

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Interdependence of Man and Nature

by Fayza Haq

Biren Shome's recent exhibition at Shaju's Art Gallery, came up with an exquisite collection of oils, watercolours, sketches, etchings and pastels. His works were marked specially by the interdependence of man and nature with fresh yellow, green and blue. There was a feeling of vastness of nature in his work.

As a senior artist at the Bangladesh National Herbarium, Biren had the chance to study flowers and plants from close quarters, the knowledge of which he used in many of his works.

While preoccupied with a romantic attachment to warm colours, he has also used dark shades so that many of his dark canvases were touched with splashes of yellow and red. The artist was comfortable with all sizes of canvases.

The artist was not an idle dreamer or someone obsessed with loneliness. He is very much involved in life dealing with beggars, cart pushers and ordinary people.

Although he has experimented with abstract form, it is as a realist that he excelled. His favourite preoccupation were women, flowers, birds, moon and trees.

In his 'Women I' Biren had presented an exquisite woman with shades of blue, pink and yellow. The woman's face, tresses, limbs and bosoms were depicted in details.

'Sorrow I' in water and poster was a realistic depiction of a woman in pain, done in an impressionistic style, like most of his other works. Biren's 'Sorrow II' was similarly a moving piece with blue, green, and red, carefully merged with white.

The oil pastel 'Moonlight Night' brought in a woman with delicate proportions. It was the use of the black shades that made the piece stand out as remarkable. 'Love', which was another oil pastel, depicted a man smelling a flower. A vast quantity of black was used along with blue, pink, purple and brown.

'Expecting I', a watercolour and ink creation, was a laudable piece which captured the

feeling of hope and waiting with a few flat shades. 'Lonely Horse', a water colour and ink piece, which showed the head of a horse in pristine white, was both dramatic and poetic.

Biren's 'Half Moon' showed a woman with delightful proportions, simplified in geometrical forms, with a silver half moon placed sub-

tlety in the backdrop. The colours used were vibrant orange, pink and green.

There were many compositions of nature with triangles, circles, squares and rectangles, all merged together in brown, grey and black and highlighted with red and yellow.

The artist's 'Silence', done in pen and coloured ink was again masterful in its simplicity and dynamism of line strokes.

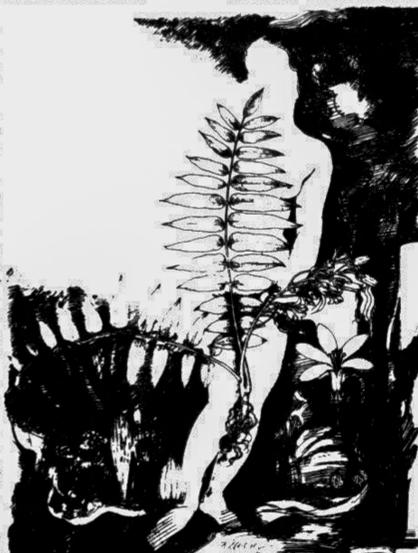
Biren's pen and ink sketches were thought provoking, masterful and romantic indeed. In 'Homage to Botecelli' he had the suggestions of Venus in white, while the rest of the paper was covered with fascinating ferns, flowers, roots and bulbs.

Similarly arresting was 'Memory of 1971-1' in pen and ink. There was no horror or bitterness depicted in the picture but rather symbols of hope and progress. Leaves, flowers and petals filled the outlined portrait of a young man.

In 'Memory of 1971-11' was a depiction of a horse's head adorned with flowers and leaves. Similarly, one found a wonderful extravagance of delineation of leaves and flowers in 'Memory of 1971-111' where a face was covered with a profusion of flowers.

A galloping horse, a woman's face and innumerable branches of trees went into the creation of 'Time and Beyond', and it appeared to be bursting with energy and promise, like the rest of the artist's pieces.

Biren, who has had three solo exhibits, 15 group exhibitions and a two man show, is also a book illustrator, and has worked as the designer in the Directorate of Press, Publicity, Information and Broadcasting during the Liberation War of Bangladesh at Mujibnagar in '71.



Homage to Botecelli

## Alleviation of environmental hazards underscored

A ten-day regional training course on 'Integration of environmental concerns in agriculture and rural development project' was opened yesterday with a call for attaching greater importance to alleviating environmental hazards directly related to the rural people, reports BSS.

Fifteen participants from five commonwealth countries — Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Malaysia — are taking part in the course under the aegis of the Centre for Integrated Rural Development for the Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) in collaboration with the Commonwealth Secretariat, London.

Inaugurating the training course at the IRAC's centre for

management development at Rajendrapur, CIRDAP Director Dr. Smporn Hanpongpanth said the course was first of its kind and expressed the hope that it would be immensely beneficial for five CIRDAP commonwealth nations in finding the linkages of the environmental hazards in the fields related to agriculture and rural development.

He expressed satisfaction that the inter-governmental organisation could take up a programme of vital interest to rural people.

Deputy Director of CIRDAP Dr S Narayan said while there was a lot of talk about environmental degradation on such issues like ozone layer, pollution and toxic materials, there was

little talk about the issues that directly afflict the vast population living in the rural areas. For them, he said, pure drinking water, sanitation and health care were of more direct interest.

The training course is taking place in line with the Rio declaration at the Earth Summit last year when a lot of stress was given on the environmental issues related to rural people. The inauguration of the course coincided with the first anniversary of the Earth Summit.

MY Waliullah, course director, said the course was the beginning of a programme that could eventually bring more CIRDAP countries under such training course.

## Kabir blasts opposition for failing to play due role

RAJSHAH, June 8: State Minister for Land Md Kabir Hossain has said the BNP government is determined to ensure balanced development throughout the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing a public meeting at Hatgongpara High School ground under Bagmara thana of the district on Thursday last.

About six thousand workers of Jatiya Party and union parishad chairmen and members led by Abdul Hamid and Luthfar Rahman joined BNP in the meeting imbued with the ideals of BNP.

Organised by Bagmara thana BNP, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation, Mizanur Rahman Minu and BNP leaders Abdul Hal, Kamrul Monir, Ershad Ali, Abdul Wahed, Ferdous Molla and Ziarat Ali.

The state minister said during the nine years of autocratic rule political benefit was gained in the name of Development. The present government since its inception has decided not on words, he added.

Kabir said in a parliamentary form of democracy the opposition acts as a shadow government. He strongly criticised the opposition saying they had failed to carry forward the responsibility and engaged themselves in creating indiscipline and anarchy resorting to hartal, road blockade and other negative politics.

He underscored the need for national consensus to carry out the national development pro-

## AL leader's death condoled

Abdus Samad Azad, acting President of Awami League and Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, and Zillur Rahman, General Secretary of Awami League, yesterday condoled the death of Abdus Salam, President of the Chatak Thana Awami League, reports BSS.

In a statement, they said the nation would gratefully remember the contribution of late Abdus Salam in the Liberation War and democratic movements.

## Weather

### No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today says light or moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur at a few places over Chittagong, Barisal and Dhaka divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions.

The Met office forecasts day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country during this period. The maximum temperature of the country yesterday was 35.4 degree Celsius recorded in Satkhira and the minimum of 22.8 degree recorded in Sirinagar.

Rainfall across the country yesterday were: Iswardi-76 mm, Bogra-58 mm, Rangpur-20mm, Sylhet-49mm, Dhaka-47mm, Rangpur-20mm, Rangamat-4mm and Dinajpur-2mm.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6.45 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 5.10 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	33.2	27.2	79	95
Chittagong	32.7	25.4	72	81
Rajshahi	35.0	25.8	90	96
Khulna	34.4	23.0		
Barisal	33.5	26.5	79	73
Cox's Bazar	32.8	26.0	75	79
Dinajpur	26.7	23.0	98	91
Sylhet	26.5	23.0	100	97

## Imray opens Dashkinkhan Electricity Substation

The British High Commissioner, Sir Colin Imray, Monday inaugurated the Dashkinkhan Electricity Substation, says a press release.

The substation, on the outskirts of Dhaka, was built with financial and technical assistance from Britain's Overseas Development Administration (ODA). Seventeen such substations have been constructed and a further 20 extended under phase III of the Greater Dhaka Power Project.

Hawker Siddley Power Engineering carried out the construction and installation work under the supervision of Ewbank Precece Consultants.

The Dhaka Power Project will increase the supply capacity in the power transmission and distribution networks within the Greater Dhaka area by 80%. The value of the works and services provided by the ODA for Phase III is over Taka 372 crore (£ 62 million).

The total cost of ODA support to all phases of the Dhaka Power Project is more than Taka 780 crore (£ 130 million), the press release added.

## RU degree exams begin tomorrow

RAJSHAH, June 8: The BA, BSS, BSC and BCom pass examinations of 1992 under the Rajshahi University begin tomorrow, reports UNB.

About 60,000 candidates are expected to appear in the examinations from 153 centres.

## Relief for flood-hit people

The Ministry of Relief yesterday sanctioned a substantial quantity of goods and cash as GR relief for the flood-hit people of Moulvibazar, Sylhet and Habiganj districts, reports BSS.

The district wise breakup of the sanction is: Moulvibazar-100 metric tons of rice, 300 sarees, 300 lungis, 200 tins of biscuit and Taka two lakh, Sylhet-50 metric tons of rice, 200 sarees, 200 lungis, 100 tins of biscuit and Taka 50 thousand and Habiganj-25 metric tons of rice, 200 sarees, 200 lungis, 100 tins of biscuit and Taka one lakh.

## Smuggled goods seized in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, June 8: Detectives of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) recovered 70 receivers of dish antenna and six fax machine worth about Taka 20 lakh from a house at Billapara, Shikhabaha, yesterday, reports BSS.

## Art exhibition begins in Rajshahi

RAJSHAH, June 8: A five-day long art exhibition jointly organised by German Cultural Centre, Dhaka and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy was inaugurated here at local Shilpakala Academy auditorium on Monday by City Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu, reports BSS.

The theme of the exhibition is artists and environment. A total of 35 works were on display. It will remain open for public from 2 pm to 8 pm everyday.

Noted artist Mahmudul Haq and Mrs Ije Hilpart attended the inaugural function as special guests.



This ill-fated bus fell into a ditch yesterday after colliding with another bus coming from the opposite direction near Aduria village of Rugganj thana. At least fifty passengers were injured. —Star photo

## Disaster preparedness efforts need political support: Huda

Information Minister Najmul Huda yesterday stressed the need for a well-organised cadre of disaster managers to evolve mitigation measures and motivate the people toward taking such measures as part of their life in coping with disasters, reports BSS.

He also said disaster preparedness efforts needed to be backed up by political commitment which the present government had demonstrated through facing calamities in the recent past.

The Information Minister was addressing as the chief guest the certificate awarding ceremony of a two-week train-

ing for trainers on disaster management, organised by the International University of Business, Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) in collaboration with the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation (LONDON) and External Relations Division (ERD).

held at the Planning and Development Academy auditorium here, the function was presided over by the IUBAT President Dr M Alimullah Miyan. It was also addressed by Australian disaster expert R L Bob Southern and US expert Dan Orecerlinin.

The Information Minister referred to the cyclone of 1991

which inflicted massive damage to life and property and said, "this shocking human tragedy was faced and tackled by the present government with courage and commitment."

He said the government and the people under the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia had joined hands in facing the disaster on their own until help arrived from abroad.

"The political leadership of BNP was quite able to motivate the people to care for each other and in the process of mitigating the disastrous consequences of the severe cyclones," he added.

## Five get 5-yr term each for hijacking tender

CHITTAGONG, June 8: The Anti-Terrorism Tribunal Judge of Chittagong Abu Bakar Siddiqui today sentenced five persons to five years rigorous imprisonment (RI) and fined Taka ten thousand each in default to suffer more two years RI on charge of hijacking tender from Deputy Commissioner's office, reports BSS.

The prosecution story is that a group of youth with sophisticated weapons snatched away the tender on the gun point from one Jahedur Rahman, while he was dropping the tender for a project of IFAT, an NGO, at the Deputy Commissioner office on January 31.

Five armed miscreants along with tender paper were arrested and victim Jahedur Rahman was rescued from a microbus of the hijackers.

## Prof Amina dead

Professor Amina (Meena) Chaudhury died in a hospital in UK Monday, according to family sources, reports BSS.

She was 59. Professor Amina is the wife of former Information Secretary and Advisory Editor, the Daily Lalsabuj, Bahauddin Chaudhury. Her two sons are chemical engineers.

She had been under treatment for cancer in London for a long time. She was the first woman in the East Pakistan to obtain a Masters degree in Political Science. She obtained Masters degrees from the Sussex and Manchester Universities in UK and Oslo University in Norway.



Ustad Akter Sadmani presenting classical songs at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium on the first day of a 3-day classical music session yesterday. —Star photo

## ZIA to be equipped with boarding bridge, JS told

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsad that Zia International Airport (ZIA) would be equipped with a boarding bridge during 1993-94 fiscal year, reports BSS.

The Minister was replying to a question by Awami League member Vice Principal Mohammad Abdus Shahid. As the opposition led Awami League has been boycotting the parliament proceeding since Monday, the question was raised by a Treasury Bench member.

The State Minister said that tender for the project has already been invited. To another question from Mostafa Rashid Suja of Awami League, Mannan said that the government had no plan to establish an airport at Khulna.

Replying to a separate question from Awami League member Sheikh Fazul Karim Selim, Mannan informed the house that tender for purchase of two DC 10-30 aircrafts has been floated in the meantime.

## BUP workshop on greenhouse effect begins tomorrow

Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad (BUP) has organised an international workshop on "Greenhouse effect and climatic change: An assessment of the effects on Bangladesh" here on June 10 and 11 in collaboration with the Centre for Environmental and Resource Studies, University of Waikato, New Zealand, Climatic Research Unit, East Anglia University, UK, Ford Foundation, and British ODA, reports BSS.

The workshop will review the findings of a research on various aspects of the subject carried out over the past two years by BUP.

Participants from USA, UK, Austria, Australia, New Zealand, Vietnam, Thailand, Nepal, India, Pakistan as well as Bangladesh will attend the workshop.

Abdullah Al-Noman, Minister for Environment and Forest, Fisheries and Livestock, will be present at the inaugural session as chief guest while Mosharruf Hossain Shahjahan, State Minister for Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control, will be present as special guest.

## New juvenile body formed

A juvenile organisation "Bangladesh Shishu Chakchitra Sangsad" has been formed to familiarise children with educational world through films and videos, reports BSS.

All Imam and Syed Fazle Alam have been elected president and secretary respectively while Mustafa Monwar and Humayun Kabir are among the advisers of the organisation.

The Sangsad will make suitable films and videos for children and will also organise workshop for film makers.

**What's on today . . .**

**Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga**

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga will hold its regular weekly meeting today (Wednesday) at 5:30 pm at Sonargaon Hotel. Ambassador of Netherlands to Bangladesh Henri Gajentann will be the Chief Guest and speak on Dutch-Bangladesh relations.

**CIRDAP seminar**

A two-day national seminar begins at CIRDAP headquarters today (Wednesday) at 9:30 am to discuss the findings and recommendations of the project. "Monitoring Adjustment and Poverty (MAP) in Bangladesh."

The project dealt with conceptual and methodological issues to monitor and analyse the impact of macro-economic and structural adjustment policies on rural poverty.

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**BARD workshop**

Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Comilla, has organised a workshop on "BARD's Model for development of small farmers" in the NEC Conference Hall of the Planning Commission, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar tomorrow (Thursday).

Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar, Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives, will be the chief guest in the inaugural session while A M Zahiruddin Khan, Minister for Planning will be the special guest.

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**Mohammadpur, Dhaka**

## Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are invited from Dhaka Housing Circle enlisted 3rd class (General) & Dhaka Housing Division-2 enlisted 4th class (General) contractors renewed for 1992-93 financial year for the undermentioned works. Tenders will be opened on the tender box at the office of Dhaka Housing Division-2, Mohammadpur Dhaka up to 12:00 Noon on 15-6-93 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 minutes in presence (if any) of the tenderers. All schedules of work, terms & conditions and other information etc can be obtained (purchased) from the office of the undersigned & Dhaka Housing Division-1, Mirpur, Dhaka up to 14-6-93 during office hours. Earnest Money at the rate 2% (two per cent) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, Dhaka Housing Division-2, Mohammadpur, Dhaka should be attached with each tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled without any consideration. The authority reserves the right to reject/accept any or all tenders or the lowest tender without assigning any reason.

Serial No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit for completion of work	Head of Account
1.	Special repair to pump house water reservoir & operator's residence adjacent to D-type Building Nos. 1 to 4 beside Asad Avenue at Mohammadpur under Dhaka Housing Division-2 during 1992-93 financial year.	Tk 62,532/-	Tk 1,251/-	15 (Fifteen) days	142-Housing & Urban Development
2.	Special repair to pump house, underground water reservoir and operator's residence adjacent to D-type Building Nos 5 to 8 beside Kazi Nazrul Islam Road at Mohammadpur. Do Do	Tk 70,319/-	Tk 1,406/-	Do	Do
3.	Installation of 0'-2" dia water line from Directorate Building pump house water reservoir to WASA line and soiling & CC work on southern side of electric substation at Segun Bagicha do do	Tk 70,856/-	Tk 1,417/-	Do	Do
4.	Refilling of earth eroded by flood on western side of wooden bridge west end at Tangail Housing Project Area do do	Tk 67,856/-	Tk 1,357/-	Do	Do
5.	Reconstruction of boundary wall (eastern side) in front of Building No. 24 at Mohammadpur New Colony do do	Tk 93,290/-	Tk 1,866/-	Do	Do
6.	Repairing, painting, polishing & varnishing of furniture at Mohammadpur, Dhaka Office do do	Tk 64,288/61	Tk 1,285/-	Do	Do
7.	Repairing, polishing & varnishing of furniture at the office of the Chief Engineer at Segun Bagicha Directorate Building do do	Tk 45,984/-	Tk 920/-	Do	Do
8.	Reconstruction of boundary wall (western side) in front of Building No. 24 at Mohammadpur New Colony do do	Tk 90,059/-	Tk 1,801/-	Do	Do

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