

Dhaka Day by Day

Penchant for Everyday Things

by Fayza Haq

Samiran Chowdhury, has recently presented an interesting exhibit at "La Galerie", using water colour alone. Despite relying on washes on paper, he has tried to bring in the effect of collage, specially in his "Kite" and "Bullock Cart" series. Although he is young and is apparently struggling to make ends meet, going by his accoutrements, his quest for individuality and innate integrity and ingenuity are apparent in his work.

There is a delightful delineation of pastel coloured kites in "Kite-4". The kites have been arranged in different angles in the composition, with strings in the background, creating a neat juxtaposition of subjects. The same theme appears in "Kite-5" and this depicts a single flamboyant kite with a background of buildings, done in careful impressionistic forms. The manner in which the kite is painted, one had the illusion that it was actually flying out of the paper background.

One found an auto-rickshaw in white, green and red in "The Signal-2". The streets and the backdrop of buildings are presented like some neat conglomeration of a collage. This is despite the artist has simply used washes of water colours. While the shades are delicate, the lines have been put in dexterously. The green, beige, and purple creation is soothing and subtle.

A bull, in shades of brown, is shown as struggling with its load in "The Bullock Cart-2". A pond is brought in with purple shades, while the grass and muddy tracks are depicted as layers of beige and sap green. This is a decorative piece and evokes in the tranquillity and harmony of the countryside. Touches of red, blue and pink lend decisive interest to the creation.

One comes across a tolling farmer returning home with his herd in "The Shepherd". The strokes have been put with a light, fantastic touch, including the wintry sky, the enveloping fog and the muddy dust. The colours are pale and idyllic.

The fate of rickshaw-pullers in driving rain, with the cold sheets of water overwhelming them, has been brought in "Rickshaw in Rain".

The water collected on the road captures the reflection of the rickshaws in pink, green and brown. The surrounding trees and the overcast sky add dimension to the scene.

The theme of struggle and strife has been brought in again in "Labour". Despite the economy of strokes the figures are clearly delineated with the sky, field and hillock.

"Nawab Bari" shows the renowned historic building as it was before, the repairs. Along with the domes, parapets and walls of the subject, which have been shown in pale sweeps, the foreground of the dirty streets and rickshaw pullers have also been brought in.

The scene has been depicted on a rainy day. Fishermen in orange and grey, in an old boat, have been brought in "Fishing". The river has been done with simple but effective strokes of grey and brown. In the background are suggestions of more boats and nets. The pale sky complements the light hue of the river.

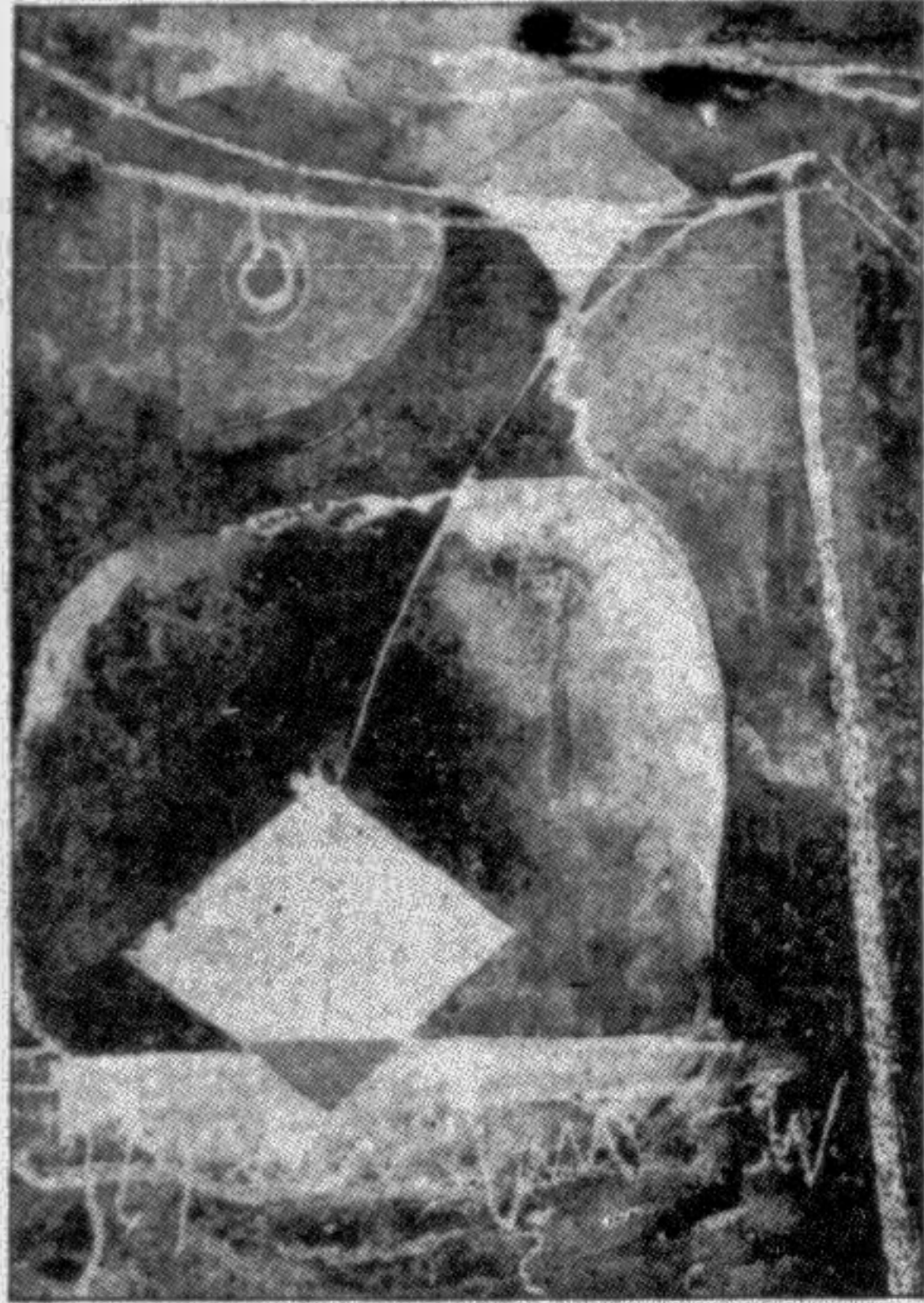
"You" has the Radha Krishna myth when Radha had stolen Krishna's flute out of jealousy, while Krishna in the shape of a bull, appeared beside the beauty, Radha, done in soft washes of pink and purple, is surrounded by swaying trees, grass and flowers, done with deft strokes of green, pink, mauve and blue.

Lovers have been brought in "Flute of Love", which has a gallant lover and his beloved sitting side by side and taking pleasure in each other's company. The flute player has the traditional bluish complexion, while, in contrast the beauty beside him has a radiant, bright yellow face.

Samiran says that the painting represents a dream and so the details of the features of the faces have been done as impressions.

Samiran, who is only at the beginning of his career, has won three awards including the best award for water colour at the Fine Art Institute of Dhaka University. His works have been chosen for six major exhibitions including the 6th Asian Art Biennale.

His painting collections are to be found in USA, UK, Europe, Canada, Australia, Russia, the Middle East and India.



Hossain Tawfiq Imam speaking at a reception accorded to six freedom fighters by the Shri Sahitya Kendra, a children literary and cultural organisation, yesterday at the White Heart Tutorial premises in Dhanmondi. Seen seated (L to R) are Jharna Das, Begum Najma Majid, Nurul Islam Khan Pathan, Habibul Alam.

Hafiz tells woman judges Help uphold traditional image of judiciary

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mirza Gohar Hafiz yesterday called upon the women judges to help uphold the traditional image of the judiciary by streamlining its smooth functioning, reports BSS.

He made this call while speaking as chief guest at the annual general meeting of Bangladesh Women Judges Association here at the District Judge Court Bhaban.

Presided over by association president and additional district and session judge of Dhaka Zinat Ara, the AGM of the association was addressed, among others, by Secretary, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Mirza Asaduzzaman al-Faruk and adviser of the association and district and sessions judge, Brahambaria, Nazmun Ara Sultana.

Law Minister said that woman judges had an important

role in maintaining rule of law and justice in the society. This could be achieved through speedy disposal of pending cases with efficiency and neutrality, he added.

He also underscored the need for showing respect to the existing laws of the land and verdicts of courts.

Underlining the need of smooth and impartial functioning of the judiciary under the present perspective of the democratic atmosphere, Mirza Hafiz called for close and coherent relations between the bar and the bench.

He expressed his satisfaction that woman judges had been able to earn their rightful place in the country's judiciary by dint of their efficiency, patience and sagacity.

He stressed the need for raising the number of woman judges in the judiciary for overall promotion of its functioning.

Six FF's accorded reception

By Staff Correspondent The Shri Shishu Sahitya Kendra, a children literary and cultural organisation, accorded a reception to six freedom fighters yesterday.

Recalling memories of the War of Liberation in 1971, the freedom fighters called for teaching the children proper history of the war.

The reception ceremony, held at the premises of White Heart Tutorial at Dhanmondi, was presided over by a litterateur Jharna Das. Begum Najma Majid, wife of a martyred freedom fighter, attended the function as chief guest.

The freedom fighters given receptions were Hossain Tawfiq Imam, a retired secretary Major (Retd) Mehedi Ali Imam, Bir Bikram, Chairman of Bangladesh Forest Industries Development Corporation, Habibul Alam, Bir Pratik a director of the BOSL, Shirin Banu Miti, a service holder, Nurul Islam Khan Pathan, Bir Pratik, a businessman, and Abul Kasem Mohammad Rafiqul Haque, Bir Pratik, principal officer of the Sonali Bank, head office.

They said, as the children are not getting proper history of the Liberation War, many of them are joining the Islamic Chhatra Shibir, the student wing of the Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh which had opposed the liberation and worked against the freedom fighters.

A cultural programme by the children followed the discussion.

Christian Assoc leaders greet people

President of Bangladesh Christian Association Lewis A Costa and General Secretary Michael B Malo yesterday conveyed their greetings to the members of all communities of the country on the occasion of Christmas Day today, reports BSS.

Silver jubilee celebration of pharmacy profession

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mirza Gohar Hafiz yesterday, said that it was equally imperative to control quality of medicine side by side with ensuring medicare services for the people. Pharmacists had the pioneering role to play in this respect, he asserted, reports BSS.

The law minister was addressing as chief guest at the silver jubilee celebration of pharmacy profession in Bangladesh held here at the Carzon Hall auditorium in Dhaka.

Organised by the Pharmacy Graduates' Association of Bangladesh, the function was presided over by association president Mosaddek Hossain and addressed, among others, by deputy leader of the opposition in parliament Abdus Samad Azad, convener of celebration committee Prof Munir Ahmed, Dhaka University, Prof Azad Chowdhury of Pharmacy Department of Dhaka University, Dr AMM Khan, president of Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh, Prof Chowdhury Mahmud Hassan, director of Medicine Directorate.

The law minister said pharmacists were playing their due role in the expansion and development of medicine industry in the country. Various kinds of effective and quality medicines had so far been manufactured locally by the pharmacists of the country and these were made cheaply available at the door steps of the common people, he added.

Mirza Hafiz expressed his happiness that many home-made medicines and raw materials were even being exported to foreign countries. Pharmacists could claim their credit for the progress and development so far achieved in this field, he said.

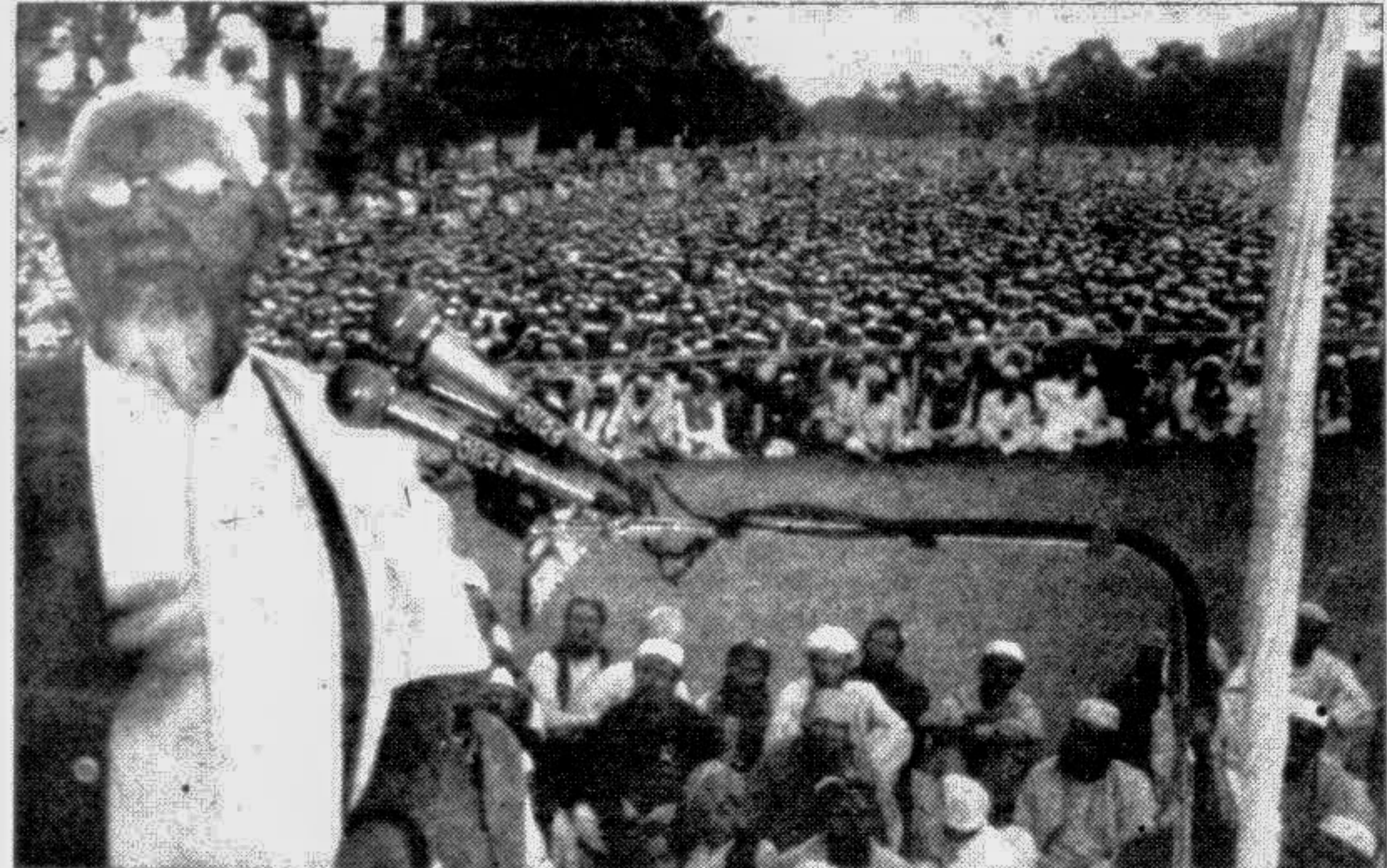
He called upon the pharmacists to help further accelerate the pace in this field to make the overall health services more viable and people-oriented.

Prize giving ceremony of Faujdharhat Cadet College

CHITTAGONG, Dec 24: Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Abdullah al Noman has said that the basic aim of education was to attain perfection as a social being, reports BSS.

He was addressing as chief guest the prize-giving ceremony of Faujdharhat Cadet College here yesterday.

The minister said the institutional management was very important to improve the standard of education and different cadet colleges of our country had been immensely contributing to improve it with efficient management. He said the students of these institutions succeeded in developing themselves as the competent soldiers in the struggles of life under stern discipline and correct guidance in the institutions.



Saikhul Hadid Maulana Azizul Haque yesterday addressing a rally of the International Tahaffuz-e-Khatme Nabuat at Manik Mia Avenue.

Bangladesh, German ITIs sign accord

Bangladesh and German centres of the International Theatre Institute (ITI) have signed an agreement of long-term bilateral cooperation in the field of theatre, says a press release.

To identify the areas of cooperation, the Director of German Centre of ITI, Dr Martin Roeder-Zerndt visited Bangladesh from December 10 to 17 last.

During his week-long visit, Dr Roeder-Zerndt called on Prof Jahanara Begum, State Minister

of Cultural Affairs and Islam Uddin Malik, Secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs. They assured all possible cooperation.

The ITI director visited Bangla Academy, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and Sonargaon Folk Foundation Museum. He also visited Jahangirnagar University Drama Department, Theatre School and Natya Shikshangan. During his stay, Dr Roeder-

Zerndt witnessed six stage plays by leading theatre groups, two open air performances and a Jatra performance. He participated in the Victory Day rally brought out by the Sammilite Sangskriti Jote and placed wreaths at the Martyred Intellectuals memorial in Mirpur on December 14. He held meetings with the executive committee members of Bangladesh ITI and Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation.

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Weather Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent Dry weather with clear sky is likely to prevail over the country during the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today. Night temperature is likely to fall by one degree Celsius.

Country's highest temperature 29.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Tekna and the lowest 9.6 degrees at Srimangal. Sun sets today (Saturday) at 5:19pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 6:39 am.

Cities/Towns	Max	Min	Humidity in percentage	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	27	11.8	67	68	
Rajshahi	25.7	13	70	80	
Chittagong	28.4	15	81	59	
Khulna	27.2	12.3	74	70	
Barisal	27	12.2	73	73	
Cox's Bazar	29	16.6	73	67	

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ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ALUMNI SOCIETY
Annual Get-Together '93
3:30 p.m. Friday 31 December 1993.
Venue: English Department, DU
All alumni are cordially invited to attend. They are also invited to join the RIVER CRUISE on Friday 21 January 1994.
The alumni are requested to bring passport-size photographs and brief career-sketches to be included in A History of the Department of English.

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It is hereby notified for general information that sealed tenders are invited from bonafide buyers for sale of Samsun-1 and Samsun-2 (two) nos. automatic machine driven steel body cargoes in full running condition each with gross 258 ton carrying capacity of Messrs A R Water Transport Co. mortgaged with Sonali Bank, Nitaiganj branch. Earnest money at the rate 5% of the quoted amount should be attached with each tender in DD or Pay Order from any scheduled bank branch in favour of Sonali Bank, Nitaiganj branch. Earnest money of unsuccessful tenderers will be refunded in due course. Arrangement to hand over the 2 (two) nos. mortgaged cargoes will be made within 45 (forty-five) days of acceptance of the highest tender subject to payment of the total dues to the bank. Otherwise the earnest money will be forfeited to the bank. The Manager, Sonali Bank, Nitaiganj branch may be contacted for detailed description and inspection of the two cargoes. Tenders are invited to be deposited in sealed cover to the undersigned by 05-01-1994 during office hours.
The bank authority reserves the right to reject any tender without assigning any reason.
Manager
Sonali Bank, Nitaiganj branch
Narayanganj

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Privatization Board
Jiban Bima Tower Bhaban, 14th Floor
10, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka
No CD/PB/IND-2/93
Dated 19. 12. 93
International Tender Notice
Sealed international Tenders are hereby invited for the enbloc sale of shares own by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in the following company, if the conditions of the tenders are acceptable to the intending buyers they are requested to submit tenders duly filled in and supported by necessary documents in the prescribed proforma by messenger or drop the name personally into the tender box installed for the purpose in the Privatization Board, Jiban Bima Tower Bhaban, 14th Floor, 10 Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka.
Name & Address of the Company whose Govt. Shares to be sold
Percentage of the Shares and number of Shares to be sold
Panchagarh Sugar Mills
51% of totalling 3800000 shares with the value of Tk 10.00 cach.
2. Set of tender form detailed conditions thereof and other related papers can be procured from the undersigned on all working days from 25.12.93 to 5.2.94 between 9.00 AM to 2.30 PM on cash payment of Tk 5,000.00 (Taka five thousand) only or US \$125 (US Dollar one hundred and twenty five) only which is non-refundable. No tender form will be sold after 2.30 PM on 5.2.94.
3. The tender forms shall also be available from the Bangladesh High Commission/Embassies in London, Washington, Riyadh and Abu Dhabi at the same price.
4. The tenderers will ensure submission of their tenders along with necessary papers to the address mentioned above by 11.00 AM on 6.2.94 under their own arrangement. Tenders received after the said date and time will not be considered.
5. Valuation report and relevant papers relating to the enterprise are kept in the office of the undersigned and can be seen by intending buyers during office hours.
6. Intending tenderers are advised to go through the tender conditions and other related papers carefully before they submit the tenders.
7. The tender box will be closed at 11.00 AM on 6.2.94 and opened at 11.30 AM on the same date.
8. No tender will be accepted after 11.00 AM on 6.2.94.
9. Tender found incomplete and otherwise short of necessary papers shall straightway stand cancelled.
10. Any explanation, appeal, demand or request made to revise or reconsider in this behalf later on by the tenderers concerned will not be entertained.
11. Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh reserves the rights to accept any tender or reject any or all tenders either in full or in part without assigning any reason whatsoever.
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