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Biswas tells pry school teachers

Inspire rural people to send their children to schools

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday called upon the country's primary school teachers to inspire the rural people to send their children to the schools for building the solid base of education from the primary level, reports BSS.

He said the future of the country is largely dependent on literacy rate. It was also essential for bringing awareness for poverty alleviation, population control and achieving self-reliance in all spheres of national life, he added.

President Biswas was addressing a 55-member delegation of the Bangladesh Government Primary School Teachers Association, who

Degree exams begin on schedule

The degree examinations of this year will begin as scheduled on December 29, reports UNB.

The examinations will be held on schedule, said the Controller of Examinations of the National University dispelling rumours that the examination may be delayed for inordinate delay in publication of results of the degree examination of last year.

He said the degree examinations to be held for the first time under the National University will not be shifted. Non-publication of results of the examinations held early this year under the Dhaka University will not affect the schedule, asserted the Controller.

called on him at Bangabhaban here. Abu Abbas, MP, advisor of the association, led the delegation.

President Biswas said about eighty-five per cent people of the country are living in rural areas and they should be given proper education for raising the rate of literacy in the country. He said that it is the moral obligation of the teaching community, particularly the primary school teachers to make the people educated and help proper upbringing of the children with basic lesson of honesty and morality.

The President stressed the need for women education as they are the builder of the base of the children at home. Therefore, they had been brought into the mainstream of the society to contribute to the nation building process, he added. He also urged the teachers to advise the people for population control and tree plantation to enhance environment.

Immunization week in Khulna

KHULNA, Oct 16: National Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) week '93 began in the district today through holding of colourful rallies and discussion meeting, reports UNB.

Among others, City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman participated in the rally that started from the Khulna Circuit House and

ended at Zia Public Hall parading the roads of the city. Later a discussion was also held at the hall presided over by City Corporation Executive Officer Nowfel Mia.

Dhaka Day by Day

A Feminine Touch on Papier-mache

by Fayza Haq

Despite the numerous art galleries springing up of late and regular weekly exhibitions being held, it was a pleasure to see Masuda Kazi's experimentation on papier-mache with gouache. These works at "Jojon" art gallery ranged from realistic and impressionistic to abstract.

Masuda got the inspiration to use papier-mache from a maidservant in her childhood who had made household utensils to store rice and vegetables. She also saw her husband Kazi Raqib and her colleagues experimenting with different media and decided to do the same herself.

Of the 34 exhibits, "Waiting" depicted a girl annoyed with her co-mates and sulking on the doorsteps. A cat was shown as keeping her company. The brown dress of the girl was done as subtly as the grey fur of the cat and the details of the verandah. Plenty of interesting textural work had naturally crept in due to the use of the particular handmade media.

"Cat-5" was a part of a series on cats, for which the artist had an obvious fascination. Its eyes were realistic with yellow and black, while its fur a blurred black and white. It had a background of varied squares of grey, blue, mauve and pink with an interesting play of texture.

A cat in an impressionistic form was brought in "Cat-7" with detailed textures on the limbs, tail and the head. There was yet another cat in the next entry which showed another feline creature seen sitting in front of an old door. The walls of the house were depicted as weatherbeaten. The cracks on the papier-mache lent interest to the composition on mottled green, with touches of white.

"Cat-3" delineated three pets crouched on top of a wall. A window was shown at the back. Grey framed the basic composition. The subject dear to the heart of the artist was shown on a large scale in "Cat 6" where a cat was shown as resting on a couch, with drapings and cushions all around. Shades of blue were used in this painting and it was held together with layers of grey and blue.

In "Wall" she has brought in brown, green, grey and white to depict the decaying atmosphere due to the constant rains. There was a

staircase in front and the composition was completed with a little cat in the doorway.

In "The Portrait of a Woman" the artist has brought in facial features, jewellery and hairstyle which gained a three dimensional look due to the medium used. It was in white and grey and surrounded by grey and black squares.

In "Wall-11" were squares of yellow, grey, pink and white and it was surrounded by an oblong rectangle, which was framed with colours of grey and black.

"Icon" presented a portrait in a Russian style with an impression of a face surrounded with abstract splashes of bright oranges, reds and brown. Meanwhile, in "Mushroom" the artist has magnified the tiny mushrooms found around some old houses, with the white touched up with yellow ochre and grey. It was held up by the black background.

"Abstract-II" had various colours of grey, yellow, green, red and blue. The artist admitted that the work was just a play of colours and had no symbolic meanings behind the use of shapes or colours that she had used.

In "Stones-I" Masuda has inserted actual stones on to the papier-mache background. One of the stones had human features roughly sketched on it. The colours used on the stones were red, blue and green.

In "Hills" the artist has brought in yellow ochre and green. In "Sky" she used various tones of blue including ultramarine, beige, black and brown. This was semi-abstract like the "Hills". In "Hills-II" the painter has brought in the sky and the moon, with black and red, included in the touches.

In "Stones-II" Masuda has brought in the textures of a mat and a rope along with her assortment of stones. In the wall series, the painter has experimented with textures and colours in the same semi abstract form.

In Masuda's works there was a serene depiction of the world around her with a decisive nostalgia for her childhood. Masuda, who has taken part in ten exhibitions, paints "saris" at home, six a day, and supervises the making of folk hand-icrafts, to supplement her income as a painter.



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Dr M Shahjahan, Vice Chancellor BUET, Dr Jamilur Reza Choudhury, President IEB and Engineer Anjad Hossain Khan (from right to left) are seen at a seminar on "Parakka Barrage: it's Effect on Bangladesh" held yesterday evening at the seminar room of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh. (Story on page L/12) — Star photo

Admission test results of North South University

Students with the following numbers are accepted for admission into Undergraduate programmes starting January 1994. They are advised to contact NSU Administration for further information, says a press release.

- 941002 941003 941005
- 941006 941007 941008 941009
- 941010 941011 941012
- 941013 941014 941015 941018
- 941020 941021 941022 941024
- 941026 941027 941028 941031
- 941032 941033 941034 941035
- 941036 941037 941038 941039
- 941040 941042 941043 941044
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- 941078 941079 941080 941081
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- 941156 941160 941161

The following students will be considered for admission if they pass the intensive English and/or Math courses starting from October 31.

- 941029 941030 941061
- 94190 941153 941104 941112
- 941121 941127 941133 941134
- 941135 941153 941004 941017
- 941046 941066 941077 941084
- 941089 941127 941135 941136
- 941142 941145

Govt to hire advance accommodation in Makkah

The government has decided to hire advance accommodation in Makkah for the next holy Haj in 1994, reports BSS.

Intending Haj-goers who would like the government to hire accommodation for them have been advised to deposit Tk 16,000 (equivalent to 1500 Saudi rials) for reasonable accommodation in holy Makkah in advance on or before November 15, 1993 in any scheduled bank of his area.

This payment of advance house rent will be included in the overall amount of money for Haj 1994, to be decided in due course and adjustment will be made therein.



Sunday

5:00	Opening announcement
	Al-Quran
	Programme summary
5:10	News in Bangla
5:25	Cartoon: Tom and Jerry
	Kids Show
5:45	Sports programme
	Apnar Dakter
6:30	Open University
7:00	Tagore songs
7:25	News in Bangla
8:00	Film show: Sword of Tipu Sultan
9:00	News in English
10:00	Classical music programme: Sur Lahari
11:30	Khabar/The News
11:40	Tomorrow's programme summary
11:45	Closing

Weather

Light rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

The sky will remain partly cloudy over the country. Temporary light rain or showers may occur at one or two places over Dhaka, Barisal Divisions and the regions of Rangpur, Pabna, Bogra, Comilla, Kushtia, Jessore and Sylhet and the weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country.

Met Office forecasts day temperature may rise by one to two degrees Celsius over the country.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	30.5	23.6	93	87
Chittagong	32.2	24.5	88	88
Rajshahi	32.5	24.7	88	85
Khulna	30.8	23.4	88	92