Basanti Guha

Thakurta

hospitalised

widow of martyred intellectual

Dr. Jyotirmoy Guha Thakurta,

has been hospitalised since

Wednesday night in a critical

condition, family sources said,

fering from serious liver com-

plications for the past few

years. She suddenly fell criti-

cally ill Wednesday night at her

daughter's residence in Dhaka

University campus and was rushed to the Manwara

NGOs spend

Tk 3000 cr

annually

Social Welfare and Women's

Affairs Minister Tariqui Islam

yesterday said, Taka three

thousand crore was being

spent annually by about six

hundred NGOs in the country

for implementation of welfare

He was speaking as chief

guest at a function organised

by Rotary Club of Dhaka Mid-

town at Pongu Hospital on the

occasion of distribution of

are not a burden to society.

They can contribute to social

The minister said, disabled

crutches to the disabled.

programmes, reports BSS.

Hospital at Shidheswari.

Thakurta (70) has been suf-

reports BSS.

Basanti Guha Thakurta,

# Dhaka Day by Day

# The Rickshaw Healers

By Parveen Anam



As a mode of transport, the rickshaw is probably one of the best things that has happened to Bangladesh. Where would we be, if we did not have that wonderful three-wheeler, madly careening down the centre of the road, defying the traffic rules, the cars and all semblance of sanity. The doctors would earn less, that's for sure because there would be less people with blood pressure. The rickshaws contribute very positively to that end as anybody who has had the courage to drive in Dhaka will testify. The most nonchalant in the entire business is the policeman, who just stands there merrily ignoring life and the rickshaws as it all rushes past crazily. Lucky soul, you mutter. The policeman you mean.

But just as the rickshaws add to the convenience during the floods and the hartals when they are life-savers, literally, they have also managed to add to the miseries of the Dhakaite all but unwittingly. And this newest form of misery comes in the form of the 'healers' of the rickshaws. And these healers come in the shape of the little shops which have mushroomed on the roadside catering to the demands of the rickshaws in the form of repairs.

Admittedly, if the cars can have garages where they can go from time to time to fix the odd tyre or the horn which sounds funny, why cant the 'rickshaw-walla' take his little piece of livelihood to a shop to be cured? Sensible way of looking at things. But then, the point here is that the car-mender' does not sit right in the middle of the payement, much to the harassment of the pedestrian and the passersby. That little shop is tucked away somewhere in the by-lanes of the city, and except when the little boy from there is sent around to pinch the little extras from the neighbours' cars to cater for the customers' demands, he is not really bothering anybody. And in fact is offering employment to a whole lot of people.

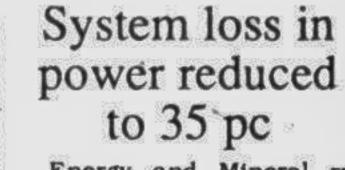
But the little rickshaw-shop endlessly fixing

the rickshaw tyres, 'spokes', seats, you name it, is a real pain in the neck. From early morning to well past the bewitched hour of midnight, that 'rickshaw repair' shop is enough to drive one up the wall. If heavens forbid, the man has decided that the shade provided by the mango tree at your gate is the ideal spot for him to open shop. Let the good Lord preserve your sanity. For along with the repairshop of course comes the inevitable hangersaround, who sit there sipping their endless cups of tea, from the 'tea walla' who has also magically materialised to look after the welfare of the 'repairer' with his shanty tea stall. It's quite a vicious cycle really. The vocal accompaniment of these guys is something else. Sleepless night after sleepless night is spent by you as they hammer away at the tyres, etc. of that rickshaw all the while telling his companions of all hours, all about his mother-in-laws' ancestors, his cldest daughters-in-laws' and his wisc's latest misdeed. You spend your hours closeted behind your front door trying to ignore him while the pedestrian is nimbly jumping up and down on the pavement trying to avoid the flying nails and hammers. The 'law enforcing agencies' in the mean-

time, seem to have lost all sense of purpose of course because not once do you see them taking a firm view of the situation and asking them to move away from the pavement to some other spot where they would be less bothersome to the public. Of course, their interest in the 'rickshaw repair' shops is in direct proportion to the little income they make on the side from the harassed repairer. The odd taka or two sliding regularly into the outstretched palm of the law enforcer is enough for him to look the other way. He is happy, the rickshaw 'repairer' is happy and the 'rickshaw-walla' is happy. If the poor Dhakaite is unhappy, the problem is minor. He would be well advised to join the crowd.

Dr Ahmadullah Mian Director of UCEP speaking at a press conference at Jatiya Press

Club in city on the occasion of the organisation's 20th founding anniversary



Energy and Mineral resources Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain yesterday called upon the officials and employees working in power sector to sustain their concerted efforts for reducing system loss of electricity to an acceptable level, reports BSS.

The Energy Minister was addressing as chief guest the installation ceremony of Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) Sramik-Karmachari Union at Narayanganj.

The meeting was also addressed, among others, by advocate Abul Kalam MP, Prof Razaul Karim MP, C B A General Secretary of P D B Zafrul Hasan, C B A President and General Secretary of DESA Abul Hossain and Kazi Mosharral Hossain respectively.

Dr Mosharraf Hossain said the national system loss of electricity had been brought down from over 42 per cent to around 35 per cent due to the realistic measures taken by the present government. He, however, said that system loss of electricity ranging from generation to distribution should not be over 25 per cent. He urged all concerned to sustain the reducing trend of electricity system loss already initiated in power sector in recent-past.

Giving a break-up of reduction system loss in DESA, the Energy Minister said that the electricity system loss in DESA in February last was 29.09 per cent as against over 38 per cent in September, 1991. Electricity system loss of DESA should not cross the limit of 15-17 per cent as it was still entrusted with distribution network only, he added.

## Private schools, colleges getting govt attention'

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar yesterday said the government was giving due importance to development of the non-government educational institutions in the country, reports

The Education Minister was speaking as chief guest at the concluding function of a twoday training programme for the enumerators and supervisors of the survey programme of the non-government educational institutions here.

Presided over by director o Bangladesh Burcau of Educational Information and Statistics (BANBEIS) Anwarul Hoq Khan Mojlish, the function was also addressed by Director General of Secondary and Higher Education Prof M Ennus Mia.

The Education Minister said the non-government educational institutions were playing a vital role in the education system of the country. The government has given due importance to proper planning and development programme of the non-government schools, colleges and mad rashas for bringing about a qualitative change in the whole education system, he added.

He called upon the enumerators and supervisors to put in their best efforts for making survey programme a success.

## Observer newsman hospitalised

Ashraf Ali, a senior journal-ist of the Bangladesh Observer was admitted to PG Hospital on Monday with neurological complications, reports BSS.

Ashraf, who will undergo operation shortly, is now under the treatment of Professor Rashiduddin at Room No 219, Bed No-A, Block B (second

He sought blessings of all for his early recovery.



Muktijoddah Command Council held a rally at Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday following the verdict on Golam Azam's citizenship case.

# 498 industries handed over to private entrepreneurs

sul Islam Khan yesterday said that there was no alternative to industrialisation in bringing dynamism in the economic activities of the country, reports

He said with this end in view the present government had withdrawn all restrictions in investing up to Taka 30 crore in any industrial venture.

The Minister was addressing a handing over ceremony of 51 per cent government shares in Dhaka Vegetables Oil Industries Ltd held at Fatullah.

Presided over by Sirajul Islam MP, the handing over ceremony was also addressed by Prof Rezaul Karim MP, Abul Kalam MP, Industries Sccretary A H M A Hai, managing director of the mill Mohammad Ali, President of Narayanganj Chamber of Commerce

Industries Minister Sham- and Industry Afzal Hossain, Chairman of Al Baraka Bank Amanullah Mia, Chairman of Bangladesh Food and Sugar Industries Corporation Mir Belayet Hossain and President of Narayanganj Hosiery Industry Owners Association Abdur

> The Industries Minister said so far 498 small, medium and big industries had been distrivested and handed over to private entrepreneurs. Beside, he said, 43 big industries had been identified for disinvestment and would be handed over to private parties. Out of the 43 industries international tenders have been invited for sclling government shares from 16 industrial enterprises, he said adding that handing over of the tendered industries were in various stages of finali-

The Industries Minister said the present government believed in free market economy which he said was being followed throughout the world.

The Minister said the economy of the country would be geared up if the disinvestment programme proved successful.

He said the aim of the present industrial policy was to encourage private investment for the flourishment of industry in the country. The main opposition party in the parliament had also pursuing the same policy of free market economy, he added.

Citing the bleak picture of industrial growth during the past government, Mr Khan said, the progress was so slow that the rate of growth was only 2.9 per cent.

#### development activities if they are imparted adequate training, he added. He called upon the affluents to come forward for the welfare of the disabled. Later the minister handed

over a pair of crutches and a set of books to the hospital authorities for the disabled.

Former minister Rotarian Azizul Huq, Dr R O Gani, Professor of Pongu Hospital Strajul Islam and President of Dhaka Mid-town Rotary Club Rotarian K M Alam also spoke on the occasion.

## Reforms aiming at socio-economic uplift adopted

Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan said here yesterday that the government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia had adopted a series of reforms aiming at socio-economic uplift of Bangladesh, according to a message received here, reports BSS.

Speaking at the 49th session of ESCAP being held in Bangkok, the Bangladesh Planning Minister said Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was committed to creating the environment for reaching "Daal-Bhaat," the basic nutrients and needs to every household. Our record in some sectors has been more than modest. Our macro-economic policies have been widely acclaimed, he added.

The Planning Minister said despite many constraints the Bangladesh government has succeeded in initiating liberalisation and privatisation of the economy. Bangladesh, he said, has appropriate policy infrastructures to attract foreign investments. "We have both potentials and prospects and with a little help, we hope to be able to go far," he said.

# New surgical technique for gall bladder introduced

Diabetic Hospital (BIRDEM) here has introduced a new surgical technique for sophisticated gall bladder operation without opening the abdomen.

The technique called "laparoscopic cholecystectomy" is widely used all over the world.

Talking to BSS Prof Motior Rahman, Head of BIRDEM Surgical Department, said they had successfully operated two female patients by applying laparoscopic technique on experimental basis.

Headed by Prof Rahman the

They were assisted by house surgeons and nursing staff.

expert and Dr Humayun Kabir.

ladeshi surgeon, had his training on laparoscopic operation of gall bladder at the Tokyo University in Japan and joined the Diabetic Hospital recently. He along with Japanese Professor Dr Hashimoto Daijo performed the first laparoscopic operation in Bangladesh at the Diabetic Hospital one and a half years back. During that time they also performed another operation at the IPGMR

Mohammad Shamsul Haque,

Director, Institute of Business

Administration(IBA), Dhaka

Treasurer of Dhaka University,

Prof Abdur Rab, Course Coor-

dinator. Dr Saiful Azam, among

others spoke on the occasion.

need for launching a move-

ment on entrepreneurship

and small business develop-

ment to translate the govern-

entrepreneurship makes spec-

dy the overall progress and

prosperity around the world.

He said Bangladesh, which emerged as a nation two

decades ago, has been consid-

ered a special case where en-

trepreneurship activities are

most essential for attaining

He said the development of

ment's policy into action.

The President stressed the

Prof Shahiduddin Ahmed,

President Abdur Rahman

Biswas yesterday said the pre-

sent government had been ac-

tivating the potentials of the

people through various sche-

mes of self-employment under macro-economic policy of the

private sector based on market

President Biswas was ad-

dressing as the chief guest the

concluding ceremony of a

workshop on "Entrepreneur-

ship development at a city

Association of Management

Development Institutions in

Bangladesh (AMDIB), the func-

tion was presided over by Dr

Held under the aegis of the

hotel here yesterday evening.

economy, reports BSS.

Govt promoting people's

potentials: Biswas

University.

Dr Nayeem, a young Bang-

team consisted of Dr Sader Abdun Naycem, a laparoscopic

imal and dressing is given without any stitch in the skin, post-operation recovery is quick virtually without any pain, Prof Rahman said. Dr Nayeem said the patient

could be discharged after 24 hours and the patient could resume normal activities within a week. Dr Nayeem also performed a laparoscopic surgery in a city private clinic last The new technique of gall

In laparoscopic operation

wounds for the holes are min-

bladder operation has very little side effects, do not cause hernia and reduces problems in case of any kind of second abdominal operation, the doctors opined. Prof Rahman said within

two months Diabetic Hospital would be fully equipped to perform regular gall bladder operations by using laparoscopic technique.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

## Apex Footwear Ltd

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> Syed Manzur Elahi Chairman Apex Footwear Ltd.

today (Friday) says, rain or shower accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal divisions and the regions of Dhaka, Faridpur, Noakhali and Chittagong while weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country.

by one to two degree Celsius over the country. The maximum temperature of 36.1 degree Celsius

imum of 18.2 degree was reported from Srimangal. The sun sets today at 6.24 pm and rises tomorrow Saturday at 5.30 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday are

6pm



Morning session

Opening announcement

Al-Quran programme summary Alor Dishari 10.00 News in English 10.05 Moner Mukurey 11.30 Film show: Danny Wilson's Family collection

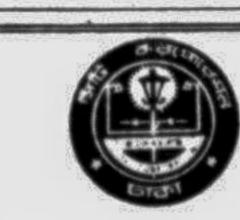
## **Evening session**

Opening announcement Al-Quran programme summary Cartoon Film: Teenage Mutant Nonja Turtles Movie of the week: Reunion at Fairborow Sports programme Programmes of modern songs: Malancha News in Bangla

Comedy show: Perfect 8.30 Magazine: Ittadi News in English Druma sertes: L A Law Khabar/The News 11.30 Tomorrow's programme

Closing

11.45



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ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন, ঢাকা ভাডার ও ক্রয় বিভাগ

আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিচ্ছন্ন রাখুন আপনার শিশুকে টিকা দিন

## পুনঃ টেন্ডার নোটিশ ২য় বার

ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের ৯০ ওয়াট অঘচাপের সোডিয়াম বাতির পারফেক্স কভার সরবরাহের জনা খ্যাতনামা সরবরাহকারী, আমুদানীকারক, এজেউ দেরদাতাকে অবশাই সর্বশেষ নবায়নকৃত টেড লাইসেল ও আয়করের সনদপতের অনুলিণি দর্শতের সহিত্ দাবিল করিতে হইবে) এর নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং-২৯১১তে টেভার আহ্বান করা বাইভেছে। টেভার আশামী ২০/১/১৪০০ বাংলা ৩/৫/১৯৯৩ ইব্যাজী ভারিখে বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত প্রধান অফিলে প্রধান ভাডার ও ক্রয় কর্মকর্জা ও সকল অঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তার দওরের সমুখে রক্ষিত টেভার বাঙ্গে গ্রহণ করা হইবে। টেভার উক্ত দিন বেলা ১২-৩০ খটিকায় টেভারদাতা অথবা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধির সমূখে (যদি কেই উপস্থিত থাকেন) প্রধান তাভার ও ক্রয় কর্মকর্তা ও সকল আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তার অফিস কন্দে শোগা হইবে। আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তাগণ টেভার গ্রহন করিয়া তাহা খামের উপরে সাক্ষরের পর প্রধান তাভার ও ক্রয় কর্মকর্তার নিকট পাঠানোর ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করিবেন। নিয়বর্ণিত হারে আনেটমানি যেকোন সিভিউল ব্যাংক হইতে ভাক্ট/পে-অর্ভারের মাধ্যমে মেয়র, ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের অনুকুলে দাখিল করিতে হুইবে। টেভার নোটশ, ফরম ও সিডিউ নিমবর্ণিত হারে নগদ টাকায় প্রধান অফিলে ভাভার ও ক্রয় বিভাগ, হিসাব বিভাগের অফিস ক্যাশিয়ার ও সকল আঞ্চলিক অফিস সমূহ হইতে পাওয়া যাইবে। টেভারের সাথে সিডিউল ক্রয়ের রশিদ সংযুক্ত করিতে হইবে। টেভারে বর্ণিত মালামালের দর অংকে ও কথায় স্পটভাবে দিখিতে হইবে, অনাথায় টেভার বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। টেভার খোলার দিন টেভারের কোন কাগজগত্র বিক্রয় করা হইবে দা।

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# Weather

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# Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am

The Met office forecasts day temperature is likely to rise recorded Thursday was reported from Rajshahi and the min-

Citics/Towns Temperature in Degree Celsius Humidity in Percentage

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31.5	25.3	80	. 78
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34.5	25.5	81	62
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