

Dhaka Day by Day

Beauty of Simple Things in Life

by Fayza Haq

Anwar Hussain's exhibition recently held at the National Museum offered an example of excellent photography. He had focused on the simple everyday events in Bangladesh.

"Education" showed an ordinary round oil lamp with a youth's hand scribbling and drawing in a well-worn diary. The combination of light and shade was admirable.

In "Economy" one saw the head of the family going through a much-used, torn and scribbled daily newspaper.

In "Maternity" there is a glimpse of the hatching of eggs by a hen, as seen through a wicker basket. The focus of the subject and the surrounding has a wonderful contrast. A well known theme has been given a modern approach.

The feet of a dancer, with overhanging decorative clothes and bells around the ankles formed the subject of "Mudra". The hem of the long dress added colour to the theme. So did the decorative mat on which the dance was being performed.

"Explosion" is an interesting shot that captured the spilling of "phen" (boiled starch of rice) over a pot of rice dripping down right to the ground. The smoke from the cooking, the glow of the fire, and the dark blue, brown and black of the surrounding scene made an interesting composition.

"Astro-Mail" depicted a torn mail packet with seals, ropes, and addresses. Once again, a simple theme, which is, at the same time important in the lives of people, was depicted in details and with an impact.

"Flag vs River" showed the fluttering of the danger signal, while a boat was seen somewhere in the misty grey background. The vastness and the prowess of the river was well captured, keeping the flag as the focus.

In "Atlas" the photographer has shown the torn back of a labourer with his singlet so torn

and his skin showing through. Despite the depiction of hands, neck, chin and the lung of the labourer one felt one was facing a map, with dark patches of land and the white expanses of the ocean.

Reflection showed the sun shining on a road that was covered with rain water, slush and mud. The effect was more like an abstract piece of painting.

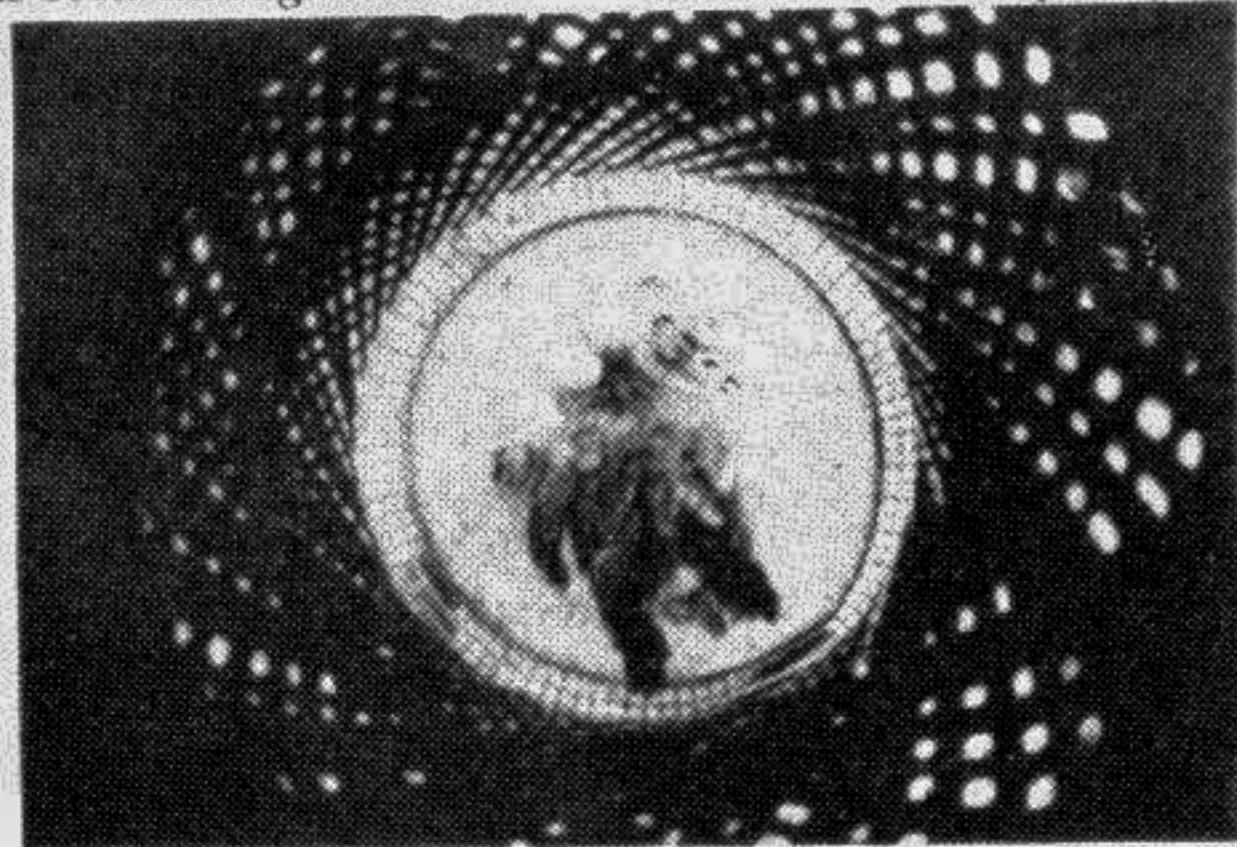
"Rickshawpuller" depicted a series of seven photographs in which the sweat, toil and poverty of the poor labourer class in Bangladesh were outlined effectively.

"Rain-City" showed the drops of rain along a wire with the background of the milling traffic of the city. The picture appeared to be taken from a room.

In "River and Woman," the photographer had a woman taken from the back facing the river. The picture was a combination of blue, black, white, red and a strip of green.

Anwar's aim was to get some close shots which would carry deep meanings. This was not easy task but with perseverance this has been achieved. The photographer wanted each picture to have an impact on the mind of the viewer. Anwar had poured his whole being in each of the photographs. The black and white photographs were so expressive that they needed no colours for any improvement. They reflected the pulse of ordinary everyday life, although they dealt with mundane subjects. The pictures had a poetic quality.

Anwar began his career in '65 and has got 52 awards so far, which include nine Commonwealth awards, nine UNESCO awards and six awards from Vancouver, Brussels, Geneva, Vienna, and New York. He also has three prizes from Great Britain. He has had various solo exhibits at Dhaka, Delhi, Poona, the Netherlands, Boston and a number of cities in France.



Tk 6 cr N'ganj Municipality budget announced

From Our Correspondent

The Narayanganj Paurasava Wednesday announced a six-crore-Taka annual budget for the fiscal 1993-94.

The Paurasava Administrator AKM Zafrul Hussain at a press conference at the local municipality office said that the new budget showed an increase in the revenue receipt by 11.33 per cent over the last year.

The last year's allocation for the municipality was Taka 5,81,77,501.

He said that the main revenue sources of the municipality were paurata tax + taka 2,69,23,233, and other taxes taka 1,89,70,000.

The rest of the amount would be realised by the government and the World Bank grants.

The main heads of revenue expenditure are: Taka 1,41,30,555 for the salary and allowances for the staff, the Administrator said.

Hussain said that Taka 3,31,28,000 has been sanctioned for the development, Taka 9,70,000 for maintenance, Taka 13,48,100 for educational development and Taka 3,50,000 for rehabilitation of the slum dwellers.

WHO herbal medicine advisor meets Biswas

Advisor of the World Health Organisation (WHO) on herbal medicine and founder of Hamdard Foundation Hakim Mohammad Sayeed, called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

During the discussion, President Biswas appreciated the contribution of Hakim Mohammad Sayeed for the advancement of herbal medicine and creation of Hamdard Foundation. He said that simultaneously with the modern medicine, herbal medicine should also be widely used in view of socio-economic condition of our country.

Referring to laudable progress made by China in herbal medicine, he said that by applying scientific knowledge and techniques, we can also achieve substantial progress in production and popularisation of herbal medicine in the country.

GCO submits memo to DU VC

By DU Correspondent

On the eve of the Senate meeting of the Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) yesterday morning held a rally and submitted a memorandum to the Vice Chancellor demanding increase of allocation in the development sector in the fiscal 1993-94.

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Thursday

- 5:00 Opening announcement Al-Quran
- Programme summary
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Recitation from the Geeta
- 5:25 School debate
- 6:30 Echo Para Shikhi: Mass Education programme
- 7:00 Jiboner Alo
- 7:25 Nazrul Songs
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:40 Drama of the week
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Film: Chitra Beach
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:45 Closing

Weather

No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

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

The Met office forecasts, day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The country's highest temperature 34.6 degree Celsius was recorded in Srimangal yesterday and the lowest 23.2 degree was recorded in Chittagong.

Rainfalls recorded in the country yesterday during the day were: Madaripur 81mm, Rangpur and Cnauadanga 3mm each and Chittagong 4mm.

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 6.50 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 5.12 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	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.5	25.8	81	72
Chittagong	31.2	23.2	77	78
Rajshahi	32.0	25.8	85	-
Khulna	31.4	24.1	89	-
Barisal	32.5	24.4	85	77
Cox's Bazar	30.0	25.0	85	90
Sylhet	33.0	24.5	77	73
Dinajpur	33.4	26.0	80	66



Education Minister Jamairuddin Sircar inaugurated a city garbage based Pilot Biogas Project near Syedabad bus terminal yesterday. The project is jointly organised by Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) and Dhaka City Corporation. DCC Mayor Mirza Abbas is also seen. — Star photo

Science, technological dev can help build healthy society: Sircar

Education Minister Barrister Jamruddin Sircar yesterday said a happy, healthy and prosperous society could be built only through development of science and technology, reports BSS.

He stressed the need for expansion of science and technological development upto village level so that the people are disillusioned to rush to the towns and cities in search of a comfortable life.

The Minister was speaking as the chief guest at the inauguration of the city garbage based pilot biogas project here at Manikganj near Syedabad Bus Terminal.

Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) and Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) have jointly sponsored this pilot project to develop bio-gas as an alternative source of energy.

City Corporation Mayor Mirza Abbas MP Attended the

function as chief guest while Science and Technology Secretary Abdullah Harun Pasha presided.

Among others, the inaugural function was also addressed by BCSIR Chairman Dr Md Wali-uzzaman, BCSIR member (B and P) Dr Mohammad Eusuf, DCC Secretary Abdus Sukur and DCC Chief Executive Officer M Abdul Jabbar.

Barrister Jamruddin Sircar said that with the implementation of this biogas project the people would be benefited in getting fuel and bio-fertilizer.

The Education Minister underscored the need for setting up such pilot projects upto divisional and district headquarters phase by phase and later expanding it upto village level.

Referring to the political will of the government for expansion of science and technology, the Minister said the government in the proposed budget had allocated a significant amount for the expansion

of scientific and technological research. If our scientists can evolve people's welfare oriented devices, there will be no shortage of financial assistance, he added.

Sircar said, large scale introduction of bio-gas plants would also help stop indiscriminate felling of trees and denuding forest resources. This will ultimately help protect environment, he said.

Mirza Abbas said the setting up of biogas project would help keep the city clean and make the air free of bad-smell. The habit of the people to throw garbage here and there would also be changed if the proper utilisation of garbage could be ensured through this project.

This pilot project was completed at a cost of Taka 1,48,680 in 117 days. The 3,000 CFT plant has a capacity to contain 60 tons of garbage. The plant is expected to yield 2,000 CFT gas per day.

Implementation of Sylhet div demanded

By Staff Correspondent

The general practitioners hailing from Sylhet working in the capital Wednesday brought out a procession demanding immediate implementation of Sylhet division.

Earlier, the doctors held a meeting at the PG Hospital premises in which general secretary of Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners' Association Dr CM Delwar Rana presided.

Notice of Tender

Military Engineer Services (Army)

Applications are invited by AHQ, QMG's Branch, DW & CE (Army), Dhaka Cantt for issue of tender documents for the following works by 30th June, '93.

1. Construction of 1 x 10 'D' type qtrs at Jessore Cantt.
2. Construction of 1 x 10 'E' type qtrs (modified) at Jessore Cantt.
3. Construction of 1 x 10 Mrd JCO's qtrs at Jessore Cantt.
4. Construction of 2 x 10 Mrd OR's qtrs at Jessore Cantt.
5. Construction of 1 x 10 Followers type qtrs for 4th class employee's of Sta HQ at Jessore Cantt.
6. Construction of 1 x Ammo store for 55 Inf Div at Jessore Cantt.
7. Construction of 4 x Class room for Academy bldg at ASC Centre & school, Jahanabad Cantt.
8. Construction of 1 x Ammo store for 36 L A A Regt Arty at Chittagong Cantt.

MES approved Contractors may apply quoting their Class & Index number. Contractors must have VAT Registration Certificate and VAT will be recovered from the amount received on service rendered.

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Seven more power stations planned

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In a written reply to a question from M Strajul Islam (BNP-Pabna), the minister said that there was a plan to set up 210 megawatt Rawzan power station at Rawzan, 210 megawatt Gorashal thermal power station expansion (5th unit) at Gorashal, 210 megawatt Chittagong thermal power station (2nd unit) at Rawzan, 109 megawatt combined cycle transformation at Haripur and 100 megawatt at Mymensingh.

This is Tk 190 crore more than the amount realised during the corresponding period last fiscal year, said Energy Minister Dr Khondoker Mosharraf Hossain while replying to Kazi Abdur Rashid of Awami League.

Replying to another question from Prof Rafiqul Islam (AL), the minister said that the total power supply throughout the country during 1991-92 fiscal was 6021,394 million units worth Tk 1222.0562 crore.

The Energy Minister said that during the period, the amount of outstanding bills with PDB was Tk 79.98 crore, DESA Tk 40.07 crore and the Rural Electrification Board Tk 10.33 crore.

Nazem Ahmed Chy accredited to Poland

The government has decided to accredit Nazem Ahmed Chowdhury, at present Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, as Ambassador of Bangladesh to Poland, according to official announcement here yesterday, reports BSS.

Born in Sylhet on January 9, 1938, Nazem obtained MA degree in public administration from Karachi University in 1961.

He joined the CSP in 1963 and had served in the field as SDO, ADC and then was posted as Deputy Secretary, Home (Political) in the erstwhile East Pakistan government from 1968 to 1970. While in the UK in 1970-71, joined liberation movement and did not return home till January 1972. He was posted again as deputy secretary, home (political). He was joint secretary in the Economic Division of the Ministry of Finance from 1973-78.

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Plea to appoint fisheries officers Project Directors

Officers Association of the Directorate of Fisheries has demanded of the government to appoint Project Director from among the 158 officers serving at different tiers of the directorate, an Association press release said, reports BSS.

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Industrialist dead

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He was the owner of Jahan Textile Ltd, Narayanganj, Chairman of Scala Bangladesh Ltd and a Director of Elite Printers and Packagers. He was associated with a number of social welfare organisations.

He leaves behind widow, 4 sons, 3 daughters and a host of friends and admirers to mourn his death. One of his sons, Faruq Ahmed, is a former Captain of Abahani K.C. Cricket team and a national cricketer. His namaz-e-janaza will be held today (Thursday) at the Mohammadpur Jame Masjid after Zohr prayers. He will be laid to rest at Banani graveyard.



Bangladesh Textile Industries Federation procession intercepted by police near Bangla Motor in the city yesterday. — Star photo

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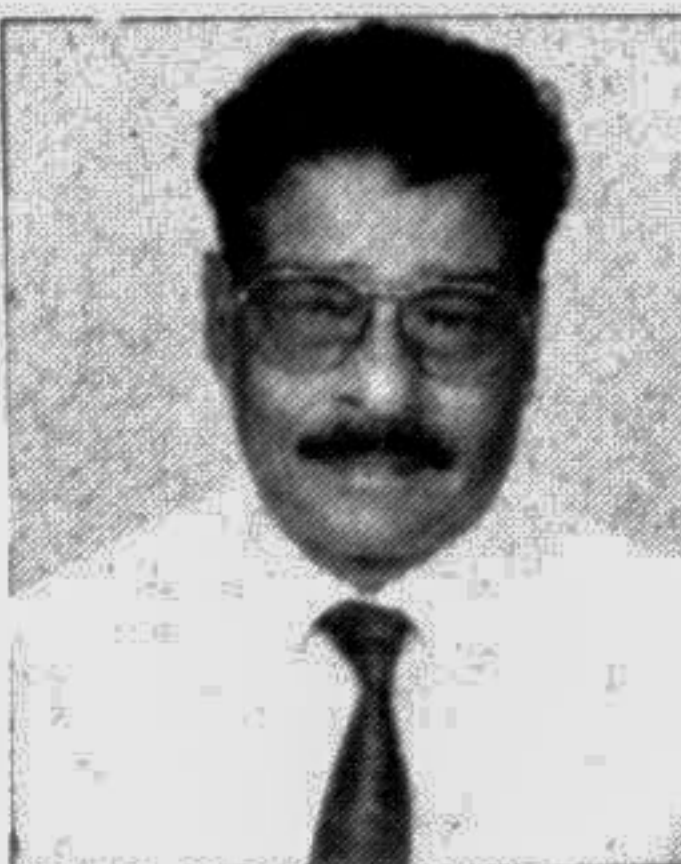
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After our home was suddenly darkened on June 1 by the departure of the warm and loving Mrs. Shenaz Mubarak Ali from this world, our only solace was in the expressions of comfort offered by the host of relatives, friends and well-wishers who stood by us in our darkest hour.

Thank you all for being there when we needed you the most....

Mubarak Ali and family