

Dhaka Day by Day

Bringing in the Beauty of the Countryside

by Fayza Haq

Kamrun Nahar in her recent solo exhibition of batiks "Banglar Mukh", at Gallery Tone, has helped establish the medium as a recognised one in the country. The artist has brought in the beauty of the countryside combining it with its oriental style. She says about her work, "Batik can be more than a pastime. It has a vast prospect like any other art medium. Batik can wear any colour, tone or dimension for a lasting effect. But that needs a lot of hard work and meditation."

There are two village women in "At River-side" one wearing a striped orange "saree" and the other red. While one has just finished filling her pitcher, the other in a vermillion garb, is feeding ducks. The background and the foreground brings in bright trees, houses, a bright sky and the river bank with weeds. The features of the women are done with care and precision.

The hard work of the women in the countryside is well portrayed in "Husking" which depicts two women labouring over the rice. The women are adorned with jewellery, "alta", and brilliant coloured "sarees". They are surrounded by huts, trees and chicken. The black lines of the batik lend interest to the piece. A lot of



Gypsy women

brown and yellow has gone into the composition. The piece is a burst of brilliant colours as are most of the other pieces.

The artist's love of tranquility and harmony is seen in "Homebound". Here we see a bullock cart making its way gradually on a mud track surrounded by tall trees with their yellow and pale green autumn leaves. The sky is left relatively pale and this piece is definitely soothing to the eye even though it does not include oriental beauty as many of the other entries do.

"Gypsy Women" glorifies the wandering women with their bright clothes and inevitable baskets of wares. The women have been depicted with curvaceous figures and slender limbs and features harking back to Moghul paintings. Most of the background has been left light and this makes it more pleasing than

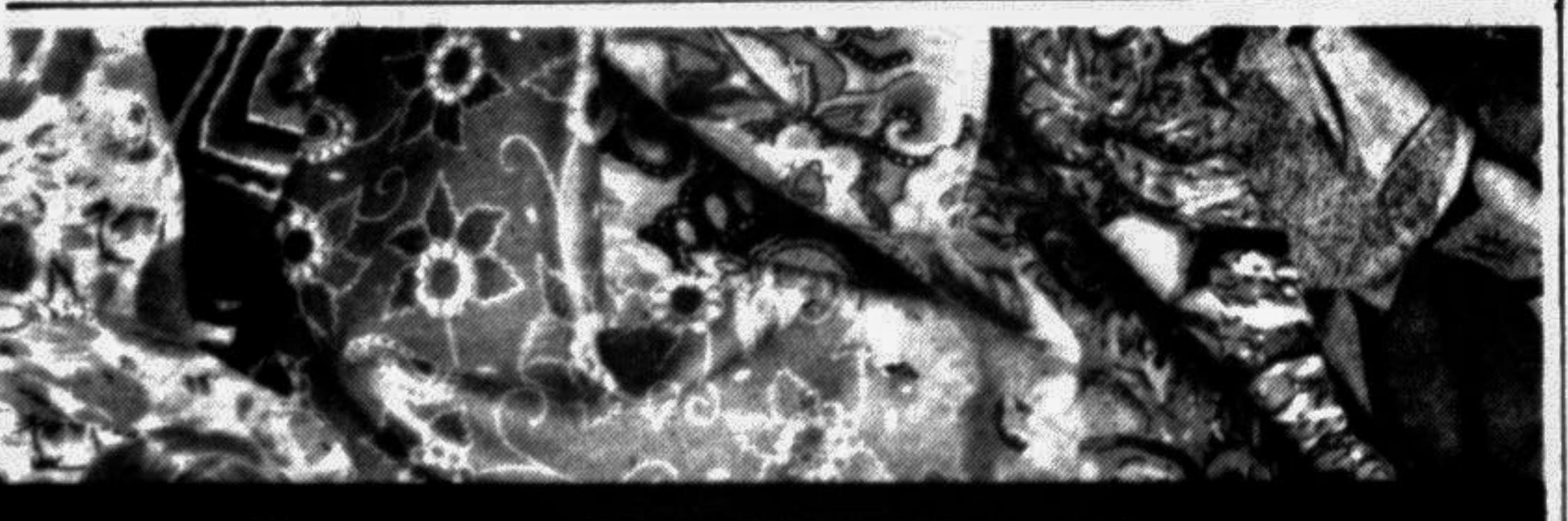
Seminar on drug held in Khulna

KHULNA, Jan 8: A seminar on "Drug Abuse and its Prevention" was held at Khulna University today (Saturday), with a call for all to fight the menace to save society from ruination, reports UNB.

"Abuse of drugs can totally destroy a society," said Deputy

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Serajul Haq who was chief guest at the seminar, terming drug "cancer of society."

The Deputy Minister urged the students to keep away from narcotics.



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Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Shaikh Razzak Ali (seen seated 3rd R) with the recipients of the Moulana Bhasani National Award '92 and '93. The award-giving ceremony was held at PG Hospital auditorium yesterday.

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Bhasani National Award distributed

Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Shaikh Razzak Ali yesterday said that Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani had always fought for establishing rights of the downtrodden, reports BSS.

"He had no lust for power and relentlessly fought for the cause of the common men," Ali said while speaking as the chief guest at a function to mark the prize distribution ceremony of Moulana Bhasani National Award 1992 and 1993 at PG Hospital auditorium.

Organised jointly by Bhasani National Memorial Council and National Personality Research Centre, the function was chaired by National Professor Muhammad Shamsul Haque.

Justice Sultan Hossain Khan, chairman, Bangladesh Press Council and Amanullah Khan, chairman of UNB, attended the function as special

guests.

National Professor Dewan Mohammad Azraf, Dr Ashraf Siddiqui and poet Muhammad Abdul Khaleque also spoke.

Recipients for Bhasani National Award '92 are Prof Dewan Mohammad Azraf (education), former minister M A Haque (poverty alleviation), Prof M R Khan (social welfare), Syed Abul Hossain, MP (education), Anwar Hossain (industrial expansion) and Dr S A Shakoor (banking).

Recipients for Bhasani Award '93 are Khondaker Mohammad Ilyas (journalism), Dr Ashraf Siddiqui (literature and research), L K Siddiqui, MP (social welfare), Prof Sultana Jahan (medicine), Mizanur Rahman Sinha (medicine industry and social welfare), Ahmad Akbar Hossain (housing) and Mohammad Kutubuddin (banking).

Weather

Temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

Dry weather with fair sky is likely to prevail over the country. Met Office forecasts, night temperature may fall by one to two degrees Celsius over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna divisions and slight fall in night temperature is likely over Barisal and Chittagong divisions.

The country's highest temperature of 27.4 degrees Celsius was recorded at Teknaf and the lowest of 9.2 degrees Celsius was recorded at Srimongol yesterday.

Cities/ Towns	Temperatures in degrees Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	26.0	11.0
Chittagong	26.0	12.9
Rajshahi	25.8	9.5
Khulna	26.6	10.5
Barisal	26.0	11.5
Sylhet	25.4	13.5
Dinajpur	25.0	12.0
	9 am	6 pm
	79	64
	69	58
	87	67
	93	69
	71	74
	88	67

Apex Foundation Award giving ceremony held

By Staff Correspondent

The 12th annual general meeting of the Apex Bangladesh Foundation was held recently at a hotel in the capital.

The Apex Foundation Award '93 giving ceremony was held following the general meeting with Shamsul Haque Dewan, chairman of the foundation, in the chair.

Earlier, the foundation nominated M A Zaher (Geology), Dr M A Razzak (Agriculture), Mostafa Jaman Abbasi (Folk Culture) and Ferdousi Majumder (Theatre) for the Apex Bangladesh Foundation Award '93 for the contributions in their respective fields.

SAREC DG visits IUB

Visiting Director General of the Swedish Agency for Research Cooperation with Developing Countries (SAREC), Anders Wijkman, accompanied by Swedish Ambassador to Bangladesh, Bjorn Strenby visited the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) yesterday afternoon, says a press release.

The visiting team met the president of the university, Dr A Majed Khan and his senior colleagues and discussed the possibility of SAREC cooperation in developing academic teaching and research in environmental economics at IUB.

SAREC sponsors project for capacity building for higher education, promotes scientific educational cooperation, and supports research in environmental economics in Third World universities and research institutions.

Sunday BTV

4:30 Opening announcement
Al Quran
Programme summary
News in Bangla
4:45 Cartoon show: Tom and Jerry Kids Show
Chetna
5:20 Sports programme: Cricket
Special programme on population
Open University
7:20 Tagor songs
9:00 News in Bangla
9:30 Prothoma
10:00 Drama series: The Sword of Tipu Sultan
10:30 Programme of songs from movie: Chayachanda
11:30 Khabar/The News
11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary
11:45 Closing

JU winter vacation

vacation

A 10-day winter vacation of Jahangirnagar University (JU) began yesterday, reports UNB.

The scheduled month-long vacation has been reduced to 10 days considering the losses during three-month unscheduled closure.

During the vacation offices and library of the university will remain open.

The classes will resume on January 18.

56 arrested in city

Police rounded up 56 people including 12 wanted criminals from different parts of the city yesterday on various charges, reports UNB.

Other arrested are: one under the Anti-Terrorism Act, three for kidnapping and three for stealing.

All the arrested people were produced before court.

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