

Dhaka Day by Day

Entertainment and the Monkey

Parveen Anam

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, thorough-bred 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 monkeys 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 monkeys, is always sure to draw scores of admirers, 'ooing' 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



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

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 (VISS) and the National Forum of the Organisations Working with the Disabled (NFWD).

....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	Programme summary
5.20	News in Bangla
5.50	Eso Para Shikhi
6.10	Mahr Ramzan
6.30	Hamd and Naat
7.05	Open University
7.05	Nazrul Songs
8.00	News in Bangla
8.30	Drama Serial — Surjey Apekhyaya
10.00	News in English
10.30	Parliament Round-up
10.40	Film: ENG
11.30	Khabar/The News
11.45	Closing

Farewell reception

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

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

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

over. 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.

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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.

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Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed cover tenders are invited in Bangladesh Form No 2908 for the undermentioned work on item rate basis from bona fide suppliers/enlisted 1st Class/ 2nd Class EM 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.

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

S No	Name of Work.	Estimated Cost	Ernest 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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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 artistes 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 Maltbagh 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.

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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 Kaisar.

President over by BSSF President Mokhlesur 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 Samikkhan Mabsududdin Ahmed.

The speakers recalled his contribution for the cause of workers.

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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.

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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 hope that the works and deeds of scientists would give new impetus to the next generation.

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Biswas at Jagadish Bose Memorial Award Function

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

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

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.

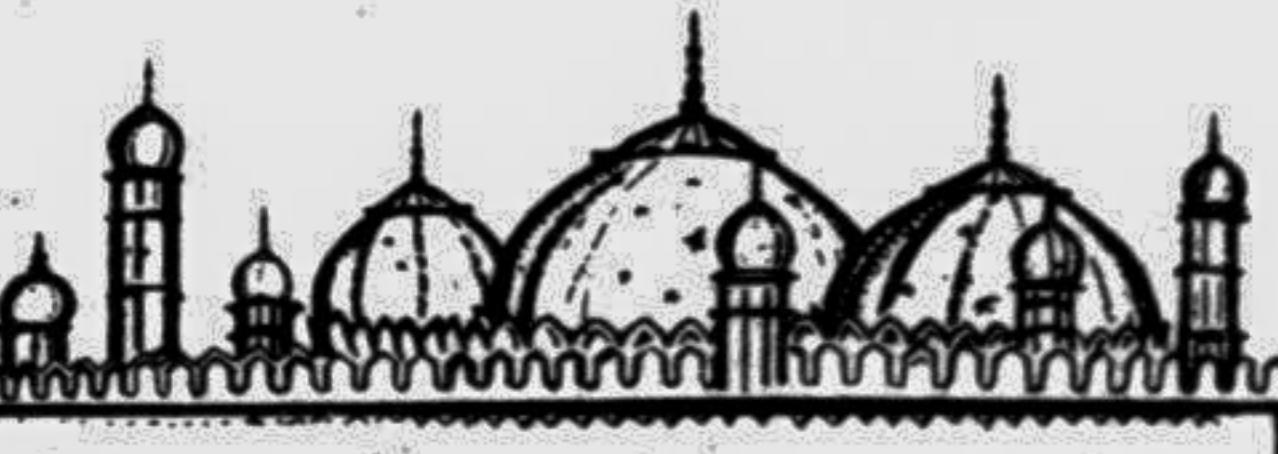
As part of the year long programmes, FPAB chalked out to celebrate the anniversary its head office in Dhaka as well as its 20 branch units will undertake a series of activities including holding of seminars, rallies, congregations, exhibitions, film shows, and bring out special publications of its journals 'Sukhi Parbar' 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, Halti-shahar and adjoining areas in Chittagong, reports BSS.

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