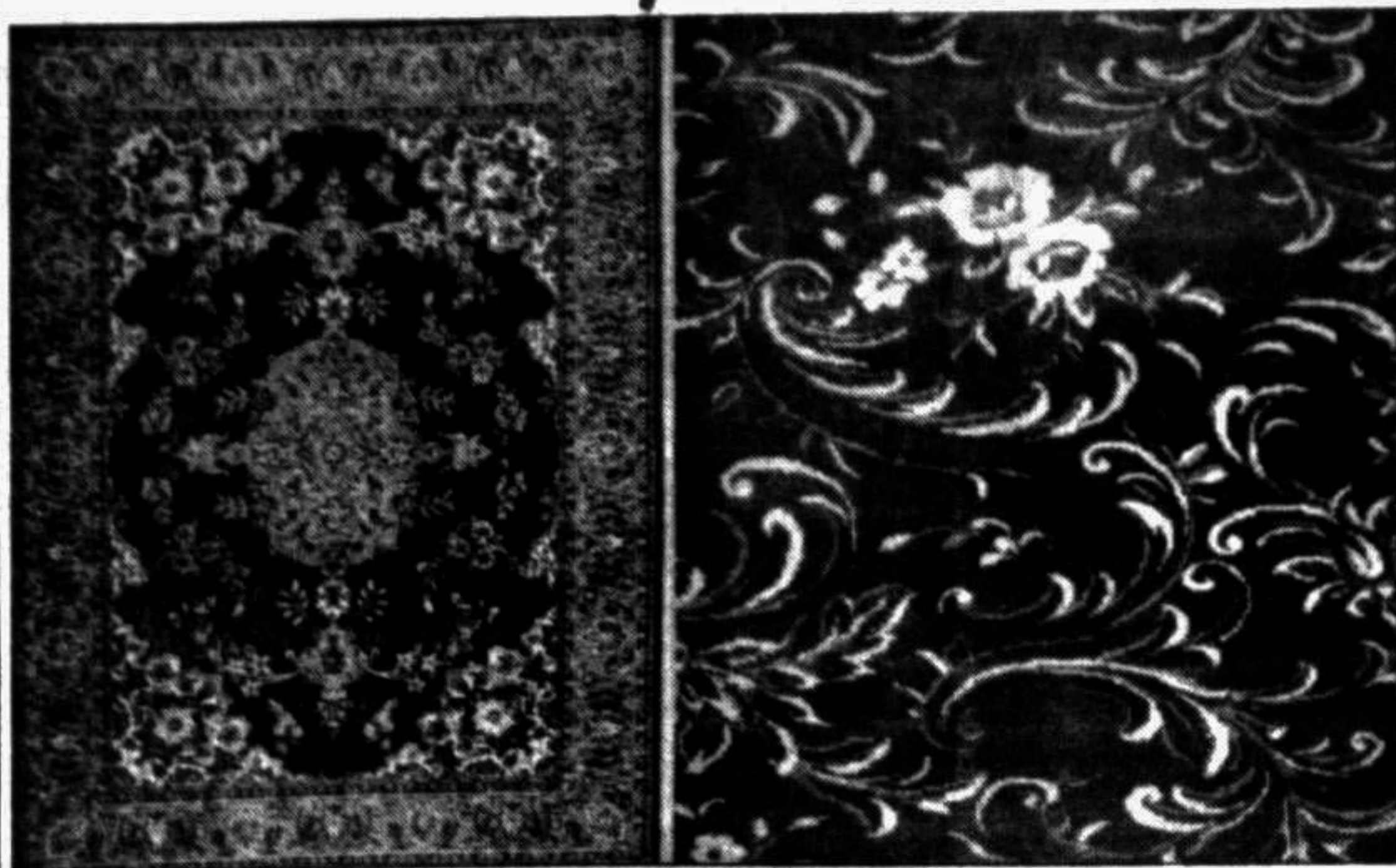


Dhaka Day by Day

The charm of the carpet painter

by Parveen Anam



Products of Ismail Carpets, one of the leading ones in the country.

There was a time in this our lovely city of Dhaka, when carpets were not very common; it was the hand woven jute mats, which were in demand, both for their price and because they were cooler, spread on the floor, on a summer evening, to be conveniently stored away, when the family dispersed.

But then, those were the 'yesteryears' so to speak. We moved up the social ladder and mats were replaced at a phenomenal pace, by carpets. Jute carpets were of course the rage, with woolen carpets a close second. But the colours of the carpets were perhaps not as 'colour fast' as could be desired. Which promptly fired the imagination of the Bengali, and sooner than one could imagine, little shops sprang up all over the city, catering to the colours of the carpets!

These are the shops you spot dotting the roadside, more in certain neighbourhoods than others, with the little man sitting there, diligently painting away at the carpets. You take him a carpet, which is not as bright as when you bought it, tell him exactly what you want and he attacks your carpet with gusto. Leave it behind and come back a week later, to collect it.

You would never recognize it as the same piece you had left with him. He has transformed it totally; with his little brush, he has worked miracles. The colours are lovelier than ever before, the designs more prominent and the shades match perfectly. When you stop to think, that man had never been to an art

school, you being to wonder at the miracle of his genius. If with no training, he can produce workmanship of this quality, your mind boggles at the prospect of his genius flowering under proper tutelage. But then, 'full many a flower was born to blush unseen, and waste its fragrance, on the desert air'.

The potential of such fellows, perhaps could reach unforeseen depths, if it could be tapped at the proper time. It is an art, handed down through the generations; an art developed through watching and practice. The intricate mixing of colours is an art, which the little 'carpet man' has picked up totally through watching his elders and colleagues. He does not know the sophisticated jargon of the artist and is not bothered either. He mixes and matches as he thinks best and produces the most amazing results. I am sure he is the envy of many an artist and designer.

And of course, his working conditions are the most primitive imaginable. A little hut, with a tin roof and the bare floor, is his lot. More often than not, he is just an employee, with a negligible remuneration. Day in and day out, he works in this most basic of conditions with hardly a complaint.

The end result of his labours of course, leaves the ordinary human, speechless. If it were not for his efforts, many an expensive carpet, perhaps would have had to be thrown away. Yet, it is men like him and his sort who make up the multitudes of the unsung heroes of our city.

BA, BSS pass results of CU announced

CHITTAGONG, Nov 16: The University of Chittagong today announced the results of BA and BSS pass examinations held under the university in 1991, reports BSS.

A total of 13,482 students appeared at the examination of whom 5756 came out successful. The percentage of pass is 42.6. Of the successful examinees 688 secured second division while the rest got third division.

2979 students appeared at the BSS pass examination of whom 1289 came out successful. The percentage of pass is 43.2.

Of the successful examinees 196 got second division and the rest third division.

Among 3761 external BA pass candidates 1126 passed. Of whom one candidate M Sajjad Hussain bearing Roll No 45239 secured first division, 256 got second division and the rest third division. The percentage of pass is 29.9.

Of the 536 BSS pass external candidates 199 passed. Twenty of the successful candidates secured second division while the rest got third division.

Khulna Shishu Park opened

KHULNA, Nov 16: The newly built Khulna Mohanagar Shishu Park at Tarer Pukur area in the city was formally inaugurated by Khulna City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman yesterday, reports BSS.

Spread over an acre of land the park was built at a cost of about Taka 1260000. Arrangements of various sports and recreations have been made for the children in the park.

The inaugural function was attended by Abdul Gafur Sardar, father of Shaheed Moharaj and Sayra Begum, wife of Shaheed Selim, as the chief guest and special guest respectively. Both the shaheeds were killed in the mass movement of 1990. A long-felt demand of the city dwellers has been fulfilled with the construction of this park.

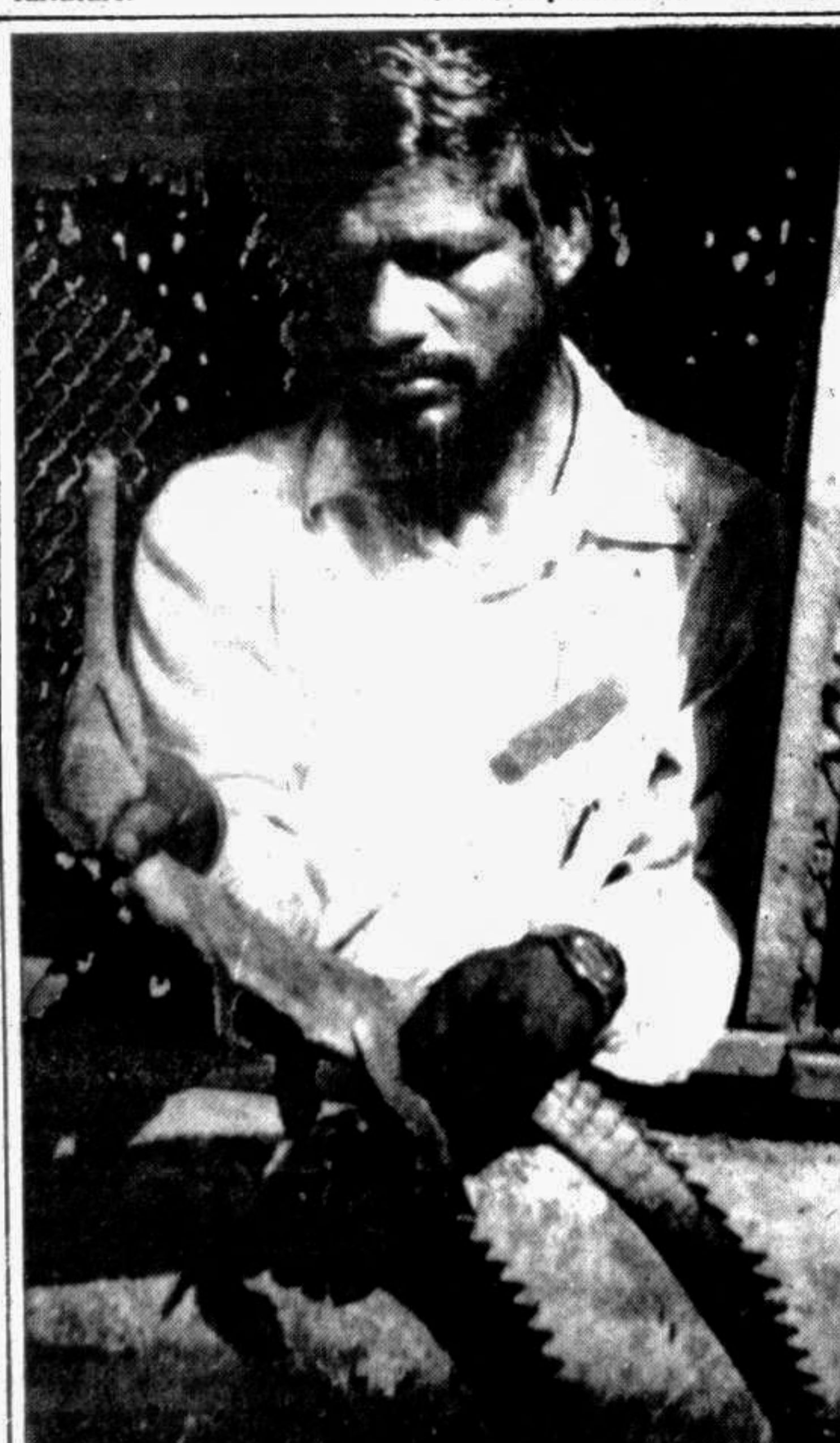
One gets life term for possessing cocaine in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Nov 16: Additional Session Judge, Chittagong, Syed Muhammad Enayet Ullah today awarded life imprisonment to one M Taleb Ali of Companyganj, Noakhali for illegally possessing one kilogram of cocaine and fined him Taka 10,000 in default to suffer jail term for another year, reports BSS.

The Judge also sentenced Belayet Hussain and Jaber Hossain of Companyganj and Chandanaish respectively to five years' jail term and fined Taka 5000/-each in default to suffer six months' imprisonment on charge of collaborating with M Taleb Ali.

Milam meets Anwar

US Ambassador in Bangladesh William B Milam yesterday called on Commerce Minister M K Anwar at his office, reports BSS.



Gharial, a nearly extinct crocodile-like species which was recently handed over to National Zoo authorities at Mirpur. —Star photo



Oli Ahad speaking at a function in observance of the 16th death anniversary of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium yesterday. —Star photo

'Moulana should be kept above politics' Bhashani first bade good-bye to Pindi: Tariq

Tariqul Islam Minister for Social Welfare and Women Affairs, yesterday said Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani had dreamt of a sovereign independent country, reports BSS.

Speaking at a discussion on the occasion of the 16th death anniversary of Maulana Bhashani at Bhashani Bhaban here yesterday evening Islam said he had for the first time bade good-bye to Pindi and thought of an independent nation.

Organised by the Bhashani Smriti Sangsad, the function was also addressed by BFUJ President Reazuddin Ahmed, Prof Abul Kasem Fazlul Haque, Ahmed Safa, Advocate Bazur Rahman Talukdar, Mia Shaheed Hossain and Nazmul Haque Nannu. Convener of the sangsad Ahmed Nazir presided.

The minister paid rich tributes to the late leader and said the nation could benefit a lot if his ideals could be translated into deeds. He said Maulana Bhashani never compromised with his ideology and had always fought for the down-trodden.

Reazudin Ahmed said Maulana had fought relentlessly against expansionism and led the historic Farakka March to protect the right of the people.

Ahmed Safa called for making research work on the Moulana's life and works.

Prof Fazlul Haque said Moulana should be kept above politics.

Ahmed Nazir said the late leader was always vocal against oppression of any kind.

Our Staff Correspondent adds The political teachings of late Maulana Abdul Hamid

Khan Bhashani can guide the nation to overcome its existing crisis.

This was stated by a number of speakers at a commemorative meeting held at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

The speakers expressed the opinion that the nation by now badly needed uncompromising leadership like that of Bhashani who always volunteered the national interest in his long struggling political career. Maulana Bhashani Mrityu Barski Udjapan Committee organised the meeting in the afternoon.

Democratic League (DL) chief Oli Ahad addressed the meeting as chief guest. Other speakers were Bahauddin Chowdhury, Advisory Editor of the Dainik Lal Sabuj, renowned film-maker Khan Ataur Rahman, Abdul Matin Master, general secretary of Bhashani NAP, and Saifuddin Ahmed Mont, organising secretary of DL. Convener of the committee Nurunnabi presided over the meeting.

Oli Ahad in his speech emphasised the need for practising Bhashani's teachings in our national life. Reminding the audience of Bhashani's role in marching towards the Farakka Barrage Oli Ahad called upon the people of all strata to protect country's sovereignty.

Bahauddin Chowdhury termed Bhashani as the pioneer of secular politics in this sub-continent. Bhashani alone did the rare act of bringing qualitative change in the politics of this region, he remarked.

Khan Ataur Rahman pointed out that apart from his political life, Bhashani also possessed a very soft and sensitive feeling for the distressed.

Research on solar energy emphasised

A seminar on solar power station with thermo-chemical storage organised by Centre for Energy Studies of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) held at BUET seminar hall Sunday, reports BSS.

Dr Jurgen Kleinwachter, a renowned solar energy expert and general manager of German solar centre, Lorrach, Federal Republic of Germany delivered lecture at the seminar as main speaker.

In his speech Dr Kleinwachter emphasised the need for solar energy research in Bangladesh as an alternative energy source. He spoke on the working principle of an engine called 'sterling engine' which is his original contribution.



Tuesday

- 5:00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Programme summary
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Recitation from the Geeta
- 5:30 Shiksha Diksha
- 6:00 Ma O Shishu
- 6:30 Open University
- 7:05 Nazrul songs
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Drama series: Jalashat Katadur
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Chira Amlan — programme in memory of Maulana Bhashani
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:40 Wednesday's programme summary
- 11:45 Closing

Weather

Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent
Light rain or showers may occur over the coastal regions and weather will remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the county during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Thursday).

The Met office forecasts, night temperature is likely to rise by one to two degree Celsius over the country.

The Met office also forecasts, weather is likely to deteriorate within the next 2 days.

The maximum of 31.0 degree Celsius was reported from Cox's Bazar, Sathkira, Chuadanga and Bogra and the minimum of 13.2 degree was reported from Srimangal yesterday (Monday).

The sun sets today at 5.12 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.16 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	28.5	16.8	71	75
Chittagong	29.3	18.6	81	67
Rajshahi	30.2	16.0	76	78
Khulna	29.0	17.9	77	80
Cox's Bazar	31.0	19.5	72	68
Sylhet	29.5	16.0	77	65
Dinajpur	28.4	15.2	83	75
Barisal	28.8	17.6	72	87

Attention

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BO DEREK IS SORRY
TO BE LATE IN
GETTING IN TOUCH
FROM : SC

Happy Birthday to Boro Apu & Ammu

Faisal, Sariya, Samira, Tubla



BORO APU
Munim, Faisal, Mishu, Malisa, Guria, Saria, Samira, Tubla & Keiku

63 grammes of heroine seized in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Nov 16: Department of Narcotics Control today seized 63 grammes of heroine in two separate drives in the city, reports BSS.

Acting on a secret information, officials of Narcotics Control Department seized 60 grammes of heroine from the residence of Isahaq Ali at Chandipur area while in another drive three grammes was seized from the residence.

A very Happy Birthday To Gudda & Moina From Abbu & Ammu

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Following are the maximum selling price for our brands with effect from November 14, 1992.

BRAND	PACKING	PER PACKET TK.
FILTER CIGARETTES		
SE 555	KSF 20HL	46.00
GOLD LEAF	KSF 20HL	38.00
CAPSTAN FILTER	KSF 20HL	27.00
STAR FILTER KINGS	KSF 20HL	18.00
STAR FILTER KINGS	KSF 20SC	18.00
STAR SPECIAL FILTER	RSF 10SS	7.50
PLAIN CIGARETTES		
BRISTOL	PLN 10SS	9.00
SCISSORS	PLN 10SS	8.50
STAR	PLN 10SS	7.00
TOBACCO		
CAPSTAN MEDIUM	NC 50G	22.50

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The amount being raised will be used to partly finance a major expansion of the production facility of the Company which will result in substantial increase in sales and earnings.

Letter offering Right Share on the above basis along with financial statements including sales and earning forecast and details of the expansion project will be mailed to the shareholders on 29th November 1992. The last date for accepting the offer and making payment to the Company's designated Bank account will be 10th December 1992.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

November 15, 1992 MANAGING DIRECTOR

Rafiq leaves for Sri Lanka

Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia left here for Sri Lanka yesterday on a five-day official tour at the invitation of the government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, reports BSS.

The minister will see for himself the housing and development projects implemented by the Sri Lanka government.

Obituary

Renowned lyricist Sadek Chowdhury died of a heart attack yesterday morning at the Shaheed Suhrawardy Hospital. He was 45, reports BSS.

Chowdhury was a bachelor and Assistant Finance Secretary of Bangladesh Sangeet Parishad.

The namaj-e-janaza of Chowdhury was held after Magreb prayers at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque premises.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Sangeet Parishad condoled the death of Sadek Chowdhury and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

Students urged to help rout violence

Speakers at a freshers' reception and farewell ceremony held at the Jagannath University College yesterday called for taking a fresh vow to make the college an ideal seat of learning in the country, reports BSS.

They said that the students of Jagannath College must play a pioneering role in fighting out in discipline, violence and terrorism from educational institutions.

Organized by the Department of Islamic History and Culture, the function was presided over by the Principal of the college, Dr Q A T M Habibur Rahman, as the chief guest.

Presided over by the chairman of the department, Prof A S M Helal, the function was addressed, among others by Vice-Principal Prof Ashraf Ali Khan, ex-chairman of the department, Dr S N Mahmudul

Hasan, Prof Manzurul Alam, Prof Kabiruddin, Prof Shakina Akhtar and student representatives Sagir Ahmed Liton and Hedayatullah Swapan.

A session of voluntary blood donation in cooperation with the Bangladesh Red-Crescent Society was held on the occasion. A total of 47 students donated blood. The function was followed by a cultural function participated by the students.

Earlier welcoming the newly admitted students and bidding farewell to the outgoing students, the chairman of the department, Prof Helal called upon the college authority to remove the problems of accommodation and furniture.

Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Sylhet-3100 WANTED

Applications are invited from Bangladesh nationals in view of filling in the following posts.

1. Lecturer in English — 01(one)
Qualification: The candidate must have first class in any of Degree Honours or Master's examinations and minimum second division in other examinations. In case of candidates having specialisation/experience, the stated first class is relaxable.
2. Instrument Engineer(Computer Software) — 01(one)
Qualification: (A) M.Sc. with Computer Software course or B.Sc. Engineer in Computer Science/Computer Engineering with Computer Software. (B) 2(two) years experience in Computer Programme & Computer Software use, making & maintenance.
or
(A) Graduation degree with Diploma in Computer Software. (B) 04(four) years experience in Computer Programme & Computer Software use, making & maintenance. In case of candidate with special qualification, the terms are relaxable.
3. Male Nurse — 01(one)
Qualification: Minimum SSC passed in second division and should be Diploma-in-Nursing/Compounding passed. Minimum 3(three) years experience in relevant work at a Hospital or like establishment preferred.
Salary: Lecturer — 2850-7x125-3725-EB-11x130-5155.
Instrument Engineer — 4100-16X150 — 6500 and Male Nurse — 1725-7x105-2460-EB-11x115-3725.

For the posts of Lecturer & Instrument Engineer, 8(eight) sets of application with attested copies of certificates/testimonials, 04(four) copies passport size photograph and Bank Draft for Tk. 35/=(thirtyfive) in favour of the Registrar and for the post of Male Nurse 06(six) sets of application with attested copies of certificates/testimonials, 03(three) copies passport size photograph and Bank Draft for Tk.15/=(fifteen) in favour of the Registrar should reach the undersigned by 12-12-92.

Application form can be collected from the office of the Registrar by sending a self-addressed envelope with postage stamp worth Tk.04(four). Those who have applied earlier need not apply again. Candidate in service must apply through proper authority channel. Incomplete application will not be considered.

Registrar