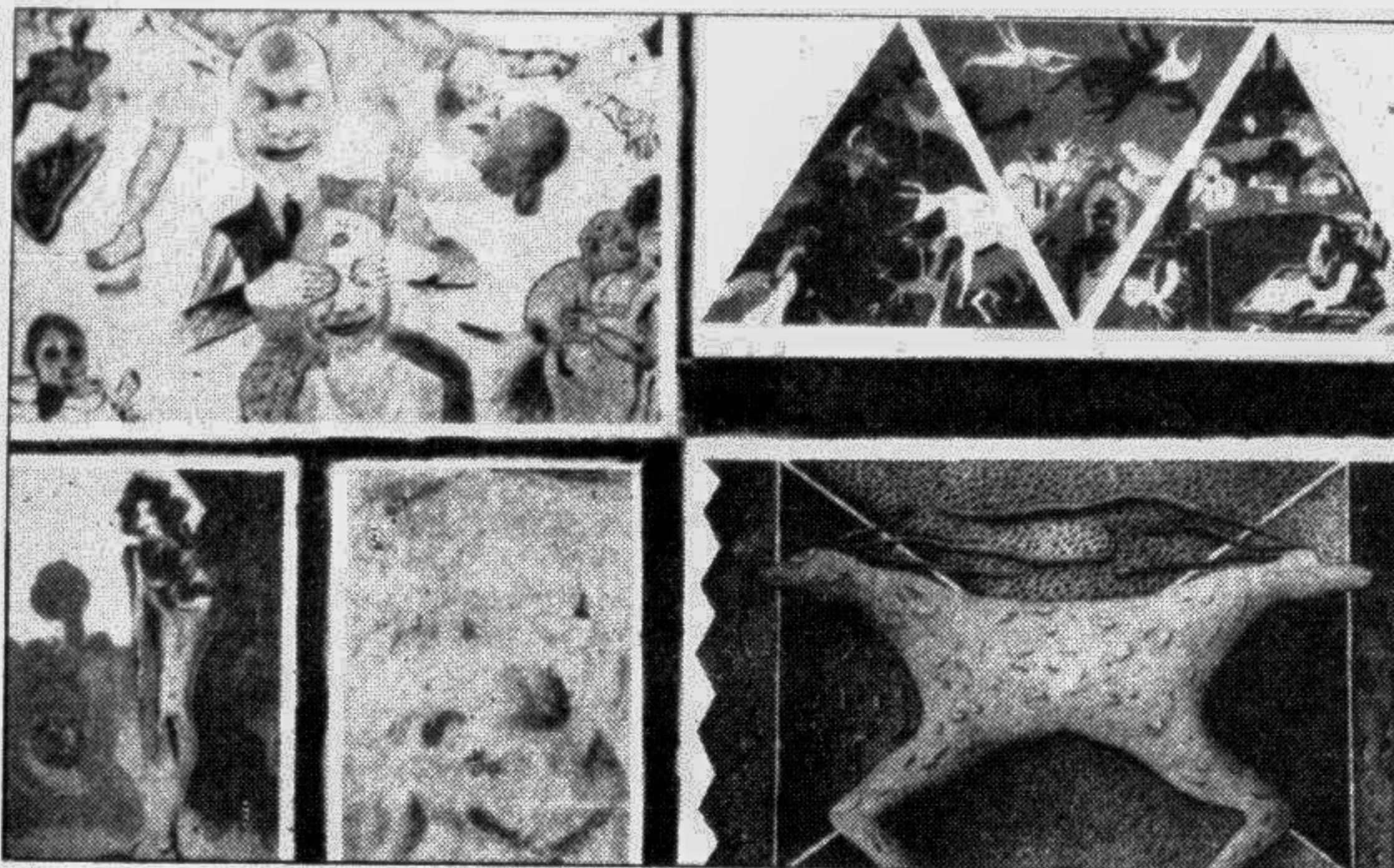


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**Dhaka Day by Day**

**Young, Energetic and Imaginative**

by Fayza Haq



Jojon Art Gallery had a promising display recently of the works of five young artists. All the pieces were contemporary and full of zest.

Dhalit Ali Mamoon had a panel in which he had juxtaposed three triangular pieces. One of them had a man in brilliant red with cows, birds and other animals in equally exotic colours of blue, white, ochre and orange. The second piece had a background of cobalt blue with a woman done in red, yellow and orange. Birds, trees and flying cows were put in thought-provoking composition. The third piece had also great washes of red and yellow and depicted the crowded streets of Bangladesh.

Working in his own quiet way, Mamoon have fascinated art lovers. Since '76 he has participated in more than 12 group, five national and eight international art exhibitions. His works are included in the Fukuoka Art Museum in Japan and he is an assistant professor of Fine Arts at the Chittagong University.

Goutam Chakrabarty had played with textures with infinite care and tremendous imagination. In his portrayal of a deer he had drawn two heads, flamboyant purple and blue horns meeting at the centre, with legs spread out in a geometrical harmony. There were flecks on the body of the deer and it was placed on a background which was again flecked in greens, blues and browns, forming geometrical patterns. On the two sides were more geometrical designs.

In his first solo art exhibit Goutam had earlier brought in his unique style of representing animals. He drew the attention of art lovers in the 9th and 10th National Art Exhibition and the 4th and 5th Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh.

Rokeya Sultana had created a magical mystery world of women and children in her piece, with soft greys, mixed with brown and white and highlighted here and there with vermilion. This semi-abstract piece looked something straight out of a dreamland.

Rokeya's talent as an artist was apparent

during her student life. She became brighter and more promising as time went by. She has participated in 10 group, 15 national and 16 international art exhibits. She has also had four solo exhibitions which have been greatly appreciated by art lovers in the city. Her art works are to be found both at home and abroad. At present she is an assistant professor at the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka.

Ruhul Amin Kajol had depicted a figure attached to the hips, legs and feet, with no chest at all. This was because he felt that people often have no heart or feelings at all. This was done in swirls of carmine, brown and blue. There was a seated figure, done in a semi-abstract fashion. This depicted a woman with her begging bowl and child as one often sees in the streets of Dhaka. Although Kajol has been working in Denmark he has not lost sight of the realities in Dhaka.

Kajol has earned international repute with his 30 group and 20 solo exhibits at home and abroad. His involvement in more than five international art projects goes further to prove his dynamism and eagerness to work.

Shishir Bhattacharjee had created a mind boggling surrealist piece in which he showed a grotesque man in partial suit and tie blind folding and riding on the shoulders of the poor and needy. At the side was another image of a garishly painted woman suckling an ugly monkey. In the background was an ugly grey man with six eyes, clinging on to a yellow woman's head, his other spotted and blue hand was being grabbed by a gloved hand. The picture was full of symbolisms of the evils of our society and the downtrodden conditions of the poor.

Shishir has a collection of his works in India and Japan and is at present a lecturer at the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka.

The protests of injustices in our society along with surrealistic dreams and images were well presented in the dedicated works of the five bright-eyed artists.

**9 lakh Bangladeshis employed abroad**

Some 9,06,154 Bangladeshis nationals, with permission of the government, are now employed in the middle-eastern countries and in Malaysia and Singapore, reports UNB.

Replying to Khan Tipu Sultan of Awami League, Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan said this in the parliament Wednesday.

Giving a break-up, the minister informed the House that 4,01,799 Bangladeshi workers are employed in Saudi Arabia, 76,094 in Kuwait, 1,08,910 in UAE, 56,418 in Qatar, 300 in Iraq, 10,000 in Libya, 34,338 in Bahrain, 1,19,660 in Oman, 84,959 in Malaysia, 5,284 in Singapore and 8,392 in different countries.

Of these workers, 61.06 per cent are unskilled and semi-skilled while 38.94 per cent skilled and professionals.

The manpower export has increased by one and a half per cent in fiscal 1992-93 compared to 1991-92, the minister told Rahmat Ali of Awami League.

Replying to Roushan Ara Hena of BNP, the Labour Minister said a total of 12,08,955 Bangladeshi workers were provided with jobs abroad in 10 years till May 1993.

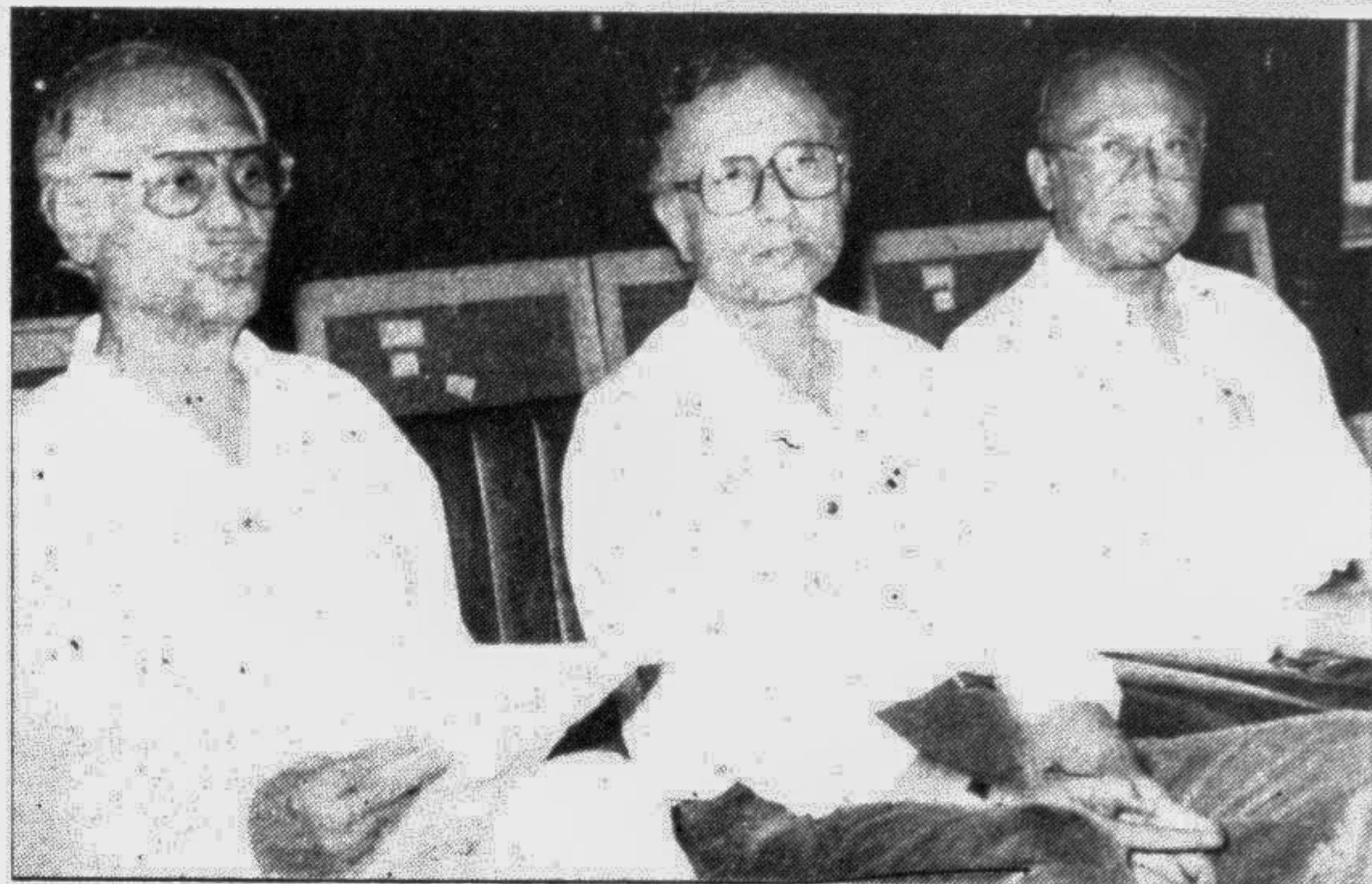
The government has no plan to export manpower through the members of parliament.

**Asthma Society of Bangladesh formed**

The Asthma Society of Bangladesh has been formed, with members of the medical profession and the public, says a press release.

The main objectives of the society are to promote and coordinate social and educational activities for asthmatic patients in Bangladesh aimed at helping them lead a near normal life, to propagate recent information for diagnosis and treatment of asthma to the general practitioners, to encourage, coordinate, and conduct research in asthma in Bangladesh.

Among the projects the society is undertaking now are setting up of an asthma clinic in the capital, development of a nationwide asthma education programme for the doctors and the asthmatics, and the conducting of a study on the prevalence of asthma in the country. A pilot study conducted by a group of doctors under the guidance of Prof Probhakar Purakayastha showed six per cent of the otherwise normal school going children in the city were suffering from bronchial asthma.



Professor Kabir Chowdhury (left) addressing a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday organised by the members of the Bangladesh Centre of International Theatre Institute. Ramendu Majumder (C) and Aatur Rahman are also seen. — Star photo

**73,425 new connections under consideration Scheme to set up 30,500-digital telephone exchange in Ctg**

At present a total of 31 thousand digital telephone connections are there in the Dhaka city and all the houses of MPs within the digital exchange area of the city have been given digital phones, reports BSS.

Stating this, the Minister for Post and Telecommunication Tariqul Islam told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday that the government has taken up a scheme for construction of a 30,500-digital telephone exchange in the port city of Chittagong.

Replying to Tabbar Rahman Sardar (AL-Jessore) the minister said remaining districts would be covered by digital telephones step by step. The work of setting up digital telephone exchange at thana level under the private sector was in progress, he said adding that such telephone facilities would be available to all the MPs within respective digital exchange areas.

All the questions and answers were tabled in the House because of the general discussion on the national budget for coming financial year (1993-94).

The total number of telephone subscribers now in the Dhaka city was 1 lakh 27 thousand 490 and the earning was over Tk 215.57 crore during the 1991-92 financial year, the Telecommunication Minister said in reply to Begum Selina Shahid (BNP).

A total of 73,425 applications for new telephone connections were now under consideration, he said.

Replying to opposition Workers Party member Rashed Khan Menon, the Post and Telecommunication Minister, Tariqul Islam, said daily one lakh foreign letters and postal articles were received from abroad by the Bangladesh Postal Department.

Admitting the receipt of complaints about missing foreign letters and other articles the minister told Menon that the number of such complaints was "very insignificant" in comparison to overall volume of postal handlings. "It comes to zero when calculated per cent wise annually," he said adding that the Postal Department received complaints of 170 foreign letters and 183 bank drafts and other valuable documents from abroad in over past four years (1-1-88 to 30-4-93).

The minister told another questioner Shamsul Huq (AL) that the Telephone Shilpa Sangstha would take necessary steps to set up a new PABX exchange at the Mymensingh Medical College after receiving the cost to be paid by the college authority who has been given a tender in January this year.

The minister said it was fact that the existing 100-line PABX exchange at MMC set up in 1973 was "virtually inoperative."



**Friday Morning session**  
 8:00 Opening announcement  
 Al-Quran  
 Programme summary  
 8:10 News in Bangla  
 Aor Dohari  
 8:40 Natun Kuri - 1399  
 10:35 Moner Mukure: Jakhan Chhuti Holo  
 11:40 Moder Garab Moder Asha  
 12:10 The Great Moghula  
**Evening session**  
 3:00 Opening announcement  
 Al-Quran  
 Programme summary  
 Cartoon: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
 3:40 Full length Bangla film: Chhuti Phande  
 5:10 News in Bangla  
 5:15 Remaining part of the film  
 6:25 Wrestling  
 7:00 Open University  
 Programme on modern songs: Malancha  
 8:00 News in Bangla  
 Comedy series: Perfect Strangers  
 8:30  
 9:00 Magazine: Upahar  
 10:00 News in English  
 10:35 Discussion on national budget  
 10:55 Film: L.A Law  
 11:30 Khabar/The News  
 11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary  
 11:45 Closing

**Eunus leaves for Kuala Lumpur tomorrow**

State Minister for Education Principal Eunus Khan will leave here for Kuala Lumpur tomorrow to attend the 6th regional conference of the Education Ministers of Asia and the Pacific region, reports BSS.

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

**Badal Barishane**  
 Nataraj Shilpi Gosthi will stage 'Badal Barishane' on the concluding day of a week-long dance drama festival at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium today (Friday) at 7 pm.

**Seminar on Films of Bangladesh**  
 Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies and Bangladesh Short Film Forum have jointly organised an open seminar on 'Films of Bangladesh: Way to overcoming crisis' at the National Museum Auditorium today (Friday) beginning at 3:30 pm.

**SID seminar**  
 Society for International Development (SID) — Bangladesh Chapter — is organising a national seminar on 'Young women in Bangladesh and Their Life Choices' to be held today (Friday) at 10 am in the BIRDEM auditorium (Diabetic Centre), Shahbagh.

Mabud Fatema Kabir, former Deputy Minister for Health, will present the key note paper.  
 Dr. Qazi Kholiqzaman Ahmad, Chairman, Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad (BUP) will address the seminar.

**Josephite Cultural Club**  
 Josephite Cultural Club will hold a certificate giving ceremony of the 1st Inter School Workshop '93 at the Public Library Auditorium today (Friday) beginning at 5 pm.

**Weather**

**Moderate rain likely**

By Staff Correspondent

Moderate rain or showers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind may occur at almost all places over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Friday). Day temperature is likely to fall by two to three degree Celsius over the country during the same period.

In a warning forecast, the Met office said, heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely to affect many places over the divisions of Khulna, Barisal and the regions of Faridpur, Dhaka, Mymensingh, Rajshahi, Pabna, Bogra, Comilla and Sylhet during the period.

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 32.3 degree Celsius was recorded in Dinajpur and the lowest 18.0 degree was recorded in Sylhet.

Most of the places of the country yesterday experienced rainfall. Chief amounts of rainfall were: Cox's Bazar 77 mm, Chittagong 48 mm, Sandwip 45 mm, Feni 41 mm, Patuakhali 38 mm, Majdeecourt 35 mm, Sitakund 32 mm, Comilla 28 mm and Bhola 22 mm.

The sun sets today (Friday) at 6.48 pm and rises tomorrow Saturday at 5.11 am.

The 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	28.0	26.0	90	92
Chittagong	29.0	25.3	90	92
Rajshahi	29.8	25.4	83	93
Khulna	28.1	25.0		92
Barisal	27.4	24.4	97	97
Cox's Bazar	29.3	24.5	92	92
Sylhet	31.8	18.0	80	92
Dinajpur	32.3	24.8	81	71

**President's parade at BMA held Attain higher standard of discipline: Noor Uddin**

CHITTAGONG, June 17: The President's parade marking the commissioning of gentlemen cadets of the 28th BMA long course was held at the Bangladesh Military Academy (BMA) parade ground at Bhatiyari this morning, reports BSS.

Chief of Army Staff Lt General Noor Uddin Khan reviewed the smartly turned-out parade and took salute at the impressive march-past, according to an ISPR press release.

Battalion Senior Under Officer Mohammad Kamrul Hassan was adjudged the best all-round cadet and was awarded the coveted Sword of Honour. Company Junior Under Officer Mohammad Masudur Rahman received the Osmany Gold Medal for the best academic feat while GC Syed Rajib Mahubub was given the Chief of Army Staff's Gold Medal for best performance in the military subjects.

The Zahangir Company received the BMA colour for the

summer term. They were adjudged the champion company on the basis of different inter-company competitions.

Earlier, on his arrival at the parade ground, the Chief of Army Staff was received by the local Area Commander Major General Muhammad Azzur Rahman, Bir Uttam and the Commandant of the BMA Brigadier Syed Muhammad Ibrahim, Bir Protik.

Addressing the new officers, the Chief of Army Staff called upon them to attain higher standard of discipline, honesty and other moral qualities with a view to developing a patriotic army through concerted efforts of all. They should grow as true military leaders by earning the qualities of devotion to duty, loyalty and a deep sense of patriotism, he advised.

He stressed on the importance of religion in personal lives of the officers and advised them to say their daily prayers regularly.

**Int'l conference on tall buildings concludes**

A two-day international conference on 'Tall Buildings in Developing Countries' ended in the city yesterday with a call for planned development of high-rise habitat commensurate with the environmental and socio-economic condition of the country, reports BSS.

Speakers at the concluding function stressed the need for exchange of views and sharing of experiences among engineers, architects, planners and designers on issues relating to planning, design, construction and maintenance of high-rise buildings in developing countries for enhancing the quality of the global habitat.

Jointly organised by the IEB, the Institute of Architects, Bangladesh (IAB), and the Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP), the inaugural session was addressed, among others, by Architect Rabul Hossain, president of the IAB, Prof Golam Rahman, president of the BIP and the Vice-Chancellor of Khulna University.



**Dr Salehuddin joins BARD as Director General**

Dr Salehuddin Ahmed Wednesday joined as the Director General of the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Comilla, says a press release.

Before joining the BARD he was Programme Officer (Research) at the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), Dhaka.

He taught at the University of Dhaka and also served the government in the erstwhile cadre of the Civil Service of Pakistan (CSP).

**Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation**  
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 Com. Area, Dhaka-1000

**International Tender Notice for Import Of**  
**4th Consignment of 12,000 M Tons (± 5%) Sugar**

Tender Notice No. BSFIC/PD-3/150(43)/93-94 Dated 17.06.1993

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide suppliers/manufacturers by Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation, Purbani Annex Building (3rd Floor), 1, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 for import of 4th consignment of 12,000 M Tons (± 5%) Sugar on C&F(C), Chittagong delivery basis. Source of fund will be WES. Sealed tenders will be received up to 11:00 AM on 17.7.1993 and opened in presence of the tenderers (if any) at 11:05 AM on the same day. Tender documents with detailed specification and other terms and conditions will be available from the Additional Chief Accountant (HO) of this Corporation at Adamjee Court (5th Floor), 115-120, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 and the General Manager, Bangladesh Sugar & Food Industries Corporation, Shipping Office, Arag Chamber, 68, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong on cash payment of Tk 750/- (Taka seven hundred fifty) only (Non-refundable) each on all working days between 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM. No tender documents will be sold on the day of opening of the tender. Corporation reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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**Tk 10847 cr goods imported till Mar '93, JS told**

Commerce Minister M K Anwar said Wednesday Bangladesh has imported goods worth Taka 10,846.70 crore till March of the fiscal 1992-93, reports BSS.

Replying to Salahuddin Kamran (BNP-Noakhali) in the Jatiya Sangsad the Commerce Minister said of the total amount, Tk 3864.90 crore accounted for the import of vehicles and all kinds of machinery, Tk 2211.30 crore for cotton fabrics and textiles, Tk 768.30 crore for petrol and petroleum products, Tk 690.30 crore for foodgrains, Tk 390 crore for chemical goods, Tk 253.50 crore for cement, Tk 210.60 crore for cotton, Tk 42.90 crore for sugar and Tk 2414.90 crore for other goods.

**Bangladeshi student Editor-in-Chief of the 'Tech News' in US**

Imi Rashid, a Bangladeshi student, became the editor-in-chief of the prestigious IIT (Illinois Institute of Technology) newspaper the 'Tech News' in Chicago, USA, in January 1993, according to a report received here, reports BSS.

She started as an assistant editor, then became the commentary editor before becoming the editor-in-chief. She also works part time in the English weekly 'The Friday' in Chicago.

For her outstanding merit and accomplishment as a student, Imi was enlisted in the 'Who's Who among students of American Colleges and Universities 1993' in recognition of her outstanding contributions to campus life.

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