

Dhaka Day by Day

Entertainment and the Monkey

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Entertainment can take various forms. There are those which man provides for us and is by far the most superior form, of course. Unfortunately, they also include the TV shows forcing themselves upon us, in the guise of entertainment. Last but not the least, we have the drama groups, which in spite of limitations, do manage to provide us with genuine, good entertainment. Entertainment is not included in the tourist brochures or the guide books and tourists if and when they do come, have to fend for themselves.

However, all this does not stop the genuine, thoroughbred Dhakaite from providing himself with his own brand of pleasure. All made and attested in Dhaka. And that entertainment is no other than that little monkey man, with his two little monkey keys in tow. He is willing to provide his even more willing audience, hours of sheer innocent fun, sometimes for a pittance, most times for nothing.

That man with his inimitable monkey keys, is always sure to draw scores of admirers, 'oohing' and 'aahing' and falling over themselves to have a glimpse of this most original form of entertainment. The little monkey jumping around, once mimicking the policeman complete with stick and grumpy look and then transforming himself from the nagging housewife to the bride, weeping as she leaves her father's abode for her husband's, all delight the crowd immensely. On those hot sultry afternoons, the 'rat-a-tat-tat' of the monkey man's little drum acts like an elixir for the drowsy citizen and he will happily forego his afternoon siesta to crowd around this little non-descript man peddling his ware of fun.

Sophisticated words and organizations like the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty

to Animals do not figure in this innocent pastime. The man eking out his paltry living by this trade, would be dumfounded if he were ever confronted with such charges. The more conscious citizen is always surprised perhaps at the absence of any law to prevent such cruelty to the innocent animal. But the last thing that would ever occur to the man, as he trudges endlessly through the alleys and the lanes of this unfriendly city is that he is being cruel to his pets.

The fact that they are tied to the end of a chain and have to perform repeatedly from sunrise to sunset, is of no consequence to the master. He thinks he is doing everybody a great big favour by performing for them. The monkey keys are fed and have their little snacks from time to time. That is more than can be said for the vast majority of the population. So why all the excitement if anybody ever got it into his head to protest at the plight of the poor monkey, on its toes for such long hours. Think of the fun he provides for the starved city dwellers. That should teach those snobs with the high flown theories, to poke their noses into what's definitely not their business. Cruelty to animals is just not included in most dictionaries anyway, in this beloved city of ours.

We would perhaps be well advised to take the monkey man for what he is worth and enjoy the fun time he is so willing to offer. It took him years to train up those monkeys and he certainly deserves a resounding round of applause for his efforts. Let us try and keep the innocent pastimes on the innocent levels they were meant to be. And simply enjoy ourselves. Life is certainly complicated enough without adding to the mess. Innocence should not be included in the list of complicated things.



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Unauthorised make-shift shops in front of Gausia Market on Mirpur road. —Star photo

Workshop on graphic prints begins

By Staff Correspondent

A three-week-long workshop on graphic prints organised under the Fine and Performing Art Training Project of the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy began Monday at the Academy.

Eminent artist Prof Mohammad Kibria inaugurated the workshop which is being participated by 22 artists from Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Khulna.

The inaugural function presided over by the Director General of the Academy Mobarak Hossain Khan was addressed among others by artist Manirul Islam.

Snatcher gets five-year term

A special Anti-Terrorism Tribunal yesterday awarded five years rigorous imprisonment to a snatcher, reports UNB.

Md Jalil alias Yunus was found guilty of snatching a gold chain from a rickshaw passenger in October last from Malibagh area.



A three-week long workshop on Graphics prints and exhibition began at Shilpakala Academy yesterday. —Star photo

HERE and THERE

IBM

International Brotherhood of Magicians (IBM) Bangladesh unit organised a discussion meeting and magic show recently at the auditorium of the National Book Centre on the occasion of the Amar Ekushey.

The discussion meeting presided over by Moazzem Hossain Nannu was attended by former Director General of Radio Bangladesh Nazmul Alam as chief guest and Executive Producer of Bangladesh Television Mahbubul Alam as the special guest. Film director Ismail Hossain and Advocate MR Aziz took part in the discussion.

A short film titled 'Mukti' was also screened after the function.

Sanjukta Sramik Federation

A memorial meeting was held here yesterday at the National Book Centre in observance of the 18th death anniversary of the founding General Secretary of Bangladesh Sanjukta Sramik Federation (BSSF) Ruhul Amin Kaiser.

Presided over by BSSF President Mokhelesur Rahman, the function was also addressed by Oli Ahad, President of Democratic League, eminent journalist ABM Musa, President of Bangladesh Trade Union Federation Shah Atul Islam, President of Bangladesh Jatiya Sramik League SM Rumi and Editor of weekly magazine Samikkhin Mesbahuddin Ahmed.

The speakers recalled his contribution for the cause of workers.

Farewell reception

Inspector General of Registration (IGR) Siddiqur Rahman Miah was given a farewell reception by the officers and employees at Registration Complex in the city yesterday.

Siddiqur Rahman has been promoted recently and he will join as District and Sessions Judge, Chandpur, soon.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mirza Golam Hafez was present on the occasion as the chief guest and State Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs Barister Aminul Haq was the special guest. Law Secretary Mirza Asaduzzaman and Joint Secretary of the Ministry Mohammad Habibullah were also present. District Registrar of Dhaka Fazlul Haq presided.

Speakers at the reception lauded the outgoing IGR for his honesty and sincerity in discharging professional duties.

Uddyom

Grace Samsom Award of Uddyom-Netherlands has been awarded to Kadamola Purbo Bashabo High School for 1992. The school was adjudged as the best run Uddyom project in 1992. The award was introduced in the name of Grace Samsom, the founder of Uddyom-Netherlands.

The school received a running trophy and Tk 20,000.00 in cash. Headmaster of the school received the award in a simple ceremony.

45 personalities slate suspension of govt ads in Bhorer Kagaj

By Staff Correspondent

Forty-five intellectuals including teachers, litterateurs, poets, artists and cultural activists yesterday expressed their grave concern at the suspension of government advertisement in the Bhorer Kagaj, a Bangla daily.

In a statement signed among others by Sufia Kamal, Kabir Chowdhury, Shamsur Rahman, Sardar Fazlul Karim, Nilima Ibrahim, Strajul Islam Chowdhury, Dr Anisuzzaman, Syed Shamsul Haq, Quayum Chowdhury and others, said, 'there could be no logic behind suspending advertisement in a first class newspaper like Bhorer Kagaj.'

They said, 'we have noticed that Bhorer Kagaj is keeping a strong stance in favour of democracy and the spirit of Liberation War.' 'If that is the reason for the government's grudge on the paper, then it is understood that whatever the government says on the freedom of the press is meaningless,' they added.

It is against the policy of press freedom and democracy to pressurize the newspaper through advertisement,' the statement said and added 'the people of the country had been fighting against such control of newspapers.'

The personalities urged the government to withdraw such autocratic decision and demanded the government to provide advertisement to newspapers like 'Bhorer Kagaj' on the basis of circulation.

Weather

Day temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Tuesday) says rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur at one or two places over Rajshahi division and the regions of Tangail, Mymensingh, Dhaka, Sylhet and Comilla while weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country.

The met office forecasts day temperature is likely to rise by one to two degree Celsius.

The maximum temperature of 31.5 degree Celsius was reported from Cox's Bazar and Jessore yesterday (Monday) and the minimum of 14.3 degree was reported from Srimangal.

The sun sets today at 6:02 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:19 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity of some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

	Degree Celsius		Percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	30.5	17.8	62	49
Chittagong	31.0	17.4	73	56
Rajshahi	27.0	15.7	60	77
Khulna	30.9	16.3	68	62
Barisal	31.0	16.4	79	57
Cox's Bazar	31.5	18.5	67	65
Dinajpur	23.0	15.4	80	88
Sylhet	30.5	17.7	67	58

40th anniversary programme of FPAB begins today

Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) will launch a year long programme today to celebrate its 40th anniversary of founding, reports BSS.

Since its inception in 1953, the association pioneered the family planning movement in the country.

In the early years of its existence the FPAB initiated family planning programmes as a purely non government activity and played the most dominant role in formulating the national family planning programme introduced by the government in 1965.

As part of the year long programmes, FPAB chalked out to celebrate the anniversary its head office in Dhaka as well as its 20 branch units will undertake a series of activities including holding of seminars, rallies, congregations, exhibitions, film shows, and bring out special publications of its journals 'Sukhi Paribar' and 'FPAB highlights' and sponsor special supplements in national dailies. Besides, it said, it would also arrange to provide various clinical services to couples as part of the year long celebrations.

BNFWA distributes relief

Bangladesh Navy Family Welfare Association (BNFWA) on Sunday distributed relief goods including blankets, lungis, sarees and children's wear among the distressed people of Bandartilla, Hali-shahar and adjoining areas in Chittagong, reports BSS.

The Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Mohaiminul Islam, who is also the chief patron of the association, distributed the relief goods procured by the association from its own resources.

Members of Chittagong area BNFWA, senior naval officers, the district administration officers and the elite of the locality were present during the relief distribution.

Biswas at Jagadish Bose Memorial Award Function

Works of scientists to give new impetus to next generation

Eleven persons were yesterday given Baigannik Sir Jagadish Chandra Bose Memorial Award for 1992 for their outstanding contribution in different fields, reports UNB.

The recipients are: Philosopher Principal Dewan Mohammad Azfar, scientist Dr M A Mannan, film director Chashi Nazrul Islam, artist KM Abdur Rouf, Public Relations — Syed Mahubur Rahman, Industry — Din Mohammad, Banking — Rezaul Karim and A K Sirazur Rahman, organiser — Abdul Khaleque, management — Belayet Hossain and Social Welfare — Engr Mahubur Rahman.

The President said Jagadish Chandra born immediately after sepoy mutiny and Rabin-dranath Tagore enriched the world of science and literature of the country.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas gave away the award at a function in local hotel.

Organised by the Jagadish Chandra Bose Smriti Sangsad, the function was presided over by Chairman of the Smriti Committee Moniruzzaman and also addressed, among others, by the Open University Vice Chancellor Dr Shamsur Ali.

President Biswas, speaking as chief guest, stressed the need for rearing adequate number of resource personnel for developing science and technology in the country for social advancement.

Thanking the recipients he called upon the scientists and intellectuals to take steps to commemorate the rich contributions of late scientist and find ways and means of utilising available resources for uplift of the country.

Biswas lauded the role of the Smriti Sangsad for creating the opportunity to recall the contributions of the late scientist and hope that the works and deeds of scientists would give new impetus to the next generation.

To keep pace with the modern world order, the generation should be inspired with the service of dedicated personalities and to follow their lifestyle to uphold their contributions for the nation.

The President said 'as a nation we are still lagging behind in the fields of science and technology...' but the educated sections should be determined to overcome these problems, he added.

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What's on today....

Workshop for the disabled

A three-day national workshop to formulate a national policy for the disabled persons in Bangladesh will begin today (Tuesday) at 2 pm at the Academy for Planning and Development under the joint auspices of Voluntary Health Services Society (VHSS) and the National Forum of the Organisations Working with the Disabled (NFOWD).

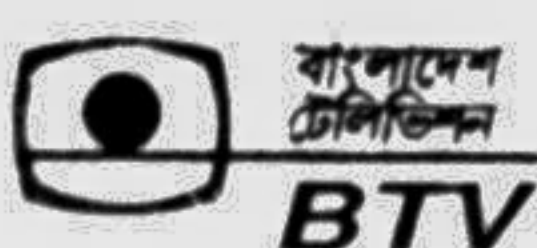
....and tomorrow

Maruf's painting exhibition

The painting exhibition of Maruf Ahmed will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) at La Galerie, 54 Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Banani.

The exhibition will be inaugurated by Agha Yusuf, Chairman of Erba and Associate Companies. Prof Aminul Islam will speak on Maruf's work.

The exhibition will remain open daily from 9 am to 8 pm till March 9.



Tuesday

5.00	Opening Announcement
5.10	Al-Quran
5.20	Programme summary
5.30	News in Bangla
5.40	Eso Para Shikhi
5.50	Mahe Ramzan
6.10	Hamd and Naat
6.30	Open University
7.05	Nazrul Songs
8.00	News in Bangla
8.30	Drama Serial —Suryer Apkekhyia
10.00	News in English
10.30	Parliament Round-up
10.40	Film: ENG
11.30	Khobar/The News
11.45	Closing

Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed cover tenders are invited in Bangladesh Form No 2908 for the undermentioned work on item rate basis from bonafide suppliers/enlisted 1st Class/2nd Class E/M Contractors of PWD who possess valid ABC/BC contractor licence as well as supervisory licence issued from Bangladesh Electricity Licensing Board. Tenders will be received in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division-VII/VIII, Dhaka, PWD E/M Workshop and Wood Workshop Division, Dhaka and PWD Eden Building Division, Dhaka on 11-3-93 up to 12-00 Noon and the tenders will be opened on the same day at 12-30 PM in presence of the tenderers/their representatives who may like to remain present.

Contract documents consisting of Bangladesh Form No 2908, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc can be seen and obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division-VII/VIII, Dhaka, PWD E/M Workshop and Wood Workshop Division, Dhaka and PWD Eden Building Division, Dhaka during office hours on cash payment of Tk 410/- (Four hundred and ten) (Non-refundable) up to 10-3-93. The tender forms may be purchased by the contractor himself or by his authorised representative on production of registration book.

Earnest Money @ 2 per cent of the quoted amount is to be furnished along with the tender in the form of CD/BD/PO/SDR from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division-VII, Dhaka.

Sl No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Allowed for Completion
1	Supplying of Rapid start ballast for Assembly block for maintenance of National Assembly at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.		2% of quoted amount.	20 (Twenty) days.

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ব্যাংকের ৯৭ শ্রেণী বিন্যাস সংক্রান্ত প্রতিবেদন ফরম কাগজসহ মুদ্রণ ও সরবরাহের নিমিত্তে ব্যতনামা ও প্রতিষ্ঠিত অফসেট মুদ্রণালয় সমূহের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

০২। ফরম সমূহের নমুনা, ডিজাইন, শর্ত ও নিয়মাবলী সংক্রান্ত সিডিউল যে কোন দিন অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে অত্র বিভাগের উক্তকৃত মুদ্রণ কর্মকর্তা, ৮৩, মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, বিকেলি (৩য় তলা), ঢাকা এর নিকট পাওয়া যাবে। সিডিউলের মূল্য ৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা মাত্র (অফসেটব্যতনামা)। সিডিউলের মূল্যের সমপরিসর টাকার শে-অর্ডার বাংলাদেশ কৃষি ব্যাংকের স্থানীয় মুদ্রণ কার্যালয়, ৮৩, মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকা হতে ব্যাংকের প্রধান কার্যালয়ের বরাবরে জমা করণঃ উহা উপরে বর্ণিত স্থানে অফিস সিয়ে সিডিউল সগ্রহ করতে হবে।

০৩। দরপত্র আবেদী ১৪-৩-৯৩ ইংরেজী তারিখ অবধিঃ ২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত বাংলাদেশ কৃষি ব্যাংক, ৮৩, মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা ৩য় তলায় রক্ষিত টেতার ব্যাক্সে প্রদত্ত হবে এবং ঐ দিনই অবধিঃ ২.১৫ ঘটিকায় উপস্থিত দরদাতাদের সম্মুখে যেদি কেই উপস্থিত থাকেন। দরপত্র সমূহ খোলা হবে। দরপত্র দাখিলের দিন কোন সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হবে না।

০৪। সর্বনিম্ন অথবা যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই বাতিল বা গ্রহণ করার ক্ষমতা ব্যাংকের সংরক্ষিত থাকবে।

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