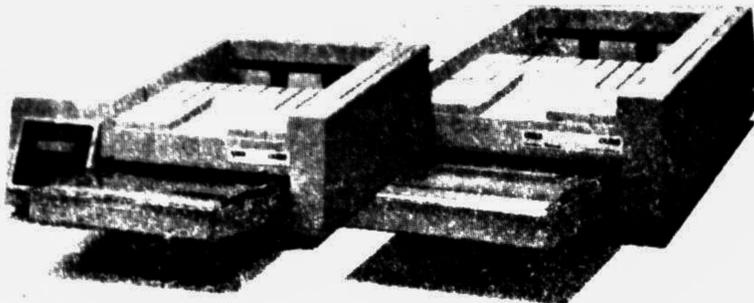


Dhaka Day by Day

The Changing Pattern of Our Life

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In our day-to-day life, new things make their impact felt in significant ways. It is a far-ranging statement. Here, let us limit ourselves to a couple of areas. You may pass through any thoroughfare in the city without noticing a large number of publicity banners, posters and signboards heralding the emergence of a new concept of commercial business. They relate to the apparently booming business of photo-copiers, computer courses and coaching classes. This throws light on some aspects of our life on a scale unknown a few years ago.

Take for instance, the photo copiers. This seems to have developed as a very popular business. All over the city, particularly near educational institutions, it seems every convenient space is utilised for setting up shop with this gadget. In some areas, for instance, in Babupura area at Nilkhet, their concentration is so heavy as to give the impression that this business may be highly lucrative. And there is such a tremendous competition here that photocopying can be done here at a price much cheaper than at other places. The area is, moreover, surrounded by educational institutions which give this trade an extraordinary advantage.

There was a time when making copies of papers and documents by manual means was an exacting job. Gone are those days, thanks to the new technology. Particularly for the students this has proved to be a boon. In olden days, a student used to spend long hours copying from notes and books. The innovation has mercifully lightened the burden. That is why we find students crowding the photocopying centres all the times, so much so that the congested environment looks like a scene in a fair.

The reduced rates on account of stiff competition have given rise to another advantage for the students. Instead of buying an expensive or any necessary book, some of them opt for photocopying it either in whole or in part which

proves much less costly. Such a practice may in some way affect the book trade, but it is a bonanza for the students.

This business has also somewhat adversely affected another professional class, viz. the typists. Some of them were heard to complain that the photocopyers have taken away a good chunk of their business in making copies. There is no help available for them in the matter, as they are unintended victims of the march of technology.

Another marvel of modern technology is the computers. Here their impact on our life is not as pervasive as in developed countries. Lately they seem to be making great strides in gaining a foothold in our country. Apart from programming and other software technicalities, the computers that are rapidly coming into use in various organisations need a work force to operate with their different systems. Hence the steadily increasing number of centres offering computer courses. This is good, as it has opened up avenues of employment for many.

Another new development which draws our attention is the publicity for coaching classes. The system of coaching classes has lately become a craze, so much so that students, by and large, harbour the feeling that if they do not attend coaching classes, their success in examinations will be a far cry. This has led to the spawning of coaching centres here and there.

The system of private coaching existed before. What is new is its organisation and scope. Some coaching centres are reportedly so organised that they can function like clockwork. It is even heard that some of them, in order to lighten the burden of their instructors, go to the length of taping the lectures on audio cassettes and play them back to the students, as and when necessary.

All these new things show up the kaleidoscopic character of the changing social milieu.

Mainul's painting show begins in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Nov 27: A five day fifth solo-painting exhibition of artist Mainul Alam began at the local Alliance Francaise here yesterday afternoon, reports BSS.

Opening the exhibition, Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan said "we are repeatedly drawn to nature and land very close as an artists depicted the life, environment, nature and beauty through his painting."

The Planning Minister urged the artists to contribute their mite, towards the flourishing of art keeping consistency with the country's history, tradition and culture.

The artist Mainul Alam in his brief speech claimed that the use of oil colour on silk instead of canvass in his painting is first of its kind in the country.

Organised by Alliance Francaise (AF), the inaugural function was also addressed by Azadi Editor Prof Mohammad Khaled.

A total of 17 paintings including some portraits of Indira Gandhi, Lenin and Khaleda Zia were put on display.

New name of CU hall planned

CHITTAGONG, Nov 27: Residents of Shah Amanat Hall of Chittagong University today decided to name its extension building as "Golam Samdani Block" according to a hall press release, reports BSS.

The decision to this effect was taken at a condolence meeting held at the death of Golam Samdani a first year student of the Department of Physics of the University.

Golam Samdani fell down from the balcony of the four-storey Shah Amanat hall a few days back. He succumbed to his injury at the Chittagong Medical College Hospital on Monday last.

Chaired by Provost of the hall, Dr Mohammad Salehuddin, the condolence meeting was addressed among others by Dr Sirajul Haq and Enayetullah Patwari, Zakir Hossain Chowdhury, Zahurul Alam and Mohammad Shah Alam.

The meeting conveyed profound sympathy to the members of the bereaved family on his premature death and prayed for the peace of his departed soul.

A special prayer was offered and a milad mahfil was also held on the occasion.

Make mentally retarded a work force: Tariq

The tenth conference on Rights of Mentally Retarded in Bangladesh renewed pledge for establishing rights for education, training, rehabilitation and legal protection of the mentally retarded in conditions of dignity and security within the framework of the United Nations charter on the Rights on Child, 1989, reports BSS.

Organised by Society for the Care and Education of the Mentally Retarded, Bangladesh (SCEMRB), the conference was inaugurated by Social Welfare Minister Tariqul Islam who called for making the mentally retarded a "dignified social work force".

In a message on the occasion, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia called upon non-governmental and voluntary organisations to come forward side by side with the government to solve various problems being faced by the country's mentally retarded.

The Prime Minister said mental retardation is a great problem in the social, familial and individual life and the problem was bigger in developing countries like ours. She lauded the role being played by the SCEMRB for providing education and training to the mentally retarded and expressed hope that this conference would create mass awareness about the mentally retarded in the country.

In a similar message Sgvi Knudsen, President of the Norwegian Association for the Mentally Retarded (NEPU), the main finance of the SCEMRB activities wishing success said the main element was the question on human rights for people with mental retardation.

Held at the auditorium of the National Institute for Mentally Retarded Bhaban at Eskaton Garden, the inaugural function was chaired by society's President Alamgir M A

Kabir while Secretary General, Bangladesh Society for Enforcement of Human Rights Advocate Sigma Huda who attended the function as special guest presented the key-note paper on the theme of the conference "UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989 and its Implementation in Bangladesh for Mentally Retarded."

"Among others, society's first Vice-President Ashraf ul-Dowla, second Vice-President Advocate Wazedul Haq, third Vice-President M Matiur Rahman, Secretary, Conference Organising Committee Md Moslem and Organising Secretary Oasuddin Molla also spoke on the occasion while society's Secretary General M A Matin presented the annual report of the organisation.

The Social Welfare Minister said that the present government was working to improve the working conditions of the backward section of the society including the mentally retarded.

103 held on various charges

Police rounded up 103 people from different parts of the city Wednesday on various charges, a DMP press release said Thursday, reports UNB. Of the arrested, eight were wanted criminals, eight on charge of stealing and five for burglary.

Happy Birthday

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& Complaining Tanya

ফ্রামোডেল সিরাপ প্রত্যাহার (প্যারাসিটামল)

ঔষধ প্রশাসন কর্তৃপক্ষের ২২-১১-৯২ তারিখের নির্দেশক্রমে আমাদের উৎপাদিত সকল ব্যাচের ফ্রামোডেল সিরাপ বাজার হইতে প্রত্যাহার করা হইল। যদি কোন ঈকিট, ফুরা ব্যবসায়ীর কাছে আমাদের উৎপাদিত উক্ত ফ্রামোডেল সিরাপ থাকে তবে আমাদের বিক্রয় প্রতিনিধির মাধ্যমে উক্ত ঔষধ ফেরা দিয়া সমস্যা সম্বর সাধন করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হইল।
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Bicameral system of Parliament suggested

Participation of professionals at the highest level of decision making was stressed at a seminar on "Professionals in state politics: Contemporary world and Bangladesh" here yesterday, reports BSS.

The seminar, organised by the Society for Professionals, was participated by Dr Anwar Hossain, former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Syed Ali Kabir, former Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank and Amanullah Kabir, Secretary General of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists.

Dr M A Karim, Director of Nuclear Medicine Centre, presented the key note paper in the seminar, which was chaired by advocate K M Jabir. Dr Karim said participation of the professionals in the politics is a time-befitting concept and it is essential in a developing country like ours.

Dr Karim suggested introducing bicameral or multi-cameral system in the country's legislature to ensure representation of the professionals there. One house of Parliament may represent the people numerically and the others the occupational

groups, he said. Amanullah Kabir stressed the need for representation of all sections of people in the country's politics.

He said the professionals played an important role in the transition of political power but they are denied any role in the state politics.

Housewife killed for dowry

A housewife was allegedly killed by her husband for dowry at Fulbaria village in Brahmanbaria, police said Wednesday, reports BSS.

Family sources said Sadeq Mia married Lipi (25) of the same village two and a half years ago. After their marriage, Sadeq used to torture her to put pressure on her to bring Tk 25,000 from her father as dowry.

On the fateful day Sadeq picked up a quarrel with Lipi when she expressed inability to bring the dowry money from her poor father. At one stage he got furious and beat her mercilessly and compelled her to take poison.

Obituary

Al-haj Golam Sarwar, a veteran social worker and a former Union Parishad Chairman, died of old age complications at his Satkhira village home yesterday morning. He was 90, reports BSS.

Sarwar who founded three colleges, two high schools and a maddrasa, left behind five sons and five daughters and a host of well-wisher and relations to mourn his death.

9000 govt schools to be set up in three years

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury yesterday called upon the student community to help continue present congenial atmosphere on the campus, reports BSS.

He urged them to create a social movement in resisting terrorism and anarchy in the society.

The Minister was addressing a fresher's reception and prize giving ceremony of Narayanganj-Dhaka University Bus Route Organisation 'Ananda' at Shaheed Zia Hall in Narayanganj, yesterday afternoon.

Matin Chowdhury said, democratic Government with the help of mass people already created a momentum in the economic development. He said some vested quarters were hatching conspiracy to foil hard earned democracy and pace of development. He urged all to be ever vigilant against any sorts of anti-people activities.

Lauding the role of student community in uprooting autocratic rule, the Minister said now is the time for building

the nation. He said, present Government is determined to build the nation and fulfill all its pre-election commitment.

Referring to the Government planning in expanding education, he said government will set up 9,000 schools within next three years. He said, steps have been taken to set up a private university in Narayanganj.

Later, Home Minister distributed prizes among the winners of indoor games and received fresher's student of Dhaka University who are the commuters of the Bus Route Organisation 'Ananda'.

Presided over by the President of 'Ananda' Iqbal Pasha, the function was addressed, among others, by the Chairman of Public Service Commission Yazuddin Ahmed as special guest, Prof Rezaul Karim MP, Begum Shamsunnahar Khwaja Ahsan Ullah MP, DUCSU General Secretary Khairul Kabir Khokon, transport Secretary Jahangir Alam and literature Secretary Milon Mehdi.

German, Finnish envoys meet Speaker

The German Ambassador in Bangladesh K H Scholtyssek Thursday called on Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Shaikh Razzaque Ali at his office, reports BSS.

They exchanged views on bilateral and other matters of common interest.

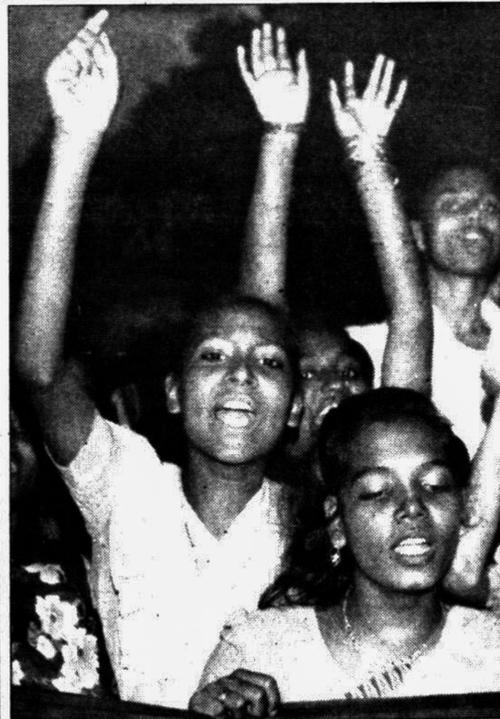
Later in the afternoon, the Finland Ambassador Marjatta Rasi called on Speaker Shaikh Razzaque Ali and exchanged views on bilateral and parliamentary issues.

During their discussion the ambassador appreciated the present democratic system of Bangladesh government.



Saturday

- 5.00 Opening announcement
- 5.05 Al-Guran Programme summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.20 Recitation from the Triptak
- 5.30 Cartoon: Care Bears Family
- 5.55 Sabar Sathe
- 6.30 Open University
- 7.05 Barshari
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Matti O Manish
- 9.00 Balun Dekhi: Quiz programme
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Dallas
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.40 Sunday's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing



Garments Sramik Federation brought out a procession in the city yesterday in support 48-hour strike called by SKOP beginning tomorrow. — Star photo

Weather

Weather to remain dry

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

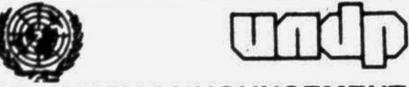
The Met office forecasts, night temperature is likely to fall by one to two degree Celsius during that period across the country.

The minimum temperature 11.2 degree Celsius was reported from Srimangal yesterday (Friday) and the maximum of 29.5 degree was reported from Feni.

The sun sets today (Saturday) at 5.10 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 6.23 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	28.0	16.0	61	69
Chittagong	28.3	17.0	79	61
Rajshahi	27.5	13.5	81	61
Khulna	28.0	15.5	77	79
Cox's Bazar	29.0	17.2	74	76
Sylhet	27.6	15.5	62	67
Dinajpur	27.5	13.0	78	74
Barisal	28.0	15.2	86	74



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The UNDP, Dhaka is looking for a Computer System Supervisor having Masters Degree in Computer Science, Computer Engineering or System Analysis.

Candidates are required to develop, organize, control and direct all office automation activities, including installation, management and use of the local area network, computer hardware and software training. Minimum of 5 years working experience with microprocessor hardware maintenance and repair, software development, including some programming, use of spreadsheet, wordprocessing, dBase and graphics software. Some experience in dealing with vendors, international computer system, exposure to an international organization with particular regard to computer or management information system is desirable. Candidates must have outstanding command of spoken and written English. Strong training abilities and skills with teaching techniques and ability to work under pressure, show initiative and supervision necessary.

The salary will be in the range of Tk. 259,000 - 301,600 net per annum plus children allowances and other admissible benefits as per UN rules.

Application with detailed bio-data should be addressed to the Personnel services Section, UNDP, GPO Box 224, Dhaka-1000 and be received no later than 15 December 1992. For more detailed terms of reference Personnel Section, UNDP, Dhaka can be contacted.

Qualified women are encouraged to apply.

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