

Dhaka Day by Day

Tea for All

by Parveen Anam



The Dhakaitte is an endearing species. There is none to beat him. He is a wonderful class all by himself. In a moment of reflection, I am sure we all smile indulgently to ourselves and forgive the Dhakaitte many a sin he is so happily guilty of; the least but not the last of which is the perennial tea drinking he indulges himself in, any time of the day or night. He is happiest when he is clutching the eternal cup of sugary, luke warm tea accompanied by the endless yarn, spun with such alacrity.

An expatriate friend once candidly commented that the way to defeat the Dhakaitte and subdue him forever, would be to threaten him with 'No Tea'. Horror story come true, Dhakaitte and no tea? Perish the thought. His mind (as and when he makes it work) would come to a standstill and he would be reduced to a whimpering mass of humanity. Let there be no mistake about it.

And anyone who has ever bothered to glance about him on a little walk, morning or evening, would fully agree on the Dhakaitte's total addiction to his tea. The countless little tea shacks at every nook and corner of this lovely city, complete with its retinue of 'customers' is ample proof of this wonderful addiction. The sole purpose in life for these little men, seems to be in competing with each other as to who can outdo the other in tea-drinking.

As you walk along, immersed in yourself you will suddenly be accosted with a line of up-turned faces, looking at you as though you had turned leave of your senses because you do not have a cup of tea in your hand. You are of course equally surprised and after a wee staring match where admittedly you are the loser, you will step aside and continue on your walk, thoughtfully now. The 'cup' is more of a little tin mug with years of grime on it. Not to worry.

That is all part of the addiction. The little stall is nothing more than a piece of tattered hessian strung up with some string at all four corners to a medley of sticks and poles.

But the satisfaction it brings to its customers, would put the Waldorf Astoria to shame. Not one complaint passes their lips as they sit patiently on the ground — oh, no push upholstery for them mind you — waiting their turn for the tin mug. Because more often than not, the stall can hardly boast of more than half a dozen tin cups and since at any given time the number of customers far outnumber the mugs, they have to wait their turn. They are quite happy to do so though; as they wait they can exchange the latest on the gossip front and their own brand of politics all through it. The 'owner' is in the meantime busily stirring the kettle in the corner over the kerosene stove waiting patiently for some to finish so the others can start; all wonderfully organized, these tea drinkers. Quite put the upper crust to shame, actually.

More often than not, the 'cuppa' is accompanied by a crumbly, dubious looking biscuit, lovingly taken out of an equally dubious looking plastic jar, which has seen better days. Again, the customers who can afford this biscuit, for most cannot anyways, never complain. Their demands are simple; their object at that point in life only to slurp the tea as it is served to them in that mug. Tea finished, he will happily wipe his lips with the end of his 'lungi', pay the odd taka for it and walk away to face the day, till its time for another cuppa at some other vantage point in the city. Take away those little tea stalls and Dhaka would perhaps lose some of its inherent charms. And the Dhakaitte be that much poorer in terms of simple pleasures of life.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia attended an iftar party hosted by Director General of BDR Major General Mohammad Anwar Hossain BP, PSC at Peelkhana on Wednesday. Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury seen on her right. — PID photo

'Abul Quashem created chances for higher studies in Bangla'

Speakers at several discussion meetings here yesterday paid homage to the memory of Principal Abul Quashem, one of the pioneers of the great Language Movement, for his outstanding contributions to various fields of national life, reports BSS.

The discussions were arranged in observance of the second death anniversary of Principal Abul Quashem by various socio-cultural organisations.

The speakers recalled with gratitude that Principal Abul Quashem, as a member of the then Legislative Assembly, had moved the resolution for introducing Bengali as a medium of education and as state language. They said that by establishing Bangla College this educationist had tried to translate into reality in its true perspective the main spirit of the Language Movement. Through this college Principal Abul Quashem created an opportunity for obtaining higher education in the mother tongue, they added.

Tamuddud Majlis, a leading politico-cultural forum, of which Principal Abul Quashem was the founder, yesterday arranged a memorial meeting at the mazar of the late Principal at the Bangla College campus. Fatcha was offered seeking divine blessings of the Almighty for the lasting peace of the departed soul.

Tamuddud Majlis and Principal Abul Quashem Trustee Board jointly organised a discussion at the mazar premises of the late Principal yesterday morning.

Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury presided over the function while Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Meah attended as the chief guest.

Among others, Language Movement activists Dr Nurul Haq Bhuiyan, Shamsul Alam and Prof Abdul Gaffur took part in the discussion.

Speaking on the occasion Barrister Rafiqul Islam Meah said that the name of Principal Abul Quashem would remain ever written in the national history and heritage. This outstanding leader could realise immediately after the creation of Pakistan that the Pakistani leaders were showing a step-brotherly attitude towards the East Bengal.

Barrister Islam said that side by side with Language Movement, Principal Abul Quashem also gave a call for the autonomy which did not go in vain. "The achievement of the country's independence bears the testimony of the far-sightedness of this late leader," he added.

In his presidential speech Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury said that Principal Abul Quashem had contributed to the "Bangladeshi model" in our realisation and cultural pursuit which we have established today. He said that the contributions of this late leader in the Language Movement was yet to be evaluated properly.

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Friday

Morning session

8:00 Opening announcement
Al-Quran
Programme summary

8:10 News in Bangla
8:15 Alor Dishari
8:45 Cartoon: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
9:05 Moder Garab Moder Asha
9:35 Comedy show: Candid Camera

10:00 News in English
10:05 Moser Mukure: Chan Miaar
Negative Positive
Shikkhya Dikkhya
11:20 Film show: Dany Wilson's Family
11:50 Collections
12:20 Closing

Evening session

3:00 Opening announcement
3:15 Cartoon: The Peter Pan and the Pirates
3:45 Movie of the week: And Justice For All
5:15 News in Bangla
5:50 Mahe Ramzan
6:25 Sports programme: Football
7:05 Songs programme: Malancho
8:00 News in Bangla
8:30 Comedy serial: Perfect Strangers
9:00 Magazine Programme: Antarrang
10:30 Drama serial: LA Law
11:30 Khabar / The News
11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary
11:45 Closing

Bangla Academy observes Language Day

The Bangla Academy yesterday observed the Language Day by holding a discussion meeting at its seminar room.

On this day in 1948, the people of the country exploded into protest to establish Bangla as the state language for the first time. The saga of February 21, 1952 was originated on this day.

Presided over by academy Director General Prof Md Harun-ur Raahid the discussion was participated by Prof Nurul Haq Bhuiyan, Abul Fazal Shamsuzzaman, Bashir Al Helal and Prof Rafiqul Islam.

Recalling those days, Abul Fazal said, on March 11, 1948 the Dhaka University students initiated the fight to uphold the prestige of Bangla by organising hartals, processions and demonstrations.

"On this day, Section 144 was imposed for the first time after the creation of Pakistan to silence the student movement," said Bashir Al Helal.

Prof Rafiqul Islam while discussing on the Language Movement stressed the need for evaluating what the nation had really achieved through the Language Movement. He questioned, "Are we really showing love for Bangla, are we really giving due importance to our language?"

Harun-ur Raahid said, "The days of movement for the mother tongue is over. Now, it is time for us to organise movements to strengthen our language."

He urged the writers and intellectuals of the country to come up to enrich the mother tongue.

Chinese envoy meets Sarwari

The Chinese Ambassador in Bangladesh Zhang Xujiang called on the State Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Sarwari Rahman at her office yesterday, reports UNB.

What's on today . . .

Death anniversary of Raju

The first death anniversary of Moin Hossain Raju, a Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) leader who was killed last year while participating in an Anti-terrorism procession, will be observed today (Friday) by the Raju Sangsad through a discussion meeting at TSC auditorium at 4 pm.

Barrister Moinul Hossain will attend the function as chief guest while Major (Rtd) Rafiqul Islam, Prof Rangalal Sen, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Wakil Ahmed and Prof Faeze Elahi will take part in the discussion.

Khetmajur Union

A meeting of the Central Committee of Bangladesh Khetmajur Union will be held today (Friday) at 10 am at its central office.

World Rotaract Week

A procession for fun from Shahbagh to National Press Club will be organised jointly by the Rotaract District Organisation, Rotary International District 3280 and Rotaract Club of Mahanagar North West today (Friday) at 9 am on the occasion of the World Rotaract Week.

Minister for Labour and Manpower Abdull Mannan Bhuiyan will attend the function as the chief guest.

Dhaka-Kuwait ties will get a new boost: Al-Rubei

The visiting special envoy of the Amir of Kuwait and education Minister Dr Ahmed Abdullah Al-Rubei yesterday called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban, reports BSS.

The visiting Minister discussed with the President the prospects of enhancing more cooperation and strengthening relations between the two brotherly countries.

Dr Al Rubei informed that the relation of the two countries was based on cordiality and deep respect which he said would be strengthened further through fruitful discussions with the leaders of Bangladesh.

He said that the bilateral cooperation between the two countries would get a new boost in all fields for the benefit of their peoples.

Dr Al-Rubei handed over a personal message from the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah to President Abdur Rahman Biswas.

Reciprocating the sentiment, President Biswas hoped that the existing excellent relationships between Bangladesh and Kuwait would further be cemented through mutual respect and cordiality among two peoples.

He said that the Almighty Allah has given enough human resources to Bangladesh and many of them were trained enough including doctors and engineers.

BCIC produces urea worth Tk 954.84 cr

Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) industrial units produced 12,86,033 mt urea fertilizer worth Tk 954.84 crore in the first eight months of the current fiscal year (July 92 to February 93), reports UNB.

The production, is Tk 103.42 crore more than the corresponding period of last year which stood at Tk 851.42 crore. The rate of growth has been 12 per cent.

During the similar period of last year, the actual urea production in the six urea factories of BCIC was 10,18,743 mt, indicating an increase of 2,67,290 mt.

Weather

Day temperature may rise

Dry weather will prevail over the country with partly cloudy sky over Rajshahi and the regions of Mymensingh, Tangail and Sylhet during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Friday).

The Met office forecasts, day temperature is likely to rise by one to two degree Celsius over the country.

The minimum temperature of the country of 14.0 degree Celsius was reported from Rangamati yesterday (Thursday) and the maximum of 35.0 degree was reported from Jessore.

The sun sets today (Friday) at 6.06 pm and rises tomorrow (Saturday) at 6.10 am.

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

| Cities/Towns | Temperature in Degree Celsius | | Humidity in Percentage | |
|--------------|-------------------------------|------|------------------------|------|
| | Max | Min | 9 am | 6 pm |
| Dhaka | 33.8 | 21.0 | 65 | 42 |
| Chittagong | 31.5 | 17.0 | 79 | 53 |
| Rajshahi | 34.5 | 17.0 | 48 | 32 |
| Khulna | 34.5 | 19.4 | 53 | 49 |
| Barisal | 33.8 | 18.0 | 61 | 65 |
| Cox's Bazar | 30.0 | 18.5 | 72 | 77 |
| Sylhet | 32.4 | 18.3 | 66 | 52 |
| Rangpur | 32.8 | 14.7 | 59 | 52 |

WE REMEMBER

Janab Ali Akbar father of Mr A. Rob, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance died of cardio respiratory failure on 5th March at 3:47 A. M. (Friday Morning) at Monowara Hospital Dhaka. He belonged to respectable Muslim Family of Gonipur, Dagon Bhuyan, Feni. He was 91 and was renowned in his area for his social welfare activities. He left behind his wife 3 sons, 4 daughters and number of grand children, all of whom are well established.

গণস্বাস্থ্য ডাকসিন ল্যাবোরেটরী

পোঃ নয়রহাট ভায়া ধামরাই, ঢাকা

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নিম্নবর্ণিত রেফিজারের সমূহ সরবরাহ করার নিমিত্তে প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারীদের নিকট থেকে কাটালগ সহকারে সীলমোহর মুক্ত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

তারিখ: ০১ জুলাই হতে ১৪ সেপ্টেম্বর

১। ১২ সিএফটি ৬টি

২। ১০ সিএফটি-৭টি

৩। ৮ সিএফটি-২টি

দরপত্র অবশ্যই ২৪।৩।৯০ ইং তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্ন ঠিকানায় পৌঁছাতে হবে।

পরিচালক
গণস্বাস্থ্য ডাকসিন ল্যাবোরেটরী
প্রাইভেট গণস্বাস্থ্য কেন্দ্র
পোঃ নয়রহাট ভায়া-ধামরাই
ঢাকা-১৩৫০

কোহিনুর কেমিক্যাল কোম্পানী (বাংলাদেশ) লিমিটেড

০৪৯-০৫০, তেজগাঁও পির গোলা, ঢাকা-১২০৮

পিত্তা: কেমিক্যাল: বিসিআইসি ভবন (৮য় তলা), ৩০-৩১, সিলকুপা বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকা-১০০০

মূলত্বী বিশেষ সাধারণ সভার গোল (Poll) গ্রহণে নির্ধারিত সময়সূচী জ্ঞাতার্থে নোটিশ

এতদ্বারা সম্মানিত শেয়ার হোল্ডারদের জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বিপত ২৮শে ফেব্রুয়ারি, ১৯৯৩ ইং তারিখে যে বিশেষ সাধারণ সভা অনুষ্ঠিত হয় উক্ত সভার প্রস্তাব সমূহ পরবর্তী সময়ে চেয়ারম্যান কর্তৃক আর্টিকেলের দ্বারা ৬৯ অনুযায়ী দাবীকৃত গোল (Poll) নেওয়ার তারিখ ও পদ্ধতি দ্বারা সাধারণ মূলত্বী যোগা করা এবং সেই প্রস্তাবের পক্ষে/বিনপক্ষে গোল (Poll) গ্রহণ করার জন্য আমি নির্বাহকরকারী সম্মানিত শেয়ার হোল্ডারদের অবগতির জন্য জানাইতেছি যে, উক্ত গোল (Poll) পর্ব আগামী ১১ই এপ্রিল, ১৯৯৩ ইং (২৮শে মার্চ, ১৩৯৯ বঙ্গাব্দ) তারিখ রোজ বুধবার সকাল ১০ ঘটিকা হইতে দুপুর ১২ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত বিরতিহীন ভাবে ই-নটিটিউট অব ইন্ডিয়ান্স মিলনায়তন, রমনা, ঢাকা-১০০০ এ অনুষ্ঠিত হইবে। সম্মানিত সকল শেয়ার হোল্ডারদের উক্ত দিন উক্ত সময়ে ই-নটিটিউট অব ইন্ডিয়ান্স মিলনায়তন, রমনা, ঢাকায় উপস্থিত হইয়া গোল (Poll) গ্রহণ করিয়া প্রস্তাব সমূহের পক্ষে বা বিনপক্ষে ভায়া গলার জন্য অনুমোদন করা হইল।

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ডি-২০৮ কোহিনুর কেমিক্যাল কোম্পানী (বাংলাদেশ) লিমিটেড।

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Please send application and CV to Attn: Liaison Search, C/o Post Box No 98, Ramna, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh, no later than March 20, 1993.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Service (RDRS), a large non-governmental rural development agency operating in northern Bangladesh invites applications for the positions of Research & Information Officer and Documentation Officer for its Research, Evaluation and Documentation Unit based in Dhaka. Major responsibilities include:

Research & Information Officer

- Identifying formulating and drafting research proposals.
- Conducting independent research using primary and secondary sources.
- Collecting, compiling, analyzing data and writing research reports.
- Liaising with field staff to agree research plans and working methods, to circulate findings and to communicate new development and research concepts.
- Supplying information to RDRS staff and responding to outside enquiries.

Documentation Officer

- Preparing concept papers and project proposals.
- Establishing and updating reporting calendar for all running projects.
- Preparing monitoring and progress reports of activities.
- Identifying and documenting current and past programme activities in the form of papers reports etc.
- Liaising with field staff to ensure monitoring formats, methods and data are appropriate and accurate.

REQUIREMENTS

- Masters in any discipline of social science or English without a third division/class in any public examination.
- Fluency in written and spoken English.
- Some experience in rural development work.
- Aged between 28 and 38 years.
- Ability to work independently amidst a busy professional atmosphere.
- Willingness to undertake field trips periodically.

Both positions carry a gross monthly salary ranging from Tk. 10,000 to 12,000 (depending on suitability of the candidate) plus other admissible benefits as per service rules of the organization.

Please apply with complete CV along with two recent passport size photographs and names and addresses of two referees to GPO Box No.618, Dhaka-1000 by 13th April, 1993. The envelope should be 'marked' 'Research and Information officer' or 'Documentation Officer' as applicable. Canvassing in any form will disqualify the candidate. Only short listed candidates will be called for written test and interview.

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