

Dhaka Day by Day

To love and to cherish

by Parveen Anam

With the marriage season doing the full rounds, we in all our humility can perhaps take the liberty of trying to diagnose the marriage situation in a lighter vein.

We can perhaps safely divide our lives, our dreams and our hopes for a happy marriage into three distinct phases.

First, the romantic phase. This is when we go about starry-eyed, thinking of marriage as something of a great romantic mystery, the union of two halves to form a whole, the inevitable merging, the total amalgamation.

Next, the cynical phase. This is the phase when we begin to learn all about the roles played by the different members of the family. These are the roles pre-assigned unconsciously to each member to like it or lump it. The male of course is assigned the pivotal role of the 'lord and master' while the poor harassed woman a very poor second position entirely at the beck, call and whims of the superior male. There is the exception to the rule though, I would candidly point out to my feminist friends. But this is where we realize that like all equations there is an equation here too. Each person has his own set of data to be interpreted and put into circulation. It either makes a match and serves the hypothesis between two sets of people in which case heaven has nothing fairer to offer. Or unfortunately, like all scientific data it can backfire often with disastrous consequences. The curtain comes down on the cynical phase.

Now begins the phase which is the eye opener for all of us and brings us back to earth with a bump! This phase is endearingly called the 'realistic phase' by our friends the cynics.

Marriage unfortunately, is not an entity that can be quantified. It is an entity of bitter arguments over who woke up in the middle of the

night to give the baby his feed and what the mother-in-law said, which she should not have. The success or failure of the marriage depends perhaps not on what the equations and theories work out to be (they have rather a funny way of not working out at all, we find much to our chagrin) but how we look at the basic facts of the union at the end of the day.



And that is perhaps the only way of looking at it. Glorifying is all very well, we shrug but marital disappointment or disillusionment would dramatically decrease if we all decided to be realistic. The lawyers would of course be unhappy. Unhappy marriages is the stuff of which their livelihood is made of with due respect to lawyers.

What with life being as hectic as it often is, in today's day and age, the negativity towards marriage would drastically reduce if we all accepted the fact that once married we would have to live with partners who would insist on leaving great globs of toothpaste all over the wash basin (ugh) or clamp around the bedroom at 4 am trying to locate his silk tie. Or walk out in the middle of an argument. That perhaps by far is the most exasperating of all. The walk out. The parliamentarians are apparently not the only ones who are good at it. This is of course where the ashray proves invaluable. Nothing gives you so much satisfaction as smashing that ashray against the wall. Psychologists will inform you that pent up emotions must find an outlet. Perhaps they had the ashray in mind? But then who knows the ways of the learned, we wonder? And never mind what the psychologists say, perhaps the wall is not such a bad idea after all. Or the ashray. Otherwise it would certainly be the head. Ah well.

Six Nirmul body supporters on police remand

Six young men picked up by Mottifheel police during April 25 sit-in demonstration around the Secretariat were Tuesday produced before the court which granted one day's remand in police custody, reports UNB.

A criminal case was filed against them on charge of creating anarchy, rioting with deadly weapons, forming unlawful assembly, attack on police and damage of public property.

The accused are Samad, Aminul, Mukul, Arif, Safiqul and Monir.

Police prayed for 5 days' remand on plea of recovering arms from them, but was granted one day.

Metropolitan Magistrate Abdur Rahman earlier rejected the petition for bail of the accused.

It was, however, not known as to why the accused were not produced before the court within 24 hours of the arrest.

12 get Atish Dipankar Gold Medal '93

Twelve noted personalities were given 'Sreegan Atish Dipankar Gold Medal-93' for their contribution to social and national development and upholding human values, reports BSS.

The recipients of the award are: Artist S M Sultan (Art and Craft), M Mujibul Haq (social service), Manzoor-ul-Karim (organiser), Mohammad Asafuddin (Music), Dr M R Azad (physician), Ali Imam (literature), Ataul Karim (administrator), Khorsheed Alam and Ali Hossain (industry and commerce), Mostafa Aminur Rashid (banking), Muhammad Emdadul Haq (education) and Kaiser Hamid (sports).

The decision to award 12 personalities with Atish Dipankar gold medal '93 was taken at a meeting of the Atish Dipankar Research Council, presided over by its chairman M Golam Qader, a council press release said.

Rabindra-Nazrul 'mela' to be included in nat'l level programmes

The Rabindra and Nazrul 'mela' would be included in the national level Rabindra-Nazrul Joyanti programmes of this year, reports BSS.

This was disclosed at a meeting of the coordination committee constituted to celebrate the birth anniversaries of the national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam and Rabindranath Tagore held yesterday at the Cultural Ministry.

Presided over by State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahan-Ara Begum the meeting was attended by Amanullah Chowdhury MP, Abdul Awal Miah MP, Alamgir Kabir MP, Cultural Secretary Islamuddin Malik and members of the committee.

The meeting was informed that both the inaugural functions will be broadcast live through radio and television. The meeting was also informed that at Rabindranath's memorial places at Sahajapur of Sirajganj, Silaidah of Kushtia, Patisar of Naogaon and Nazrul's memorial places at Daritampur of Mymensingh and Comilla, programmes will be held under local initiative with cooperation of the government.

Hong Fu meets Mosharrarf

The visiting delegation of the China National Machinery and Equipment Import and Export Corporation led by its President Hong Fu Yu called on Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources Dr Mosharrarf Hossain at his secretariat office yesterday, reports BSS.

They discussed the progress of work of the 210 megawatt thermal power station now under construction at Raosan in Chittagong under the Chinese financial and technical assistance. The construction work of the plant is almost complete and it is now under trial run.

Secretary of the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources M Fatur Razzak was present.

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Thursday

5.00	Opening announcement
	Al-Quran
	Programme summary
5.10	News in Bangla
5.25	Debate
6.30	Esho Para Shikhi
6.40	Jiboner Alo
7.25	Nazrul songs
8.00	News in Bangla
8.40	Drama of the week: Swagan
10.00	News in English
10.30	China Beach
11.30	Khabar/The news
11.40	Tomorrow's programme summary
11.45	Closing



US Ambassador in Bangladesh William B Milam, Deputy Leader of Jatiya Sangsad Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury and Deputy Leader of Opposition Abdus Samad Azad are seen at the launching ceremony of the book titled 'Disaster Management Handbook for Bangladesh' at National Press Club auditorium yesterday. Story on page 12 — Star photo

Civil Aviation, Tourism fetches Tk 72.18 cr last fiscal

Three organisations under the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism has earned a pre-tax profit of Taka 72.18 crore during 1991-92, reports BSS.

This was informed at the 14th meeting of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Civil Aviation and Tourism Ministry at Sangsad Bhaban here yesterday with State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan in the chair.

Of the total, Biman Bangladesh Airlines had earned Taka 32.84 crore. Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh Taka 37.30 crore and Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation Taka 2.04 crore during the period.

Besides, Hotel Sonargaon and Hotel Sheraton earned pre-tax profits of Taka 4.26 crore and Taka 1.31 crore respectively during 1992, hotel calendar year.

The committee was informed that Bangladesh Biman had earned over Taka 22 crore during the first nine months of 1992-93 financial year. The Civil Aviation Authority had earned over Taka 31 crore and Parjatan Corporation over Taka one crore during the same period, the meeting was told.

The two hotels also made considerable profits during the first three months of 1993.

The meeting was told that desirable profits could be obtained following implementation of the recommendations made during the last 13 committee meetings. The committee made 54 proposals for implementation.

The meeting discussed various development projects of the three organisations.

The committee was informed that Bangladesh Biman has saved Taka two and a half crore in foreign exchange by getting done 'C' checks of two DC-10 aircraft in the newly built Biman Hangar Complex. Earlier this check was done abroad.

Biman also signed air service agreements with eight countries while it opened new routes in Delhi and Hong Kong. Besides a second frequency of Biman to Frankfurt was introduced, and Chittagong-Bangkok route opened.

The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh has taken up a Taka 250 crore project to convert Chittagong Airport into an international airport so that it could handle wide-bodied aircraft, the meeting was informed.

The meeting was told that four boarding bridges would be constructed at Zia International Airport at a cost

of Taka 16 crore while Taka 122 crore would be spent for carpeting of runway of Zia International Airport and providing other facilities.

It was also told that Barisal Airport would be built at a cost of Taka 20 crore while Taka 18 crore would be spent for expansion of the runway of Sylhet Osmany Airport.

The development work of Rajshahi and Syedpur airports would be done at a cost of Taka 12 crore and repair work of Cox's Bazar Airport will be made at a cost of Taka 2.5 crore.

Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation has taken up a Taka three crore project during the present fiscal to construct a youth hostel at Cox's Bazar. The corporation will also complete the construction of a motel at Sylhet at a cost of Taka 1.5 crore, the meeting was informed.

Members of the standing committee Alam Khan, Begum Rahima Khandakar, Saiful Azam of BNP, Shah Haduzzaman of Awami League and Syed Mursheed Kamal, independent, were present at the meeting.

Later the members of the committee went to Zia International Airport to see for themselves the facilities provided at the international and domestic terminals. They also went round various sections of the airport.

Jubo Dal workers vanguards of democracy: Abbas

Mayor of Dhaka and President of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal Mirza Abbas MP yesterday urged the party workers to strengthen the organisational set up to help the government in its development efforts, reports BSS.

He was addressing the biennial conference of Tejgaon Thana Jubo Dal as the chief guest at the Sundarban Hotel here.

Jubo Dal leader Barkatullah Bhulu MP inaugurated the conference.

Chaired by Nabi Solaiman the function was addressed by State Minister for Textiles Major (Retd) Abdul Mannan and State Minister for Forest and Environment and also the General Secretary of Jubo Dal Goeswar Roy, among others.

Abbas termed the Jubo Dal workers as the vanguard of democracy and called upon them to resist any mischievous activities and injustice in the society.

BSP demands of govt to raise ad rate

The adjourned meeting of the Bangladesh Sangbadpatri Parishad (BSP) held here yesterday with its President Chowdhury Mohammad Faruque in the chair strongly demanded the raising of government advertisement rate, reports BSS.

The meeting expressed concern that despite the implementation of the fourth wage board the rate of advertisement was yet to be enhanced.

The Parishad also expressed concern over the apprehension raised by certain quarters regarding the use of government advertisement as a political weapon.

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Sangrami Chhatra Samaj brought out a procession demanding release of all political detainees including Ershad in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Malaysian cultural week begins

By Staff Correspondent

A Malaysian cultural week and food festival began in the city Tuesday. Information Minister Nazmul Huda inaugurated the week in the evening at a colourful function arranged at the ballroom of Sonargaon Hotel.

A 65-member Malaysian cultural troupe led by Mohd Shuib Abdullah is performing at the programmes that includes Malaysian fashion show, folk songs, dances and dance drama. Prominent Malaysian singers M Shariff Zurah, Azura Azz and D J Dave are also taking part in the cultural programmes.

The inaugural function Tuesday night was attended by diplomats, journalists and elite of the city.

Promoted by Malaysian Trade Centre in Dhaka, the cultural week has been sponsored jointly by Sonargaon Hotel and Biman Bangladesh Airlines. The Malaysian-Bangladesh Investment Company Ltd and Sungai Nytor Company organised the programmes under the patronage of Malaysian High Commission in Dhaka. The cultural week will end May 3.

BCL (B-K) sweeps Rangpur Govt College polls

By DU Correspondent

The JSD (Inu) backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (B-K) has won all the 25 posts in the Rangpur Government College Students Union polls held Tuesday.

Masud Nabi Munna and Wasimul Bari Simu have been elected Vice President and General Secretary respectively. Earlier in the Rajshahi Polytechnic Institute Students Union polls held on April 22 last, the BCL (B-K) candidate Abdul Qudus won the post of the Vice President.

Introduction of computer in polytechnic instts underscored

The leaders of Bangladesh Polytechnic Teachers Association had a meeting with State Minister for Education Principal Eunus Khan at the conference room of the Ministry here yesterday, reports BSS.

They discussed the matters relating to one time exemption of examination for promotion to the post of Chief Instructor, regularisation of ad-hoc teachers service structure, giving status of gazetted officers to the Junior Instructors and problems prevailing in expansion of Technical Teachers Training College.

The state minister gave a patient hearing to the problems of the polytechnic teachers and assured them of solving their problems.

The state minister emphasised the introduction of electronics and computers in the Polytechnic Institutes for improving the standard of technical education. He called upon the teachers to put in their best efforts for improving the standard of the education.

Additional Secretary of the Ministry Khadeza Awam, DG of Technical Education Rafiqul Hoq, President of the Association Khandaker Shahabuddin Mahmood, General Secretary Shamsur Rahman, and other leaders of the organisation were present.



Commitment Products organised a session of solo Tagore songs by Seadi Mohammad at the Institution of Engineers' yesterday in aid for the treatment of two daughters of journalist Mollah Muktadir suffering from complicated heart ailments. Among others the Editor of the Khabar Mizanur Rahman Mizan and M Shahjahan Mia and Aitaf Mahmud, President and General Secretary of DUJ were present on the occasion.

Indian sarees seized in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Apr 28: Detectives of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) recovered contraband Indian sarees worth Taka seven lakh from Reazuddin Bazar here today, reports BSS.

According to a CMP press release, the detectives in a drive raided a number of shops in the Bazar and seized 1300 pieces of Indian sarees.

No arrest was made in this connection.

Goods worth Tk three lakh recovered

CHITTAGONG, Apr 28: Bangladesh navy in coordination with the customs authority recovered smuggled goods worth about Tk three lakh from a foreign vessel, MV Flying Dragon, at the outer anchorage yesterday, reports BSS.

The recovered goods included 10 coloured TV sets, 18 VCR, 15 radio cassette decks, six electric fans, 10 cartons of beer and 218 bottles of spirit.

These were later handed over to the customs authority.

JS body on Sports, Youths discusses BKSP activities

The ninth meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on Ministry of Youth and Sports was held yesterday at the committee room of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, reports BSS.

The meeting, with Minister of State for Youth and Sports Sadek Hussain in the chair, discussed in details the admission rules for Bangladesh Krira Shikka Pratishthan (BKSP). The overall activities of the BKSP also came for extensive discussion in the meeting.

Obituary

By Staff Correspondent

Eminent industrialist Al-haj Shah Mohammad Shahjahan breathed his last after suffering from a foreign vessel, MV Flying Dragon, at the outer anchorage yesterday, reports BSS.

He left behind a son, two daughters, wife and a number of well wishers.

Shahjahan was buried at the Mirpur Shahid Buddhijibi Graveyard. His qul khwan will be held tomorrow (Friday) after the Asr prayers at House 32, Road 3, Shaymoly.

Weather

Showers with gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Thursday) says, rain or showers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind may occur at many places over Chittagong division, at a few places over Dhaka division and at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal and Rajshahi divisions.

The Met office forecasts, day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country. The maximum temperature of the country recorded yesterday (Wednesday) of 36.8 degree Celsius and the minimum of 20.0 degree was reported from Rajshahi and Sylhet respectively.

The chief amounts of rainfall recorded in 12 hours from 6 am to 6 pm yesterday were Rajshahi 17 mm, Sylhet 12mm, Srimangal 4mm, and Bhola 1mm.

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 6.26 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 5.25 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	
Dhaka	36.5	25.0	80
Chittagong	32.0	20.5	67
Rajshahi	36.8	25.0	73
Khulna	34.2	26.9	77
Barisal	33.5	26.4	86
Cox's Bazar	32.5	22.2	71
Dinajpur	30.0		80
Sylhet	27.6	20.0	100

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Notice of Seventh Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Seventh Annual General Meeting of Green Delta Insurance Company Ltd., will be held in the BCIC Auditorium, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka on Monday 14th June 1993 at 3.30 P. M. to transact the following business:

- To confirm the minutes of the Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Company.
- To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 1992 and the Auditor's Report thereon.
- To declare the dividend for the year ended 31st December 1992.
- To elect Directors in place of retiring Directors as per the Articles of Association of the Company.
- To appoint Auditors for the year 1993 and fix their remuneration.
- To transact with the permission of the Chairman any other business which may be transacted at general meeting.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

- To adopt the following special resolution amending Article 91 of the Articles of Association of the Company: "RESOLVED that the word and figures 'Tk. 300' appearing in the first line of Article 91 of the Articles of Association of the Company be and are hereby substituted by the word and figures 'Tk. 750'."

By Order of the Board of Directors.
G. M. Shariful Ala
 Executive Vice President
 & Company Secretary

29th April 1993

NOTES:

- The Register of Members of the Company will remain closed from 22nd May 1993 to 14th June 1993 both days inclusive.
- A member entitled to attend and vote at the General Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend the meeting and vote on his behalf. Such proxy need to be a member of the Company.