

**Dhaka Day by Day**

**"A concert should be a sound journey"**

by Fayza Haq



Anup Biswas

Stephan Gutman

The concert of Anup Biswas on the cello, and Stephan Gutman on the piano, held at the residence of Lord Colin Imray, The British High Commissioner, was undoubtedly impeccable.

Stephen played Chopin and Barcarolle on his own, while he accompanied Anup for the Copland piano blues, and provided the accompaniment for Anup's Beethoven, Brahms and Schostakovich pieces.

Dwelling on the difference between computerized and synthesized music, Anup said, "I think computerization and synthesis have their own function, as a performing musician there is nothing to beat a live performance, where you produce the notes and create emotions — and not what somebody else had programmed."

Asked how he was making a living with his cello, Anup answered, "I am in Europe where the competition is the most difficult and I make a living from performances rather than teaching. My earnings vary from year to year. It fluctuates, but I can provide for my wife Virinda, and my son Debashin, and also maintain my fairly expensive flat at Kensington. I am able to keep my cello, which costs £160,000, which too costs quite a bit to maintain. Despite the time of recession, I am surviving quite well. It is the survival of the fittest in Europe now. Very good companies are booking my group from prices ranging from £1,000 to £6,000."

He said that he preferred to play the cello rather than anything else, as he had his training on the cello and loved playing it. He can also tinkle on the piano, and play the "tabla"; he has held workshops with the accompaniment of Subcontinental music while he himself played on the cello, at London.

Speaking about his favourite composers and players, Anup said, "My favourite remain my 'gurus' who are Thomas Igot, Pierre Fournier and Pablo Casals. I also, naturally like Beethoven, Bach, Rivaldi, Rachmaninov and have a penchant for the living composers Cooper Sohah and Samuel Barber."

His favourite singers, one learnt, were Elizabeth Swartzkopf, Barbara Hendrix, Luciano Pavarotti and Placido Domingo.

When asked how an Indian like him was fascinated by western music and at the same

time excelled in it, Anup explained that he had been exposed to church music as a boy in the Oxford Mission at India. At sixteen, he won a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music, London. He won more scholarships and took tuitions from Pierre Fournier at Geneva.

For the concert, that one had heard, he chose a Beethoven sonata in G major and a Brahms sonata in F major, which he had selected from his repertoire. He also played two short pieces of Tagore songs, 'Gram Chara Ae Rangamati Amar Mon Bhuli Dey' and 'Shankocheri Vibhalata Njere Apoman', as encores.

When Stephen was asked as to how Anup and he had got together for the duo, he replied, "we met at a summer school in Dartington in U.K., and later on, Anup asked me to play for him in a duet in India, three years ago. Meanwhile, this is my first trip to Bangladesh with Anup."

Questioned as to what made him decide to accompany Anup, Stephan replied, "It was a fantastic opportunity to see a place I've never been before." He added, when asked another question, that he had travelled to Germany, France, Holland, Ireland, Washington, New York, Bombay and Calcutta.

Asked if he believed that the eastern and western music could be blended, he replied, "Yes I do, but I think that both the traditions are very strong. Two very strong things are difficult to mix together. There has been a lot of influence of eastern music on western music, as in the works of Messiaen, who used Indian musical scales in his music. There has been a big influence in that way. There has been an influence in the other way too, as in the popular Bombay films. I could hear some western elements in the tunes that I was fortunate to be exposed to."

"The intellectual and the theoretical aspects of music is not important for the listeners of a concert, because listeners should feel that they are enjoying the sound journey that is being created by the artist. It is entertainment, but not just fun. It's more than that," he added.

One only wished that Anup and Stephan had performed at some place like the Shilpakala Academy or the National Museum too, so that more connoisseurs of music could have enjoyed their dexterity and spontaneity.

**Biswas asks people to combat smoking, drug menace**

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday called upon all to save the human civilization from the deadly habit of drug and smoking, reports BSS.

He said the influence of drugs in the contemporary world has taken an acute shape and if this situation continues, the inheritance of world prosperity and the ideas of self-reliance would be diminished.

President Biswas was addressing a discussion on "Anti-drug and anti-smoking" at BIRDEM auditorium here organised by the Anti-drug and Anti-smoking Society in observance of the third year of the UN decade on it.

Presided over by the president of the society and Home Secretary Manjoor-ul-Karim, the function was also addressed by State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan, former presidential adviser Alamgir M A Kabir, WHO Representative Dr Abe Sundere, Lion governor M G Morshed, Prof-Feroza Begum and Brig (rd) M A Malik.

The key-note paper was read out by Dr Delwar Rana.

The President said drug addiction spoils the younger generation as well as jeopardises the social peace and harmony and causes harm to family life.

He said Bangladesh is not the producer of narcotics substances but due to the reason of golden crescent and golden triangular the smuggling of the cocaine and heroin is visible here since eighties.

He said this was causing a

serious affect in maintaining peace and discipline in the society.

Referring to the enactment of law on narcotics control, the President said the government had attached more importance on the punishment for drug smuggling and by this law, eight drug smugglers had been awarded death penalty in the country.

He said among drug addicts, about 60 per cent are youth. As they are the symbol of hopes and aspirations of the nation, they should be saved from this deadly habit, he added.

He called upon the teachers

and guardians to take proper care of the children and apprise them of the consequences of drug abuse.

President Biswas also stressed the need for united movement against smoking and save the generation from acute diseases and help them to live with good health.

He said due to smoking the diseases like cancer and heart ailment had increased and hampering the working zeal of the workers.

He urged all to come forward to resist anti-drug and anti-smoking drive in the country and save the generation from these menace.

**1000 ideal villages to be established by '94**

About one thousand "Ideal Village" will be established throughout the country by 1994 to provide shelter to two lakhs of landless and distressed people.

This was disclosed at a conference on "Ideal Village" organised by the Ministry of Land at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council auditorium (BARC) here yesterday, reports UNB.

A total of 750 ideal villages had already been established in the country.

Agriculture and Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister Major General M Majid-ul-Haq (Retd) inaugurated the conference.

State Minister for Land

Kabir Hossain, Najir Hossain, MP, Secretary Ministry of Land Md Aminul Islam, EEC Ambassador in Bangladesh J Baily and Ideal Village Project Director M A Wahab spoke on the occasion.

The Agriculture Minister said, it is the responsibility of any democratic government for providing food, clothings and shelter to the poor, landless and distressed people.

The Minister stressed the need to educate and motivate the inhabitants of the ideal villages to engage them in the income generating activities through family planning, cottage industry, livestock and poultry farming and homestead forestry.

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William B Milan, Ambassador of the United States in Bangladesh speaking on US-Bangladesh Business Relations January 18, at the regular weekly meeting of R C of Dhaka North. Rtn Aftabul Islam, President of the Club is on the left of the Ambassador.

**10,000 private pry schools will be developed: Saifur**

A National Workshop on primary education will be held soon to improve its standard and identify existing gap in the overall primary education system.

This was announced yesterday by Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman while addressing separate gatherings of teachers, students and guardians in different colleges and schools of the Moulvibazar, reports UNB.

The Minister said education is essential for human resources development and national progress and mentioned allocation of Tk 2,000 crore for education sector alone this year.

He said 10,000 private primary schools will be developed and 300 private secondary schools will be nationalised within next three years to increase the standard of primary education.

Government has introduced special scholarship in rural areas for female students from six to twelve class to increase female education and arrest drop outs, Rahman mentioned adding that in two years Tk 600 crore will be spent for this scholarship.

The Finance Minister addressed meetings at Rajnagar College, Helaipur Shah Helal

**ESCAP official due tomorrow**

Rafecuddin Ahmed, Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) will arrive here tomorrow at the invitation of the government of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

**BTV**

Thursday

5.00	Opening announcement
5.10	Al-Quran Programme summary
5.25	News in Bangla
5.30	School TV debate
6.30	Open University
7.30	Jiboner Alo (Religious Programme)
8.00	News in Bangla
8.40	Drama of the Week : Aami Ekhan
10.00	News in English
10.30	Film show : China Beach
11.30	Khabar/The News
11.40	Tomorrow's programme summary
11.45	Closing

**Weather**

**Night temperature may fall**

By Staff Correspondent

Mild to moderate cold wave will continue to sweep over Bangladesh during the next two days commencing 6 am today (Thursday).

Dry weather with clear sky prevail over the country during next 24 hours.

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

The minimum temperature of 6.2 degree Celsius was reported from Srimangal yesterday (Wednesday) and the maximum of 27.0 degree from Cox's Bazar.

The sun sets today Thursday at 5.37 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 6.43 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 percentage		Humidity in degree Celsius	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	21.7	8.0	67	43
Chittagong	26.0	13.5	73	57
Rajshahi	21.3	6.4	73	63
Khulna	22.9	9.0	78	66
Barisal	23.0	8.8	83	69
Cox's Bazar	27.0	14.8	60	53
Sylhet	22.6	9.0	77	58
Durgapur	17.0	6.8	90	84

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