away home. Once the exam dates have been announced (after the 27th postponement) he can sit down and memorize everything there is in that little book. His instant success in the exam is ensured. It puzzles me, how that genius, the author of those books, has not yet been recommended for some sort of prize, preferably the Nobel for Literature, perhaps. Think of how clever he is, and the mind grinds to a halt. Here we were, the ordinary sort, burning the midnight oil, so to speak, to save ourselves the humiliation of a poor result and rushing about all year from classroom to classroom, trying to lap up everything, the harassed teacher was trying to teach us. And along comes this smart alec, with all the answers, ready-made in his little book, at a throw-away price. The book stores and publishers love him, the students love him, and the parents think they love him. Lucky guy, actually. In a world where love is the most obsolete commodity, here he is absolutely wallowing in it. Perhaps he will next come up with booklets on how to earn the good will of his fellow compatriots; and get humanity to love him. Sets the lesser mortal thinking, the brilliance of this guy. Somehow, somewhere along the line, he beat us all hands down. And all with a little book.



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'Sight Savers aims at creating awareness for eye care'

By Staff Correspondent

"One of the main aims of Sight Savers in Bangladesh as all other places it is serving around the world, is to create an awareness for eye care and facilities for their treatment, through providing technical support, know-how and planning", said Dr S M Munirul Huq at a press conference on Friday morning, at Sight Savers office in the city. Huq is one of the leading eye specialist in Bangladesh and also the country representative of Sight Savers - Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind.

David Thompson, chairman of Sight Savers also present at the press conference along with the organisation's executive director Alan W. Johns. Thompson said, "Sight Savers are working in 50 different countries of the world. In Bangladesh we have been working for the last 20 years. Our organisation in this country is extremely professional. Johns, who is also the president of International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, based in United Kingdom, said "What we try to do in Bangladesh is, act as a catalyst - stimulating a national interest in developing national eye care programmes, that would provide quality treatment."

Sight Savers, having treated around 81,97,850 patients till August this year aims to go further. "Now we would like to support our partners for comprehensive eye care programme, to establish a permanent eye care project, which would run through out the year," said Huq. "Every year about 30,000 children become blind in this country. About 60,000 people turn blind due to cataract. To cap it all about 1.5 million people are blind in this country. Hence this type of situation is a back log for our programmes, with which we have to keep pace. For this we need community awareness, along with our partners support and cooperation," said the country representative of Sight Savers.



Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda inaugurated a three-day painting exhibition on environment at United Nations Information Centre Thursday.

2.05 lakh tons of sugar production targeted

The crushing season of country's sugar industry for fiscal 1992-93 got underway yesterday with the starting of sugarcane crushing in Faridpur Sugar Mills at Madhukhal, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation (BSFIC) which owns 16 sugar mills in the country, has set a sugar production target of 2,05,662 metric tons for the current year. Last year's target was around two lakh eight thousand tons of which achievement was around one lakh 96 thousand tons, BSFIC sources said.

Meanwhile, the corporation has fixed tentative dates for crushing to begin in other mills. Crushing in four mills - Rajshahi, Natore, North Bengal and Rangpur - will start on October 30. The last mill to take up crushing is Kalichapra Sugar Mills when it goes to production on December 11.

BSFIC which contributed Taka 113 crore 65 lakh 15 thousand to the national exchequer as taxes, duties and charges, in last fiscal year extended over Taka 50 lakh as cash credit and irrigation loan to sugarcane growers. Besides, the corporation through the mills, supplied 73,357 tons of clean and disease free cane seeds, 40,437 tons of chemical fertilizers and insecticides and pesticides worth over Taka 5 lakh 58 thousand. Faridpur Sugar Mills where crushing began yesterday, has set a target to produce 14,280 tons of sugar from 1,70,000 tons of sugarcane.

Police seizes cigarettes worth Tk 2 lakh

CHITTAGONG, Oct 23: Port police in a special drive seized contraband cigarettes worth about Taka two lakh from Chowdhury Para, Patenga, here yesterday, reports BSS.

Programme for balanced education system taken: Sircar

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar yesterday said the government has taken up a pragmatic programme for introducing a people-oriented and balanced education system in the country, reports UNB.

He stressed the need for decentralisation of education to reach the light of education to the doorsteps of the people.

The minister was addressing as chief guest at a representative conference of Bangladesh College Teachers' Association and Bangladesh Principals' Council at Tejgaon College.

Chaired by President of the Principals' Council Mukarram Hossain the conference was also addressed by State Minister for Education Md Yunus Khan, Public Service Commission (PSC) chairman Dr Yazuddin Ahmed, president of the federation of national college teachers associations Dr Enamul Huq Khan, president of the college teachers association Principal Shariful Islam, DUCSU general secretary Khairul Kabir Khokon and Principal Tofael Ahmed Chowdhury.

Referring to the problems of teachers, the Education Minister said the present democratic government will solve those in phases through discussion.

He said the government has taken up development programmes for both government and private educational institutions for the expansion of higher education.

In this context, he pointed out that well-known educational institutions in Europe and America are privately managed.

Speaking as special guest, State Minister for Education Md Yunus Khan said the government is aware of the problems of the teachers of non-government institutions.

Saudi team visits projects at Cox's Bazar

The nine-member Saudi committee on cyclone grant headed by its Chairman Dr Abdul Aziz-M-al-Turki visited various on-going Saudi-aided projects at Cox's Bazar Thursday, reports BSS.

During the visit, the children of the committee unquipped the foundation stones of the multi-purpose building and the drinking water project at Mondolpara at Ramu and embankment project at Chauhalondoi at Cox's Bazar.

The Saudi Ambassador in Bangladesh, Ali Ahmed Abdul Wahab and the members of the delegation as well as the high officials of the concerned departments were, among others, present on the occasion.

The Saudi government allocated an amount of 15 million Saudi riyal (Tk 15 crore) to improve the water supply system of 11 cyclone-affected districts. Seven thousand shallow tube-wells and 2000 deep tube-wells have already been installed in 11 districts.

Obtains PhD

Pk Md Motiur Rahman, Associate Professor, Institute of Statistical Research and Training (ISRT), Dhaka University has obtained PhD degree from the same university for his thesis "Poverty, Inequality and Development in Rural Bangladesh: Trends and Issues", says a press release.

He did his research under the guidance of Dr Muzaffer Ahmad, Professor, Institute of Business Administration, Dhaka University.

Weather Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Light rain or showers may occur at one or two places over Chittagong division and weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Saturday).

The Met office forecasts, day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The maximum temperature of 32.2 degree Celsius was reported from Jessore yesterday (Friday) and the minimum of 18.0 degree was reported from Chuadanga.

The sun sets today (Saturday) at 5.25 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 6.01 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity of some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.6	23.3	75	63
Chittagong	30.6	24.4	87	75
Rajshahi	31.8	18.2	65	81
Khulna	31.5	23.3	75	75
Barisal	31.0	23.2	80	93
Cox's Bazar	31.0	23.4	84	81
Sylhet	30.2	23.0	90	80
Dinajpur	30.0	18.8	69	72

SAARC symposium from October 27

Five-year master plan to remove drug menace

A SAARC symposium on "Prevention of Drug Abuse Among Youth" will be held in the capital October 27-29, reports UNB.

It is aimed at promoting regional cooperation for curbing the increasing trend of drug abuse among the South Asian youths, according to the sponsors - Department of Narcotics Control.

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury will inaugurate the seminar at a local hotel.

Besides representatives from host Bangladesh, 12 delegates from the other six SAARC countries will attend the three-day seminar. They will review the nature and extent of drug abuse in individual countries of the region and make recommendations for the political leadership to counter the menace.

The symposium is being held at a time when governments of all the South Asian nations, excepting the Maldives and Bhutan, are deeply worried to find their youths increasingly getting vulnerable to drug addiction.

As for Bangladesh, officials in the Narcotics Control Department said, about 85 per

cent of the drug addicts are youth.

Some 3,956 out of the total 4572 drug addicts admitted to the government's central treatment centre between August 1988 and August 1992 were in the age group of 15-34 years. Percentage of youth addicts is about 86.5.

An analysis of the nature of addiction, based on the patients admitted in the treatment centre, revealed that 71.46 per cent of the youth were heroin addicts, 8.06 per cent hooked to pethidine and 9.29 per cent used polydrugs.

Narcotics Control officials said the government, in its desperate bid to remove the drug menace from the country, has drawn up a five-year master plan to be launched from January 1993. The UN Drug Control Programme will finance the Tk 7 crore plan.

Bangladesh also joined with many countries in observing the international decade against drug abuse (1991-2000 AD).

The United States government has recently entered into an agreement with the Bangladesh government to as-

ist in containing the drug abuse problem. The US will initially provide 20,000 dollars for procurement of some narcotics control equipment.

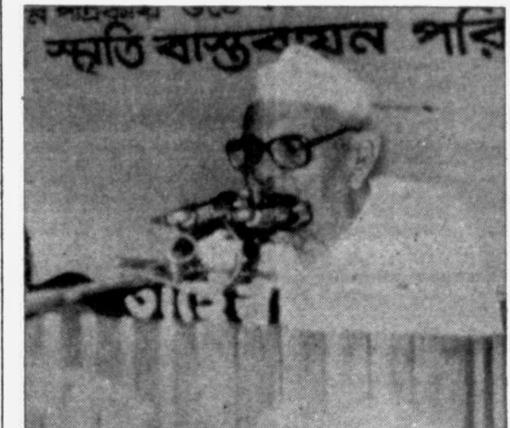
Talking to UNB, Director General of Narcotics Control said that to achieve the lofty goal, the government, apart from enforcement and treatment, is now giving special emphasis on internal demand reduction of drugs through various awareness campaigns.

Seminars and symposia are being arranged, and booklets, posters and stickers distributed to build social resistance against drug abuse, he said.

Enforcement is also being strengthened with newly formed coastal guards included in the "combined force" dealing with drug trafficking.

To improve treatment facilities, three central jails in Khulna, Rajshahi and Comilla have recently been declared drug addiction treatment centres.

There are already four drug treatment and rehabilitation centres in the country, including the central treatment centre in capital Dhaka.



Dewan Mohammad Azraf speaking at a discussion organised by 'Maulana Bhasani Smriti Bastabayan Parishad' at the National Press Club auditorium yesterday. -Star photo

Monument in memory of Bhasani demanded

Speakers at a seminar in Dhaka yesterday stressed the need for materialising the ideals of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani to establish real democracy in the country and achieve economic emancipation of the down-trodden masses, reports BSS.

Held at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium under the auspices of "Maulana Bhasani Smriti Bastabayan Parishad" the seminar was attended by eminent educationist Principal Dewan Mohammad Azraf as chief guest while Parishad President Abdul Latif Bhasani presided. Among others, Bhasani disciples KM Kamal, Shekh Farid, A B M Fazul Haq, Maulana Abdul Khaleque Absari and Anwar Hossain spoke on the occasion.

The speakers regretted that there was no institutional move to evaluate the contributions of Maulana Bhasani, the uncompromising leader of the oppressed masses of the country.

They said, Maulana Bhasani belonged not to any particular party or quarter. "He is an institution," they added.

The speakers demanded establishment of a "monument" at a suitable place in the capital in his memory.

New DG of PIB

The government has appointed Professor Mohammad Tawhidul Anwar of Dhaka University, Mass Communication and Journalism Department, as Director General of Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) for a two-year term, reports BSS.

'Buddha's message of non-violence can ensure peaceful world'

CHITTAGONG, Oct 23: City Mayor Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin today called for building up the Chittagong city into an abode of peace through establishment of amity, compassion and mutual love among the members of the different communities, reports BSS.

The Mayor said that the message of Lord Buddha's non-violence, equality, and amity when followed in letter and spirit could ensure a peaceful world in the present days of strife and unrest.

He was speaking as chief guest at Buddhists' Kathin Chibar Daan (yellow robe giving ceremony) at Nandakan Buddhist temple premises here.

Held under the auspices of Chittagong Bouddha Samiti, the function was presided over by president of the Bangladesh Supreme Sangha Council and religious head of Buddhists Venerable Shilalankan Mohathero and addressed, among others, by Commissioner of Chittagong Omar Farooq, General Secretary of Samyabadi Dal Dilip Barua, Venerable Satyapriya Mohathero, Dharmasen Mahasthir, Rakkhal Chandra Barua.

UN Day programmes

By Staff Correspondent
Different socio-cultural organisations have chalked out programmes to observe the UN Day today.

To mark the day the Lions Club of Dhaka Central in co-operation with the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Dhaka will hold a commemorative function at UNIC at 9 am. National Professor M Shamsul Huq will be present on the occasion as chief guest. UNDP Deputy Resident Representative Winston Temple will speak as special guest.

As part of a three-day painting competition on the Environment, organised by the UN organisations in Bangladesh for the high school students of the city area, the best twenty paintings will be exhibited at the function at Purbani.

Ghali's message
In a message on the occasion of United Nations Day, the UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali says:

Despite the news of wars, hunger, homelessness and disease affecting millions, the world is moving toward a new, more participatory, people-centred way of conducting international affairs.

To many people, particularly those living in countries in transition, this is a time of turbulence and uncertainty. In other places anarchy seems to prevail. In much of the world economic distress brings bewilderment and fear.

On this United Nations Day, therefore, let us dedicate ourselves anew to the Charter. Let each of us ask what we can do to confirm the United Nations as mankind's best hope for the future.

Joint council of Chhatra Moitri, GCU begins

A two-day joint special council of Chhatra Moitri and Ganotantrik Chhatra Union (GCU) began yesterday at the Dhaka University TSC to discuss merger of the two organisations, reports UNB.

Chhatra Moitri, the student wing of now defunct Communist League, and GCU - the student front of Workers' Party, are expected to merge into a single student platform from today.

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THE DEBENTURES WILL BE SECURED BY FIRST PARI-PASSU CHARGE BY WAY OF AN EQUITABLE MORTGAGE ON THE FIXED ASSETS OF THE COMPANY ALONGWITH FMO, NETHERLANDS AND DEG, GERMANY I.E. THE DEBENTURE HOLDERS WILL RANK SENIOR ALONGWITH FMO AND DEG TO OTHER CREDITORS ON THE ASSETS OF COMPANY ON LIQUIDATION/WINDING-UP.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Bandarban PWD Division
Bandarban

Notice Inviting Tenders

1. Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited for the undermentioned work from Special Class as well as Class-I approved Bldg. Contractor of Public Works Department, Bangladesh, Class-II approved building contractors of Chittagong PWD Zone, Chittagong & Class-III approved Bldg. contractor of Chittagong PWD: Circle-II, Chittagong & will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, Chittagong PWD Division No. III/IV, Chittagong and Cox's Bazar PWD Division, Cox's Bazar up to 12:30 PM of 29/10/92 and will be opened on the same day at 12:35 PM in presence of the contractors who may like to remain present.

Group No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time for completion of work
I	Constn. of 44-New Dist. Head Quarters one at Bandarban (SH: Site improvement in the compound of 1000 Sft & 600 Sft Staff quarters of Balagata Police line-Zone-'A').	Tk. 3,69,730/45	Tk. 7,395/00	30 (Thirty) days
II	-Do- -Do- (SH: Site improvement in the compound of 1000 Sft. & 600 Sft. Staff quarters of Balagata Police line-Zone-'B').	Tk. 4,46,867/95	Tk. 8,938/00	30 (Thirty) days

3. Contract documents comprising of BD Form No. 2911, schedule of items additional terms and conditions etc. can be seen and obtained from the Office of the Executive Engineer, Bandarban PWD Division, Bandarban, Ex. Engineer, Cox's Bazar PWD Division, Cox's Bazar and Executive Engineer, Chittagong PWD : Division No. III/IV, Chittagong on payment of usual charges of Tk. 400/00 (Taka four hundred) only per set of the notice. Schedule of items etc. (Non-refundable) and a sum of Taka 25/- (Taka twenty five) only per copy of tender form (Non-refundable). The tender form may be purchased by the contractor himself or his representative on production of authorised letter bearing the signature of the representative duly attested by the contractor along with the Registration book any day during office hours up to 28/10/92.

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Notice Inviting Quotation for Supply of PC

No.PD/56 Date:-21-10-1992

Sealed quotation is invited from recognised suppliers/agents/dealers of reputed computer manufacturing firms for supply of the following items:

- PC: 386 (Model-SX or DX), Processor: 80386 CPU Speed 25 MHZ, RAM: 2 MB (Expandable to 16 MB), Expansion Slot: One - 8 Bit, Five - 16 Bit, Ports: 2 Parallel, 2 Serial, 1 Game Port, Hard Disk: 80 MB, Floppy Drive: One 3.5" (1.44 MB), One 5.25" (1.2 MB), Keyboard: 101 Key enhanced, Monitor: 16 Bit VGA, 14" Color Monitor. Software: MS-DOS VERSION 5.00, Advance C Compiler, Foxpro, Quatro, Wordperfect.
- PC: 386 (Model-SX or DX), Processor: 80386 CPU Speed 25 MHZ, RAM: 2 MB (Expandable to 16 MB), Expansion Slot: One - 8 Bit, Five - 16 Bit, Ports: 2 Parallel, 2 Serial, 1 Game Port, Hard Disk: 80 MB, Floppy Drive: One 3.5" (1.44 MB), One 5.25" (1.2 MB), Keyboard: 101 Key enhanced, Monitor: 14" Monochrome, Software: MS-DOS VERSION 5.00, Advance C Compiler, Foxpro, Quatro, Wordperfect, Bangla Software, BARNA.
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The quotation must accompany a Bank Draft/Pay Order of 2.5% of the quoted price as Earnest money (refundable) favouring the Registrar and must reach (including those sent by post) the undersigned by 12:30 PM on 09-11-1992. The quotations will be opened on the same day at 12:40 PM in front of the tenderers if any. The authority reserves the right of accepting or cancelling any of the submitted quotations or part thereof without showing any reason whatsoever.

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