

## Metropolitan

## Dhaka Day by Day

## Magazine Sellers on City Pavements

by A S M Nurunnabi

On pavements of city roads, various kinds of trade are carried on. In some areas, such pavement vendors pose a problem as they obstruct the flow of pedestrians, forcing them on the roads thereby enhancing the risk of road accidents. Vendors in some areas are, however, more passive in their selling tactics, attracting as they do few customers than those for some popular consumer items. The sellers of old magazines and books fall in this category. They display their wares at the junction of Nilkhel, Babupura and Mirpur Road near Dhaka New Market.

This area gives one an idea of the unobtrusive yet brisk trade of second hand magazines both in English and Bangla. English — both foreign and local — and Bangla magazines and journals, however, dominate the scene, with a sprinkling of popular English and Bangla detective books.

Among the more popular second hand magazines and journals may be cited Time, Newsweek, Economist, Reader's Digest, Asia Week, the National Geographic Magazine etc. and also some popular Indian weeklies and journals. All the popular local Bangla weeklies are also available at second hand.

The main attraction of this place is that old popular magazines are available at cheap rates. Lately the current issues of English magazines like Time, Newsweek, the Reader's Digest have become very costly. Those who have the knack for reading those but cannot afford — because of the prohibitive prices — get an opportunity of buying them at second hand at much reduced costs. However, to enjoy this benefit, a waiting period is involved. The more back dated the issues of such magazines are the lower the prices. However, ultimately a deal is struck on the basis of bargaining power



they are returned within a definite time limit. This offers a real boon to those readers who are not avid collectors of such magazines, but dispose of them otherwise through buyers of old newspapers. Thus, when you buy old-copies of popular foreign magazines, your expenditure does not amount to much after the re-sales.

Of course, this method deprives one of the thrill and anticipation of reading new magazines. But when money becomes the constraint, particularly for less solvent students, in buying new magazines at high prices, the alternative in many cases is to go in for second hand magazines, some of which are of a high standard with informative, educative and entertaining values.

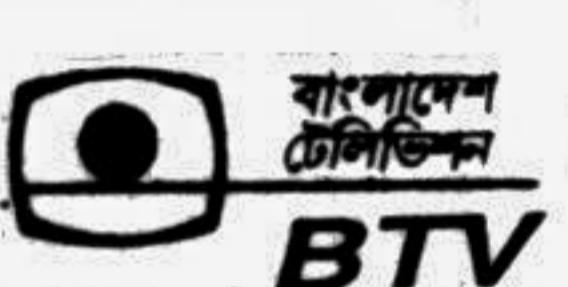
## BSP condemns DFP discrimination

The Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad (BSP), at a meeting yesterday condemned the DFP for suspending advertisements to the newspapers, reports UNB.

The meeting accused the DFP of discrimination in distributing advertisements, said a BSP press release.

It also expressed condemnation at the 'inhuman behaviour' with the Bangla Bazar Editor Matiur Rahman Chowdhury by abusing the Penal Code.

Presided over by BSP president Kazi Shahed Ahmed, the meeting was attended, among others, by Mizanur Rahman Mizan of Dainik Khabar and Enayetur Khan of the Dhaka Courier, Ahmedul Kabir of the Sangbad and Mahfuz Anam of The Daily Star.



Wednesday

4:30 Opening announcement  
Al-Quran  
Programme summary  
Sports programme: Gillet  
World Sports Special  
5:10 News in Bangla  
5:25 Amra Natun  
6:00 Hijal Tamal  
7:00 Open University  
7:25 Tagore songs  
8:00 News in Bangla  
8:30 Dance programme  
9:05 Film show: The A-Team  
10:00 News in English  
10:30 Ujjiban  
11:30 Khabar/The News  
11:40 Tomorrow's programme  
summary  
11:45 Closing

## What's on today . . . . .

Surer Dhara

The Surer Dhara, a musical organisation, will observe its second founding anniversary at the main auditorium of the National Museum at 7 pm today (Wednesday).

## Seminar on Cancer

A seminar on Cancer will be held today (Wednesday) at 12 noon at the Notre Dame College Auditorium. The Rotaract Club of Notre Dame College and Bangladesh Cancer Society have jointly organised the seminar.

## Seminar on Economics

A seminar titled "South Asian Economics In The 21st Century" to be held today (Wednesday) at 10 am in the NEC Auditorium, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.

The seminar is jointly organised by Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and World Bank Resident Mission, Dhaka. Foreign Minister Mustafizur Rahman will inaugurate the seminar.

## Dhaka Painters

The painting exhibition of the Dhaka Painters group has now been extended upto May 11.

The exhibition — held at the Aerial Gallery, Road-7, House-15, Dhanmondi — was inaugurated on April 25 and scheduled to end on May 3.

## CESTI

The Trade Commission and the Cultural, Scientific and Technical Co-operation Service of the French Embassy in Dhaka will hold a meeting of ex-trainees and scholarship holders of the French Government today (Wednesday) at 6 pm at the office of CESTI at Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Road.

## Art exhibition

Solo Exposition of Art work 'Rhyme and Rhythm' by Mujibul Haque on display at Buds Pre-Cadet and High School, 5/11-E, Lalmoni is open to all from 11 am to 8 pm till May 6.

## FPAB prize giving ceremony

The prize giving ceremony of Dhaka Metropolitan Family Planning Publicity and Service Delivery Week '93 organised by the Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) will be held today (Wednesday) at 5 pm at Shaheed Maizuddin Auditorium, 2 Naya Paltan, Dhaka. Mohammad Hanif, Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation will present as chief guest.

## Rotary Club of Dhaka North-West

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North-West will be held today (Wednesday) at 5:30 pm at Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka.

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## BATEXPO '94

The inaugural ceremony of the Bangladesh Apparel & Textile Expo '94 organised by the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 10:30 am at Sonargaon Hotel.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the fair.

## Runa Laila musical evening

Runa Laila musical evening will be held at Hotel Sheraton at 5 pm tomorrow (Thursday) under the aegis of the Medical Reporters' Association of Sir Salimullah Medical College.

## Weather

## Temperature likely to rise

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thunder shower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Chittagong division and weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am tomorrow (Wednesday).

The Met office forecast day temperature is likely to rise by two to three degrees Celsius over the country.

The maximum temperature of the country was 40.2 degree Celsius recorded in Jessor and the minimum was 21 degrees in both Kutubdia and Cox's Bazar yesterday.

The sun sets today at 6:28 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:22 am.



Lt Col (Retd) Kazi Nuruzzaman, coordinator of the Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, addressing a rally near the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday demanding a ban on the politics of anti-liberation forces including the Jamaat-Shibir. — Star photo

## SAARC seminar on book marketing

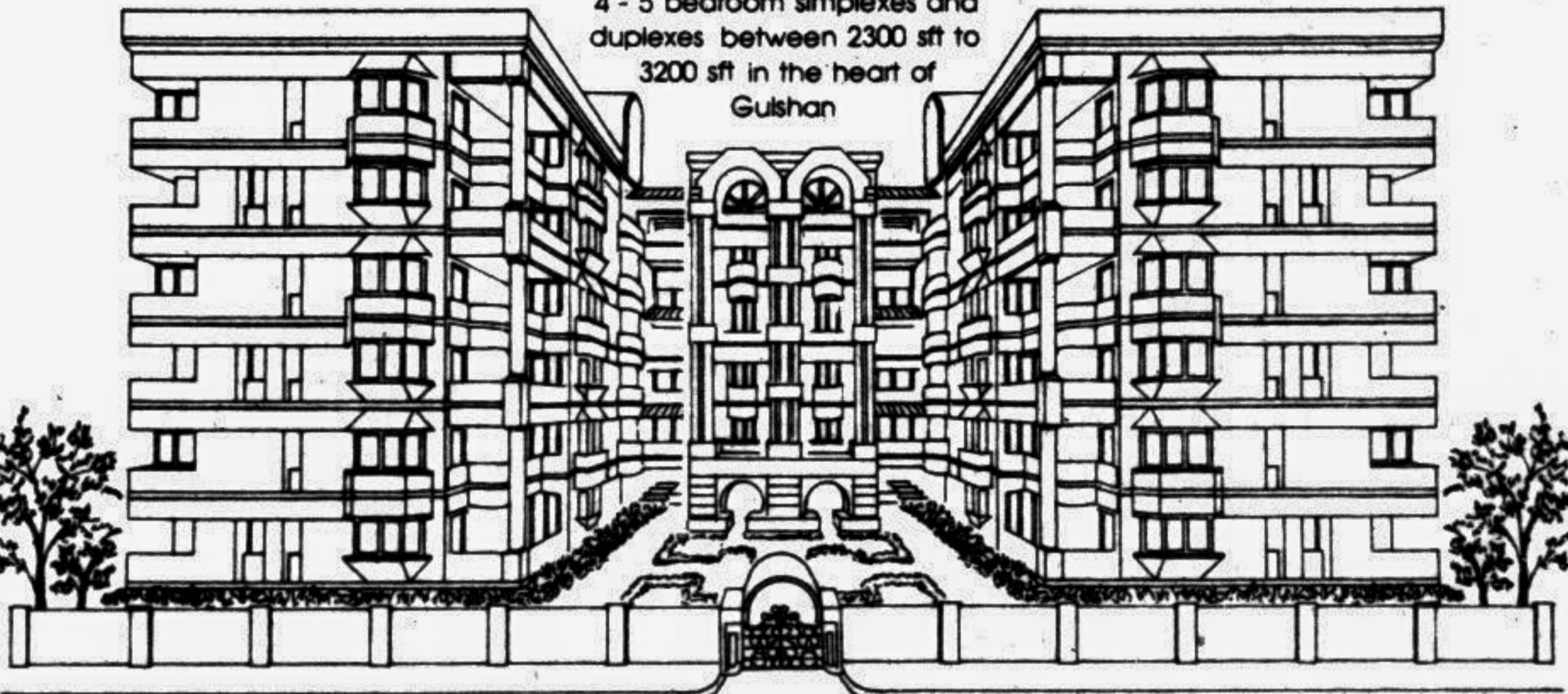
State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahan Ara Begum yesterday called upon the SAARC secretariat to open up avenues for regional cooperation on cultural affairs and book promotion, reports UNB.

Delegates from SAARC countries including eminent personalities of book publication industry, heads of the diplomatic missions of SAARC states and scores of writers, authors and academics attended the inaugural session.

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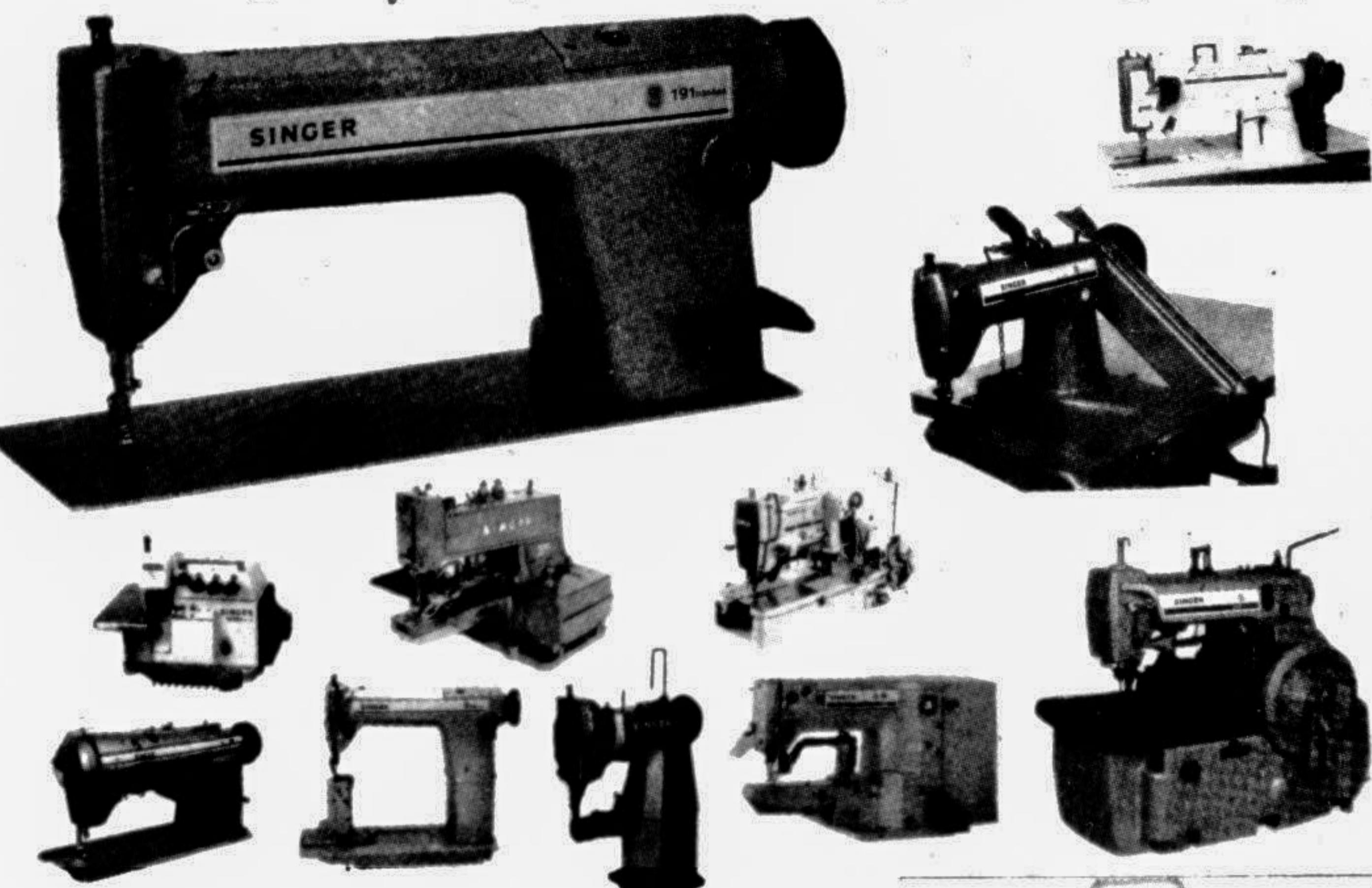
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## In Memoriam

On the occasion of the Sixth death anniversary of Syed Tanweer Murshed, son of the Late Syed Manzoor Murshed and the Late Begum Hasina Murshed, relatives and friends are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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