

Dhaka Day by Day

To Have or not to Have Hair

by Neil Ray

A tress of long hair on an otherwise hairless head trying vainly to cover the shining space does not fail to draw attention. This prying, at times a bit wickedly prone to arousing comical passion, inquisition does not call for any greatly discerning eyes. Still more comical — and no less pathetic — is the attempt to comb the head that has long been deprived of its bounties. For the practice of using wings in this part of the world has not been eminently very popular — and for very practical reasons. The heat here does not make one's position very enviably comfortable in the neatly arranged hairy condition foreign to the head.

Those who settled for their preordained fate certainly have their own share of trial and tribulations as well. Both in winter and summer the problems are acute because of the scorching sun above once and of the biting cold at the other time in the absence of hairy protection of the head. Baldness however is of various sizes and shapes, leaving the head exposed or vulnerable to different types of attacks, including a suppressed chule. Some heads appear to be more as a football stadium with a gallery-like row of hairs all around except of course the front like a gate. Others have an oval shaped or a hole-like space at the back of the most important limb of human being. Some other baldnesses simply resemble a moon in its first few days, still others have no such problems because the entire head is bare.

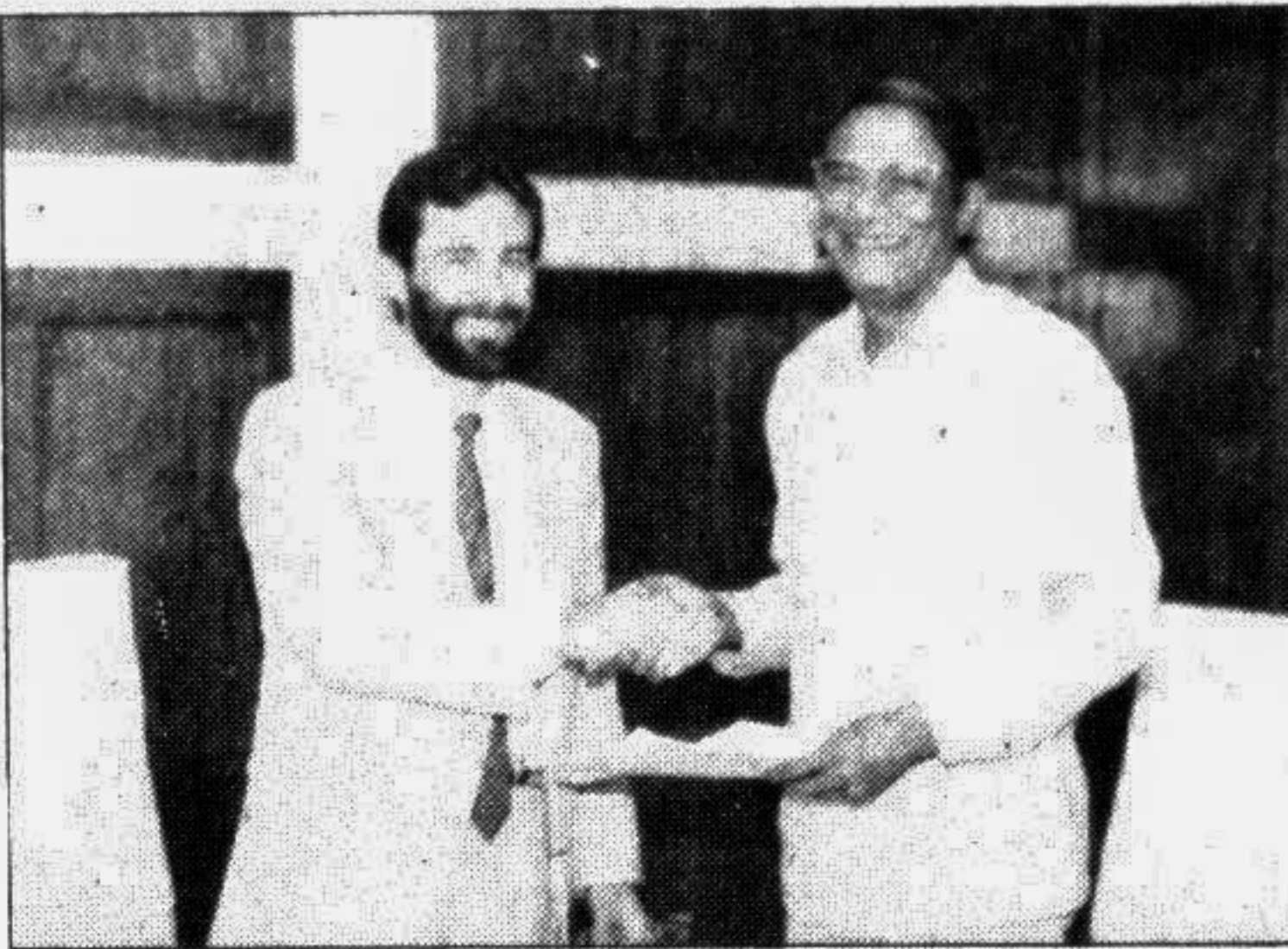
However, a bald head is not all that laughter-inviting all the time. It truly adds personality to some people. Whether, this induced some film-makers to go for heroes with shaven head in their films cannot be confirmed; but we know Kojak was an instant hit. What Alexander Pope would have written had he lived, after witnessing Kojak's success can bet

ter be imagined. Rape of the lock can be a very strong guide.

Now let us concentrate on the other aspects relating to baldness which is the untiring efforts expended to avoid or avert the fall of hairs, once one realizes the days of one's woolly gifts on head are numbered. The preventive measures vary from the scientific to the ludicrous. So far success of retaining or regaining the hairs is rare. The Chinese, not so famous for their taste for unutilitarian styles and fashions, came up with a number of elixir-filled lotions that promise to cure baldness. One of their best known brand is formula 101. Regaine is an American bald-cure medicine marketed by Upjohn Company. Surprisingly, the US Food and Drug Administration was not convinced and did not allow the lotion to be marketed in America. It is obtainable in Canada only for price-fobidding to many.

Even though the Chinese cure is also highly priced, many in Bangladesh have tried the medicine mostly without success. The US company's brand has shown a success rate of 20 per cent. Now there comes a local follower of the US and Chinese exercises and it advertises in a Bangla daily, saying that it is more effective than the foreign brands. Fertilex, the local competitor has also included a recommendation from a competent authority to the effect that it is not harmful to make its claim more convincing. But can there be any competent authority to refer the lotion as an effective regenerative medicine for hair? That may be a tall claim.

Last but not the least, there are indeed hair tonics to be taken in. But the problem is they cause hairs to grow but only all over the body. Not a good prospect, for too much of hair all over brings you back to your hairy ancestors.



Nick Langton (left) the Asia Foundation's Representative and Abul Hashem, Secretary of the Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat after signing the agreement for the Parliamentary Development Project recently.

Agreement on parliamentary development project signed

An accord on parliamentary development project between Asia Foundation and Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat was signed recently, says a press release.

The Asia Foundation's Representative, Nick Langton, and the secretary of the Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat, Abul Hashem, signed the agreement.

The project is supported with funds from the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

The project is intended to strengthen the legislative support services available to MPs so that they can more effectively carry out their parliamentary responsibilities.

The Parliament Secretariat will introduce services such as research, legislative drafting, member information programmes, and technical support to members. The library will also be enhanced, through special collections of books on democracy and parliamentary affairs.

"Week in Rock" tomorrow

MTV Asia will premiere its own originally produced half-hour weekly news programme, "Week in Rock", beginning Friday, July 2nd at 6:00 pm (local time). The MTV News production will replace the acquired series from MTV US in the weekly schedule, says a press release.

Each week, viewers will see a culmination of the biggest news in the world of entertainment, as well as a review of the week's new music. Taped at the MTV studios in Hong Kong, MTV Asia's "Week in Rock" will be presenting news stories that have a broader appeal to the vast audience in Asia.

CU vacation

CHITTAGONG, June 30: The classes of the Chittagong University will remain closed from July 1 to July 15 next on account of holy Muharram and rainy season, reports BSS.

New news agency launched

Probe, an alternate news agency in the private sector to meet special requirements of the print and electronic media, was launched in Dhaka yesterday, reports UNB.

The news agency will dig into, analyse and interpret events that take place or can take place and supplement endeavours of newspapers and magazines in entertaining news and views on national and international issues.

Reliance AGM held

The fifth annual general meeting of Reliance Insurance Limited was held on Tuesday at its head office, at BSB Building, 8 Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka.

Asadul Haq, Chairman, presided over the meeting, says a press release.

The company underwrote a gross premium of Tk 14.37 crore in 1992 and, out of the total profit of Tk 2.55 crore the underwriting profit was Tk 2.47 crore. The meeting approved a dividend of 20 per cent for the year.

The Board of Directors elected Habibullah Khan Chairman, and Mrs Joya Pati as Vice-Chairperson for the year 1993-94.



Thursday

- 5:00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme Summary
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Recitation from the Geeta
- 5:25 Shahidi Karbala
- 6:00 Esho Para Shiki
- 6:25 Jiboner Alo
- 7:00 Maarasia (Programme to commemorate the tragic Karbala Day)
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 9:00 Prekhit-0-Dikdarshan
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Bishaad Shindhu
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:40 Tomorrow's Programme Summary
- 11:45 Closing

Friday

Morning Session

- 8:00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme Summary
- 8:10 News in Bangla
- 8:15 Alor Dehari
- 8:40 Notun Kuri
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:05 Moner Mukure: Retelecast of selected drama
- 11:15 Shikha Dikha
- 11:30 Film Show: Dany Wilsons Family Collection
- 12:25 Evening's Programme Summary
- 12:30 Closing

Evening Session

- 3:00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme Summary
- 3:10 Recitation from The Tripitak
- 3:15 Cartoon Film: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 3:40 Movie of the week: Bangla feature film
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:25 Sports Programme: Tennis
- 7:00 Open University
- 7:25 Malancha
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Comedy show: Perfect Strangers
- 9:00 Magazine Programme: Aboshar
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Drama Series: LA Law
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
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Weather

Moderate rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today (Thursday) says, moderate rain or showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur at many places over Chittagong, Barisal divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions.

The Met office forecasts, day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country. The country's highest temperature yesterday of 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded in Jessore and the lowest 24.0 degree was recorded in Rangamati.

Chief amounts of rainfall recorded during the day time yesterday across the country were: Sitakunda 73 mm, Cox's Bazar 59 mm, Rangpur 56 mm, Dinajpur 53 mm, Sandwip 51 mm, Chittagong 47 mm, Majdicourt 28 mm, Kutubdia 20 and other places below 20 mm.

The sun sets today at 6.50 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.15 am.

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

Cities/towns	max	min	Humidity in percentage	9am	6pm
Dhaka	32.4	24.8	97	82	85
Chittagong	29.2	24.5	88	82	81
Rajshahi	34.2	24.9	85	81	83
Khulna	33.2	28.2	86	83	86
Barisal	32.0	27.2	89	95	86
Cox's Bazar	29.0	25.0	98	86	97
Sylhet	27.0	25.0	95	97	97
Dinajpur	30.2	25.0	97	92	92

4,700 Social Services deptt staff trained

About 4,700 officials and workers of the Social Services department have so far been imparted foundation and short-term training from the National Academy for Social Welfare since its inception in 1984, reports UNB.

This was stated at the 17th meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Social Welfare Ministry at the Sangsad Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday. State Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Sarwari Rahman, presided over the meeting.

The meeting was informed that over 2,000 officials and workers of Social Services department have been imparted training from Dhaka centre; 1,525 from Khulna and 1,165 from Rajshahi regional centres. The meeting was also in-

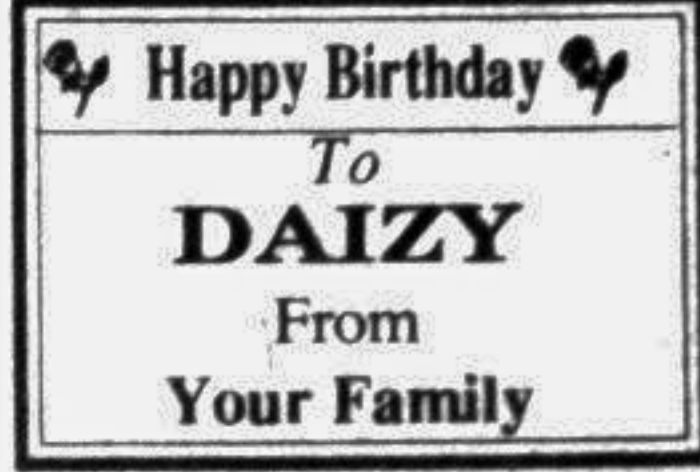
formed that the government has decided to increase the rate of monthly capitation grant from Taka 420 to 720 for the inmates of government orphanages, Taka 225 to 370 for the children of day care centres and Taka 360 to 660 for the inmates and trainees of vocational training and rehabilitation centres being run by social welfare ministry. This increment will be effective from the next financial year (1993-94).

Members of the committee Begum Rosy Kabir, Begum Selina Shahid, Begum Anwar Habib of BNP, Begum Matta Chowdhury, Mohammad Mokhesur Rahman, M Abdur Rahim, Pronod Mankhin of Awami League and Mohammad Yusuf of CPB attended the meeting.

Bangladeshis in US remitted \$ 200m in '91-92

Bangladeshis living in the United States remitted over 200 million US dollar during the year 1991-92 through different channels, a broker house dealing with remittances said here yesterday, reports UNB.

Of the remitted amount only 50 million US dollar were routed through authorised foreign banks, President of RANCAP Limited Company Abu Hasan told a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday afternoon.



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International Re-Tender Notice

01.	Description of Work	Cost of Tender Documents (Non-refundable)	Bid Bond Amount
	Skid Mounted Customer Metering Station	US \$ 20.00 or Tk 800.00	USD 15,000/-
02.	The procurement will be financed under Cash Foreign Exchange.		
03.	Qualification of the contractor/supplier	Manufacturers/Suppliers having proven experience of similar work/supply.	
04.	Where tender documents will be available: a) Head Office Complex, BGSL, Chapapur, Comilla, Bangladesh, (b) Regional Distribution Office, BGSL, 100, Momin Road, Chittagong, Bangladesh, (c) BGSL's Liaison Office, House No 3, Road No 2/A, Banani, Dhaka, Bangladesh.		
05.	Selling time of tender documents	05-7-93 to 04-8-93.	
06.	Place, date & time of tender receiving	BGSL's Liaison Office, House No 3, Road NO 2/A, Banani, Dhaka-1213, Bangladesh. On 5-8-93 up to 1100 hours.	
07.	Date & time of tender opening	On 5-8-93 at 11-15 hours	
08.	For further information and clarification please contact	Manager (Materials) BGSL, Comilla, Bangladesh. Telex No 642768 GAS BJ.	
09.	BGSL reserves the right to accept any tender or to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.		

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Biman Bangladesh Airlines and Douglas Aircraft Company signed a lease agreement Wednesday for two DC 10-30 aircraft which will be on dry lease with Biman.

Bangladesh Railway Project Management Organization

Tender Notice

No : TCP-G/Commercialization/93

Dated : 30-06/1993

Bangladesh Railway (BR) intends to lease/rent out a part of its surplus capacity/facility of the recently installed optical Fibre Digital Telecommunication Network to any interested (i) End User (EU) (ii) Telecommunication Organization/Entity (TO/E) providing facility based business or intending to provide resale based telecommunication facilities or from end users for which sealed tenders are invited. Detailed information are available in the tender documents which may be purchased from 4-7-1993 to 31-7-1993 on working days between 0900 hrs and 1400 hrs at the offices of (i) Project Director/Telecomm, Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chittagong (ii) Additional Project Director/Telecomm, Bangladesh Railway, Rajshahi (iii) Divisional Signal & Telecomm Engineer/TCP, Bangladesh Railway, Dhaka, at a cost of (on cash payment) Tk. 1000.00 (One thousand) only (non-refundable).

2. BR's telecommunication network connects the following :

- a) District Head Quarters : Chittagong, Feni, Comilla, Brahmanbaria, Sylhet, Narsinghdi, Kishoreganj, Mymensingh, Jamalpur, Bogra, Gaibandha, Rangpur, Lalmanirhat, Dinajpur, Jaypurhat, Sirajganj, Natore, Rajshahi, Kushtia, Rajbari, Jessore and Khulna.
- b) Business centres: Laksam, Akhaura, Srimangal, Shaistaganj, Kulaura, Bhairabazar, Chhatakbar, Tangi, Ishurdi, Darsana, Siromani, Mubarakganj and Santahar and
- c) About 300 railway stations all over the country.

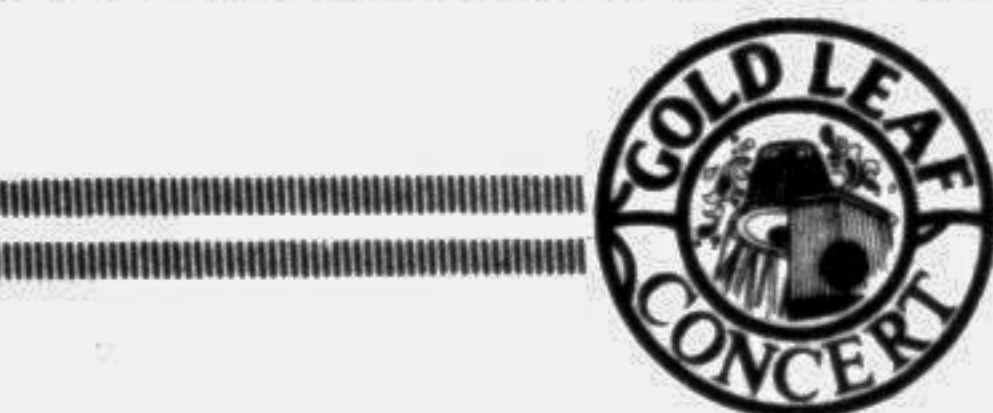
At all these points Bangladesh Railway has telephone facilities (of various number) which can be used by the tenderers at BR premises. Extension of these to any other location will be at the initiative and cost of the user.

3. The tenders will have to be dropped in triplicate (One in original and two other copies) in the box kept in the office of the Project Director/Telecommunication, Chittagong or in the Office of the Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/TCP/Dhaka, in sealed cover superscribing "Tender for lease/renting of Bangladesh Railway's optical Fibre Telecommunication Network", on 1-8-1993 within 12 hrs. The tenders will be opened at 12.15 hrs. on the same day in presence of the tenderers or their representatives if there be any.

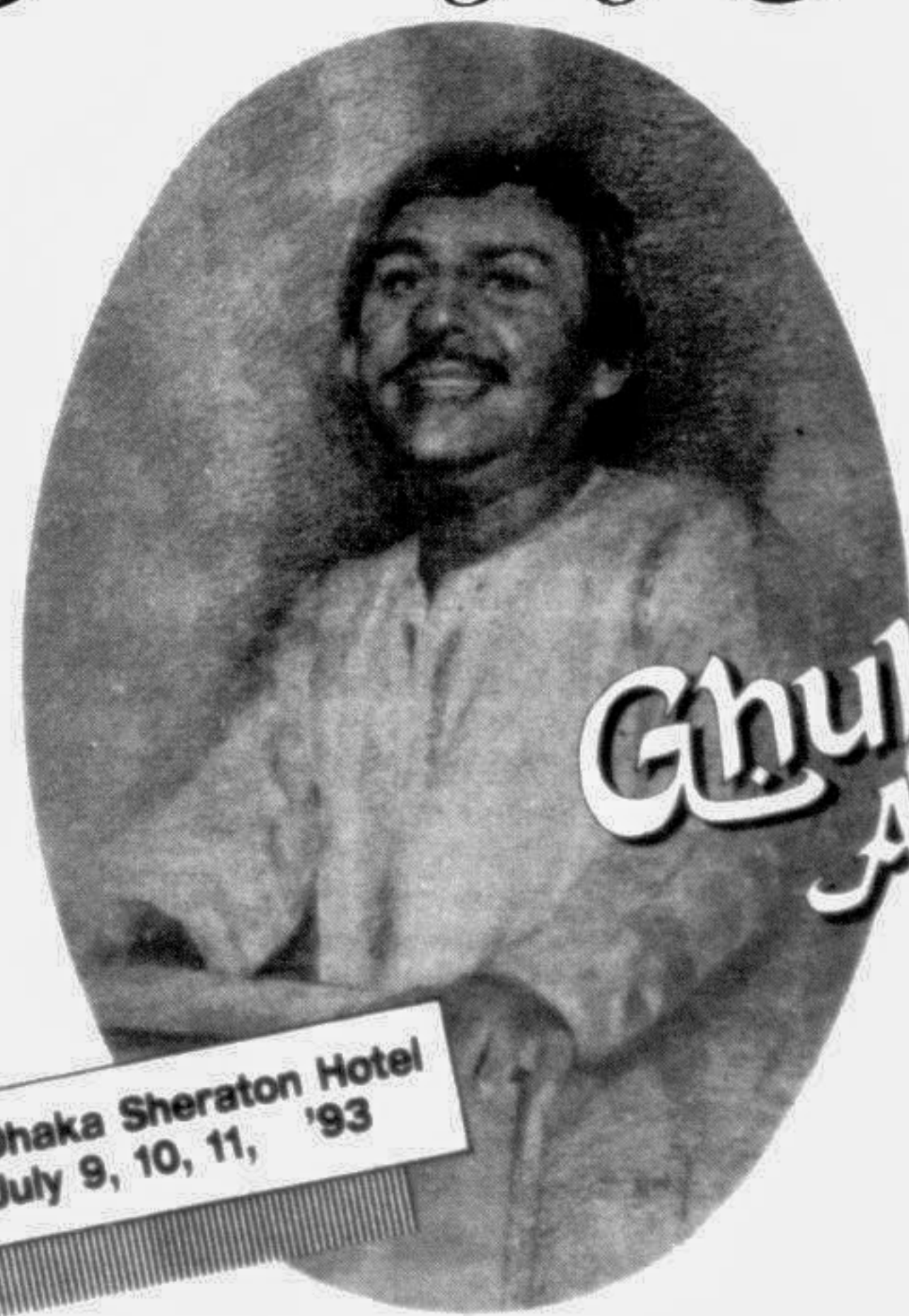
4. Tenders sent by post or submitted after the stipulated date and time may not be considered.

5. Railway administration reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the offer/offers fully or partially without assigning any reasons therefor.

Project Director/Telecomm
Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong
Phone : 031-504210
Telex : 66200 CRB BJ



Enthralling Gharzals



Venue : Dhaka Sheraton Hotel
Date : July 9, 10, 11, '93

Tickets available at :

- Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Minto Road
Tel : 863391, 861191
- Shehzad. Sonargaon Hotel, Kawran Bazar
Tel : 811005-9
- Panda Garden, Mohakhali
Tel : 608458, 608469
- Film Fair Video, Sobhanbagh
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- Tangail Saree Kutir, New Bailey Road
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