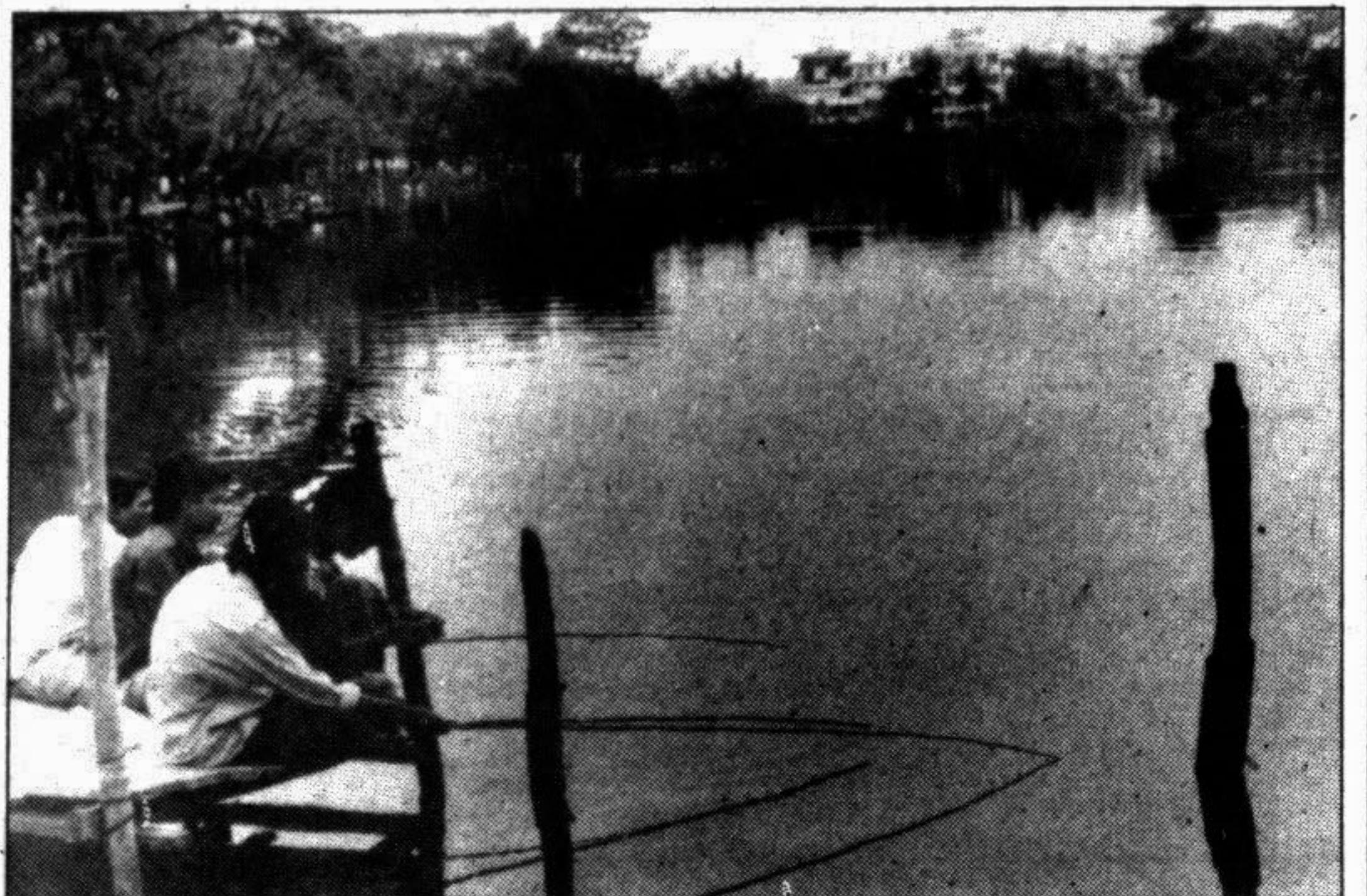


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Dhaka Day by Day

A Consuming Passion Called Angling

by Raffat Binte Rashid



A consuming passion

Office work really comes in the way and bother when you have other, much more important things to do. Like going out on a fishing or hunting trip with friends. And this is exactly now Abdul Rashid a government office employee feels now a days.

Angling is his passion, which has been in his blood for generation, and now the Dhanmondi Lake being open once again to anglers, he finds it hard to concentrate on office work. He manipulatively looks for ways out and tries to keep his boss happy for a "ok you can go now," permission.

"12'0 clock in the afternoon is always the peak time in the office yet I always found out ways and will find ways to come here," he says grinning thanking his grey materials and of course his stars.

In this city where life is somewhat the easier version of being a robot, such competitions of rather charges are pleasant surprises. "Naturally our enthusiasm is high even a Raj Mistr (construction worker) finds his time to come here and have fun," Rashid explains.

The lake remains close to anglers for three months and the rest nine months are their. The season ticket is Tk. 1200 which is valid for nine months, all through. But for a general competition in which people from all over Bangladesh participate, the ticket is Tk.1000 for a single day.

Competition is also held for members only on the Bishakh 1 every year along with a picnic for which another Tk. 300 plus Tk 1000 is paid.

"This is really fun for me and even though I have to spend Tk 50 every day I fit here for fishings but money really doesn't matter when I see the silver shine in the water," says Anwar Hossain a construction worker. So far he caught two katalas (buffalo fish) each weighing one and half kg on the average.

"I took my catch home and enjoyed a good meal, I seldom sell my catches," Hossain says. There are approximately 80 seats in the lake where minimum two and maximum four anglers can sit.

These seats or platforms made of wood and bamboo are built by the anglers themselves. Only the area is allotted by the Fishery Department and Shoukhin Samity. This samity has been legally registered at the lake

premises in 1979 but is working since the Pakistan time.

Abdul Miah it's chairman has been angling here for the last 30 years. "We even caught buffalo fish weighing one maund and five seers and carp 33 kg, those were the days. Abdul Miah says with a sigh.

"Last year we cost over 10 to 15 lakh taka worth of fish from this lake but this year for the dam in Pantho Path we are able to catch atleast some," he explains. Every year the Fisheries Department releases atleast 40,000 to 50,000 fish fries into this lake, but because of the dirty sewerage water their growth is hampered and majority of them die.

"The anglers' only appeal to the authority concerned is to clean up the lake and allow enough oxygen in it for the fishes to survive," says Rashid.

It is not only the oxygen, which they scantily gets now, the fishes are every day led with a char (fish food). Herbs like Ankagi, Gurbo, even Methi, decayed leaves, kakoli a kind of fruit and many other.

Such wild herbal items are mixed with a sugar syrup, which they get as a residue of sweetmeats, and binni chal (a kind of rice) and made into a sweet paste. Sometimes, this paste is called Halwa too.

This Halwa is them mixed with mud and thrown into the lake. "It is mixed with mud because them it takes the fish sometime to search for the food. These herbs together gives a strong aroma, the fishes like so much," says Abdul Miah.

This is the food and as for bait they mix and eggs with bread. These and eggs are supplied mainly from Faridpur, Rajshahi and Pabna and they grow usually on mango trees. "The stringer the eggs smell the costlier they are," reports Abdul Miah.

The water is cleaned every season with patash and carbon carbonate and is usually done by the Fishery Department but nowadays they are not very enthusiastic about the cleaning part," says Abdul Miah.

These anglers, for whom fishing is a passion and who even risk this jobs just to satisfy the urge and come fishing finds their fish alright, but only floating above the water. There should be an end to such tragedies.

Australian Defence Forces chief leaves

Chief of the Australian Defence Forces Admiral Alan Lee Beaumont, his wife Mrs Justine Beaumont and members of his delegation left here yesterday after a two-day visit to Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan and Begum Sophia Khan saw them off at the Zia International Airport. Principal Staff Officers of the three services, the GOC of the local Army division and other senior officers were also present.

The Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Kenneth W Aspinall and other High Commission officials also bade them farewell at the airport.

Earlier, the Australian Defence Forces Chief went to the Shikha Anirban — the Eternal Flame at the Dhaka Cantonment where he placed floral wreath to pay homage to the members of the armed forces who embraced martyrdom during the War of Liberation in 1971.

Admiral Beaumont was presented with a guard of honour by a smartly turned-out contingent of the Bangladesh Army at the Sena Kunja at the Dhaka Cantonment. He took salute and inspected the guard. He also planted a sapling there.

Nat'l Council of Instt of Diploma Engr opens

Housing and Public Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia urged the engineers to use their knowledge and experiences for socio-economic development and nation-building activities of the country, reports UNB.

He was speaking at the inaugural function of the 18th National Council of the Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh at the Public Library yesterday morning.

The function was addressed, among others, by M A Hakim, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Public Works, Emdad Hossain, Chief Engineer, PWD, Saifuddin Sarker, President of the Institute and A K M Rafiqul Islam Bhuyan, a central leader of the association.

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Rabindra Sahitya Sammilon begins

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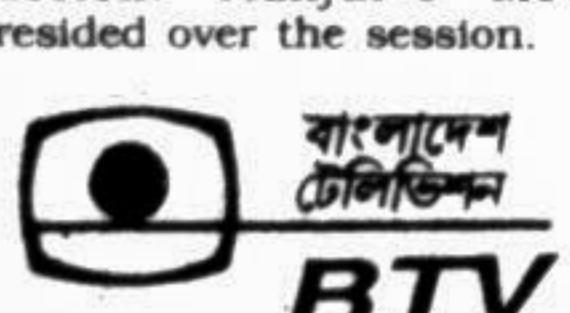
The two-day Rabindra Sahitya Sammilon began in the National Museum auditorium.

Organised by Rabindra Charcha Kendro, the congregation was inaugurated by Justice M Habibur Rahman.

Ahmed Rafiq, Abul Hossain and Debabrat Palit of Tagore Research Institute, Calcutta spoke at the opening function.

Later at the first working session, a paper on the recent Tagore translation was presented by Syed Nazimuddin Hashem.

Khondakar Ashraf Hossain, Dr Manjula Basu and Shahin Mahmud took part in the discussion. Manjur-e Mowla presided over the session.



4-30 Opening announcement Al-Quran
4-45 Programme summary
5-10 Moner Kotha
5-25 News in Bangla
5-30 Cartoon Peterpan and the Pirates
6-00 Tarunnaya
6-30 Ongikar
7-00 Banshori
8-00 News in Bangla
8-30 Maati O Manush
9-00 Ovimat
10-00 News in English
10-30 Drama series : Dynasty
11-30 Khabar/The News
11-40 Tomorrow's programme summary
11-45 Closing



An auto-rickshaw, a three wheeler, is seen using the zebra crossing for a road cross. The picture was taken from the city's Framgate area yesterday. — Star photo

Japan-Bangladesh Friendship Hospital opens

Work with missionary zeal to remove poverty: Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday called for working with missionary zeal to remove the curse of poverty, malnutrition and diseases from the society upholding the ideal of humanity, reports BSS.

"Let us take pledge to dedicate ourselves to the task of rendering services to the neglected masses of this country," he said while inaugurating the Japan-Bangladesh Friendship Hospital (JBFH) at Gulshan.

The JBFH, first private sector hospital established under a joint venture with Japan, provides facilities for modern treatment of various diseases including operation for gall-bladder stone without opening the abdomen.

Japanese Ambassador in Dhaka Shigeo Takenaka, chairman of JBFH Dr Shigeru Suganami and its managing director Dr Sardar A Nayem, executive director Dr Jonaid Shafiq and director Dr Faisal Muazzam also spoke at the inaugural function attended by eminent doctors of the country and guests from Japan.

President Biswas said the present government had given priority to the private sector initiatives for socio-economic development of the country. "We highly appreciate this joint-venture project with Japan which is a very good friend and development partner of Bangladesh," he observed.

He said the recent visit of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to Japan had further strengthened the existing excellent relations between the two countries.

President Biswas said he was happy to learn that the young doctors of this hospital had already brought training experience and technology in laparoscopic surgery advanced plastic surgery, cancer screening and pain clinic for better services to the patients.

President Biswas said the present democratic government had been striving hard to achieve 'health for all by the year 2000, but we have many constraints and the health facilities in this country are not enough for meeting the needs of the vast population, he added.

Vaccine research lab opens

SSMCH Correspondent

The first private vaccine research laboratory was inaugurated on Thursday at Gonoshasthaya Kendra at Savar with the assistance of National Public Health and Physician for Social Responsibility of Finland.

Prof A K Mansoor inaugurated the Gonoshasthaya Vaccine Research Laboratory as chief guest presided over by Prof Mannan, the function was addressed, among others, by the special guests P H Makela, and UNICEF Chief Rolf C Carrer.

After the opening a two-day long seminar on a North South Collaboration for Health Science Development was started. Presided over by Major General M R Chowdhury the seminar was addressed, among others, by Prof Nazrul Islam, Prof El Ja Horova, Prof G Sill, Dr Jen Carosa.

This course is intended to orient the participants in the planning, production and utilisation of video medium for making creative video programmes, especially in the field of social development.

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A S M Mostafizur Rahman, Minister for Foreign Affairs addressing at the IUBAT seminar recently conducted by Prof LaMarr Kopp, Vice President, Penn-State University, USA.

Discussion on Mahathero

Rich tributes were paid to the memory of Mahasanghnayak Bisuddhananda Mahathero yesterday at a discussion arranged as a part of a two-day programme in his memory by Dharmarajik Bouddha Bihar at Kamalapur at its premises, reports BSS.

Speaking on the occasion as the chief guest, Minister for Religious Affairs Mohammad Keramat Ali said late Mahathero was not a leader of the Buddhist community alone, rather he was an internationally reputed national leader who dedicated his life for the welfare of the distressed humanity.

The minister termed late Mahathero as a successful Ambassador of Bangladesh to abroad who upheld and projected the country's rich heritage of religious harmony in the international world and earned prestige for the country. "The nation is proud of Mahasanghnayak Bisuddhananda Mahathero," he said.

Acting President of Bangladesh Bouddha Krishni Prachar Sangha Shuddhananda Mahathero was in the chair.

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(Tender Notice No: 15/1993-94 Eng).

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited for the undermentioned work from Class 1 (one) sanitary & plumbing enlisted and approved Contractor of PWD and Approved contractor of PHE and bonafide firm who have experienced about sunk of Deep tubewell as per their Financial limit. The tender will be received by the undersigned as well as by all the Executive Engineers, PWD Division, Rangpur/Dinajpur/Thakurgaon/Panchagarh/Nilphamari/Gaibandha/Kurigram, upto 12-00 Noon on 20-04-94 Eng. and will be opened in the same day at 12.15 PM in presence of the contractor who may like to remain present.

Gr No	Name of work	Estimated Cost.	Earnest money	Time allowed	Contractor eligibility for submission of tender
1.	Installation of 50 MM dia deep tubewell with Distribution line attached to 10 (Ten) beded Hospital at Dahagram-Angorpara in the dist of Lalmonirhat, under PWD Division, Lalmonirhat during the year of 1993-94 Eng.	Quoted amount	2% of the quoted amount	60 (Sixty) days	From Class I(one) sanitary and plumbing enlisted and approved Contractor of PWD and PHE approved and bonafide firms who have experienced about sunk of deep tubewell as per their financial limit.

Tender document consisting of Bangladesh Form No. 2911, Schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. can be seen and obtained from office of the undersigned as well as from all the Executive Engineer PWD Circle, Rangpur during office hours upto 19-04-94 Eng.

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