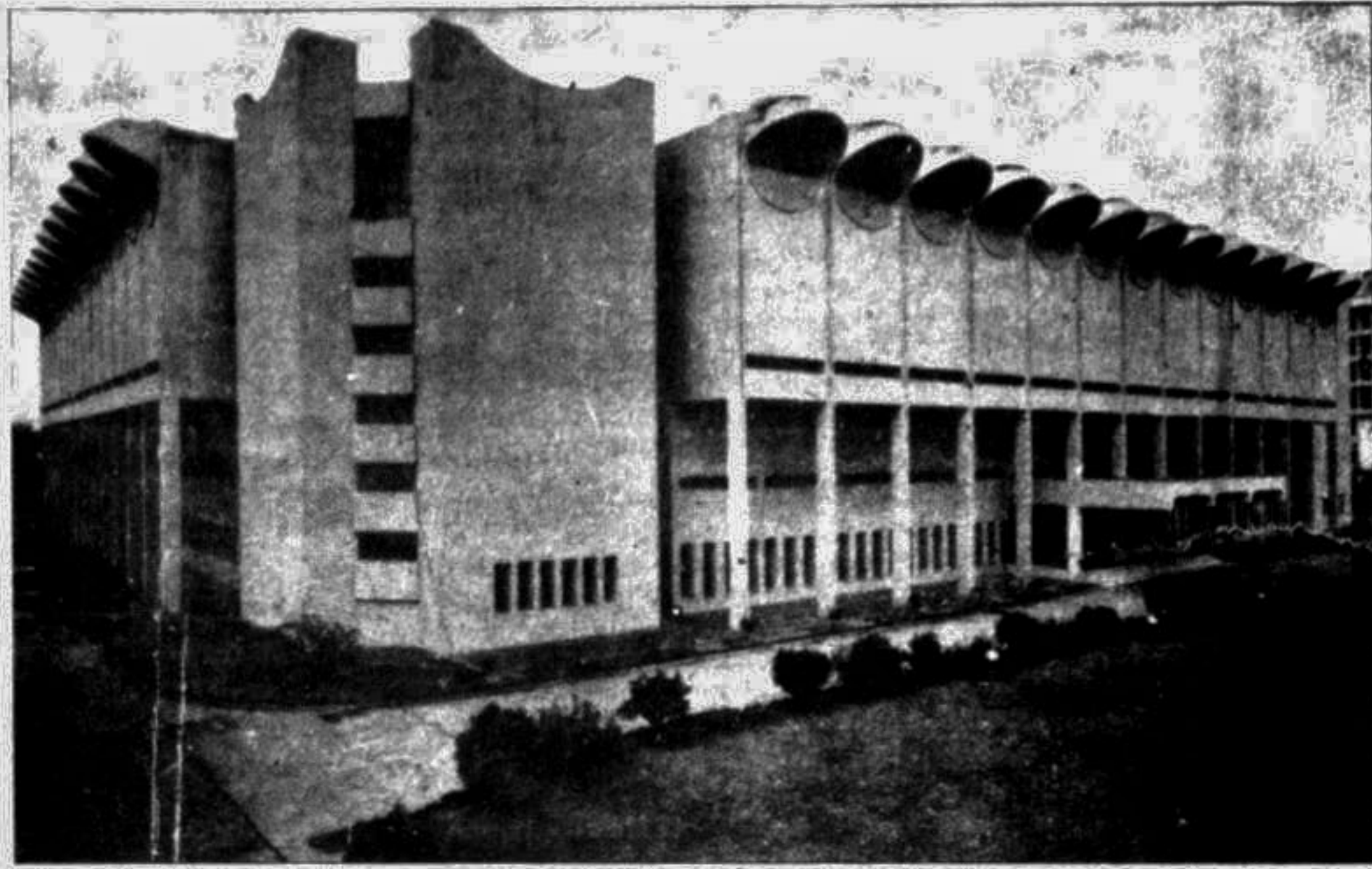


Dhaka Day by Day

Museum's Disappointing Show

By Raffat Binte Rashid



The two new memorial corners opened recently at the Bangladesh National Museum on poet Kazi Nazrul Islam and pioneer of Muslim Women's Movement in Bengal, Begum Rokeya Shakhawat Hossain are definitely innovative and deserve praise. The idea of promoting the images of our cultural figures is appreciated by people from all walks of life. In fact, there is always a strong urge and a feeling of awe among ordinary people to know something about renowned figures of the past. They become a sustaining link between by-gone days and the present. How did these people known only from books and stories, look like or how did they live? These questions linger on. It is these feelings which make such memorial corners of the museum as a whole, attractive and fascinating.

Begum Rokeya is an epitome of strong will and determination. What she achieved in her days, when women were in Purdah, may not be accomplished again, by many of us in this era. She remains a source of inspiration to both men and women. Poet Nazrul is an integral part of our culture and heritage. Whatever we try to write or say about him is never enough. Thus naturally when the museum authorities took steps to bring both these fascinating personalities much closer to the people, the response was euphoric.

However to the utter disappointment of many, the corners lacked in the sense of propriety or imagination and could not appeal to people the way it should have.

The Begum Rokeya corner is especially shocking. A big portrait of her hung on the wall with only two small glass boxes set in front of the picture. The arrangement was a pathetic sight. It was a colourless corner in the literal sense. The materials on display at the memorial corner were two hand-written letters, a salt container and a few porcelain dishes used by her in her Paimarandhi home in Rangpur and nothing else! Is it so impossible a task for the curatorial departments of the museum to look for something less ridiculous than a stainless steel spoon used by this embodiment of great social reform, who lived just over a hundred years ago? Admittedly, there may have been difficulties in finding materials of interest about her, as she lived mostly in Calcutta with her husband. Her works, and manuscripts and photographs were all there, but when such a big new initiative is undertaken, the exercise must match the intention. The corner, set up by the museum to commemorate Rokeya's memory,

is drab, fails to reflect the good intentions behind it. One thing clearly on display around the corner is the half-heartedness of the museum.

The Nazrul corner on the other hand, has more variety and appears to be lively. This is actually a separate chamber with exceptional and unique photographs of Nazrul. The snap shots were all a rare collection of his youth and old age pictures with his wife, Meera, with Mujibur Rahman, Gen. Osmani and Ziaur Rahman are also on display. Mostly the materials showed here are the things he used while he was sick and undergoing treatment at the PG Hospital in 1976. His clothes, bed, slippers, shaving kit are all there donated by Prof. Nurul Islam. There are also a few hand-written poems and songs of around 1931 and the replica of his Ekushe Padak, which is no doubt definitely quite an achievement of the museum authority!

Museums are always a place anyone would love to visit. Things belonging to a distant past always bring about a wistful longing in a person. One becomes moved by it. Particularly, the young ones have been enchanted by stories about snake deities, Hindu goddess, stories of mandira and Krishna, about Nawabs, Rajas and Maharajas. But when these statues, and pieces in bronze, terracotta or wood are all brought to the present, the wonder and excitement is beyond imagination. Unfortunately our national museum has so far been able to stir no such emotions or feeling. The place lacks proper management, starting from the brochures to guides it has nothing in order, everything is slipshod. To add to this is the bored, indifferent attitudes of the officials who are very reluctant to answer any questions the visitor may have.

A group of children from the Sunnydale school were on an educational tour to the museum recently. The teacher of grade three Yasmin Habib complained 'the whole tour was a chaos, we had to go through every thing hurriedly, the information written beside the antics were all vague and seemed incomplete to me. There is not much to see, I had a feeling something was missing, the guides were also not much of a help to the children.'

Something is definitely missing. Maybe, it is the magical touch that museums are supposed to have. Maybe, it is purely a lack of imagination or the right kind of compelling motive that accounts for a successful recreation of the past in the present.

Book of poems on Khaleda

The long nine years' uncompromising struggle of Begum Khaleda Zia, who became the Prime Minister of Bangladesh as a symbol of people's hopes and aspirations has greatly stirred the country's literary arena, reports BSS.

Twenty-two patriotic poets, being inspired by her sense of patriotism, commitment to the nation and deep respect to democracy, compiled a book of poems under the title 'Jey Agun Chhatriy Diley', a press release of the organisers said here yesterday.

The 48-page book of poems with four colours offset-print will be available at the inaugural function of the fourth National Council session of BNP beginning on tomorrow (Wednesday).

The price of the book is Taka 100.

Bangladeshi products' show in Australia opens today

A ten-day exhibition of Bangladeshi products begins today (Aug 31) simultaneously in the Australian cities of Melbourne and Sydney as part of a drive to expand export market, reports UNB.

Export Promotion Bureau in collaboration with the Trade and Investment Promotion Service of Australia has organised the single-country exhibition to boost Bangladesh exports to that country.

BJMC to buy 90 lakh maunds of raw jute

The Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) would purchase ninety lakh maunds of raw jute through more than 100 jute purchase centres during the current jute season, reports BSS.

Most purchase centres would be opened in the border areas of the country.

Jute Minister ASM Hannan Shah said this while inaugurating jute purchase centre at Hafiz Jute Mills at Kutubdih under Brahmanbaria district Sunday.

The minister said BJMC would purchase jute at competitive market price. He said standard and grade would be maintained in purchasing jute. The present democratic government would not tolerate any mismanagement and irregularities in purchasing jute, the minister warned.

Hannan Shah recalled that the present government had exempted agriculture loan upto Taka 5,000 for the cultivators. He later addressed a public meeting organised by Kasba



JCD brought out a procession in the city yesterday to make the BNP's council session a success. — Star photo

Fake Tk 500 notes seized

By Staff Correspondent

Thirteen fake five-hundred taka notes were seized by police in separate incidents in the city yesterday. Two persons were arrested in this connection.

Nasir was detained when he tried to use a fake Tk 500 note for buying cigarettes at New Market area. But the shopkeeper who became suspicious drew the attention of the patrol police. Eight other fake notes were also seized from him.

Meanwhile, at Badda under Gulshan police station Md Shahidullah was held with four fake Tk 500 notes. A forgery case was lodged against him.

Miladunnabi programmes in Chittagong, Khulna

CHITTAGONG, Aug 30: Eid-e-Miladunnabi will be observed in the port city and elsewhere in the district tomorrow with due solemnity and religious fervour, reports BSS.

Religious and educational institutions and socio-cultural organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the day. Quran khwani, milad mahfil, seminar and discussion on the life and teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (SM) are among the programmes.

A number of religious organisations will bring out processions as a part of programmes of the day.

Anjuman-e-Ahmada Sunnia, Sholashahar, will hold milad and procession and Baitus Sarafatdhaniala Para will also hold milad, Quran khwani and seminar on the occasion.

Anjuman-e-Muhibban-e-Rasul (SM), Guasia Gilani committee, Jamaat-e-Islami city branch, Jamaat-e-Hijube Rasul (SM), Jamaatul Falah, Dampara Islami Jubo Kafeh, Ahle Darbar Sharif at Boalkhali, Kadam Mubarak Muslim Orphanage

and many other socio-cultural organisations have their own programmes to observe the day. Local newspapers will publish special articles and Radio Bangladesh Chittagong will broadcast special programme, befitting the occasion.

Meanwhile, various programmes have been chalked out in observance of the holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi in Khulna.

Programmes include holding of milad mahfil, discussions on the life and works of the Holy Prophet and the teachings of the Holy Quran, besides arranging essay competition, recitations of hamd-naat and extempore speech on Islam.

Hoisting of national flags atop all public and private buildings. Banners with verses from the Holy Quran will be hung at important places in the city are also included.

Arrangements have also been made to feed the patients in hospitals and orphanages. Islamic Foundation, Islamic Mission and Islamic Cultural Centre and Waqf office have jointly taken up programmes for holding sirat mahfil and special prayers.

Biswas, Khaleda greet President, PM of Uzbekistan

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has felicitated the Uzbekistan President Islam A Karimov, on the occasion of Independence Day of his country, reports BSS.

In a message to President Karimov, President Biswas hoped that the existing close bonds of friendship would grow further in the coming years to the mutual benefit of the two peoples of the two countries.

In a separate message Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has felicitated Prime Minister Abdul Hashim Mutalov of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the same occasion.

In the message to the Uzbek leader Begum Zia expressed her conviction that the bilateral relations and friendly ties that so happily exist between the two countries would be further strengthened.

Paraguay President

Meanwhile, President Biswas, has congratulated Juan Carlos Wasmosy on his assumption of the office of President of the Republic of Paraguay.

Begum Khaleda Zia, has also felicitated him on the same occasion.

Family Planning team leaves for Jakarta today

A 23-member Bangladesh Family Planning team led by Bazlur Rahman Chowdhury, Director General of the National Institute for Population Research and Training (NIPORT), leaves here today for Jakarta on a training tour of Indonesia, reports BSS.

The team comprising different levels of family planning volunteers and senior government officials, will visit Jakarta, Bali, Palembang and Puncak during its 18-day tour to see the family planning activities run by Indonesian National Population Board.

It is the 15th batch of family planning workers and officials to be trained under Indonesia-Bangladesh bilateral programme organised by Family Planning Management Development (FPMDD).



The godown of Pabna Homeo Research at Swamibagh was badly damaged by fire yesterday. — Star photo

Three get 7 years RI for keeping heroin

An Additional Sessions Judge's Court Sunday convicted three persons and sentenced each of them to seven years rigorous imprisonment for possessing heroin, reports UNB.

The court also fined them Tk 5,000 each, in default to suffer another one year RI.

The convicts Nurul Islam (28), Md Sekander (36) and Yousof Kamal (25) are all of Kawran Bazar Municipal Super Market, Dhaka.

According to prosecution, police raided the 1st floor of Kawran Bazar super market on

BBC's programme on emergence of Bangladesh Sept 2

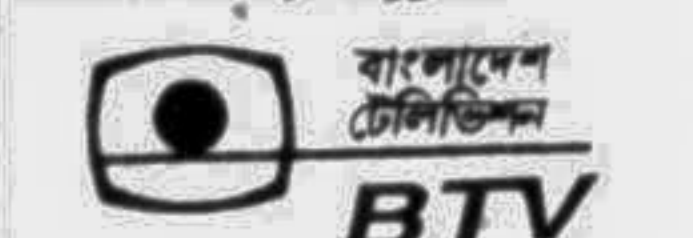
The BBC World Service will broadcast on September 2 a special programme on the emergence of Bangladesh, reports UNB.

In the programme, to be broadcast in the series of programmes called 'As I Recall', former Foreign Minister Dr Kamal Hossain will be interviewed about the events leading to the emergence of Bangladesh in 1971.

The interview will be heard on the BBC World Service in English at 2:30 am, 9:30 am and 4:01 pm in Bangladesh time.

Some important events of the world over the past half a century will be aired in the programme. The 'As I Recall' series will begin with Bangladesh's independence. Personalities who were eyewitness to the historic world events have been interviewed in the programmes.

Dr Kamal was interviewed by Senior Producer of World Service Larry Jaggan.



Tuesday

- 5:00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Recitation from the Geeta
- 5:25 Esho Para Shikhi: Mass education programme
- 5:50 TV debate: Comilla Cadet College vs Ziaur Rahman Hall, DU
- 6:45 Open University Sangeeta
- 7:15 News in Bangla
- 8:00 Drama serial: Janmabhum
- 8:40 News in English
- 10:30 Film: ENG
- 11:30 Khabor/The News
- 11:45 Closing

Anniversary of Ustad Ayet Ali Khan's death Sept 2

The 26th death anniversary of Ustad Ayet Ali Khan will be observed on September 2 by various organisations including the 'Ustad Ayet Ali Khan Sangeet Niketan,' reports BSS.

The Sangeet Niketan will organise a discussion and classical music programme on September 2 at Shilpakala Academy at 7 pm. The programme will be attended as chief guest by State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahan Ara Begum.

Radio Bangladesh and Bangladesh Television will put up special programmes in honour of the musical legend of the subcontinent. The Sangeet Niketan will also organise a milad mahfil.

Weather

Light rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Sky may remain mainly cloudy over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Tuesday), while light to moderate temporary rain or thundershowers accompanied by gusty wind are likely to occur at a few places over Rajshahi and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal and Dhaka divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over Rajshahi division and the regions of Mymensingh and Sylhet.

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

The country's highest temperature of yesterday 33.7 degree Celsius was recorded in Sathkira and the lowest 22.5 degree was recorded in Bogra.

The amounts of rainfall recorded during day time yesterday across the country were: Comilla 37mm, Rangpur 23mm, Dinajpur 17 and Bogra 11mm.

The sun sets today at 6.18 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.40 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 9 am 6 pm
	Max	Min	
Dhaka	31.2	27.0	82
Chittagong	30.5	27.5	80
Rajshahi	28.5	26.3	85
Khulna	33.0	27.0	79
Barisal	32.2	25.6	81
Cox's Bazar	31.6	25.0	96
Srimangal	31.0	24.5	89
Dinajpur	28.0	23.5	92

Painting show of Bangladeshi artists in Paris begins Sept 3

An exhibition of paintings of young Bangladeshi artists organised by the Embassy of France and the Alliances Francaises of Dhaka and Chittagong will be held in Paris from September 3-16, says a press release.

This exhibition entitled 'Nouveaux Regards sur un autre monde' (New look on another world)—takes place under the continued cultural co-operation between Bangladesh and France and following two previous Bangladeshi painting exhibitions in France held in Paris (1991) and in Clermont Ferrand (1992).

Twenty-five paintings from ten artists will be displayed at Exhibition 93.



Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

নিয়মিত পানি ও পয়ঃ বিল পরিশোধ করুন

Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1st, 2nd & 3rd class civil contractors for the undermentioned works.

Name of work	Allotted cost	Date & time of receiving tender
1. Installation of 450 mm dia water line at Begum Rokeya Sarani (north), Group-C (Third call) (For 1st Class contractors)	Taka 22,44,666/=	20-9-93 up to 12 Noon
2. Installation of 100 mm dia water line at Maghbazar Nayatola Saheb Shah Bari Lane.	Taka 76,505/=	—Do—
3. Installation of 100 mm dia water line at East Maniknagar Road by lane.	Taka 1,17,506/=	13-9-93 up to 12 Noon

Tenders will be opened on the same day of receiving tender at 2-00 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives.

Schedule of tender will be available at the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka & all MODS Zone Offices of Dhaka WASA. Other detailed descriptions will be available at the office of the undersigned.

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