

# Dhaka Day by Day

## The 'Other People'

by Parveen Anam

Was it not Sarie, who said, 'I'll be other people? He could not have put it better. Perhaps he was expressing the feelings of a lot of us ordinary mortals, when he voiced the heart-felt sentiment. Life, we distinctly feel, would be much easier if a lot of the 'other people' just went away. Vanished in a puff of smoke as it were.

Because it is these 'other people' who consider it their holy duty to pry their not so holy noses into everybody else's business. Life sometimes gets on top of everybody and these busybodies have a lot to contribute to the entire hectic situation. Why they consider it their moral obligation to keep a tab on everything that's going on around them in spite of the busy city life, is a mystery that would put Sherlock Holmes to shame.

The neighbour in this beloved city of ours with all its gun battles and hartals, is probably the best informed person, when it comes to what the lady next door paid for her silk sari or what her husband paid for it. The one he bought for her for Eid. She already knows the price of the one he bought for her birthday. How much the staff is paid, what grades the child got in his last exams and what a fantastic relationship they have with the in-laws are all at the tips of her dainty fingers.

And woe befall the couple next door if they had a lovers' quarrel the night before. This same elegant neighbour, the infamous 'other person' knows it all. Starting from the choice of adjectives to the names the wife used to describe the sister-in-law are all committed to memory. To be repeated with relish to 'the other people' over the eternal cup of sugary tea and greasy 'shinghara'. Much to the dis-

comfort of the couple in question.

Why can't we all learn to mind our own business, for a change is the thought which crosses our minds a million times in futility, of course. If the daughter or son of the neighbour in the meantime has decided to run away to get married, the parents of the happy couple would do well to leave the neighbourhood—preferably the country. It would be simpler than trying to explain things to the 'other people'. Why such explanations are needed is of course quite another story. If my son or daughter decides to get married or run away with somebody else's offspring, it should certainly not be of prime concern to the elegant 'other people'. But somehow it is. It is a matter of life and death for her. Or them.

The newspaper industry would be amazed at the speed with which the information is despatched to the relevant quarters. Remember how we have to wait endlessly most mornings for the newspaper to materialise at our doorsteps? Not so the information carried by the 'other people'. The most modern electronic gadgets would be outwitted by these busybodies.

If only these same busy beavers would put their genius to more productive purposes, we sigh, the authorities would not be so hard pressed to make economic progress. Manpower is the key to progress and such colossal waste of time and much-needed energy by these 'other people' certainly do not help matters either in the national cause or the neighbours' cause. But shall we try telling that to those 'other people'? Or maintain peace at all costs? Life is difficult enough, we mutter. Let us all live and let live.



CHAOKER '73

### 3 hospitals honoured as Baby-Friendly Hospitals

Three hospitals of the country has been honoured as Baby-Friendly Hospitals and five others have become eligible for its membership, reports UNB.

The three hospitals achieved all the 10 points required for becoming a Baby-Friendly Hospital and will receive prizes on April 22 (Thursday) at the auditorium of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Mohakhali. The other five hospital will receive Certificates of Commitment at the function.

The Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative, campaigns for protection and promotion of breast-feeding. It aims to promote proper breast-feeding practices in all sections of the society organised by UNICEF and WHO.

They voiced that to prevent further deterioration of breast-feeding standards all health centres must be able to encourage proper breast-feeding practices.

### First day of JU students action programme

By JU Correspondent

Major student bodies of Jahangirnagar University brought out processions on the campus yesterday to mark their first day of action programme to press home several points of demands.

Despite their fight for the common issues, four student organisations have taken up separate action programmes to meet some of the existing problems.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I), Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF), Bangladesh, Chhatra Union (BCU) in their meetings demanded enhancement of transport facilities, raise in student scholarship, ban or fundamentalist politics on the campus, increase of member of seat in the residential halls.

Besides, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) demanded withdrawal of punitive measures from two of its activists.

Md Moazzem Hossain, Organising Secretary of JCD, JU unit and Md Yousuf, AGS of Al Beruni Hall were expelled from the varsity for one year following an altercation with a hall provost in November last. JCD had taken a headline stand and had reportedly failed to unite other political bodies on this expulsion issue, sources said. JCD will submit a memorandum to the VC tomorrow.

### DU exams schedule

MA and MSS 1st part examinations in the course system for the year 1991 of Dhaka University will begin on May 8 as per schedule, reports BSS.

A meeting of the concerned Deans and Chairmen was held yesterday with Vice Chancellor Prof Emazuddin Ahmed in the chair to review the demands of a section of examinees for shifting the ensuing exams.

Dates for different examination in course system of Science and Biological Science Faculties of Dhaka University have been announced, says a press release.

M Sc 1st part exam for the year 1991, M Sc final year and M Pharm of 1990 and Nutrition (2nd batch) of 1992 will begin on August 15.

The 3rd year B Sc (Hons) and B Pharm part-3 exam for the year 1991 will begin on September 1. First year B Sc (Hons) and B Pharm part-1 for the year 1992 will also begin on September 1.

The 2nd year B Sc (Hons) and B Pharm part-2 examinations of 1992 will begin from November 1.

### Weather

#### Day temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

The Met office forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Tuesday) says, rain or showers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind will occur at one or two places over the Dhaka division and the regions of Bogra, Pabna, Sylhet and Comilla and weather is likely to remain dry with occasional partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country. The Met office forecasts, day temperature is likely to rise by one degree Celsius over the country.

The maximum temperature of the country recorded yesterday (Sunday) of 40.4 degree Celsius was reported from Chuadanga and the minimum of 21.0 degree was reported from Madaripur.

The sun sets today at 6.22 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.38 am. The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

Cities/towns	Temperature in degree Celsius	Humidity in percentage		
	max	min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	33.9	25.8	82	56
Chittagong	31.7	25.0	80	78
Rajshahi	39.1	23.5	78	31
Khulna	35.6	26.5	81	65
Barisal	33.5	22.5	86	77
Cox's Bazar	32.0	24.8	71	74
Sylhet	30.8	—	71	—
Dinajpur	33.8	22.1	78	62



Two girls performing dance on the Ramna Green ground as part of JASSAS programme to welcome Bangla year 1400 in the city yesterday. — Star photo

### Tk 1350 cr for uplift of fisheries sector

About Taka thirteen hundred and fifty crore has been allocated in the current Fourth Five-Year-Plan for development of the fisheries sector, a review meeting here was told yesterday, reports BSS.

The meeting was informed that public sector spending in the fisheries sector during the period will be Taka 749 crore, while allocation for the private sector is Taka 600 crore.

Held at the auditorium of Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council, the meeting reviewed last year's activities of Dhaka division under the Fisheries Directorate.

Presided over by Md Nasiruddin Ahmed, Deputy Director of Dhaka division of the Directorate, the meeting reviewed the progress of activities of the hatcheries in the

division, functioning of the thana fisheries officials and the implementation of laws on fish protection, tank/pond development and new waterbodies.

About four hundred thana level officials are attending the two-day meeting, AK Ataur Rahman, Director, Fisheries Directorate, MMA Matin, Joint Secretary, Minister of Fisheries and Livestock, and Dr AKM Nuruzzaman, member director (fisheries) of BARC attended the meeting.

The meeting was informed that during 1992, 18 hatcheries of the division earned Taka 29 lakh by producing 388 kilograms of fish spawn and 56 lakh fish fries. Both in production and earning, the target exceeded, the meeting was further stated.

### BPATC to hold int'l seminar in July

An International seminar on "Administrative and Financial Accountability" will be held at Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre at Savar in July, reports UNB.

This was decided at a meeting of the BPATC Board of Governors held on Sunday with its President State Minister for Establishment Nurul Huda in the chair, officials said Monday.

The seminar will be sponsored jointly by Kuala Lumpur-based Asian and Pacific Development Centre (APDC) and BPATC. Two experts from each member country of ASEAN and SAARC are expected to participate in the seminar.

The meeting approved a one-week training course scheduled in October for foreign missions' personnel in Bangladesh. Officials from the embassies of Canada, Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden and Norway will participate in the course, financed by the

Norwegian Embassy in Bangladesh.

The meeting was informed that 15 high officials of Nepalese government on behalf of Nepal Administrative Staff College would come to BPATC on a study-tour for a week in May.

It was also informed that to develop overall efficiency of the newly recruited cadre officials, special modules like computer handling, Bengali and English typewriting, car and motor-cycle driving were incorporated in the four month foundation training on trial basis.

The meeting expressed dissatisfaction over poor participation of senior officials in the senior staff course and discussed various measures to improve the situation. It advised the concerned authorities to invite doctors, engineers, agriculturists and high officials of other professional groups at a higher rate to the training courses.

### Women should be educated for overall uplift: Huda

State Minister for Establishment Md Nurul Huda yesterday said womenfolk of the country should be educated and organized for overall national development, reports BSS.

He was addressing the concluding ceremony of the five-day workshop on "Violation of right — a fight back" against women workers at Bangladesh Management Development Centre (BMDC) auditorium here.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Professor Jahannara Begum presided over the function.

The workshop was organized by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions — Asia and the Pacific Regional Organization (ICFTU-APRO) and ICFTU-Bangladesh Council on the occasion of the International Women's Day.

Twenty two women workers from different trade union organizations participated in the workshop. Huda said repression and deprivation of women should be eliminated from every nook and corner of the country for better future of our posterity.

Jahannara Begum said "The women-folk should take a vow to resist any violation of women's right and all should have the courage to face any violation."

### Itihas Parishad silver jubilee programme

Bangladesh Itihas Parishad will observe its silver jubilee function from April 23 at ICMA auditorium, reports UNB.

Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Emazuddin Ahmed will inaugurate the three day function.

National Professor Abdur Razzaque will attend as chief guest.

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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### DU: Accommodation crisis—V

#### DU students most affected

By Masud Arif

Accommodation crisis is more acute in the Dhaka University compared to other universities in the country. According to the Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics (BANBEIS) under the Ministry of Education, the Jahangirnagar University (JU) has the best facility of providing seats to almost all of its students in the residential halls. About 92.2 per cent student get seats in JU hostels.

Besides, in the Dhaka University about 33.45 per cent student get seats in the residential halls after completing two years of Honours course, hall sources said.

Only a few number of students get access in the halls in the first year according to merit.

After the JU, the Bangladesh Agricultural University at Mymensingh has the capacity to accommodate about 74 per cent students, according to BANBEIS sources.

In the Rajshahi University, about 62 per cent of its student get seats while in the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), about 52 per cent and in Chittagong University

### BSTI realises Tk 33 thousand as fine

RAJSHAHI, Apr 19: Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) realised a sum of Taka 33 thousand and five hundred as fine from illegal users of weights and measures while conducting 13 mobile courts and four police raids in 13 thanas of the division during the current month, reports BSS.

During raids in Taras and Sadar thana of Sirajganj, Duplechhia and Shibganj thana of Bogra, Chilmari and Sadar thana of Kurigram, Hakimpur, Khansama and Sadar thana of Dinajpur, Baladanga and Sadar thana of Thakurgaon and Kaonia and Sadar thana of Rangpur district, a total of 152 cases were filed of which 139 were settled realising the fine.

### Rabindra, Nazrul Jayanti programme discussed

The coordination committee, constituted to celebrate Nazrul-Rabindra jayanti, held a meeting yesterday at the conference room of the Cultural Ministry with State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahannara Begum in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting held elaborate discussion on the five-day long national Nazrul-Rabindra jayanti programme. It was informed that the national level programme will be held at different parts of the capital.

The inaugural functions and cultural functions will be held at the Shipakala Academy while discussion and poetry recitation programmes will take place at Bangla Academy, National Museum and Nazrul Institute.

Besides the national level programme, various organisations will chalk out their own programmes. Functions will also be held at the memorial places of Nazrul and Rabindranath under local initiative. Concerned deputy commissioners will coordinate these programmes, a PID handout said yesterday.


### Auction Tender Notice

By order of Collector, Customs, Excise & VAT, huge quantity of unclaimed & seized goods of various kinds viz furniture, cigarettes, electrical accessories, motor car, various spare parts, cloths etc. will be sold "as it is where it is" basis through auction tender by 24 April, 1993 during office hours.

Intending buyers & traders can submit tenders in prescribed form quoting highest rates, in the tender box kept at the office chamber of Joint Collector (Sadar) Customs, Excise & VAT Collectorate, Segun Bagicha & Joint Collector (Sadar) Custom House, Kurmitola, Dhaka and Siddique Bazar Central Godown by 24 April, 1993 during office hours. Tenders can be submitted by post but that should reach by 3 pm, 24 April, '93. Tender received after that, will not be acceptable. Tenders received will be opened at 12 Noon on 25 April, '93 in presence (if any) of the tenderers at Customs, Excise & VAT Collectorate, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka. Earnest Money at the rate 25% of the quoted highest price in Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of Collector, Customs, Excise & VAT, Dhaka should be deposited with each tender. Otherwise tender will not be acceptable. Persons intending to buy the goods can inspect the auctionable goods during office hours, prior to submitting tender, by collecting tender schedule with terms & conditions and catalogue/lot sheet of the goods from "Technical Section," Customs, Excise & VAT Collectorate, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka.

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**Tuesday**

5:00 Opening announcement  
Al-Quran Programme summary

5:10 News in Bangla

5:25 Echo Para Shikhi

6:00 Debate

6:50 Open University

7:25 Programme of Modern Songs, Sargoceta

8:00 News in Bangla

8:40 Drama Serial: Mohor Ali (3rd part)

10:00 News in English

10:30 Film show: ENG

11:30 Khabar/The News

11:45 Closing