

## Dhaka Day by Day

# Education is Her Life-long Passion

by Raffat Binte Rashid

Isn't it surprising to think of women literacy now, when we are all awaiting, the 21st century? Now, when shuttling to the moon or Mars is no big deal. Now when human embryos are cloned, we in the developing world are still thinking about educating women, the majority of the country's population.

It's sad but as the saying goes 'It is never too late' and believing strongly in this maxim, one can say that presently a revolution is going on where educating women and girls are concerned. Ketyayun Mama, an Indian teacher has dedicated her entire life to the cause of education, women getting into the focus of her attention. Mama at the tender age of 13 or 14 while an eighth grader, decided that she would be a teacher.

Expressing her personal opinion she says that "Every woman irrespective of caste, creed or race has a right to education. I am what I am today because of my education, it helped me to take bold steps at all the turning points of my life; it helped me to stand on my feet during very critical junctures of my personal life." She believes that women are indeed very strong but if they are not literate, they would be easily exploited and live in the street being easy pray to exploiters.

Ketyayun Mama recently visited Bangladesh at the invitation of the Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB) as a consultant. Her present work with the IUB is really a dream-come-true for her. As a child she unconsciously resented the difference between a girl and a boy. As she grew older this turned into a very conscious rebellion and action over the time. "My present work with IUB is really the fruit of all my thinking over the years in matters relating to women's issues. This opportunity for me is the beginning of the realization of my dreams and beliefs," she explains clearly.

Mama is deeply involved in women's issues and programmes for a long time. She is the member of the counselling and Guidance Committee of Women Graduates' Union, Indian Society for Training and Development. Also actively involved with Zonta Club's educational programmes, especially for literacy, empowerment and development of women.

Talking about her assignment here at the IUB, Dr. Manoj Khan explains that Bangladesh has made two strong policy guidelines: one Universal Education and second Development of Employment Opportunities for Women. In these areas he feels, a special thrust should be given, something more than usual should be done. "We asked Mama to explore the possibility in education guidance of identifying such unmet concerns."

Her entire life has been revolving around this, as a result of goal setting at a young age. "My decision to become a teacher and ultimately a principal at the school life has encouraged and helped me," she recalls. Her family believed in education and saw to it that she got the best education. All

### Non-government Preparatory Committee meets

By Staff Correspondent

A meeting of the Non-government Preparatory Committee, Bangladesh for the Fourth International Women's Conference NGO Forum-1995 was held at the Women's Voluntary Auditorium Monday with Khushi Kabir, Chairperson of ADAB, in the chair.

The meeting discussed various aspects of the Fourth International Women's Conference which is scheduled to be held in Beijing on September 1995.

The meeting formed a national steering committee with Prof Nazma Chowdhury as its head and set up 12 working groups on the basis of different issues.

### Cyclone-hit floating crane to be repaired

CHITTAGONG, Jan 4: The government is considering to repair the cyclone-battered floating crane 'Shaktiman' now lying inoperative at the Chittagong Port, reports BSS.

This was revealed at a meeting of the sub-committee of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Shipping held at Bandar Bhaban here yesterday with Deputy Minister for Shipping A B M Zahidul Huq in the chair.

The members of the sub-committee Syed Wahidul Alam of BNP, Mesbahuddin and Advocate Dharendra Deb Nath Shambhu of Awami League and Chairman of the Port Authority AKM Amanul Islam were present at the meeting.

Earlier, the members of the

sub-committee discussed different aspects of the Bangladesh Shipping Corporation to make it economically viable.

Managing Director of BSC S A M Iqbal was present on the occasion.

Besides, the members of the sub-committee visited different projects and establishments of the port and BSC. During the visits, the members of the sub-committee expressed dissatisfaction at the snail's pace of progress of the development works.

They called upon the officials and employees of the port authority and BSC to work with honesty and sincerity to speed up the process of development works.



Poet Begum Sufia Kamal and Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui among the winners of art and recitation competitions organised by the Kendrio Kanchi Kanchar Mela in observance of the birth anniversaries of Shilpachariya Zainul Abedin and poet Jashimuddin at the IPGMR auditorium yesterday.

### Govt plans to introduce venture capital scheme

Industries Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan yesterday said the government is planning to introduce venture capital scheme to step up export of non-traditional products, reports UNB.

He was speaking at the second session of a day-long seminar here on the 'Export of Non-Traditional Products: Problems and Prospects' at the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI).

The traditional export products sector has reached an 'inelastic position,' he said underlining the imperatives for exploring the potentialities of non-traditional items.

The minister said that there would be a sector-to-sector overhaul in the non-traditional export market. He said that he would sit with different sectors every month and discuss the problems they might be facing. "We will hold your hands and lead you on."

Zahiruddin Khan urged the private-sector investors to stimulate the rural areas through production of non-traditional items for export that will "bring a ripple effect on the economy."

The minister identified homogeneity as a big comparative advantage Bangladesh has over many other nations. Bangladesh's greatest resources is the 'intelligent, hard-working worker. The farmers, have increased their production from 90 lakh tons in 1971 to 180 lakh tons today, as opposed to a 20 per cent drop in productivity in

the industrial sector over the same time.

Khaled Salahuddin Ahmed, the national consultant in the electronics export development project, who presented a paper at the seminar, commented that without proper venture capital, investment or export would not take place. The basis of venture capital is, he said, that if a product was available, there should be capital.

There has been no new investment act in the country since 1980, Ahmed pointed out. The project he has been working on, he said, has identified several sectors where Bangladesh can profitably cash in.

Stressing the need for proper product development, Ahmed observed that the entrepreneur in Bangladesh was a 'martyr' and was not given credit for his efforts.

### Prof Mannan to get Sa'dat Ali Award

By Staff Correspondent

Professor Kazi Abdul Mannan has been nominated for the Sa'dat Ali Akhand Literature Award sponsored by the Bangla Academy for the year 1993.

The award will be handed over to Mannan at a function tomorrow at the Senate Bhawan of the Rajshahi University at 4 pm.

The programme will be presided over by Khandker Sirajul Haq, Professor of the Bangla Department, RU. Prof Abul Bashar, Mosharruf Hossain, and Bangla Academy Director Subrata Vikash Barua are expected to attend the ceremony.

### ACCU to hold photo contest among UNESCO member states

The Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU) will organise its 18th annual photo contest among the participating UNESCO member states in the region, reports UNB.

It was reported briefly yesterday.

The aim of the contest is to promote mutual understanding and friendship as well as photographic activities among UNESCO member states.

The theme for this year's contest is People at Work. ACCU hopes to receive entries which will vividly capture people's lives and culture in the region.

The last date for submission of entries to ACCU headquarters in Japan is May 10 this year.

Entries (monochrome or colour prints, upto 5 pieces per person) must be photographs taken on or after January 1, 1994, in their countries.

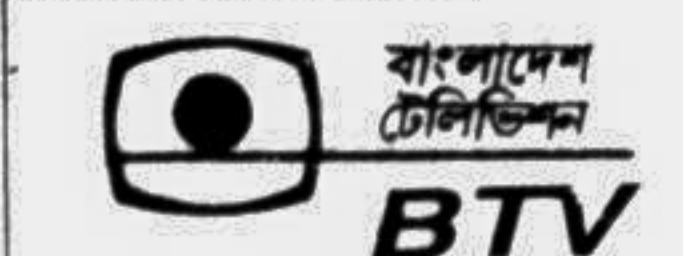
For details and application forms interested persons are asked to contact UN Information Centre (UNIC), House No-25, Road-11, Dhanmondi on working days, says a press release.

### Books presented to DU

Bangladesh-American Pharmacists' Association yesterday presented some text books for the Pharmacy Department of Dhaka University, reports UNB.

A three-member delegation of the association handed over the books to the Vice-Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed at his office.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked the association members for presenting the books.



Wednesday

- 4:30 Opening announcement Al-Quran
- Programme summary
- 4:35 News in Bangla
- 4:45 Sports Programme: Gillete
- World Sport Special
- 5:20 Programme by the selected artists of Natun Kuri: Amra Natun
- 5:55 Folk songs programmes: Hizal Tamal
- 6:40 Open University
- 7:20 Tagore songs
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Nreetayer Talee Talee
- 9:05 Film show: The A-Team
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Magazine: Ujjiban
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary
- 11:45 Closing

### Weather

#### Temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

Dry weather with a fair sky is likely to prevail over the country during the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today (Wednesday).

The Met Office forecasts, night temperature is likely to fall slightly over Bangladesh. The country's highest temperature yesterday of 31.3 degrees Celsius was recorded in Teknaf and the lowest of 9.6 degrees was recorded in Srimangal.

The sun sets today at 5:25 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 6:43 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperatures and relative humidity recorded in some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	27.2	13.4	68	58
Chittagong	29.0	14.5	78	68
Rajshahi	26.0	13.5	89	77
Khulna	26.9	13.7	77	69
Barisal	27.2	12.0	80	62
Cox's Bazar	30.5	18.0	73	74
Sylhet	26.5	13.6	84	61
Dinajpur	26.0	12.2	88	68

### In Memory of Munni Rahman



We deeply mourn and remember you always  
Family Friends and Munni Memorial Committee

### BPDB's International Tender Notice

বিদ্যুৎ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করুন

International Sealed Tender is hereby invited by the Bangladesh Power Development Board from the internationally reputed firm for repair and refurbishment of Hot Gas path components of EM 610C GEC Gas Turbine, UK against Tender Enquiry No. Pur-383/93. The source of financing shall be Cash Foreign Exchange.

A complete set of Tender document may be purchased by interested firm having adequate knowledge and experience in the field of such type of job on submission of written application to the undersigned on payment of Tk. 2500/- (Taka two thousand five hundred) only (non-refundable) in the shape of Pay Order/Bank Draft favouring Director of Purchase, PDB, Dhaka.

2% Bid Bond of the offered price shall be submitted along with the Tender. Tender shall be received in the office of the Director of Purchase, PDB, Dhaka on 09-02-94 up to 11-00 AM and shall be opened on the same day at 11-30 AM in presence of the intending bidder or their representative, if any.

No Tender document shall be sent by post or sold on the opening day and no Telex/Cable offer shall be acceptable.

Biddut/Jana-766(6)93-94  
DPP (BA) 11936-29/12  
G-15

Director of Purchase  
PDB, Dhaka



Jalalabad Gas Transmission & Distribution System Limited  
(A Subsidiary Company of Petrobangla)  
Pathantula, Sylhet-3100

Ref. 072729

Dated : 29-12-93

### International Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide Manufacturers/Suppliers/Agents to supply the following Gas pipe line materials as per specification, terms & conditions given in the respective Schedule:

Tender No.	Group	Description of items	Cost of each set of tender schedule (non-refundable)	Last date for purchase of tender schedule	Date & time of dropping
072621 (36)	'A'	8" & 12" dia M. S. Pipes, Bends, Coating and Wrapping Materials.	Tk. 750/= only	6-2-1994	07.02.1994 from 9-00 hrs. to 11-00 hrs. (BST)
	'B'	Valves and Flanges.			
	'C'	Pigs, Pig launcher & receiver.			
	'D'	Pipe line fittings.			
	'E'	Holiday detector.			
	'F'	Orifice meter and plate for natural gas.			
	'G'	Gas flow recorder & charts for Gas Pipeline			

Complete set of Tender Schedule for the above referred tender may be purchased by any eligible bidder on payment of prescribed cost from any of the following addresses on all working days (during office hours) or before the specified last date:

- Jalalabad Gas Transmission and Distribution System Ltd, Pathantula, Sylhet-3100.
- Bakhrabad Gas Systems Ltd, Chapapur, Comilla.
- Titas Gas T & D Co. Ltd, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.
- Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd, Court Road, Brahmanbaria.
- Sylhet Gas Fields Ltd, Chiknagul, Haripur, Sylhet.
- Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Co. Ltd (BAPEX), HBFC Building (8th Floor), 22, Purnapaltan, Dhaka-1000.
- Rupantarita Praktik Gas Company Ltd. (RPGCL), 102, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.
- Liaison Office, Jalalabad Gas T & D System Ltd, Plot No-5, Road-20B, Sector No-4, Uttara, Dhaka.

Telex offer/late tender and tender not supported by 2% of quoted FOB value as earnest money/bid security in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft/un-conditional Bank Guarantee will be rejected.

The tender will be opened on the same day of tender dropping at 11:15 HRS (BST) in presence of bidders/representatives, if any, at all places of dropping. If the tender opening day happens to be a holiday, the tender will be opened on the next working day at the above mentioned time.

The Management of Jalalabad Gas T & D System Ltd. reserves the right to accept/reject any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

DPP(G) 21916-30/12  
G-22

Managing Director

### Government of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, PHE  
Store Division, Chittagong

### Tender Notice

Sealed separate tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2908 are hereby invited from the DPHE 'C' category contractor enlisted/renewal for the year 1993-94 and bonafide manufacturers/suppliers for the undermentioned works. Tender will be received by the Executive Engineer, PHE, Store Division, Chittagong/Dhaka/Khulna/Natore on 9-1-94 up to 1200 hours and will be opened in the office of the Superintending Engineer, PHE, Store Circle, 190, Arambag, Inner Circular Road, Dhaka on 11-1-94 at 1000 hours in presence of the tenderers or their representatives (if any present). The expenditure of this supply will be met out of DANIDA Assisted Water Supply, Sanitation & Drainage Project.

Group No.	Description of works	Quantity	Cost of schedule (Tk.)	Earnest money (Tk.)	Lah Test fee (Tk.)	Time of completion (Day)	Category of tenderer.
A.	Supplying the following materials for installation of tubewells as per DPHE specification including free delivery at PHE Store Division, Chittagong.						
A.	150mm dia Bulk Water meter made in India/France/Italy/USA as per drawing & design.	4 Nos	200/-	2,800/-	5,000/-	20 days	Bonafide Manufacturer/supplier/ 'C' class contractor of DPHE.

#### Terms & Conditions:

The tender documents consisting of detailed Departmental Specification, additional terms & conditions, Bill of Quantity, BD Form No. 2908 & other necessary papers can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, PHE, Store Division, Chittagong/Dhaka/Khulna/Natore during office hours on all working days on payment of cash Taka as above mentioned (non-refundable). Detailed information may be obtained from the concerned officer during office hours.

DPP (G) 113-2/1  
G-18

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