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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 Bangalees, 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 Mela* in the early hours of the day has become the greatest attraction. The colourful *Baishakh 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* (Id). 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 Jessor.

"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 *dhutis*, *lungis* or *sarts* 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.

নৃতন শতাব্দীর সুচলা লগ্নে বিনিয়োগে উৎসাহ ও উৎপাদন বৃক্ষিতে অগ্রণী ব্যাংকের প্রয়াস

দেশের অর্থনৈতিক গতিশীল, দেশীয় শিল্পের বিকাশ, বৈদেশিক মুদ্রা অর্জন ও সাশ্রয়ের লক্ষ্যে এবং কালের সর্বনিম্ন সুন্দর হারে ক্ষণ অদানের বাবহা নিয়েছে অগ্রণী ব্যাংক।

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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 Baishak

Happy Birthday

To my dearest

"Shujan Bhaiyan"



"Trisha"

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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, Patuatulya, Dhaka.

AND

In the matter of:
Mr Abu Hossain son of late Baktar 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.

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- 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.

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

Registrar (In-Charge)

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