

## Dhaka Day by Day

# Fathoming Depths of the Human Brain

By SY Bakht

"The human mind has boundless potential and everyone has equal access to it, but one of the biggest obstacles blocking that potential is low expectation," says Dr. Jean Houston, an internationally known consultant on human development.

A US national, she arrived in the capital Tuesday, leading a four-member team, to conduct a series of workshops and seminars for government officials, staff of UN agencies and non-government organisations and also for a cross-section of people from different professions.

What curtails the potential of the human mind, Dr. Houston adds, are many cultural factors; fear, sheer lack of understanding or of not knowing the true capabilities and what she termed, as the "too-muchness of the world".

A philosopher and cultural historian, she has taught philosophy, psychology and religion at Columbia University, Hunter College, the New School for Social Research, Marymount College and at the University of California.

In her seminars and workshops, Dr. Houston offers a programme of exercises based on 20 years of research, to "recover and uncover" many mind-expansion methods to help participants explore the nature and range of their human capacities.

She has presented seminars on human development in some 35 countries including India and Nepal in south Asia, and is the past president of the Association for Humanistic Psychology.

"I travel sometimes as much as a quarter of a million miles a year around the world to help seminar and workshop participants find their vision," she explains.

Saying that the potential of the mind is "vast beyond belief" Dr. Houston quotes Iranian poet Jalaluddin Rumi and adds "We know the universe within is as large as the universe without."

The other three members of her team are Dr. Joy Craddock, a cardiologist who is currently studying "Whole systems transition and extraordinary human capacities", Peggy Rubin and Mary D' Souza, an Indian who is with the Brussels-based Institute of Cultural Affairs.

On Thursday, Dr. Houston and her team will conduct a day-long workshop on "Accelerated human learning" for the faculty members of the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre at Savar. A seminar on "The Possible

Human" for the staff of UN agencies and another seminar on "Experimental Training" for the staff of BRAC and other NGOs at Rajendrapur are also on her itinerary.

She will also conduct two seminars — one on "Promise of the new millennium" and another on "Innovative methods for training and education" for high-level government officials, NGO administrators, diplomats, senior journalists, educators and a cross-section of top professionals from various fields, during her stay until March 18.

Dr. Houston and her husband, Dr. Robert Masters, run the Foundation for Mind Research in Pomona, New York. She has written or co-authored 14 books, including "The Possible Human," "Godseed" "Mind Games" "Life Force" and "Listening to the Body."

On her first visit to Bangladesh, Dr. Houston informs that she spent the last six weeks studying about various developmental aspects of Bangladesh.

"The world looks to the people of Bangladesh in wonder and astonishment that in spite of all the problems the human spirit still burns brightly and this indomitable spirit inspires the whole world," she observes, adding "We get encouraged by seeing what you are doing here."

Noting that her mentor was the famous anthropologist Margaret Mead, she says her varied experience while growing up in different places in the United States got her interested in human psychology.

"I went to 29 schools before I was 12 years old, because my father was a comedy-writer for the Bob Hope Show, and we were always on the road."

The promise of the new millennium, she says, will witness the collapse of the "Walls of differences between the nations".

"We are living in the most complex period in human history," she explains. "Around the turn of the century ... we will find ourselves perhaps at what has been mythically projected as the end of history."

The challenge of the period, she feels, is how to use and apply the immense capacity that all humans have.

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## What's on today . . .

### Ranjit's painting show

A five-day drawing and painting show of Ranjit Das will be opened today (Wednesday) at 4 pm at the Divine Arts at Sonargaon Hotel here. Netherlands Ambassador Henricus Gajentaan will inaugurate the show.

The drawing and painting show will remain open for public from tomorrow.

### Exhibition at German Cultural Centre

An exhibition titled "One Vision-Two Versions" with paintings by Ilse Hilpert and photographs by Klaus Benner will start from today (Wednesday) until March 18 from 9 am to 5 pm at the German Cultural Centre-Goethe Institut here.

### Lions Club of Dhaka Golden

The monthly board and regular meeting of the Lions Club of Dhaka Golden will be held today (Wednesday) at 4 pm at 46, Delu Road, New Eskaton, Dhaka.

Ln Dr Anisul Huq, President of the club will preside over the meeting.

### Lions Club of Dhaka Progoti Greater

The 21st regular meeting of the Lions Club of Dhaka Progoti Greater will be held today (Wednesday) at 4.30 pm at the Officers' Club at Baily Road.

Ln Gautam Saha, President of the Club will preside over the meeting.

### Abolokon Natyacharchya Kendra

Students of a drama workshop organised by Abolokon Natyacharchya Kendra will stage a play 'Khara' at the Guide House Auditorium today (Wednesday) at 7.15 pm.

### Society for Legal Studies

The bicentennial celebrations of the introduction of permanent settlement (1793) will begin today (Wednesday) through a seminar under the auspices of the Society for Legal Studies.

Professor Emajuddin Ahmed, the Vice-Chancellor of the Dhaka University will inaugurate the opening ceremony at 11 am at the TSC auditorium.

Aminul Huq, State Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs, will be the chief guest.

### Rotary Club of Dhaka North West

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today (Wednesday) at Dhaka Club at 5.00 pm.

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### Seminar on women leadership

A five-day seminar on BTF/EI women leadership will start from tomorrow (Thursday) until March 15 at the Bangladesh Management Development Centre at Sobhanbagh.

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### No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Met office forecasts, weather is likely to remain dry and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Wednesday).

The maximum temperature of 33.5 degree Celsius was reported from Chuadanga and the minimum of 12.2 degree was reported from Srimangal.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6.05 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 6.12 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	31.7	17.3
Chittagong	30.5	17.0
Rajshahi	32.7	12.6
Khulna	32.3	14.2
Barisal	32.4	15.0
Cox's Bazar	32.0	18.0
Dinajpur	31.8	14.6
Sylhet	32.5	17.8

### Razzak invited to confce of Asian Parliamentarians

The Ambassador of Sweden in Bangladesh Bjorn Sternby yesterday called on Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali at his office chamber and invited him to attend the conference of parliamentarians from Asian countries to be held in Sweden later this year, reports BSS.

A Sangsad press release said the conference would be of seminar type and many Asian countries are expected to participate.

### Art exhibition date extended

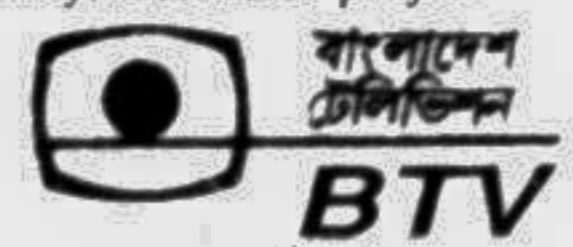
La Galerie at 54 Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani extends the date of painting exhibition by Artist Maruf Ahmed. The exhibition will run until March 12, says a press release.

Eminent Artist Professor Aminul Islam will hold a seminar on the works of Maruf on the concluding day of the exhibition at 3.30 pm.

### Prof Moktader's janaza today

Namaz-e-Janaza of Professor Abdul Moktader, former Chairman of Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Jessore will be held today (Wednesday) at the Mosque of National Academy for Educational Management (NAEM) near Dhaka College after Zohr prayer. He will be buried at Banani Graveyard, says a press release.

Kulhwant of Professor Abdul Moktader will be held at his residence at 302 Talli Office Road in Rayer Bazar Friday, after Asar prayer.



**Wednesday**

5:00 Opening announcement Al-Quran  
Programme summary

5:10 News in Bangla

5:25 Sports programme

5:45 Mahe Ramzan

6:15 Hamd and Naat

6:30 Open University

6:55 Hjjal Tamal

8:00 News in Bangla

8:30 Sanghad Parikrama

9:00 The Fall Guy

10:00 News in English

10:30 Parliament round-up

10:40 Katharnala

11:30 Khabar/The News

11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary

11:45 Closing

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