

Dhaka Day by Day

Blueprint for Development

by Parveen Anam



Dhaka University campus which is adjacent to Suhrawardy Uddyan off Ramna Park has still some greenery left.

When the members of the Raj first landed on the shores of our land, we welcomed them, of course, being oblivious to their devious schemes. They went about their business, literally, developing themselves and, so they told us, our land for us. Only the best interest at heart for the 'natives', we are sure. It was unfortunate for them that at some point the 'natives grew restless' and they had to give up their 'Jewel in the Crown,' with many a sigh and regret.

The Raj was here in the days when environment groups were unheard of. 'Greenpeace movements' were not even dreamt of. And if they were, they would have certainly applauded the 'sahibs' for their contribution to the environment. It cannot be denied even in our worst moments of 'alien hatred' that trees and greenery abounded in the earlier days and the area which we still like to refer to as the Ramna 'Green', a was actually green.

The trees bordering the vicinity where the elite lived was a joy for sore eyes. The 'krishnachuras' outside the Radio Office, and the majestic tree outside what is now the office where our external policies are determined (when the powers that be are not off to external shores) was the pride of many a Dhakaité.

Eyes still mist over as many take that walk down memory lane with the flame-orange 'krishnachuras' endlessly lining the road, for company. The trees were companion to equally majestic buildings, the envy of many an architect. In the modern days, Regal, towering quietly over the green surroundings, and yet delicately tucked away behind the very trees which adorned them, the red coloured, imperial buildings were an institution by themselves, a majestic reminder of the yesteryears. Something the Dhakaité could be justly proud of.

But alas! The pride and majesty of both the

trees and those regal buildings were not to last. They had to succumb to the 'development' mania. The first victim to pay the price for the mania, were the trees, mercilessly cut down, to either build road dividers or an equally grotesque concrete water fountain. One often wonders, when the world is screaming itself hoarse at the depletion of the ozone layer, etc etc and how one of the ways to save the good planet, is to plant trees, how it is possible, for fanatics 'powers that be' to apply the axe, to centuries old trees, in the hollow name of 'development'.

Perhaps the members of the 'Greenpeace' or some such movement, should be invited to visit Dhaka, at the precise moment, when the axe of development strikes. Give them something to really shout about. As if the price paid by the trees was not enough, it is now apparently the turn of the gorgeous buildings, which are being knocked down, to build palatial structures; structures which are not only agony to the eyes of the tax payer, but agony also to his pockets. Remember he ultimately foots the bill for 'development'.

One wonders at times how the 'powers that be' never think it necessary to go to the ordinary citizen to ask his opinion, before either chopping down those trees or knocking down the buildings. It is to be presumed, that it is the common man who is dishing out the money for all events, at the expense of more necessary things, like a basic abode for himself.

Hence, we the riff-raffs, distinctly feel that the common man should at least be asked, before the machinery embarks on its royal mission of either cutting down the trees or structure of the palaces, if he approves of the idea. Democracy, we are loftily reminded, is 'of the people'. Perhaps the tax payer is excluded from the definition? But then we the simple souls cannot fathom the minds of the superior beings and must settle for what is doled out. In the name of 'development'.

Implementation of joint declaration Nov '90 demanded

CHITTAGONG, Nov 19: Leaders of Chattogram Sammilita Peshajibi Sangram Parishad today called for implementation of the declaration of the three major political alliances of November 19, 1990, reports BSS.

The parishad held a discussion at the office of Chittagong Union of Journalists here marking the second anniversary of the declaration of the three alliances with convenor of the parishad Prof Abdul Mannan in the chair.

Parishad leader Dr A Q M Strajul Islam, Advocate Ibrahim Hossain Babul, Dr Iftekharuddin Chowdhury and journalists Anjan Kumer Sen participated in the discussion.

They said the problems of the country could be overcome by implementing the declaration of the three alliances.

The parishad leaders called for convening a national convention of all parties and professional bodies to work out a strategy for resolving the national issues.

Zia Sangsad members meet Biswas

A 15-member delegation of the Bangladesh Zia Sangsad called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban here yesterday morning, reports BSS.

President Biswas urged the youths to be inspired with the ideals of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman and devote themselves in acquiring knowledge and leadership quality to take nation's future leadership.



Nasiruddin's anniversary of birth today

The 105th birth anniversary of Mohammad Nasiruddin, eminent journalist-litterateur, will be celebrated today (Friday) at 4 pm at the National Press Club.

The function will be presided over by poet Begum Sufia Kamal while journalist Obaid-ul Huq, Mustafa Noorul Islam, Abdullah Al-Muti Sharfuddin, Rafiqul Islam and Khaleida Salahuddin will speak on the occasion.

Noted singers and reciters will render songs and recitations in the function.



International Dance Council, Bangladesh staged a musical drama 'shapmochon' to mark the opening session of the ITI seminar on theatre in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Tk 2.36cr training project for art undertaken

The government has undertaken a training project of fine art and performing art at a cost of Taka 2.36 crore including a foreign exchange component of Taka 14 lakh to promote the cultural arena, reports BSS.

This was stated by State Minister for Cultural Affairs Professor Jahanara Begum at a meeting on this project at the conference room of the Cultural Ministry. Cultural Secretary IU Malik, Director General of Shilpakala Academy Mobarak Hossain Khan and concerned officials were present.

The meeting was informed that the project will be implemented under the fourth five-year plan aiming at to consolidating the traditional cultural base, specially the fine arts, drama, music and dance performance. Experts from home and abroad will conduct the training programme. Promising artists from the nook and corner of the country will be selected for training.

Prof Jahanara Begum said the government was pledged-bound to create congenial atmosphere to help flourish the latent talents of the neglected

SAARC cultural body meet held

A meeting of cultural committee on the forthcoming seventh SAARC Summit was held yesterday at the Bangladesh Secretariat with State Minister for Cultural Affairs Professor Jahanara Begum in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting took some final decisions about the cultural programme of SAARC Summit. That weeklong SAARC postal stamp and book exhibitions would be held.

'Theatre activists helped fall of autocratic forces'

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at the opening ceremony of an international seminar on theatre yesterday lauded the glorious role played by the country's theatre activists in the anti-autocracy movement and restoration of democratic system.

'I recall the open air dramas which advanced the fall of the autocratic rulers. Group theatres have positively contributed towards developing social life,' said the State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum, who attended the function as the chief guest.

The inaugural function of the seminar on the impact of international interaction in contemporary theatre was held at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium yesterday evening.

Bangladesh Centre of the International Theatre Institute (ITI) organised the three-day

seminar which was attended by ITI Secretary General Andre-Luis Perinetti, Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui and Cultural Affairs Ministry Secretary Islam Uddin Malik.

ITI, Bangladesh President Prof Kabir Chowdhury chaired the inaugural session of the seminar.

Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui said that the country's theatre groups and the activists always remained at the forefront of all the social and political movements.

ITI, Bangladesh's activities testified that 'we are getting closer to the international theatre community,' he commented.

Islamuddin Malik said that the government 'encouraged the private sector help developing theatrical activities and had taken measures for its improvement.'

Obituary

Mr A K M Habibur Rahman (PSP retired) son of Late Nawabzada Justice A S M Latifur Rahman and great grandson of Nawab Abdul Latif Faridpur and who retired as Inspector General of Police NWFP Pakistan, also held last position in E Pakistan as Chairman BRTC, DIG Dhaka Range, and Khulna, expired on 19th November, 1992 at his Clifton residence in Karachi. He left behind one son and five daughters and host of relatives to mourn his death. His qulgwani will be held on Saturday the 21st November, 1992 at 3:30 PM at the residence of his daughter Shama Karim at House No 2, Road No 6, Baridhara, Dhaka, Telephone No 603359. All his relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to attend and pray for the departed soul. Ameen.



BTV Friday

- Morning session:**
- 8.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
 - 8.10 New in Bangla
 - 8.15 Alor Dishari
 - 8.40 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
 - 9.00 Sports World
 - 9.30 Film show
 - 10.00 News in English
 - 10.05 Moner Mukurey : Sangsaptak
 - 11.15 Children drama series :The Girl from Tomorrow
 - 11.45 Documentary
 - 12.17 Evening's programme summary Closing
- Evening session :**
- 3.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
 - 3.12 Recitation from the Tripitak
 - 3.15 Cartoon : Return of the Dogtainium
 - 3.40 Full length Bengali Film
 - 5.00 News in Bangla
 - 5.30 Sports programme
 - 7.05 Malancha
 - 8.00 News in Bangla
 - 8.30 Comedy series : Perfect Strangers
 - 9.00 Bola-Noa-Bola
 - 10.00 News in English
 - 10.30 Film : L A Law
 - 11.30 Khabar/The News
 - 11.40 Saturday's programme summary
 - 11.45 Closing

Death anniversary

The 21st death anniversary of Shaheed Lt Abu Moyeem Md Ashfaq Samad Bir Uttam will be observed today. A mtid mahfil will be held today at 4 pm at 147/E Green Road, to mark the occasion, says a press release.

Lt Samad was killed in a major frontal battle against the Pakistani occupation army at Joymonirhat, Bhurungamari in the early hours of November 20, 1971.

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Obituary

Former Professor of the IPGMR and former Principal of Dhaka Dental College Dr Abdul Basit died of prolonged illness at the Ibrahim Memorial Diabetic Hospital here yesterday morning. He was 76, reports BSS.

His qul-khwani will be held at his 117, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue residence adjacent to Hotel Sheraton on November 22 after Asr prayers.

Dr Basit hailed from Mothbaria of Pirojpur district.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

Moderate rain or shower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Chittagong, Khulna divisions and few places over Dhaka division and one or two places over Rajshahi division during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Friday).

The Met office forecasts, night temperature is likely to rise by one to two degree Celsius. The Met office adds, weather may deteriorate within two days.

The minimum of 17.2 degree Celsius was reported from Dinajpur yesterday (Thursday) and the maximum of 30.2 degree was reported from Bogra.

The sun sets today Friday at 5.11 pm and rises tomorrow Saturday at 6.18 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
Dhaka	28.8	20.8
Chittagong	28.9	20.0
Khulna	28.6	20.2
Rajshahi	29.1	18.8
Cox's Bazar	29.2	21.1
Sylhet	27.6	19.5
Dinajpur	28.0	17.2
Barisal	28.6	20.0

Notice of RHD Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No. 26 RHD of 1992-93.
- Name of work : Earth work road embankment at 2nd(part) K.M. 3rd (part) K.M. of Barisal-Taitali-Shastabad Road under Barisal Road Division during 1992-93.
- Estimated cost : Tk.2,02,209/00
- Earnest Money : Tk. 4045/=
- Time allowed : 30(Thirty) days
- Eligibility of contractors : "A" to "C" class enlisted contractors under general category of the Roads and Highways Department, "D" class enlisted contractor under general category of the Barisal Road Circle and "E" class enlisted contractor under Barisal Road Division.
- Name of offices where tender documents will be available : Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Barisal/Patuakhali/Bhola/Madaripur/ Gopalganj/Sub Divisional Engineer, Road Sub-Division, Barisal-I/II, Barisal/1st Line Work-shop Sub-Division, Barisal during Office hours on all working days. No tender form will be sold during opening date of tender.
- Name of officers where tender bids will be received : Superintending Engineer, RHD, Barisal Road Circle, Barisal/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division Barisal/Madaripur.
- Last date and time of tender : At 12-30 pm on 16-8-99 B/30-11-92 E.
- Date and time of opening of bids : At 12-45 p.m. on 16-8-99 B/30-11-92 E.

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Sub : On Date of Interview

The dates of interview for appointment of 1st & 2nd class officers to the different posts of undermentioned projects are as follows : Interview will be taken at Bangladesh College of Physicians & Surgeons (BCPS), Mohakhali, Dhaka from 8 AM on the dates mentioned. Original copies of all certificates should be brought with. No TA, DA will be admissible for participating in the interview.

Name of Project	Date of Interview	Name of Post	Serial No
Cancer Institute & Research Hospital, Dhaka	24-11-92	Medical officer	1-165 persons
	-Do-	Asstt. Registrar	1-17
	-Do-	Registrar	1-17
	-Do-	Anaesthetist	1-7
	-Do-	Research Asstt. Trainee	1-6
			Total 351 persons
-Do-	25-11-92	Trainee Chief Medical Officer	87-436 persons
	-Do-	Medical Officer	1-13
			Total 363 persons
-Do-	26-11-92	Trainee Statistician	437-532 persons
	-Do-	Medical Officer	1-15
	-Do-	Medical Officer	1-55
			Total 358 persons
-Do-	28-11-92	Medical Officer	56-422 persons
	-Do-	Medical Officer	1-3
			Total 367 persons
-Do-	29-11-92	Medical Officer EMO	1-23
	-Do-	Registrar	1-24
	-Do-	Anaesthetist	1-7
	-Do-	Administrative Officer	1-27
	-Do-	Pathologist	1-18
Dhaka Dental College Foundation Project	-Do-	Dental Surgeon	16
	-Do-	For the post of Lecturer in different subjects	247
			Total 370 persons
Bangladesh Homeo Med System Dev Project	30-11-92	Medical Officer	1-8 persons
	-Do-	Clinical Asstt.	1-13
	-Do-	EMO	1-22
			Total 43 persons
Rheumatic Fever & Rheumatic Heart Disease Control Pilot Project	30-11-92	Medical Officer	1-300 persons
	-Do-	Medical Officer	301-690 persons
			Total 350 persons
-Do-	1-12-92	Medical Officer	651-690 persons
	-Do-	Medical Officer Clinical Pathologist	1-8
			Total 51 persons

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
বাংলাদেশ তার ও টেলিফোন বোর্ড
বিতাপীয় প্রকৌশলী, মাইক্রোক্রোট ব্যবস্থার সম্প্রসারণ প্রকল্প, (ঢাকা-সিলেট) মহাখালী, ঢাকা-১২১২।
ফোন নং-মাইক্রোক্রোট(সি)/ডায়ালি-১/৯২-৯০ তারিখ ১২-১১-৯২ ইং

বিষয় : দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নিম্নলিখিত কাজটি সম্পন্ন করার জন্য বাংলাদেশ তার ও টেলিফোন বোর্ডের তালিকাভুক্ত কোম্পানিগণের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরিত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হইবে। দরপত্র সিডিউল এবং চুক্তিপত্রের শর্তাবলীসমূহ নিম্নলিখিতকরণীয় পত্র, গণিতসল, মাইক্রোক্রোট ব্যবস্থার সম্প্রসারণ প্রকল্প বি. টি. ও. ডি. বোর্ড, ১০৬, কাকরাইল, ঢাকা এবং বিতাপীয় প্রকৌশলী, কো-এক্সিকাল ক্যান্সাল (উদ্ভাস) পের-ই-বালসা নগর, ঢাকার নগর হইতে ২১-১১-৯২ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস সন্ধ্যাকালীন সময়ে বাবেদনক্রমে সমগ্র করা হইবে। বালাসেপের যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যতীত হইতে যে-অর্ডার/আর্ডার ব্যতীত সিডিউল বাতায় ঢাকা বিতাপীয় প্রকৌশলী, মাইক্রোক্রোট সম্প্রসারণ প্রকল্প (ঢাকা-সিলেট) মহাখালী, ঢাকার অন্তর্গত নগরসংলগ্ন অংশে অবশ্যই দাখিল করিতে হইবে।

সিডিউল ক্রমের সমস্ত টিকার দাখিলের তৎপরতার বালাসেপ টেলিগ্রাফ ও টেলিফোন বোর্ডের সমস্ত তালিকাভুক্ত/নিবন্ধনের সমাপ্তির পেরা হইতে হইবে।

দরপত্র আবেদন ২২-১১-৯২ইং তারিখ কো ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত উপরে বর্ণিত কার্যালয়সমূহে প্রদ্রিত বাবে গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং জনিই কো ১২-০০ ঘটিকার টেলিফোনকলনের সময়ে যেন কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেনো বোঝা হইবে।

নিম্নলিখিতকরণীয় যে কোন কারণ দর্শনো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার পূর্ণ ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করণ।

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