

## Dhaka Day by Day

## The Day of all Days

by Raffat Binte Rashid

*Pahela Baishakh* (Bengali New Year's Day) is a unique occasion for the Bangalee people. Their identity, culture, heritage, typical only to them, are all meshed into it in a way secular at its best.

"Eid is for the Muslims, *Puja* for the Hindus and Christians for the Christian, but together how many occasions can the Bangalee, irrespective of origins or creed, claim to be theirs only," asks Shamim, a final year student in the Institute of Fine Arts.

"*Pahela Baishakh* is definitely one such occasion, that can be celebrated and rejoiced together," he says.

For years now the welcoming of the new year, by singing songs and that too at the romantic place of *Ramna Boto Mul* in the early hours of the day has become the greatest attraction. The colourful *Baishakhi Mela*, selling mostly the rural household items, glass bangles even sweet meats that are not usual in the city but customary in the villages, *Batasha*, *Kadma*, *Murali* etc, adds a more festive atmosphere to the city life.

A very recent addition to the new year's celebration programme is the gorgeous,

"This year our rally is slightly changed, mainly because exams are nearing," he tries to explain with a smile. "We have excluded the huge figures, the dummies that depict folktales like the crane and tiger last year, everything is sorted out. This year masks, horses will remain with new addition of owls and painted *Sara* (lid). Besides the rally, we are making a king-size mask that depicts only evil spirits and the bad omen of last year or century for that matter. This we will burn in the institute as a token of burning out all evil from our midst," he describes with enthusiasm.

The entire Charukola Institute is wearing a festive look that is contagious. Every single corner is buzzing with activities and music. Everyone is busy either cutting papers, making dices for masks, painting the *Saras* and masks, decorating the horses or instructing others. "These works are mainly done by the first and second year students, he reports."

Everyone has a smile fixed on their lips, the students are joking around, singing loudly with Azam Khan on the speakers. The entire mood of the institute is a happy and loving one. Even



colourful rally. This promises to be a carnival in its own rights. Young and enthusiastic people usually take part in this rally which is brought out by the Bangladesh Charukola Institute or Fine Arts Institute.

"Since 1987 this rally has been regularly organised every year with the initiative of the teachers and students of the Institute," Shamim explains. The first such rally or procession of the people were brought out in 1986 in Jessore.

"This rally is open for all, anyone can take part in it, we believe this is the programme solely for the Bangalees, and hope that this brings into focus the people too," he says.

The big rally includes various types of animal dummy. Gigantic elephants, tigers, birds, horses are the procession's main attraction besides the beatings of *Dholaks* (traditional drums) tingling sounds of the cymbals struck together in a rhythm, the boys and girls dancing in the streets. Some wear *dhuts*, *lungis* or *saris* and others paint their bodies and faces with colours. Some are even seen riding horses and to the beats. There are even masks depicting evil or funny faces.

the vendors in an around the area are busy with customers.

You can hear a laughter ring out somewhere and cannot help feeling happy too. This crowd of happy, busy people really makes one belong to them. "This year we have financial problems as well as organizational problems. One of the reasons for this is that multinational companies or any company wants a poster or placard in the rally. This is something we don't want or appreciate. We don't want to sell this programme at any cost," Shamim says with a disturbed but determined look.

"Somehow with students' personal funds and other funds we have managed this year. And after the end of the rally we will arrange an auction in the institute premises and instantly sell off the items."

"A horse was once sold for Tk 500 and masks for Tk 200 or Tk 300. It depends on how people actually feel about this entire effort of ours."

This year's theme of the rally is a Sukanto's poem "Hey Maha Manob, Ekbar Esho Fire". Summoning every soul to join in the fun and merry-making.



Recipients of the Photo Competition organised by the Bangladesh Photo Journalists Association are seen with Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mohammad Hanif (seated extreme R), Director of Bata Shoe Company G Sticker (Seated L), Association's President Mohammad Salauddin, (Standing R) General Secretary AKM Mohsin (Standing 2nd R) and Press Club's president Hasan Shahriar (Seated C) at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. — Star photo

## BJA's photo show opens

By Staff Correspondent

A 3-day photo competition and exhibition titled "Rupashi Bangla-2" began at the Jatiya Press Club (JPC) auditorium yesterday, reports UNB.

The Bangladesh Photo Journalists Association (BJA) organised the exhibition to welcome the Bengali new year 1401. Bata Shoe Company sponsored the exhibition.

Md Monwar Ahmed, Daily Star Staff Photographer S K Enamul Haq and Nuruddin Ahmed got the first, second and third prize respectively.



BTV will hold special programmes on *Pahela Baishakh*  
3:00 Opening announcement  
3:20 Programme for children: Amra Shabuz  
3:50 Bangla Movie: Bou Ma  
5:10 News in Bengali  
7:00 Musical programme: Shata Bachar Bangla Gan  
8:00 News in Bangla  
8:40 Magazine: Shatabdir Kathamala  
10:00 News in English  
10:30 Dance Programme: Reetu Rangae Anka  
11:30 Khabar/The News

## Friday Morning session

8:10 News in Bangla  
8:15 Religious programme: Alor Dishari  
8:40 Film show: Border Town  
9:00 Sports programme: Khelar Jagat  
9:20 Comedy series: Major Dad  
10:00 News in English  
10:15 Moner Mukurey: Ayomoy  
11:15 Film show: Tarzan  
11:40 Health programme: Shahstha Katha  
11:55 Documentary programme: Images

## Afternoon Session

3:00 Opening announcement  
Al-Quran  
Programme summary  
3:15 Cartoon show: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
3:40 Movie of the Week  
5:10 News in English  
5:25 Sports programme  
6:00 Open University  
7:25 Musical programme: Malancha  
8:00 News in Bangla  
8:35 Comedy series: Perfect Strangers  
9:00 Magazine: Upahar  
10:00 News in English  
10:30 Drama series: L A Law  
11:30 Khabar/The News

## Canadian grant for eye hospital

Canada has provided Tk 7,15,000 to the Lions Charitable Eye Hospital, Chittagong, for procuring an operation microscope, says a press release.

Jon J Scott, Canadian High Commissioner in Bangladesh, handed over a cheque for the amount to M I Khan, Chairman of the hospital, yesterday afternoon.

The Lions Charitable Hospital, Chittagong, was built with principal support from Operation Eyesight Universal, Canada.

This Canadian humanitarian organisation provided 50 per cent of the hospital's budget last year.

The High Commissioner later attended a dinner hosted by the Lions Club of Metropolitan, Chittagong.

## Bangladeshi girl honoured in US



Faiza Rashid, a Bangladeshi student, residing in USA has been honoured as a semi-finalist in the United States Presidential Scholars Programme '94, says a press release.

She is graduating at R Nelson Snider High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana. On the basis of her outstanding performance in the American College Testing Programme (ACT Assessment) she has been selected as a semi-finalist. Of more than 2.5 million graduating high school seniors, she is one of approximately 2,600 students listed as semi-finalist. From this, 141 will be selected as the Presidential Scholars '94.

She is the daughter of Dr M H Rashid and Mrs Fatema Rashid.

## Blood donation programme

In observance of the "Rotaract Awareness Week" the Rotaract Club of Notre Dame College in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Motijheel, the Inner Wheel Club of Motijheel, Rotaract Club of Motijheel, held a blood donation programme recently, says a press release.

## SAARC seminar on book marketing begins Apr 26

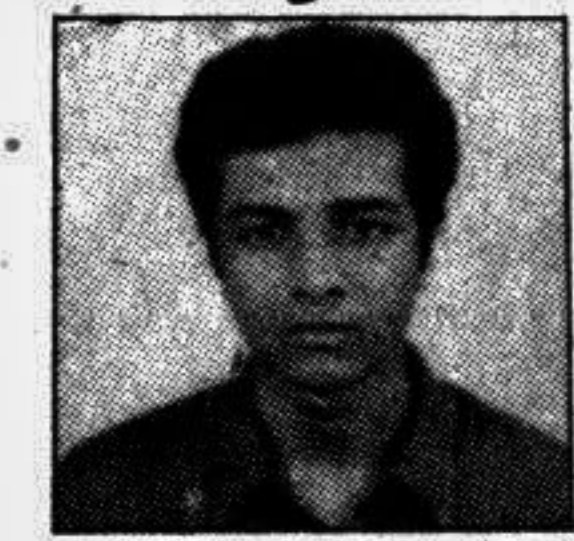
A three-day SAARC seminar on book production and marketing begins in Dhaka on April 26, reports BSS.

This was decided at a meeting held recently at the cultural ministry with the Secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Islamuddin Malik in the chair.

## Pahela Baishakh

Happy Birthday To my dearest

"Shujan Bhaiyan"



"Trisha"

## Legal Notice In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh High Court Division (Original Civil Jurisdiction)

Matter No 17 of 1994.

In the matter of:

An application under section 76(3) read with section 79(3) of the Companies Act, 1913

AND

In the matter of:

Bangladesh Paper Merchants Association having its registered office at 12, Lyall Street, Patuataly, Dhaka.

AND

In the matter of:

Mr Abul Hossain son of late Bakht Hossain ... Petitioner  
Notice is hereby given that an application under section 76(3) read with section 79(3) of the Companies Act, 1913 for condonation of delay in holding the Annual General Meeting of the aforesaid Association for the years 1992 and 1993 was filed and moved before the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh and upon hearing the petitioner the Hon'ble Court was pleased to admit the application on 9-3-1994 fixing 20-4-1994 for hearing of the matter. Any person interested to oppose or support the application may appear by himself or through authorised advocate on the date fixed for hearing. Copy of the aforesaid application may also be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary costs.

Shamsul Haque Siddique  
Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh, 17, Central Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

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## Bangladesh University of Engineering &amp; Technology

Dhaka

## Wanted

No. D-2304 (2)

Dt: 13-4-94

Applications are invited from the bonafide citizens of Bangladesh with requisite qualifications and fitness for appointment to the following posts of this University.

Deptt. of Industrial &amp; Production Engg.

i) One permanent post of Associate Professor in the scale of Tk 7100-8700/-

ii) Two temporary against Leave Vacancy posts of Lecturer in the scale of Tk 2850-5155/-

Deptt. of Humanities

i) One temporary post of Lecturer in English against the permanent post of Asstt. Professor in the scale of Tk 2850-5155/-

Details of prescribed qualifications and terms and conditions for submission of application may be obtained from the office of the Registrar of this University personally or by sending duly stamped self addressed envelope.

Candidates having foreign degree/degrees will have to submit equivalence certificate to be obtained from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka along with their applications.

15 (fifteen) complete sets of applications with the attested copies of all certificates, testimonials, transcript and marksheets are to be submitted to the Registrar of this University along with a crossed Postal Order/Pay Order/Bank Draft of Tk 25/- in favour of the Comptroller of this University. Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel.

Last date for submission of application: 9th May, 1994/26 Baishakh, 1401.

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Registrar (In-Charge)

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