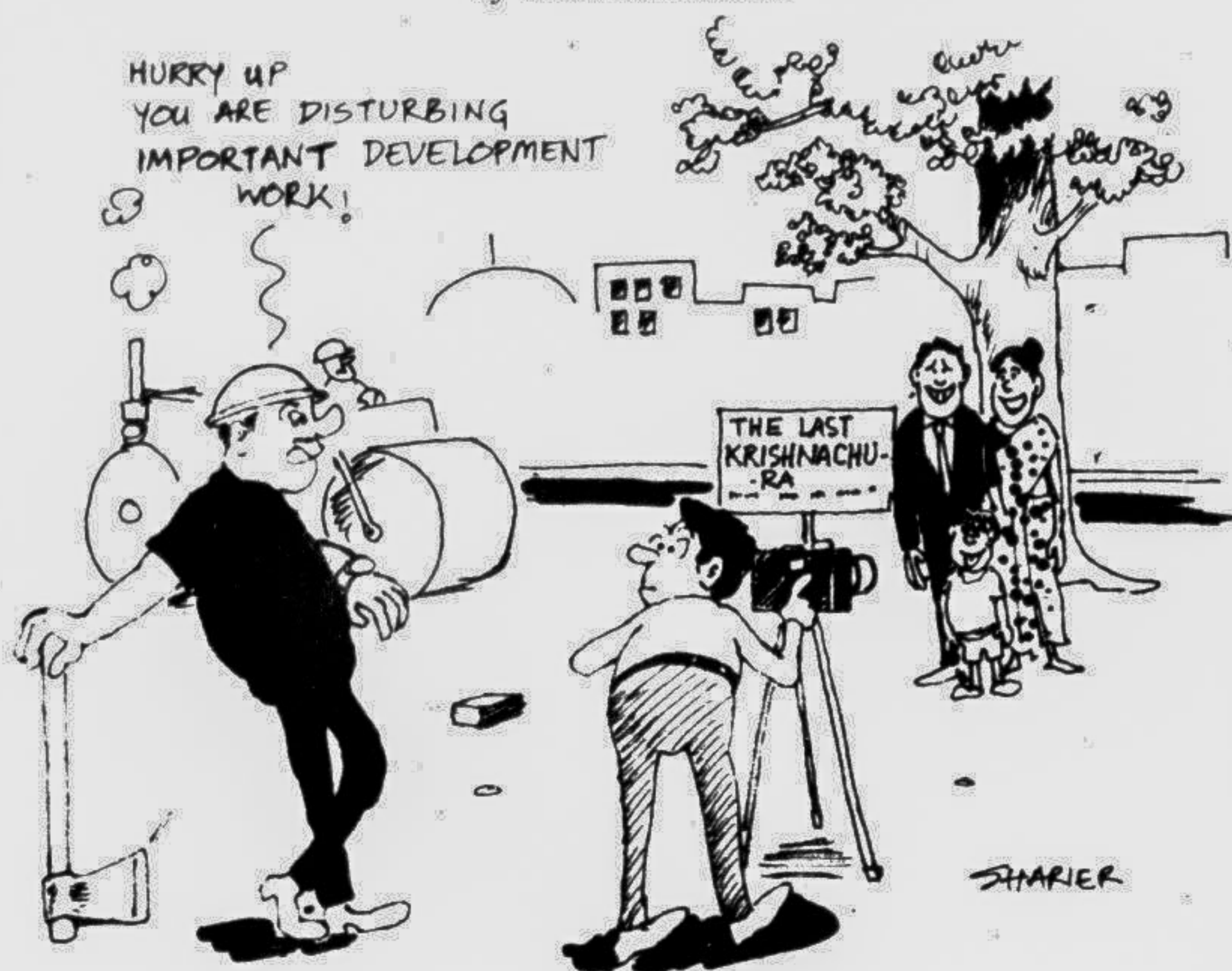


Dhaka Day by Day

Ode to a Krishnachura

by Parveen Anam



The more discerning amongst my readers, will immediately note the 'a' instead of the 'e' and the pointed absence of the 's' making the plural. The reason is obvious to all but the very thick. Therefore, the 'powers that be' can safely count themselves out of the few who can discern. Life for them is very simple. 'See no evil, hear no evil' is their motto in life. We wish them luck.

Yet at the same time, we would gently like to remind them they are the ones, who are directly responsible for bare Dhaka today. They are the very same people, who can have the accusing finger pointed at them. For are they not the ones who have issued the orders to the contractors to cut down the trees which made Dhaka so distinct? Can they deny that they cut down the Krishnachura trees in front of the Radio Office at Shahbag, to replace them with grotesque concrete piles they dare call roads? Or the trees lining the avenue down towards the present Science Annex building of the Dhaka University, from what used to be the Arts Building, housed in the present Emergency of the Medical College Hospital? What a pleasurable haunt it was for the many students pursuing their budding romance under the canopy of the lovely Krishnachura.

But we are not here to sit in judgement. We shall only sing praises today, for the lost Krishnachura, the glory of days gone by. Those of us old enough to remember, will recall the delight Dhaka presented in the month of Baishakh, as the Krishnachura and its twin the Radhachura, flowered in profusion which made the heart sing in joy. The flame orange flowers seemed to beckon the poet in us and invited us to take long walks down the roads which were strewn with red, putting to shame the proverbial 'red carpet welcome' of the authorities. The carpet which nature spread for the Dhakaite made all other 'carpets' look pale. Who has the audacity to challenge mother nature?

Or, the welcome it extends to its followers? The Krishnachura bloomed on its own. No man cared lovingly for it, no artificial fertilizers enriched its roots. One rain-driven morning, as even the morale of the Dhakaite ran low, wading through the water clogged streets of the city, there they were, defying the very essence of unpleasant thoughts. It was breath taking. The orange was a colour which was the envy of many an artist but who could even pretend to recreate that riotous orange on canvas? Though deep orange was the predominant colour, the variety of shades of orange, made the spectacle even more breathtaking. Some were a shade paler than the others, while some were flecked with spots of white, lending an all together enchanting spectacle to the wonders the heavens can provide for mortal man.

But it is the product of humanity, which when it goes to power, that somehow seems to lose all sense of rationale and coherent thoughts. They must wield their power on trees which have grown for years, providing the natural beauty and shade for the Dhakaite. The long suffering Dhakaite should perhaps at last raise his feeble voice and insist on some sort of an explanation from the men who matter as to how and who had authorised them to cut down those trees so mercilessly. Accountability must begin somewhere. The tax payer must know his rights and if that includes taking the 'authorities' to task for stepping beyond their jurisdiction, so be it. At least the few Krishnachuras, dotting Dhaka here and there, can perhaps brave the axe of the 'authorities' and have a wee chance of survival. Let the authorities realize that some Dhakaite at some point is going to protest in more ways than one when those 'avenging angels' with their axes, descend on those hapless victims of their whims, the lonely beautiful yet brave Krishnachura.

Directive to complete LGED projects on time

The 14th meeting of the standing committee on LGRD and Cooperatives Ministry was held yesterday in the parliament house with the LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Barister Abdus Salam Talukder in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed in details the development programmes of Local Government Engineering Department (LGED). The programmes included development, repairing, reconstruction and construction of roads, bridges, culverts and academic institutions.

The LGED is implementing as many as 21 ADP projects and six non-ADP projects all over the country in the current fiscal year.

A total amount of Tk

374.63 crore and Tk 294.97 crore have been allocated for the implementation of these projects respectively.

The Minister directed the concerned officials to complete the projects on time, maintaining the high standard of quality of works. He said necessary action would be taken against those who were found corrupt and negligent in duties.

Among the members of the committee, Ukil A Saitar MP, Rashed Mosharrar, MP, Salauddin Ahmed, MP, Abdul Wahab MP and Additional Secretary in charge of Rural Development and Cooperatives of Division of the ministry Md Mahe Alam were present in the meeting.



Bangladesh Awami League city unit President Mohammad Hanif addressing a joint rally of fourteen opposition parties at the Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday. (Story on page 1.) — Star photo

100 Red Crescent cyclone shelters underway

The first meeting of the national committee on International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR) was held at the Ministry of Relief yesterday with State Minister for Relief Lutfur Rahman Khan in the chair, reports BSS.

It was disclosed in the meeting that a total of 30 coastal thanas had been brought under the wireless communication to maintain communication with the disaster-affected areas during disasters, as well as pre and post disaster period.

The meeting was also informed that necessary steps had already been taken to bring rest of the thanas under this network as early as possible, an official source said.

The meeting disclosed that Bangladesh Red Crescent Society had been constructing about 100 multipurpose cyclone shelters during the current calendar year. Construction work of 40 shelter houses would be completed soon. Besides, 28 thousand volunteers of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society are participating at the hour of need in the field level.

The meeting was informed that the government had recently set up a new organisation named Disaster Management Bureau to strengthen the disaster preparedness and management activities.

Some recommendations were taken in the meeting to face the natural disasters and minimise their damage.

The recommendations include: Construction of required number of multi-purpose shelter houses at suitable places, reserve of adequate food, drinking water and medicine,

arranging required number of transports specially water vessels for evacuation, relief and rescue of the affected people to create more awareness among the people about disaster preparedness and inclusion of disaster preparedness as a subject into the educational curriculum of the country.

What's on today

Rotary Club of Dhaka-Buriganga

The regular meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga will be held at the Sonargaon Hotel at 5:30 pm today (Wednesday). High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in Bangladesh, Dr Ahmed Nasz Haniffa, will attend the meeting as chief guest. He will also deliver a talk on Premadasa — A Man of the People.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West

Rotary Club Assembly of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today (Wednesday) at Hotel Sonargaon at 5:30 pm.

National Forum on Forestry Master Plan

Third two-day National Forum on Bangladesh Forestry Master Plan begins at the auditorium of the Bangladesh Planning Academy, Babupura in the city today (Wednesday) at 9 am.

Abdullah-Al-Noman, Minister for Environment, Forest, Livestock and Fisheries will inaugurate the forum.

Seminar on Industrial Battery

A seminar on Industrial Battery — Its Special Applications and Utilities will be held at the Sonargaon Hotel today (Wednesday) beginning at 10 am.

The seminar has been organised by Rahimafrooz Limited.

Workshop on Diversified Agriculture

The inaugural ceremony of a workshop on "Mechanization for Diversified Agriculture of Bangladesh" will be held at the auditorium of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council, Farmgate, today (Wednesday) at 9 am.

The workshop has been organised by the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council.

Lions Club of Dhaka Buriganga

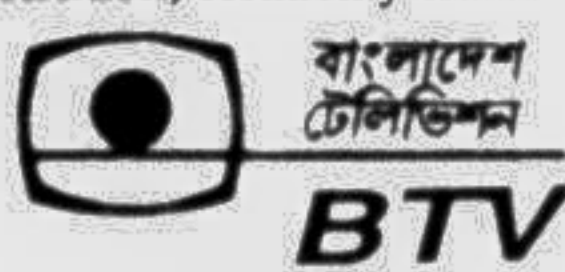
The Regular and Board Meeting of Lions Club of Dhaka Buriganga will be held today (Wednesday) at 5:30 pm at Hotel Sundarban in the city.

Govt pledge-bound to accountable admn: Oli

Minister for Communication Col (Retd) Oli Ahmed yesterday urged the civil service (Administration) officials to serve the people with sincerity and dedication changing their typical bureaucratic attitude to meet the demands of the democracy, reports BSS.

He said the government is committed to developing an accountable administrative system and with the neutral and honest efforts of the officials, the desired change could be ensured.

The minister was addressing a seminar on Transparent administration: "problems and possibilities" at the BCS (Administration) Academy here.



Wednesday

- 5:00 Opening announcement Al-Quran
- Programme summary
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:25 Khelar Jagat
- 6:00 Banaful
- 7:25 Tagore songs
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Nritter Tale Tale
- 9:00 Film show: The Fall Guy
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Mukhtakantha
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary
- 11:45 Closing

Chaired by the Director General of the Academy, Abul Mohsin, State Minister for Establishment Nurul Huda attended the function as special guest.

Oli said the bureaucracy was developed during the British period to serve the colonial interests. With the emergence of democracy, the bureaucracy now will have to change its attitude and nature to fulfil the aspirations of the common people.

He said the administrative officials will have to work with the cross section of people and although they are not the political rulers of the country, they play a significant role in running the government.

The minister urged the officials to perform their duties properly ignoring all kinds of pressures and temptations from any quarter.

Speaking on the occasion, Huda said after nine years of autocratic rule, a democratic government has come to the power only two years back. It can not be claimed yet that a full accountable system has been developed in the country.

He urged all concerned to put in their best efforts to bring about the desired dynamism in state functioning and ensure accountability of the government.

Director of the BCS (Administration) Academy M Mansurul Haq also spoke.



People of Sylhet district residing in Dhaka staged a sit-in demonstration in front of the National Press Club yesterday demanding creation of Sylhet division. — Star photo

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh

Headquarters, Kurmitola, Dhaka

Notice Inviting Tender

"গাছ লাগান গাছের পরিচর্যা করুন এবং পরিবেশ বাঁচান" — প্রধানমন্ত্রী

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Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the enlisted Civil Contractors of CAAB up to 12-00 hours of 30/5/93 and will be opened on the same date at 12-30 hours in the office of the undersigned in presence of the contractors, if any, as mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Name of work	Cost of tender paper (non-refundable)	Eligibility of contractor
1.	Equipment for Communication & Navigation System at Chittagong Airport (SH. Construction of foundation base i/c. site development for installation of doppler VOR/DME).	Tk 750/-	A-Class (Civil)

Tender documents can be had on all working days from the office of the Executive Engineer, Civil Division-3, Superintending Engineer, P&D/QS Circle, and Cash Section, CAAB, Headquarters, Dhaka. Earnest Money @ 2.50% of total quoted amount should be deposited along with the tender in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Superintending Engineer, P&D/QS Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. Intending tenderer shall have to show the VAT registration certificate before purchase of Tender Paper. Bank guarantee @ 5% on quoted amount from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh shall have to be submitted immediately after issue of work order. Other terms and conditions may be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, Civil Division-3, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. No tender form will be sold on the date fixed for the opening of the tender. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject part/whole of the tender without assigning any reason.

DFP(G) 7367-5/5 Chief Engineer (Acting)
Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh

Weather

Temperature likely to rise

By Staff Correspondent

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

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

The maximum temperature of the country recorded yesterday (Tuesday) of 33.4 degree Celsius was reported from Satkhira and the minimum of 19.2 degree from Faridpur.

Most places of the country experienced rains yesterday. The rainfall recorded in 12 hours from 6 am to 6 pm are: Feni 99 mm, Dhaka 53 mm, Madaripur 46 mm, Khulna 45 mm, Sandwip 40 mm, Comilla and Barisal 36 mm each, Chandpur 33 mm, Majidpur 32 mm and Bhola 24 mm.

The sun sets today Wednesday at 6.36 pm and rises tomorrow Thursday at 5.14 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 Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	26.6	21.0	90	72
Chittagong	30.5	24.8	75	78
Rajshahi	29.7	21.5	97	80
Khulna	27.2	20.5	95	82
Barisal	30.5	26.5	86	-
Sylhet	26.0	19.5	91	76
Cox's Bazar	32.7	26.0	72	76
Rangpur	27.4	19.8	93	78

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Applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission in the first year M.B.B.S class of Zainul Haque Sikder Women's Medical College for the session 1992-93. The admission forms will be available at the site of the Medical College building on Monica Estate situated on the western side of Rayer Bazar, Dhaka from 26.5.93 to 20.6.93 on all working days from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. on payment of TK. 500/- (Five hundred) only (Non refundable). Candidates will be selected on the basis of competitive written and oral examinations.

Eligibility for participating at the admission tests:
The candidates :-

- i) Must have passed S.S.C. & H.S.C. in First Division/Second Division.
- ii) Total Marks in both the examinations must not be less than 1200 marks.
- iii) Must have Physics, Chemistry and Biology subjects at the H.S.C. Examination.

Foreign students must possess equivalent qualifications.
Written Examination will be held on 2.7.1993 from 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. and Viva-Voce test will be held on and from 10.7.1993 (detail programme will be put on the College Notice Board in time).
Foreign students are exempted from written Examination. They are to appear in Viva-Voce test only.
Results will be published on 22.7.1993.

Application Forms duly filled in will be received by the College Office from 30.5.1993 to 24.6.1993 during Office hours.
Application Forms must be accompanied with :-

- i) Three copies passport size photographs duly attested.
- ii) Photo copies of S.S.C. & H.S.C. Marks sheets and certificates duly attested.
- iii) Testimonial from the Heads of the Institutions from where the candidate has passed S.S.C. & H.S.C. Examinations.
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