



The Charm of Potted Garden
by ASM Nurunnabi

A flower garden reared on earth, however small it may be, is a source of joy. But it is not easy to find such joy in a city. A city with its exterior composed of steel, mortar and bricks, is generally regarded as having a prosaic and matter-of-fact entity. Its inhabitants also, by their hectic pace of life, lend no soft touch to the milieu. Though it is the general image of living in a big city, it may be wrong to suppose that there is no exception.

Such an exception may be found, for example, in potted gardens. There are immense possibilities in the idea of a potted garden, and a genuine enthusiast in this line will stop at nothing in building up such a garden within the confines of the available space. It is a sort of craze which no one outside the ambit of its influence will appreciate.

The usually available spaces for such purposes are provided by verandahs, window sills and staircase landings. If you happen to have a roof, then the scope is vastly widened, so much so that a rightly planned potted garden can match in beauty and variety with any garden on solid earth.

I once asked a seller of flower pots about the trend of his business. He said that his trade gets a fillip at the advent of winter season when hobbyists in this line make brisk preparations for raising seasonal flowers. He also informed that there are some enthusiasts who grow vegetables on flower pots.

A roof garden on flower pots has many advantages; mainly it is safe from pilferage, thereby allowing its owners the beauty of the flowers till the last moment of their life. Of course a roof garden requires more attention and care.

Lately we find flower pots in the market in various shapes and designs. They are a pleasing departure from the earlier versions which are mostly drab in appearance. The new ones are a vast improvement on old versions. Now a-days, besides markets, the new ones are available at makeshift shops on roadsides. When they are laid out in the open to draw the attention of passersby, the surrounding area is transformed by a splash of colour. A true lover of flowers will appreciate what great difference these multi-colored flower pots can make to the creation of pleasant arrangements at home.

While passing through the Mirpur Road, on the pavements near the Dhaka College, you may observe a row of nurseries. Here ready-made potted plants even with flowers in bloom are available. The small area with its wealth of various plants and flowers form a spot of beauty and you may feel like tarrying a few moments to observe the beauty. There is another such beautiful nursery on Road No 7, attached to the mosque in the Dhanmandi Residential Area.

Lovers of flowers form a peculiar breed. Flowers always cast their spell on them. If there is not enough space for a potted garden, an enthusiast in this line may make a humble beginning. But the irresistible impulse always will be to expand when circumstances and space permit. Although such a hobby tends to be expensive, one's passion for it makes one forget the cost.

400-bed hospital in city planned

A week-long national cardiovascular workshop was inaugurated at Suhrawardi Hospital auditorium here yesterday with a call for establishment of more hospitals with adequate physicians and modern equipment for treatment of heart ailment in the country, reports ISS.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Choudhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf inaugurated the workshop and said the rich people could have their treatment abroad but more hospitals should be established in the country for the treatment of especially the poor patients for their heart ailment.

The Health Minister referred to the government plan for expansion of the Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (ICVD) and said a plan had already been taken up to establish a 400-bed hospital on the northern side of the Suhrawardi Hospital to meet increasing demand in the country.

He said the first phase of the building was now completed which was expected to start functioning from next month.

The government is also trying to get foreign donors to procure modern instrument for the development of the institute so that we become self-reliant in our medicare for heart ailment," he added.

"The private sector should play their sincere role in this regard side by side the government sector to develop the health system as the government alone cannot afford to bear such an enormous burden," he said.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and World Health Organisation jointly organised the workshop on "Treatment, prevention and control of common cardiovascular diseases in Bangladesh."

With Director General of Health Directorate Prof Kazi Mashtur Rahman in the chair, the inaugural function was also addressed by Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mohammad Strajul Huq, Acting WHO Representative in Bangladesh Prof Myo Thuc, Director of ICVD, Prof Abu Jafar and Prof S R Khan of the institute.

Choudhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf said the present government had already established coronary care units in all the medical colleges and the PG Hospital with adequate number of doctors and staff to improve facilities for heart treatment in the country.

HERE and THERE

BCCMA
Bangladesh Corrugated Carton Manufacturers Association (BCCMA) yesterday urged the National Board of Revenue to withdraw its decision on stopping the bonded warehouse facilities for the survival of carton as well as other linkage industries related to garments sector.

In a resolution adopted in an emergency meeting held here, the BCCMA also urged the government to effectively introduce the back to back letter of credit (L/C) system side by side bonded warehouse facilities for the 100 per cent export-oriented industries.

Presided over by the president of the BCCMA, Abul Queshem Haider, the meeting was attended by the president of Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI), Mahbubur Rahman as the chief guest.

Batikram Natyagosthi
Batikram Natyagosthi organised the screening of the short-film "Shapna Jatra" at the Alliance Francaise auditorium yesterday.

The second production of Batikram, 'Shapna Jatra' was directed by Syed Mohidul Islam. The Short-film will also be screened at the Public Library Auditorium in city on January 6 to 8.

Uttara Sec 7 Welfare Assoc
A 21-member executive committee of Uttara Sector No. 7 Welfare Association was formed in its second biennial general meeting held in Uttara High School premises on Friday. Golam Kibria Choudhury and A F M Shamsul Alam were elected President and General Secretary respectively of the association.

DFP activities reviewed

Different aspects of the organisational structure and activities of the Department of Films and Publication (DFP) were reviewed here yesterday at the 10th meeting of Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Information, reports ISS.

Minister for Information Nazmul Huda presided over the meeting at the Standing Committee room of the Sangsad Bhaban.

Committee members Mohiuddin Ahmed, A T M Wali Ashraf, M Zainul Abdeen Sarkar, M Ghulam Rabbani, Begum K J Hamida Khanam, Mufti Moulana Abdus Sattar attended the meeting. Information Secretary Nuruddin-al-Masud and high officials of the Ministry of Information were present.

BFUJ condoles Saiful Alam's death

Al-haj Zahurul Huq, Acting President and Amanullah Kabir, Secretary General of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) yesterday, condoled the death of veteran trade union leader and journalist Saiful Alam, reports BSS.

The BFUJ leaders, in a statement said the death of Alam will, no doubt cause a great loss to the trade union movement and the profession.

They expressed their sympathy for the members of the bereaved family of Alam and assured them of all cooperation, whenever needed.

Alam died on Thursday in Chittagong Medical College Hospital after prolonged heart ailment. He was the President of Chittagong Union of Journalists and held different posts in the Federal Executive Council.

Death condoled

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday expressed his deep shock at the death of senior Advocate of the Supreme Court Mahbubur Rahman, reports BSS.

In a condolence message, President said that in his death, the country lost a dedicated and sincere person in the legal profession.

He conveyed his sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

Weather

Night temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

Dry weather with partly cloudy sky is likely to prevail over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6:00 am today (Sunday).

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

The minimum temperature of 9.5 degree Celsius was reported from Srimangal yesterday (Saturday) while the maximum of 27.4 degree was reported from Teknaf and Barisal.

The sun sets today (Sunday) at 5:20 pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) at 6:40 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
Dhaka	26.0	11.1
Chittagong	25.6	14.0
Rajshahi	26.2	9.7
Khulna	27.2	11.4
Cox's Bazar	27.2	14.5
Sylhet	25.3	12.0
Dinajpur	24.0	9.7
Barisal	27.4	10.5

Wanted

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Sl No	Name of Works	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Price of Tender Form	Time Allowed for Completion Date	Opening Date
1.	Palasiding & earth filling to the North West Bank of Pond of Kabi Jashimuddin Hall.	Tk 2,32,147/-	Tk 4,645/-	Tk 150/-	30 days	4th Jan '93
2.	Development of the children park North side of House Tutor quarter's of Surja Sen Hall, DU.	Tk 49,997/68	Tk 1,000/-	Tk 30/-	21 days	4th Jan '93
3.	Thorough repairs of Club bldg of Class III Employees.	Tk 24,999/47	Tk 500/-	Tk 20/-	21 days	5th Jan '93
4.	Construction of Mehrib to the Mosque of Surja Sen Hall.	Tk 69,864/08	Tk 1,400/-	Tk 45/-	30 dyas	5th Jan '93
5.	Supplying fitting & fixing Aluminium sheet at the door of bath room of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall.	Tk 32,003/50	Tk 640/-	Tk 30/-	21 days	5th Jan '93

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Mohammad Nasiruddin inaugurating a six-day film festival jointly organised by the Rainbow Film Society and Omnitran International Ltd at the Central Public Library auditorium yesterday.

Tender Notice

No: 14-11/Engg Dated: 23/12/1992

UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA: Sealed tenders in Dhaka University form "Tender for works" are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors (Bldg.) of Dhaka University for the undermentioned works and will be received by the undersigned & Registrar/Director, Planning & Development, Dhaka University (For item No. 1) upto 12 Noon on the dates mentioned against each work & opened on the same day at 12.15 p.m. in presence of the contractors who may remain present & Director, Planning & Development/Registrar, D.U. Tenders may also drop their tender (for item No. 1) in the tender box kept in the office of the Chief Engineer & the Treasurer of Dhaka University. Contractors will have to deposit as Earnest Money a sum of Taka as stated below in Demand Draft or Pay Order from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh. Specification and other particulars may be had from office of the undersigned on all working days except on the date fixed for submitting the tender after depositing the cost of tender forms & schedule as stated below against each work to the Janata Bank, T.S.C. Branch (non-refundable) after showing the necessary enlistment papers endorsed by the undersigned.

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1.	Repairs to the Bio-Chemistry building (2nd & 3rd floor), D.U.	Tk. 4,51,192/50	Tk. 9025/-	Tk. 250/-	60 days.	10th January '93
2.	Repairing works of M.L.S.S. quarter(Near V.C.'s house),D.U.	Tk. 84,888/63	Tk. 1700/-	Tk. 45/-	30 days.	10th January '93
3.	Construction of Bathroom in the Curzon Hall area for Security Guard, D.U.	Tk. 24,912/-	Tk. 500/-	Tk. 20/-	30 days.	5th January '93
4.	Some addition & alteration work in the bathroom of Geography department, D.U.	Tk. 25,461/18	Tk. 510/-	Tk. 30/-	21 days.	5th January '93
5.	Construction of 5" thick partition wall at I.S.R.T., D.U.	Tk. 99,821/46	Tk. 2,000/-	Tk. 45/-	30 days.	10th January '93

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