

Dhaka Day by Day



Gourmet's Delights

by A S M Nurunnabi

Who can resist good food? If we exclude the dyspeptics, the answer is obvious. The unanimity of opinion will not be so obvious if degrees of goodness on that matter are taken into consideration.

As we know, conceptions of food delicacies are intimately connected with one's culture. Since we consider ourselves heirs to Mughal cuisine, we fall easy victims to such delicacies as 'polau', 'biryani', 'rezala' and 'kababs' of various kinds, etc. Of course, 'biryani' occupies the top position. Even now, in old Dhaka, there are areas which specialise in this delicacy. In this context, Haji Biryani may be mentioned. Demand for this item is so strong that usually long queue forms every morning and evening in front of the decrepit shop.

In fact, the whole conception of rich food is so biryani-oriented, that even when we try the best in other food cultures, for example, Chinese or Continental, the satisfaction is not so complete.

Lately, there has been a craze for Chinese food among the urbanites. The large number of Chinese restaurants in the city bear testimony to this fact. But even if those, who cherish high opinion of Chinese cuisine are asked to choose between Chinese food and 'biryani', the verdict in all likelihood will be in favour of 'biryani'.

We have also a strong weakness for sweets. That is seen by the existence of a large number sweetmeat shops all over the city. Some of these shops have attained extra-territorial fame. If you have relatives overseas to whom you want to send some gifts, the first priority may be sweets from one of those shops. Sweets occupy an important position in the socio-cultural life of our country. Good results in your

exam is well known to your friends and relatives through distribution of sweets. Particularly when results of public examinations are out, it is seen that the entire stocks of sweetmeats in the city shops are sold out in no time. In fact, any happy event in one's life is celebrated with sweets.

All good things in life, even good food, lose much of their charm if continued with monotony. That is why a friend is chary of attending wedding dinners all too often. He often takes resort to a simple diet in order to gain back his taste.

But a gourmet should be a person of adequate means if he is to fully satisfy his pleasure out of good food. For of what use his particular predilection will be if he has not the wherewithal to arrange for it? A genuine gourmet cannot afford to indulge this pleasure for an indefinite time if he has a shaky financial standing. In fact, a gourmet's culture grew in the past in the affluence of nawabs, kings, zamindars and other rich persons.

On the other hand, there are many stories of rich families reduced to poverty on account of their extravagance on good food. Such events are indeed tragedies. Just has service to music or painting is a form of dedication, so also is the service to the cause of good food. And those unfortunate families are myrters at the altar of a good cause.

But the number of those who can appreciate this in this age of fast food is rapidly dwindling. However, in the realm of fast food also, culinary specialities have developed in some modern fast food shops where trays of food items will water your mouth. In fact, good food in whatever field, knows no frontiers if it has the right culinary qualities and taste.

System loss in power sector brought down to 37pc

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khondokar Mosharrar Hossain Thursday said that Taka 100 crore could be saved as a result of pragmatic steps taken by the present government in the power sector, reports BSS.

He said system loss in the power sector which had gone upto 42 per cent has been brought down to 37 per cent.

The minister was addressing the council of Diploma Engineers Association of Power and Water Development Board at the WAPDA auditorium. Presided over by

Tassaduk Hossain, president of the association, the meeting was also addressed by Shaheed Uddin Sardar, president of Diploma Engineers Institution.

The Energy Minister said the government has planned to add generation capacity by another 1000 MW in the next four years. The installed capacity of power in the country is 2398 megawatt, but actual production is 1650 MW. The peak hour power demand is about 1800 MW, he added.

The Energy Minister said since power is the principal vehicle for industrial produc-

tion, the government has taken necessary steps to bring discipline in this sector. He said bringing down system loss and realisation of arrears are steps in that direction. He asked the engineers to plan reduction of system loss and work to realise arrears bills.

Dr Hossain said despite its limited resources the government has embarked upon massive development of gas and energy sector from its own fund. He said steps have been taken to explore two gas fields in Pabna and Bhola districts.

Goutam's painting exhibition begins

By Staff Correspondent

Goutam Chakraborty's week-long solo exhibition of miniatures opened at the Shilpakala Academy yesterday.

Poet Shamsur Rahman, who inaugurated the exhibition, said that he was greatly impressed by the artist's work, and that it is not often that an artist's son is an artist too.

Mrs. Olivia Hilton, the Director of the American Cultural Centre, speaking on the occasion, said that the originality and talent of the artist was unique.

Mrs. H Lechner, the Director of the Goethe Institut said that the works of the young artist brought to her mind the miniature Moghul paintings that she had seen at Calcutta, although the painter worked in the abstract. Mrs Lechner said that the artist had managed to capture the essence of many things.

Artist Murtaja Basir praised the Goutam for being a sincere painter.

Nitun Kundu and Shamsul Huq also spoke on the occasion.

There were 55 miniatures on display and the exhibition will remain opened till November 5.

BSTI realises Tk 16 thousand fine

RAJSHAHI, Oct 29: Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) realised fine, amounting to Taka sixteen thousand while conducting mobile courts from October 14 to 16 against the users of illegal weights and measures in 11 thanas under Rajshahi division, reports BSS.

During the raids a total of 89 cases were registered of which 67 decided realising the fine while 22 remained under trial.

Eight maunds of old bathkharas, 321 gallon measures, 30 yard sticks and 700 faulty sticks of scale were also seized during the raids.

The mobile courts sat with the joint cooperation of concerned district and thana administration, police and BSTI against the shops of grocery, fuel, hardware, mills, cloth, rice, gold and beakary.

James T. Coffey arrives

Lion James T Coffey, first Vice President of Lions Club International, headquartered in the United States, arrived here yesterday afternoon on a three-day visit to Dhaka, reports BSS.

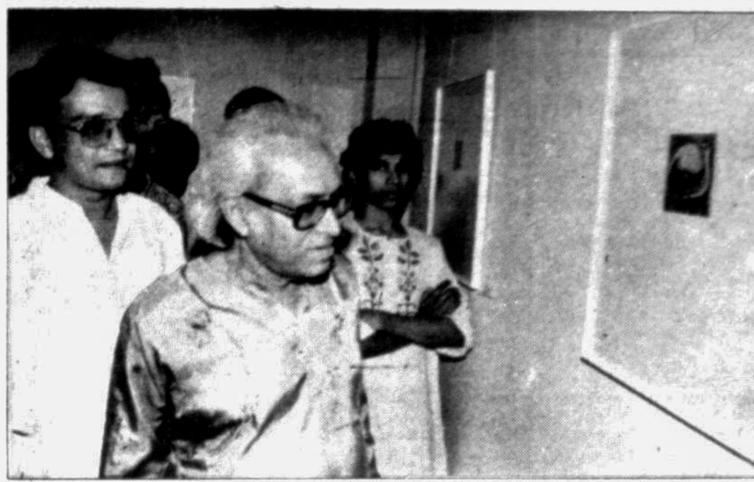
The purpose of his visit is to personally see the Lions activities in Bangladesh. He is accompanied by his wife lady Lion Betty Coffey.

Obituary reference in Sangsad

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday passed an obituary reference condoling the death of Mohammad Shahjahan, a former MP, reports BSS.

After the question hour Speaker Shaikh Razaque Ali moved the obituary reference on Shahjahan who died here on October 24 at a city hospital at the age of 57.

The House unanimously adopted the resolution. One-minute silence was observed in the House as a mark of respect to the late parliamentarian who was one of the organisers of the Liberation War.



Poet Shamsur Rahman inaugurated miniature painting exhibition of Goutam Chakraborty at the Shilpakala Academy in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Huge manpower to be utilised to our benefit: Khaleda

CHITTAGONG, Oct 29: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today said that her government was striving to make Bangladesh a self-reliant country and that spread of education and economic development received priority in that consideration in the overall development strategy, reports BSS.

Begum Zia said we have laid due emphasis on primary and higher education in order to build up a skilled manpower badly needed for our economic uplift and export abroad to earn foreign exchange. Our huge manpower has to be utilised effectively to our benefit, she said.

We will have to develop a skilled manpower for our rapid economic development as well as for export of the same to

earn foreign exchange, she added.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was inaugurating A K Khan UCEP Technical School Mohra near Kalurghat here this afternoon as chief guest at a function held in the school premises.

The function presided over by Major General (ret'd) Amjad Khan Chowdhury, Chairman of the Board of Governors of Under Privileged Children's Educational Programme (UCEP) was addressed by Planning Minister AM Zahir Uddin Khan, Salahuddin Kashem Khan, Chairman of School Committee and Peter Amacher, country coordinator of EDM, an NGO. Communications Minister OI Ahmed, Forest, Fisheries and Environment Minister Abdullah Al-Noman, State Minister for

Textiles Abdul Mannan, local MPs and BNP leaders and elite of the locality were present.

She also stressed the need for establishing more and more technical schools to enable our youths to receive technical education.

In this connection she called upon the well-to-do people to extend their cooperation for setting up technical schools. She also thanked donor countries and agencies for extending help and assistance for spread of general and technical education in the country.

Newspapers can play vital role in shaping opposition politics

By DU Correspondent

Speakers at a lecture series yesterday viewed that the newspaper could play a vital and advance role in shaping the strategy of opposition politics to consolidate democracy.

The lecture series on the role of newspaper in development of opposition politics was held at the Teacher Student Centre (TSC) seminar room of the Dhaka University yesterday morning.

Organised by the Department of the Mass Communication and Journalism of the DU in cooperation with the Asia Foundation, it was inaugurated by department Professor Q A I M Nuruddin.

The Acting Editor of the Sangbad K G Mustafa presented the key-note paper.

The Department Chairman Dr Golam Rahman presided while Dr Shakhwat Ali Khan of the same department conducted the programme.

The programme was also addressed by Nik L Langton, Country Representative of Asia Foundation.

K G Mustafa in his paper highlighted the role of newspapers in the development of the politics of the opposition from the early 1947 to 1971.

'The Pakistan Observer' the then leading English daily had

turned into a mouth piece of the opposition within a time though the paper was brought out with the patronisation of Muslim League, K G Mustafa said in his speech.

Dainik Ittefaq played an important role to shape up the opposition politics in the then East Bengal.

Movements of the opposition political parties at that time in Pakistan could reach to their destination only for the bold support of the newspaper, Mustafa said.

He mentioned that from 1952 — the language movement, the six-point movement, struggling against military rule and mass movement in 1969 — all leading to the Independence War in 1971 became successful for the support of newspapers.

BCL (M-I) demands release of Jewel

By DU Correspondent

The pro-Awami League Chhatra League BCL (M-I) Thursday held a rally on the Dhaka University (DU) campus demanding immediate release of its leader Mirza Masud Jewel.

Jewel, a student of the university was arrested by the Detective Branch of police Wednesday evening from Shahbag area in the city in connection with the Mirza Gafiq Liton murder case.

The BCL (M-I) rally held at the Aparajeo Bangla of the DU yesterday morning was addressed, among others, by Iqbalur Rahim, Nirmal Guho, Iqbal Hossain Apu, K H M Liza and Pankaj Nath.

Later in the afternoon BCL also brought out a procession and held a rally in front of the DUS cafeteria.

Meanwhile, the BCL (M-I) will observe Shaheed Mizan Day today (Friday).

Mizanur Rahman Mizan died on this day last year after receiving serious bullet injury on October 27 during a gun battle on the DU campus. Other two students were also gunned down in that fight.

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Weather
Dry weather likely
By Staff Correspondent
Dry weather is likely to prevail over the country with partly cloudy sky during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Friday), the Met office forecasts.
No change in day temperature is expected during this period.
The Met office adds little change in night temperature is expected in a couple of days.
The maximum temperature of 35 degree Celsius was reported from Chuadanga yesterday (Thursday) and the minimum of 18 degree was reported from Srimangal.
The sun sets today (Friday) at 5.21 pm and rises tomorrow (Saturday) at 6.04 am.
The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity of some 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 | 32.8 | 22.4 | 66 | 68 |
| Chittagong | 32.4 | 24.0 | 83 | 78 |
| Rajshahi | 33.3 | 21.0 | 71 | 77 |
| Khulna | 32.0 | 22.5 | 77 | 83 |
| Dinajpur | 30.5 | 19.0 | 71 | 79 |
| Cox's Bazar | 32.4 | 24.4 | 77 | 77 |
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| Barisal | 33.0 | 21.5 | 80 | 89 |

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