

Dhaka Day by Day

Worldly Nectar

by Neil Ray

Immediately after birth, the food a baby tastes for the first time in this world is honey. And this is even before the new-born is given the breast milk of its mother to satiate its thirst and hunger. This underlines what an important place this worldly nectar takes in human life. In Ayurvedic system of treatment, the virtue of this sweetest of sweet has been recognised from time immemorial. Its medicinal quality has received no less a recognition in the advanced medical science. A regular intake of a small quantity of honey develops immunity against a number of diseases.

Such an all-round quality of honey is however no guarantee that people ever take an extra care to choose honey as a daily item — albeit in table spoons — of their food. One reason for the apparent indifference to this precious juice is that not many people are aware of its value. The other — and perhaps the more deciding factor — is its scarcity and high price. In villages people have the opportunity to taste honey if only they are lucky enough. A swarm of bees must come flying all the way perhaps from the Sunderbans or from a great distance and choose to make the beehive a tree that belongs to the lucky person. The person then has to be doubly lucky. When they build the hive, one has to be sure that the season is a right one with a lot of flowers around and rains do not suddenly come to scare the bees and force them to eat all the collected honey. Then of course, one cannot totally rule out the theft of honey by men who are literally addicted to the flowery juice.

City people are not even as much fortunate. The odds are against them. Chances are one in a million for them to be blessed so with the swarming bees taking a liking of the sunset of someone's building or the rare trees of his still rarer garden. But even then honey is more readily available in towns and cities than in villages. Don't question the purity of the juice. It

can be anything but the one you had the life's chance to squeeze on to your palate while on visit to a village or in those days of past when you merrily spent the childhood there. But there are lots of van and innumerable shops dealing in honey, claiming that their ware is 100 per cent pure. Some of the moving vans have colourful pictures painted on them and boast they have their apilary from where the purest of honey is extracted. Lest the unadulterated quality of the tubful of honey is questioned or less convincing, a few honey hawkers would leave parts of honeycombs with a few insects afloat in the tub.

Honeycomb, living bees struggling onto their feet in the tub or any other container. What proofs do you need to be convinced of the veracity of the honey collectors and the purity of their ambrosia on sale! You surely feel tempted to part with some extra bucks as a reward for the genuineness of both.

But tarry a while before you reach for the wallet or whatever it is. You may end up purchasing a concoction of sugar, water — not necessarily to be pure, and god knows what else! Others are there to claim that they are the sole agent of a famous honey trading company that collects the item from the Sunderbans.

So honey, like grapes, is not only sour for the forbidden price but also because of its questionable preparation. Whether the imported varieties from Taiwan of China are superior to the local ones is difficult to ascertain. But certainly there is an added attraction in that the buyer receives along with the juicy content a container that is either a beautiful glass or a mug. One wonders if the content is almost free for the mug or glass, by the look of it, should sell nearly at the going price of both together. Do you smell some wrongdoing? Don't question the genuineness of the substance inside. After all, it is foreign (foreign)!



Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman speaking at a seminar on the "Relationship between Lawyers and Law Enforcing Agencies of Bangladesh" organised by the Immigration Advisory Council at the National Press Club auditorium in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Beijing keen to expand trade volume with Dhaka

China has expressed its interest to expand the volume of trade with Bangladesh, the visiting Chinese Assistant Minister for Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Chen Xin Hua told Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam yesterday, reports UNB.

Chen told this to the Commerce Minister during a call on at his office here.

Considering the visit of the Chinese Minister as a significant one, M Shamsul Islam said the existing cooperation of a friendly country like China in the development of economic infrastructure of Bangladesh, would strengthen the overall bilateral relation between the two countries.

He emphasised the need for identifying different aspects to boosting up exporting trade

JU admission test results Aug 8

First year admission test results of the Jahangirnagar University (JU) for the 1993-94 session will be published on August 8, reports UNB.

The decision was taken yesterday by the varsity's examination committee in a meeting held with Prof Imam Uddin, Director of the committee, in the chair.

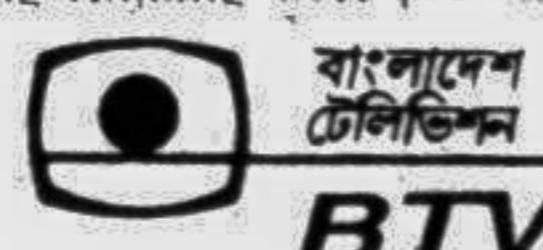
This year, a total of 26,825 students appeared at the admission test held June 11-16.

relation between the two countries side by side extending the investment cooperation of China in different projects of Bangladesh, says a PID handout.

The Chinese Foreign Minister lauded the economic and development programme being pursued by Bangladesh Government and assured that overall cooperation of Chinese government would continue in such programmes.

Referring to the global changes in trade sector, Chen said Chinese government was interested to strengthen the overall bilateral relation particularly in the field of trade and commerce.

Commerce Secretary A H Mofazzal Karim and Chinese Ambassador in Bangladesh Zang Xijiang were present.



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Rabitat computer course begins

A computer training course for women, arranged by the Rabitat Vocational Training Institute (RVTI), began at Kalyanpur here on Monday, reports UNB.

Wife of Saudi Ambassador Bahiza Hamza Jalaidan inaugurated the course as chief guest, said a press release of the Rabitat Al-Alam Al-Islami yesterday.

RAJUK asked to take action against illegal construction

The parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Housing and Public Works asked the RAJUK to take measures against the illegal and unauthorised construction works in the city, reports UNB.

The meeting discussed the unauthorised construction of the buildings, including Faridpur Mansion at Kakrakhali, Hotel Nightingale at Bijoy Nagar and the shopping centres at different residential areas, said a handout yesterday.



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