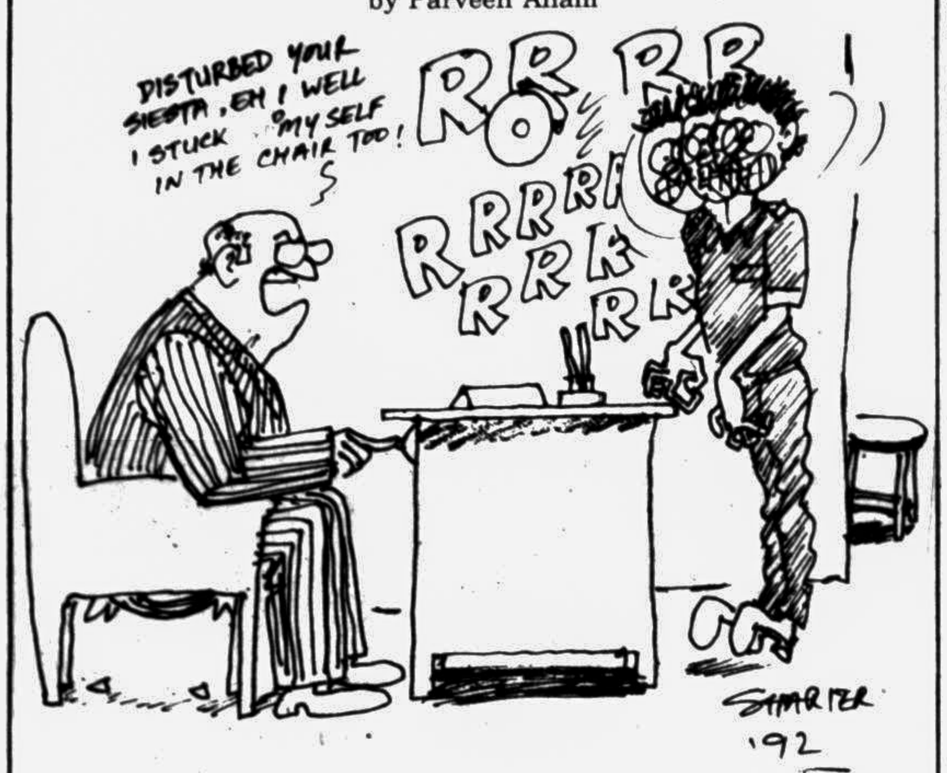
## Dhaka Day by Day

# The Magic of the Bell !

by Parveen Anam




The psychologist amongst you, will always loftily inform you, that all individuals, are attracted to different things, for different reasons. For the average human being, it is a reasonable enough explanation. He is quite content with it. But the one thing which perhaps puzzles the even more ordinary sort, like ourselves, is the little gadget in Dhaka, which attracts perhaps all Dhakaites more than anything else. And that is the little bell, tucked away so neatly, under a discreet table top or arm rest. How we love that bell; nothing gives us more pleasure, than to ring that bell at regular intervals, to summon the lesser mortals, morning evening and night. Where would be without it? We wonder. We have it installed all over the house at the most strategic spots. We have it at our bedside, to summon that morning cup of tea, at a 'touch.' Literally.

The average Dhakaite would be totally lost the 'morning after the night before' if he did not have the bell, to summon the faithful. Names at that hour, are a headache. The bell in the office (those little govt. places, with the whirring fan) is the total epitomisation of the gadget.

The faithful little peon, outside the front door, is up and down like a 'jack in the box' at the behest of that bell. He has to fetch the tea, carry the files, open the door, pull back the chair, carry the muffler, all at the touch of the bell. That bell must be the envy of many a film director, who probably shouts himself hoarse, giving out endless directions. If only his pupils could master the art of the 'bell' life would be a breeze for him. No more yelling and screaming for him. One ring for dialogues to begin, two for the make-up man, three for the action, the list is endless. But alas, life is a wee bit more complicated than what that bell makes it out to be, we discover. Yet at the same time, we cannot help but wonder, when we can hear ourselves think, above the cacophony of the bell, as to whatever happened to the names of all those individuals, being summoned by the bell. Or perhaps life is complicated enough, without having to memorize the names of all those guys, parading in and out of the offices. A new face at the door of the boss, is a common phenomenon; and the boss is only human. Life is so much simpler with that gadget at our fingertips. We cannot honestly say that it is always justifiably utilised, though, when we observe that poor man it is summoning, doing the marathon about fifty seven times a day. But then, we cannot have our cake and eat it, I presume and should thank heavens for little blessings. They admittedly come in various shapes, guises and designs, but we should be thanking our stars we do not have to holler at the top of our lungs, already weakened by the pollution in the city, whenever we desire the presence of the subordinate.

## Ulemas urged to contribute to social evolution

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday called upon the ulema community to come forward to contribute their mite to social evolution, pursuing the ideals and tenets of Islam, reports BSS.

"Nothing could hinder our progress and welfare if we unitedly and firmly pursue the path of Islam in the trouble-torn society," he told a "shukria mahfil," organised by the Baitus Sharif Anjuman-e-Ittehad, Bangladesh, a voluntary Islamic social organisation in observance of its 40th founding anniversary here.

Presided over by Peer Shahib of Baitus Sharif Shah Sufi Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Abdul Jabbar, the function was also addressed by State Minister for Textile Abdul Mannan, Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Abdul Karim, and Vice-President of Anjuman-e-Ittehad Abdul Awal.

There will be no room for violence and terrorism if society is imbibed with the spirit of Islam, he added.

## Commemorative stamps on 'Tara Masjid' released

Bangladesh Post office has brought out a commemorative stamp of Taka 10 denomination and a first day cover worth Taka five on the 'Tara Masjid' (Star Mosque) Dhaka, built in the 18th century AD, reports BSS.

Post and Telecommunications Minister Muhammad Keramat Ali released the stamp at a simple ceremony yesterday at his Sangsad Bhaban office.

Leaders of Chhatra League (M-I) DU unit presenting bouquet to AL chief Sheikh Hasina at their extended meeting at the party's central office at Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday. — Star photo

## 'Communication main pre-condition of economic uplift'

The Deputy Leader of the House in parliament Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday said present democratic government is working hard to build a communication network for the socio-economic development of the country, reports BSS.

He was inaugurating two bridges at Sreenagar built by the Local Government Engineering Bureau.

Prof Chowdhury said communication is one of the main pre-condition of economic upliftment of a nation.

The two bridges were constructed at a total cost of Taka 34 lakh.

**Happy Birthday**

*to*

**Nashveen**

**Nanamona, Papa, Ma & Natasha**

# Imams' role in social uplift stressed

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar yesterday underlined the role of imams and primary school teachers in social uplift programmes, reports BSS.

The Minister was speaking as the chief guest at the certificate awarding ceremony of a training course on primary health care sponsored by Islamic Medical Mission here.

Presided over by Prof Kamal Uddin, the function was addressed by State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof M A Mannan and National Professor Nurul Islam.

Sircar said the government has introduced compulsory primary education and mass education programmes for eradicating illiteracy from the country. He said that the imams could play a vital role in making mass education programme a success and help improve the status of health care facilities for the rural people.

Addressing as special guest the State Minister for Religious Affairs said Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman had first undertaken imam training programme for achieving socio-economic uplift. He informed the mosque-based mass education programme will be launched in 68 thanas of 68 districts from next month.

Earlier, the Education Minister distributed certificates among the trained imams.

## Air chief off to China

Chief of Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Altaf Hossain Choudhury left Dhaka yesterday on a goodwill visit to People's Republic of China, reports UNB.

He is leading a three-member delegation.

During the week-long visit, air Vice-Marshal Choudhury will hold discussion with the Chinese Defence Minister.

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## What's on today . . . .

### FBCCI workshop

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), German Federation of Small Business and Crafts and Technonet, Singapore, will jointly organise a day-long workshop on Transfer of the Regulatory activities of Government Organisations to the FBCCI and other Chambers today (Saturday) at the FBCCI auditorium at 10 am.

Commerce Minister M K Anwar will be the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony.

### World Thrift Day

Jatiya Sanchoy Paridaptar (National Directorate of Savings) has organised function today (Saturday) at 10 am at the auditorium of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) in observance of the World Thrift Day.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman will attend the function as chief guest while State Minister for Finance Mojibur Rahman will be present as the special guest. Secretary of the Internal Resources Division (IRD) Dr Masiur Rahman will preside.

### Asiatic Society of Bangladesh

The ninth monthly general meeting of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will be held today (Saturday) at 4 pm at its auditorium at 5, Old Secretariat Road, Nimtali in the city.

Dr Ratan Lal Chakraborty, Associate Professor of History Department of the Dhaka University will speak on "Movement of Population in British Bengal an Burma, 1785-1947".

### IUBAT seminar

South Asian Disaster Management Centre (SADMC) of International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) has organised a seminar on Disaster Management in observance of IDNDR, today (Saturday) at 5 p.m.

Md. Murshed Ahmed, IUBAT Alumni and Chief Economic, Water Resources Planning Organisation (WARPO) will present the key note paper.

The seminar will take place at the Conference Room of IUBAT, House -135, Road-9 A (Old -19), Dhanmondi Residential Area.

### Zia Academy

The 3rd meeting of the Executive Council of Zia Academy will be held today (Saturday) at 5:30 p.m at its office premises.

All members of the Executive Council are requested to attend the meeting on time.

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### BSRS Officers' Welfare Assoc

The installation ceremony of the newly formed executive body of Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha (BSRS) Officers' Welfare Association will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 3-30 pm at the main office of the corporation.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman will attend the function as chief guest while President of Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad Barrister Moinul Hossain, Journalist Gias Kamal Chowdhury, Chairman of the Board of Directors of BSRS Dr Abdullah Faruq and Managing Director Mamun-ur-Rashid will be present as the special guests.

## BFUJ meet

The meeting of the executive committee of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) was adjourned till 10.30 am today, reports BSS.

Presided over by Acting President of BFUJ Manzur Ahmed, the meeting began at the union office at the Jatiya Press Club, yesterday.

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| 5:00 | Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary |
| 5:10 | News in Bangla |
| 5:20 | Recitation from the Geeta |
| 5:25 | Cartoon: Cane Bears Family |
| 5:50 | Sabar Sathey |
| 6:30 | Programme on National Youth Day |
| 7:05 | Banshari |
| 8:00 | News in Bangla |
| 8:30 | Mati O Manush |
| 9:00 | Geetee Shatadal |
| 10:00 | News in English |
| 10:30 | Dallas |
| 11:30 | Khabar/The News |
| 11:40 | Sunday's programme summary |
| 11:45 | Closing |

## Govt urged to formulate sound health policy

CHITTAGONG, Oct 30: The Chittagong Divisional Conference—'92 of National Doctors' Forum held here today called upon the government to formulate a sound national health policy ensuring health services for all citizens, reports BSS.

The conference, held at Shanai Community Centre near Chittagong Medical College here, was presided over by Convener of the conference committee Dr. Ekramul Huq. Prof Dr Gulam Muazzem, former principal of Sylhet Medical College attended the conference as the chief guest.

Advocate Shamsuddin Ahmad Mirza, President of Chittagong Bar Association, Nazir Ahmad, President of Democratic Journalists Forum, Dr M. Ruhul Amin, Publicity Secretary of BMA, Engineer Khurshed Ahmad, Dr. Redwanullah, Secretary, National Doctors' Forum (NDF) addressed the conference.

Representatives from Cox's Bazar, Comilla, Laxmipur and Chittagong were present at the conference.

# Private TT college to introduce new courses next year

The country's first private teachers training college which started functioning in July this year under the name "Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Teachers Training College" is expected to introduce three new specialised courses next year.

Sponsored by Dhaka Ahsania Mission and affiliated to Dhaka University, the college started its maiden journey with 162 students. They are expected to receive B. Ed degree in May 1993 after completing the 10-month course on conventional teachers training.

Talking to BSS, Rector of the training college Dr KM Sirajul Islam said separate groups of eminent educational experts were working to prepare curricula and syllabus of the new courses, which were expected to submit to the Dhaka University for approval soon.

He said the new courses would be (i) B Ed (elementary) to train the pre-primary and primary school teachers as well as teachers of mentally handicapped schools (II) B Ed (English) to train the English teaches covering both pedagogical and subject matters and (III) B Ed course for teachers of non-formal education including adult and mass education.

He said the college authority was also thinking for developing a course for training of madrasa teachers.

A 15-member governing body headed by eminent educationist M Ferdous Khan decides the policy matters and oversees the functioning of the college, he added.

General Secretary and Executive Director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Kazi Rafiqul Alam said the college was housed in a four-storied building at Shyamoli owned by the mission.

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The UNDP, Dhaka seeks the services of a short-term Consultant in software development for the UNDP Office. The assignment will be for a duration of six months with the possibility of a 3 months extension. The job requires a highly qualified person having sufficient experience and skill of managing and maintaining of PCs/LANs and standard commercial software such as , WP, dBase, Lotus and Novell LAN operating systems. The consultant will also be required to tackle software problems of already implemented UNDP corporate software. The training of staff in the newly developed software packages (mostly on D-Base 1V basis with compatibility to Novell LAN operating systems ) is also required. Remuneration : Tk. 30,000/- per month.

Applications marked confidential, and including a curriculum vitae should be sent to the Personnel Section, UNDP, P.O.Box 224, Dhaka-1000 by 13 November 1992.

**Female candidates are encouraged to apply.**

## Weather

# No change in day temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Dry weather is likely over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Saturday).

No appreciable change in day temperature is expected during this period.

The Met office forecasts, little change in night temperature is expected within two days.

The maximum temperature of 34.6 degree Celsius was reported from Madaripur yesterday (Friday) and the minimum of 16.4 degree was reported from Dinajpur.

The sun sets today Saturday at 5.20 pm and rises tomorrow Sunday at 6.05 am.

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

| Cities/Towns | Temperature in degree Celsius | | Humidity in percentage | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Max | Min | 9 am | 6 pm |
| Dhaka | 33.1 | 21.2 | 70 | 70 |
| Chittagong | 32.3 | 24.0 | 85 | 80 |
| Rajshahi | 32.2 | 20.0 | 73 | 72 |
| Khulna | 32.8 | 22.6 | 71 | 58 |
| Sylhet | 33.0 | 20.5 | 62 | 70 |
| Cox's Bazar | 34.0 | 24.8 | 74 | 82 |
| Dinajpur | 31.0 | 16.4 | 75 | 77 |
| Barisal | 33.2 | 21.8 | 76 | 86 |

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