

## Dhaka Day by Day

### Celebrating Spring

by Neil Ray

*Aj jochhina ratey sabal gecche boney  
Bosontor at matal sameeraney*

When Kanika Bandopadhyay sings this song, she pours sweetness into the ears of all who care to listen to this beautiful composition of Rabindranath. Poets down the ages have paid hearty tributes to this most celebrated of seasons. For, this is the season of regeneration and natural bounties. Life starts gushing forth all around, birds are on their wings for no reason and the cuckoo heralds the message of joy and contentment through its full-throated melodies, the squirrel comes out of its hole to carry on with its clever antics and colours simply run riot.

It is this natural setting that at least, for once, brings joy and mirth to the busy and trite life of the city people, particularly the citizens of this metropolis. But none can really match his or her complete oneness with nature as the young girls do. On the day one of the Bengali month Falgun, such girls and women take special care to wear sapon-colour saree and red blouse. Their special hair-do with garlands and flowers adorning their delicate neck or crested temple suddenly lend them an ethereal beauty, bringing them closer to the festive life of vegetation.

It is not for nothing that a group of such sprightly and uncaring girls instantly brings the image of an army of dancing butterflies in our minds. There are colours all around but it is the sapon — bright yellowish — mixed with red that really reign in. Sure enough, the girls take elaborate preparation for dressing them up but those who do it simple make the most impression. No

fashion show will ever be able to match this natural appeal of this traditional Pahela Falgun style.

The Bangladeshis may have come a long way from where they started celebrating the king of seasons, spring, along with other seasonal festivities. But they still retain some of the traces of those of their simple efforts to identify themselves with nature. *Basontotsav* or the celebration of spring as such is rarely seen anywhere. But in the life of some of the tribes, this seasonal festivity occupies a special place. They indeed have a collective life to enjoy on such occasions. Men and women start gathering in their colourful dresses in a natural surrounding with trees and the sky above making for the ideal setting — one that Rabindranath in his song has referred to. Under the canopy of trees and in the moonlit intoxicating night, the dancers begin their endless rounds of dances with the beating of drums.

The Bangladeshis have merged *Basontotsav* into the *bol mela* at the Bangla Academy and the observance of the language martyr day. Those are no doubt appealing for them, but one still gets the impression that they have lost the natural fervour associated with the celebration of nature. The simple innocent festive occasions where one can drink life to the last drops. Life has become too complex for a modern man shorn of his pride, cares and sins to go to nature. When nature invites us to join in its all-round unrestrained festivities, most of us fail to respond to it but the girls at least can overcome the barrier to be one with the lively spirit.



## Diabetes Awareness Day observed

President Abdul Rahman Biswas yesterday emphasised the need of creating public awareness about hygiene and basic healthcare for checking the rise of the number of diabetic patients in the country, reports UNB.

"If people know prevention and cure of diabetes, then it will be easier to combat the disease," said the President at a function at the BIRDEM auditorium.

The Diabetic Association of

Bangladesh (DAB) organised the function to mark the "Diabetes Awareness Day" being observed throughout the country yesterday with a view to creating awareness among the people about the disease.

The function was also addressed, among others, by an ideal diabetic patient, Mahbubuzzaman, and DAB Secretary General Dr Fasih Uddin Ahmed. It was attended by Sakhtia Ibrahim, the widow of founder of BIRDEM Dr Ibrahim.

him. DAB President Alamgir MA Kabir was in the chair.

President Biswas said DAB had been working for many years to create awareness about the deadly disease. "The disease can be tackled easily if the patients are careful about their diet and drugs."

Praising the service of the Diabetic Hospital, Biswas said it is an example for other institutions for its cleanliness, maintenance and service.

"It's the biggest private institution for public service," and it bears 75 per cent of its own expenditure — it is also an example.

He urged other private institutions to come forward to set up institutions like this one and said "BIRDEM has already earned international reputation."

"Awareness about the disease is important for fighting it," said the President and urged media to help DAB in the awareness process.

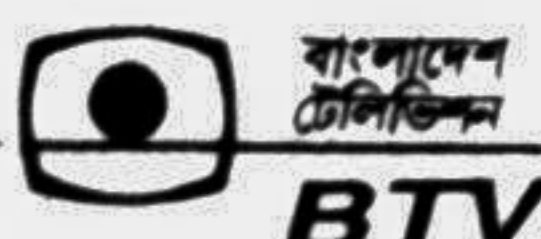
### Chittagong

Chittagong branch of Bangladesh Diabetic Association observed Diabetes Awareness Day yesterday, reports BSS.

A day-long programme was planned on the occasion included a meeting of diabetic patients at the Enayet Bazar of the association.

The meeting was presided over by association president AR Chowdhury while it was addressed by Dr Mahbub Kamal Chowdhury, general secretary Athaj Jangir Uddin Chowdhury, Dr Shuvagat Chowdhury, Dr Sultan Ahmad, Dr Abul Fayed and Dr Abdus Saleh.

They advised the diabetic patients to abide by advice of the physicians.



### Tuesday

- 4.30 Opening announcement  
Al-Quran  
Programme summary
- 4.45 Mass education  
programme:  
Esho Para Shikhi
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.20 Sports programme
- 5.45 Programme on  
Ramadan:  
Mahe Ramjan
- 6.15 National TV debate  
competition
- 7.20 Modern songs pro-  
gramme:  
Sangeeta
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.40 Fortnightly Drama  
serial:  
Rupnagar (9th episode)
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Film show: Northern  
Exposure
- 11.15 Khobar/The News
- 11.25 Tomorrow's pro-  
gramme  
summary
- 11.30 Closing of session



As the month-long book gala show popularly known as *Boi Mela* ends at the Bangla Academy premises yesterday, publishers and organisations are seen packing up their belongings.

— Star photo

## 588 mosque-based libraries soon

About 588 mosque-based libraries will be established in different district in the year 1993-94 at a cost of Tk 17.44 lakh, reports UNB.

This was disclosed at the 17th Parliamentary Standing Committee meeting on the Ministry of Religious Affairs held at Sangsad Bhaban yesterday. Religious Affairs Minister Muhammad Keramat Ali presided.

Stress was given to set up more mosque-based libraries in future to help educate people on Islamic teachings and Islamic way of life.

The government have set

up 9,921 mosque-based libraries under the Islamic Foundation till January this year since inception of the project in 1980 at a cost of about Tk 4.83 lakh.

Other members of the committee Maulana Ataur Rahman Khan, Khondaker Badaruddin of BNP, and Alhaj Moulana Obaiddul Haque of Islamic Oikya Jote were present.

Secretary, Ministry of Religious Affairs Abdul Hamid Chowdhury, high officials of the ministry and concerned head of the departments were also present.

### Nat'l Shishu Kishore Day Mar 17

The Bangladesh Shishu Kishore Mela has decided to celebrate the first National Shishu Kishore Day on the birth day of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on March 17, reports BSS.

Elaborate programme have been taken to observe the day.

Centrally the mela has taken a day-long programme to mark the day.

Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the programme.

### Novelist sued

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Feb 28: Editor and publisher of the daily *Ajker Kagoj* Kazi Shahed Ahmed along with a novelist, Mostafa Mir, were sued by a local BNP leader in Narail.

BNP leader Advocate Molla Khabir Uddin filed the case with the Narail Sadar arbitration court for the publication of 'Danab Bangsha', a novel by Mostafa Mir.

The date for prosecution has been fixed for March 8.

*Ajker Kagoj* serialised the 'Danab Bangsha'.

### Weather

## Temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur over the regions of Mymensingh, Sylhet, while weather is expected to remain dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country.

The Met Office forecasts, day temperature may rise by one to two degrees Celsius and night temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country during the next 12 hours commencing from 6 pm today (Tuesday).

The country's highest temperature of 31.8 degrees Celsius was recorded at Rajshahi, Jessore and Satkhira and the lowest of 12.8 degrees Celsius was recorded at Sirimongol yesterday.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperatures in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.0	18.2	90	49
Chittagong	29.2	15.3	59	70
Rajshahi	31.8	13.8	78	50
Khulna	31.6	18.8	82	45
Barisal	31.0	19.2	97	56
Sylhet	27.5	15.4	78	64
Cox's Bazar	30.2	16.5	54	71
Dinajpur	30.0	13.5	88	43



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## NOTICE

Notice is given to public and all concerned that on the application of Arab Bangladesh Bank Limited, Sylhet the learned Subordinate Judge, Artha Rin Adalat, Sylhet vide order dated 28.06.1993 passed in Artha-Rin Suit No. 20 of 1992 filed against Surma Food Products Limited and others has been pleased to pass an order of attachment of the scheduled property of the defendant No.6, i.e. Mrs. Geetara Shafia Chowdhury wife of Mr. Nazim Kamran Chowdhury having permanent address at C/o. Mr. Nazim Kamran Chowdhury, Vill. Nazim Garh, P.O. Khadim Nagar, Dist. Sylhet and now residing at 11/A, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka. So the public and all concerned are requested not to deal with the said property in any manner. If any body deals with the said property he may be doing so at his own risk and responsibility.

The schedule of the property attached by the Court is given below:-

### Schedule of Property Attached

Plot No.-8, Road No.-137, Gulshan (behind shooting range), Dhaka. Plot consists of vacant land measuring 7 Katha 5 Chhatak and 19 Square feet. The plot stands in the name of Mrs. Geetara Shafia Chowdhury.

For Arab Bangladesh Bank Limited

*(Signature)*

Dated Dhaka,  
the 28th February, 1994

(Sharif-ul-Huq)  
Incharge  
Legal Affairs Cell.

## KAFCO

### SAFETY PERSONNEL

Karnaphuli Fertilizer Company Limited (KAFCO), a multinational joint venture company invites applications from qualified candidates for the following posts:

#### 1. Manager, Fire & Safety

Requirements: B Sc Engineering (Chemical/Mechanical), or M Sc (Chemistry) with 15 years experience either in Fire & Safety or Operation/Maintenance of a large Ammonia/Urea Plant or in a large Chemical Plant. Applicants must have adequate knowledge of industrial safety & hazards and capable of preparing safety documents. Candidates having 10 years experience may be considered for the post of Deputy Manager.

#### 2. Assistant Manager, Fire & Safety

Requirements: B Sc Engineering (Chemical/Mechanical), M Sc (Chemistry) with 5-8 years experience in fire & safety/operation/maintenance in a large Ammonia/Urea plant and adequate knowledge of industrial safety and hazards.

#### 3. Officer, Fire & Safety

Requirements: B Sc Engineering (Chemical/Mechanical) or M Sc (Chemistry) with some working experience in a large Ammonia/Urea plant. Knowledge of industrial safety and hazards will be an advantage. Applicants with B Sc/ Diploma in Chemical/Mechanical Engineering with 10 years relevant experience may also be considered.

#### 4. Assistant Officer, Fire & Safety

Requirements: B Sc/Diploma in Chemical/Mechanical Engineering with 5 years experience in fire & safety, operation/maintenance of a large Ammonia/Urea plant.

For Sl. 3 and 4 requirements may be relaxed for applicants having long and relevant experience in Fire Fighting / Civil Defence / Armed Forces or in Fertilizer Plants.

To apply please write with personal and career details and a passport sized photograph to the General Manager HRD & Personnel at the address given below within 10 (ten) days from the date of publication of this announcement. Please clearly indicate the title of the post applied for, on the envelope. Those who are employed must apply through proper channel. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

KARNAPHULI FERTILIZER COMPANY LIMITED

90-91 Motijheel C.A. (15th floor), Dhaka-1000.



Sadharan Bima Corporation

Sadharan Bima Sadan  
24-25, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka.

## RE-TENDER NOTICE TO SALE SALVAGED JEEP.

Sealed offer are invited from interested buyers to sale the under quoted SALVAGED vehicle in the condition as it is present.

### Description of the Vehicle

As received from the owner of the damaged vehicle MITSUBISHI PAJERO Jeep No. Dhaka-Metro-Gha-02-1584, Model-1991, 2555 c.c. 7 Seated. For details please contact Sadharan Bima Corporation 24-25, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka during office hour from 9 am to 3.00 pm.

### Site for inspection the Jeep

M/s. Bangladesh Red Crescent Society,  
684-686 Bara Magbazar, Dhaka.

### Conditions

- For inspecting the vehicle party should contact DGM cell of Sadharan Bima Corporation, 24-25 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka during office hour.
- 5% of the quoted price should be submitted along with the offer as earnest money in favour of Sadharan Bima Corporation in the form of pay Order or Bank Draft (Refundable).
- Tender Must be dropped by 11 am, on 10-3-94 in the Tender Box of DGM'S Chamber of Dhaka Zone, Sadharan Bima Corporation, 24-25 Dilkusha C/A (1st Floor) Dhaka or DGM'S Chamber of Head Office, Claims Division (3rd Floor), Sadharan Bima Bhaban, 33, Dilkusha C/A, Head Office, Dhaka and Tender box will be opened on the same day at 12 am in the presence of Tenderers (If any).
- Successful tenderer must take delivery of SALVAGED vehicle within one week by payment the quoted amount other wise the earnest money will be forfeited.
- Delivery of the vehicle must be taken after payment of Excise duty & Tax.
- Sadharan Bima Corporation reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Sk. Shajahan  
Deputy General Manager

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