

## Dhaka Day by Day

## Proud but Lonely Krishnachura

by Parveen Anam

The famous saying, "The moving finger writes, and having writ moves on..." brings memories flooding back to those of us who have been around in this beloved city of Dhaka for a while.

The Dhakaite, trodden upon, smashed apart, (remember those cars being smashed?) caught up for hours in the traffic snarl, is a mute sufferer. His complaints are few and he demands even less. Perhaps that is why he suffers. And

gets taken for a ride. By the beloved 'Authorities' so gallantly elected to public office, with promises made to be broken as soon as they are elected. But that again is a different story. Let us here concentrate on things that are. Or were.

Every major city has a landmark it is proud of. And Dhaka till the mid-seventies could be justly proud of its magnificent Krishnachura, a riot of flame orange from the present-day Sheraton Hotel, right past the Radio Office up to the Police Station at Ramna. A walk down



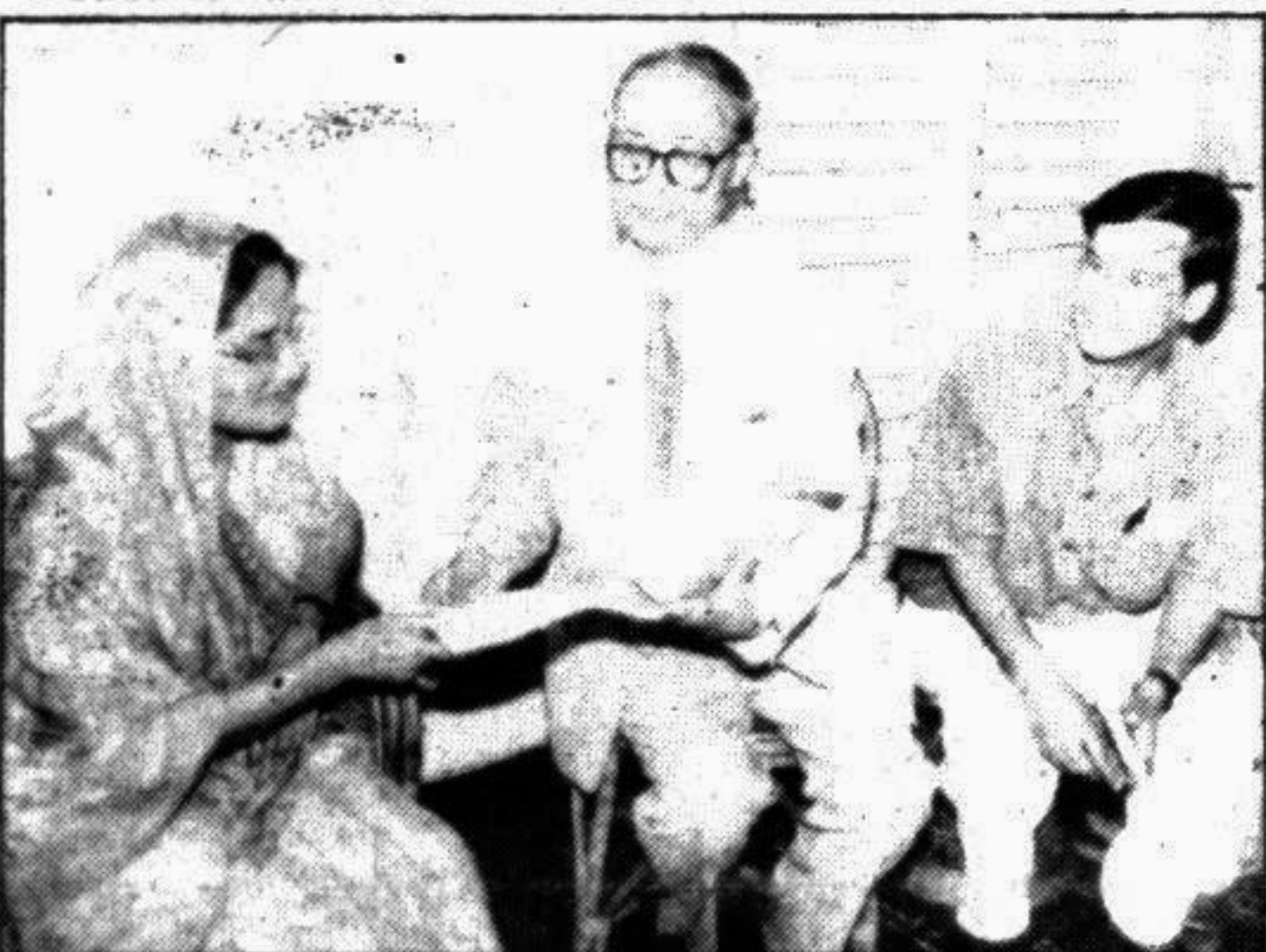
Majestic Krishnachura in bloom. Courtesy: Pragati Insurance Limited.

ments on cutting down old, beautiful trees, for nothing.

All that is left of the Krishnachura now is a pathetic, lonely tree, solitary yet proud, struggling against all odds to bloom in the month of Baishakh, reminding the Banglaee of the beauty that was. Surely most in authority now remember those proud trees and perhaps even think quietly to themselves that it was a mistake to strike down those trees? Or are they yet so vain, that in their power struggle they have forgotten the beautiful things of life? Perhaps they can be gently reminded that none can last forever. Only beauty can.

A walk round Dhaka, can yield the sight of a few gorgeous trees of Krishnachura, spreading their tale of beauty and romance, swaying proudly in the breeze. A gentle bright orange carpet covers the ground beneath them and they seem to be in competition with their opponents, the Radhachura the yellow flowers of

which are beautiful no doubt, but pale in comparison to Krishnachura. It seems at a candid moment that those proud flowers are almost taunting the 'authorities' to admire its beauty and cut them down. But perhaps the 'authorities, supreme though they may be, have not yet been able to muster the courage to do so. And for their sake, let us hope they never do.



Dr Nurul Islam, National Professor and president of Adhunik, an anti-smoking organisation, submitting a memorandum to the Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina in the city yesterday.

## Media can help reduce number of smokers

By Staff Correspondent

Adhunik, an anti-smoking organisation, yesterday urged the mass media to launch all-out campaign against tobacco which is affecting health of some two crore people of the country.

"Somewhere in the world one person is dying every 12 seconds because of diseases caused by smoking. In the year 2000, it is estimated, more than 20 million people will die annually because of tobacco-related diseases," said National Professor and president of Adhunik Dr Nurul Islam at a press conference in the city yesterday.

"In Bangladesh, some two crore people smoke, among whom about 50 lakh are women. Another 50 lakh women will be added to this number as they are addicted to chewing tobacco," he added.

The press conference, held at the National Press Club, was addressed by secretary general

of Adhunik Enayetullah Khan, executive member Atiqul Haq Chowdhury and Chairman of UNB Amanullah Khan.

Atiqul Haq Chowdhury said smokers did not take anti-smoking messages seriously because the effects of smoking was not instantly evident.

"When asked to quit smoking, they say they cannot help it. They just refuse the idea because it conflicts with the smoking habit," Chowdhury said.

"In such situations, the mass media can provide great help. The newspapers may avoid cigarette advertisements and print human interest stories depicting the harmful effects of tobacco," he said.

"Radio and TV, which reach the illiterate people easily, can broadcast interesting programmes on the harmful effects of smoking bidi, or chewing tobacco," Chowdhury said.

## Azad Rahman enthralls German audience

Azad Rahman, noted composer and music director of the country, enthralled German audience on Sunday with recitations of Raga on piano at a concert at the Augustinum Theatre in Bad Neuenahr, 50 kms from Bonn, reports UNB.

According to a message received here yesterday, the Orchestra of Ahrweiler Music School also played compositions by Azad Rahman. Amzad Rahman accompanied on the tabla. Rahman also presented a composition on harmonium.

The German audience repeatedly expressed their appreciation of this presentation by the noted artiste which seeks to build a bridge between Eastern and Western music.

The Ambassador of Bangladesh to Germany A H Mahmood Ali and the Mayor of Bad Neuenahr were present.

Azad Rahman is expected to present his recitals to audiences in Bremen, Griefswald, Frankfurt and Vienna.

## 80 held in city

Police rounded up 80 people from different parts of the city yesterday on various charges, a DMP press release said, reports UNB.

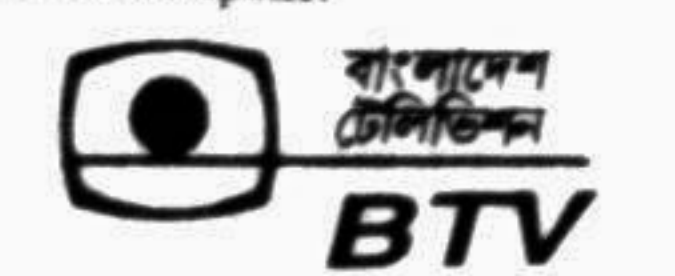
All the arrested people were produced before court.

## NGO Forum workshop held

The outbreak of cholera and other water-borne diseases could not be fully stopped through water supply only, hygienic sanitation should also be ensured along with, said Dr A M S Hoque, Project Director (SOCOMB), DPHE.

He was speaking at a national workshop titled the 'Role of Partner NGOs in Social Mobilisation for Sanitation' organised by the NGO Forum for Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation held in the city yesterday, says a press release.

Dr T V Luong, Sanitation Coordinator of UNICEF and Fariduddin Ahmed Mia, Super-Intending Engineer, DPHE were present as special guests. S Pereira presided over the inaugural session while the concept paper was presented by S M A Rashid, Director and Qazi Mahbubul Hasan, Information Officer of NGO Forum also spoke.



**Wednesday**  
4:30 Opening announcement  
Al-Quran Programme summary  
4:45 Documentary: World Cup '94  
5:10 News in Bangla  
5:20 Children's programme: Amra Natun  
5:50 Hijaal Taimal  
6:50 Open University  
7:20 Tagore song  
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  
11:45 Closing



The liaison committee of the striking teachers staged a sit-in in front of the Dhaka Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board in the city yesterday. — Star photo

## Tobacco-related diseases claim 1.50 lakh every yr

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday said smoking and tobacco were at the root of many killer diseases including cancer which kills 1,50,000 people in Bangladesh every year, reports BSS.

He said the media could play a great role in creating public awareness against the bad habits of smoking and tobacco taking by informing the people about the harmful effects of these on health.

President was speaking at the chief guest at the inaugural function of a seminar on "The media and tobacco: Getting the health message across" held at the children's auditorium of the Bangladesh National Museum here. The seminar was organised by the Bangladesh Cancer Society in observance of the "World No Tobacco Day".

President Biswas, who is also the chief patron of the Bangladesh Cancer Society, said 200,000 people in Bangladesh get afflicted with cancer every year. Lung, oral and throat cancers were the result of smoking and tobacco taking, he added.

Presided over by the President of the society Prof Syed Fazlul Huq, the inaugural function was addressed by Chairman of the Editorial Board of

Ittefaq Barrister Moinul Hossain, WHO representative in Bangladesh Dr A N A Abeyesundere, Prof A K M Nazrul Islam and Prof Samir Kumar Sharma.

The President said cancer was the second killer disease in the world after heart disease and was killing fifty lakh people every year. He said two crore people all over the globe were now suffering from cancer and every year 90 lakh new patients were adding to the stock.

Referring to the anti-smoking campaign, he said this should be strengthened further through the newspapers, radio, television, films, plays, advertisements, billboards, posters, and puppet shows.

He said the anti-smoking campaign should be continued round the year and the messages should be attractive to the readers and the viewers. He said the newspapers should publish anti-smoking messages as box items at least once in a week.

He said efforts should be made to involve larger population of the country in anti-smoking campaign and create a congenial atmosphere so that the media can play more effective role in this regard.

## WFP approves \$30.8m project

The governing body of the World Food Programme (WFP) has approved a one-year project to provide further food aid worth 30.8 million US dollar to be used under the 'food for work' programme, reports BSS.

WFP's contribution is equivalent to 56 per cent of the total project cost of US \$4.5 million dollar. WFP's aid package will include 137,500 metric tons of wheat and 3,300 metric tons of vegetable oil, a WFP press release said here yesterday.

The long-term objectives of the project are to contribute to the economic growth by improving infrastructure and permitting increased production in agriculture, fisheries and forest, and to contribute to improvements in the overall socio-economic conditions of the rural population.

Under this project the following activities will be undertaken: construction and reconstruction of embankments, excavation and re-excavation of canals, construction and reconstruction of feeder roads, developing small-scale fish production facilities, afforestation, including expanding the sericulture industry, excavation and re-excavation of potable water tanks and various pilot development activities. The project will also address post-disaster needs through appropriate food for work activities.

## Drama festival begins today

A week-long drama festival begins at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium today, reports UNB.

The academy has organised the festival as part of its month-long festival to welcome the 15th century, said a press release.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahannara Begum will inaugurate the function at 7:15 pm.

Dhaka Uttara Theater will stage the drama, Erfan Bowalir Kabir, on the opening day.

## What's on today...

**Seminar:** On "The Cooperative Advantage of Wheat in Bangladesh: Technological, Economic and Policy Issues" jointly presented by CIMYT-IFPRI and sponsored by the Bangladesh-Australia Wheat Improvement Project. Chief guest: Fabia Shah, First Secretary, Australian High Commission. Venue: Ballroom No 3, Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 11:00 am.

**Kendriya Khelaghar Asar:** Has arranged a lecture series on the War Front 71: By the Freedom Fighters. Main speaker: Major Gen (ret'd) K M Shafiqullah, Bir Uttam. Venue: Khelaghar central office, 278/3 Elephant Road (2nd floor). Time: 6 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga:** Will hold the ladies' night. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 7:30 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka North West:** Will hold its regular weekly meeting. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Patiya Samity:** Will hold its committee meeting. Venue: 9, Purana Paltan. Time: 6 pm.



Dr A M S Hoque, Project Director (SOCMOB), DPHE, speaking at a workshop on the Role of Partner NGOs in Social Mobilisation for Sanitation in the city's Lalmatia area yesterday.

## Weather

## Rain with gusty wind likely

Temporary light to moderate rain or shower accompanied by gusty wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong, Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions and at one or two places over Barisal and Khulna divisions during the next 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office says day temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius during the period over the country.

Country's highest temperature 36.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest 24.0 degrees at Srimangal yesterday.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6:42 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 5:11 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures of some major cities/towns recorded yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	34.0	27.2	77	69
Chittagong	33.3	27.3	74	73
Rajshahi	36.8	27.3	75	83
Khulna	35.4	28.2	73	72
Barisal	34.2	27.3	83	78
Cox's Bazar	33.5	27.5	72	66
Sylhet	32.4	25.5	82	97
Dinajpur	30.6	25.0	81	85

## Wanted Lady Personal Assistant

A diplomatic mission in Dhaka wants to recruit a lady Personal Assistant to Ambassador. Candidates should be ideally educated with English medium background and should have an excellent command over spoken and written English. Typing skill and ability to work under pressure are the other essential pre-requisites. Please forward applications to Head of Chancery, House No. NW(E) 17, Road No. 55, Gulshan Model Town, Dhaka-1212 by June 10, 1994. D-460

## WANTED

St. Joseph High School

Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207

Applications are invited from suitable candidates for the post of Asst. Headmaster. The applicant must be BA, B.Ed. having some training in teaching Christian Religion to be able to teach classes 9 and 10. Applicant must have experience of seven years as an Asst. Headmaster in reputed school. A person trained abroad will be given preference. Ability to type both English and Bangla will be considered additional qualification. The application along with Bio-data must reach the Headmaster/Secretary by June 3rd (1:00 PM).

Brother John Rozario CSC  
Headmaster

## NOTICE

The owners/representatives of Ceramic Industries of Bangladesh are invited to attend in a meeting to be held on the 5th day of July, '94 (Tuesday) at 4:00 P.M. in the Head Office of Bengal Fine Ceramics Ltd. At 8, (New) Segun Bagicha, Dhaka to form an association named "Bangladesh Ceramic Wares Manufacturers' Association". In the Meeting an adhoc Executive Committee of the proposed association will be formed and its Memorandum & Articles of Association will be discussed and approved. Owners/representatives of Ceramic Industries are requested to attend.

RASHED MOWDUD KHAN  
CONVENOR

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Dhaka, Bangladesh

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