

## Dhaka Day by Day

### Fascination for Tinsels and Bangles

by ASM Nurunnabi

It is perhaps in human nature that the fair sex have more than a fair share of weakness or rather attraction for some things not very consequential in male eyes. This is because they tend to embellish or add to their grace and beauty. Such things are not necessarily costly, they may even appear trivial in the prosaic eyes of males.

This refers to bits of tinsel worn on the forehead (called 'teeps' in Bangla) and glass bangles — things that may not be a source of permanent joy but are widely adored in female circles. Their appeal can only be appreciated in aesthetic terms, as for monetary terms they count for very little. The attraction for them develops in females from an early stage, even when they are little children. The appeal

sively in these items along with other cosmetic wares. The varieties in colour, design and craftsmanship in respect of both 'teeps' and glass bangles seem to be endless and they attract large crowds of the fair sex. The customers prove to be too fastidious in the selection of their desired items. Indeed, in the baffling variety of these articles offered for selection, it is no easy task to take quick decisions about their choice. And the shopkeepers also show immeasurable patience as their customers go on with their task of selection. In the matter of 'teeps' also, their choice is never quick, for, as with glass bangles, it involves the question of their matching with their dress, and other cosmetic supports like lip-stick, eye brows and other beautifying paraphernalia. The



knows no geographical barriers: women both in rural and urban areas are equally enamoured with it.

When village fairs are held, the rural womenfolk as well as their small girls who accompany them are irresistibly drawn to the stalls selling bangles and 'teeps'. They enjoy themselves immensely as they make their choice among the various assortments of these items in colour and design. Other things of attraction at the fairs may wait until they have selected the desired ones from these two items. The process of selection is usually a lengthy one as they try one pair of glass bangles after another from the wide array on display. Their male companions wait patiently as the process of selection goes on. Even when men go to such fairs without their womenfolk, they do not forget these items in course of their purchase.

Such scenes in rural areas are almost similar to urban ones. In urban settings, however, the picture is more varied, colourful and wide ranging. In certain shopping areas of the city, there is a long chain of shops dealing exclu-

craze for these trinkets soars to extraordinary heights when big festivals or marriage ceremonies in their families are in the offing.

Even as students attending schools and colleges, their fascination for these things is quite strong. During breaks in their class schedules, they find opportunities to shop for them. Some vendors open up their business of selling glass bangles on roadsides near the educational institutions. From the time classes start, these vendors spread out their wares on sheets of plastic and wait for their customers. There are some specific spots where such scenes can be seen. For example, they can be located in front of the Eden College and the Home Economics College at Azimpur. Occasionally, such vendors can also be seen in front of the women's hostels of the university.

Though the range of these items is limited at these places, the curiosity of the girl students remains as steady as ever. They do not even hesitate to squat on the roadside beside the displayed wares and get busy with the unremitting task of selection. As they do so, they present a picturesque street scene.



Director General of SAARC in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ashfaqur Rahman (right) received the SAARC Secretary General Y K Silwal on his arrival for attending the 14th SAARC Council of Ministers' meeting in Dhaka at the Zia International Airport yesterday. — PID photo

### Student shot dead in city

By DMCH Correspondent

A student was shot dead and a woman beaten to death in the capital yesterday.

Mozammel, 18, a college student, suffered a bullet wound in his chest when two groups of armed men clashed at Khilgaon Sunday night. He was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he succumbed to his injuries early in the morning yesterday.

Sabujbagh police arrested two youngsters for their alleged involvement in the violence that led to the killing of Mozammel.

They were detained in the police custody for questioning. Mozammel was a student of Khilgaon Model College.

A 42-year-old woman, Jahera Begum, was beaten to death by a group of women at a slum at Nilkhet under the city's Dhanmondi police station yesterday morning.

Witnesses said, Jahera, also a slum dweller, was attacked by some women during a quarrel with them.

Fatally wounded Jahera was rushed to the DMCH where doctors declared her dead.

No arrest was made in connection with the murder, Dhanmondi police said.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia visited the Public Administration Computer Centre at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. — PID photo

### Tk 54 cr deposit in Govt Welfare Fund

The deposit in the Government Welfare Fund is about Tk 54 crore in last five years while that of the Benevolent and Group Insurance Fund is over Tk 43 crore, reports UNB.

During the period, the government distributed over Tk 34 crore from the Welfare Fund to about 40,000 officers and employees of government and autonomous bodies and their families, and disbursed more than Tk 41 crore to 12,000 officials and employees from the Benevolent and Group Insurance Fund.

This was disclosed at the 21st meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Establishment Ministry held at the Sangsad Bhaban yesterday with State Minister for Establishment M Aminul Hogue in the chair.

The two government schemes — the Welfare Fund and the Benevolent and Group Insurance Fund — are operating to give financial assistance as well as social security to all officials and employees of government and 18 autonomous bodies.

The schemes are being funded from the monthly subscription given by officials and employees from their salaries at a maximum rate of Tk 40 and Tk 30 respectively.

But the group insurance premium of the employees are

being paid by the government.

The two schemes are being operated by an eight-member Board of Trustee comprising high officials of different ministries. The Establishment Secretary is the Chairman of the Board.

The Board sanctions allowance to the retired officials and employees up to their age of 67 years at a fixed rate with a maximum of Tk 1,000 per month from the Welfare Fund.

The fund is also being utilised for the treatment of officials and employees, for marriage of the employees' daughter and for educational scholarship of their children.

The group insurance fund is being utilised for giving financial support to the families of officials and employees who die during their service life, the amount being maximum taka one lakh.

The meeting underscored the need for the increase of government contribution to the two schemes and also to enhance the amount of benefit to the officials and employees.

The meeting was attended by Housing and Public Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Miah, Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar and Mohammad Shamsuddin MP.

Establishment Secretary Habibur Rahman and other high officials of the ministry were also present.

### JP office case

#### Trial adjourned till today

The trial of deposed President Hussain Muhammad Ershad and two others, including a former minister in the 'Jatiya Party office' case was adjourned till today without transacting any business yesterday, reports BSS.

Although the special judge's court trying former General spent nearly an hour in two sessions mainly to deal with various suggestions and technicalities raised by both sides, it had to adjourn the proceedings because of the 'inability' expressed by the prosecution.

Mostafa Jamal Haider, former works minister and Abdur Rouf, former acting works secretary, are co-accused in the special case No 50 of 1993 better known as the JP office case.

Though the adjournment of yesterday's proceedings was first sought by defence through verbal prayer and submission of petition, the first Additional District and Sessions Judge Zinat Ara declared it adjourned when prosecution failed to perform.



4:30 Opening announcement  
Al-Quran  
Programme summary  
Esho Para Shikhi: Mass Education  
5:10 News in Bangla  
5:25 Comedy series: Coach  
6:00 National TV debate competition  
7:00 Open University  
7:25 Musical programme: Sangeta  
8:00 News in Bangla  
8:30 Fortnight drama serial: Etikatha  
10:00 News in English  
10:30 Film show: Northern Exposure  
11:30 Khabar/The News  
11:45 Closing

### Bangladesh apparel fair in Moscow tomorrow

A single-country Apparel Fair will be held at Sovincetr (World Trade Centre) in Moscow July 27-29 under the auspices of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers' and Exporters' Association, reports UNB.

The objective of the fair is to open CIS countries' market for Bangladesh garments and strengthen the existing friendly relations between Bangladesh and the Russian Federation.

This is for the first time that 30 members of the BGMEA representing a wide range of readymade garments are taking part in the exposition.

BGMEA has also arranged participation in the International Casual Wear and Young Fashion Fair to be held from August 5 to 7 in Cologne, Germany.

Some 256 sq metre of space has been reserved in the fair venue where 25 members of BGMEA will have their stalls.

The participants will exhibit a wide range of garment products in the fair which is expected to extend market for the country's readymade garments in Europe.

Redwan Ahmed, MP, President of the BGMEA, will leave for Moscow today to inaugurate the Apparel Fair.

The inaugural function will

also be attended by the Russian high officials.

After attending the Moscow fair, the BGMEA President is expected to inaugurate the Cologne fair. He will also meet with different trade bodies representing textile sector, said a press release.

### Fire at Khulna tele exchange

#### T and T Board asked to form probe body

KHULNA, July 25: Minister for T and T Tariqul Islam visited Telephone Exchange Bhaban at Khalishpur recently to see the extent of damage caused to the switch board of the telephone exchange, reports BSS.

The minister also directed the concerned engineers to repair the damage and restore telephone connections on emergency basis.

The technicians and engineers are working round the clock to repair the exchange.

He directed the T and T Board to constitute an enquiry team to find out the causes that led to the damage.

The telephone exchange went out of order on Wednesday following a fire at the switchboard room of the telephone exchange building. It later spread to other adjoining rooms causing widespread damage to the exchange.

### PM greets Gayoom

Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia yesterday greeted President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom on the occasion of National Day of Maldives today, reports UNB.

In a message, Begum Zia hoped 'the existing cordial relations between our two brotherly countries will be further strengthened in the years to come to the mutual benefit of our two peoples.'

The Prime Minister conveyed her greetings to President Gayoom and wished long life, good health and happiness, and for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the brotherly people of Maldives, said a PID handout yesterday.

### Snakes create panic at JU

Panic spread through the Jahangirnagar University campus after three poisonous snakes were caught from the third floor of Mir Mosharraf Hosain Hall of the university yesterday prompting many students to leave the dormitory, reports UNB.

The students of the hall submitted a memorandum to the provost seeking immediate steps to protect them from snake, according to campus sources.


They said few months back a student of the university was bitten by a snake but survived due to timely medical attention. However, the authorities did not take any step to free the campus from the scourge of poisonous snakes.

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### বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১৯৯৪-৯৫ শিক্ষাবর্ষে জাতিসংঘের মনবিশেষজ্ঞ বৃত্তি অধীনে স্বাতন্ত্র্যপূর্ণ বৃত্তির নিয়মিত বিধি অনুযায়ী জনা প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশীদের কাছ থেকে দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

- (১) প্রকৌশল (২) চিকিৎসা বিজ্ঞান
- ২। বৃত্তির সুযোগ ১ (একটি)। মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক পরীক্ষার পাঠ মোট নম্বরের ভিত্তিতে প্রার্থী নির্বাচন করা হবে।
- ৩। প্রার্থীদেরকে মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক উভয় পরীক্ষার ১ম বিভাগের পাঠে শতকরা ৮৫% এবং উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক পরীক্ষার রসায়ন, পদার্থ ও গণিত বিষয়সমূহের প্রতিটিতে ৮০% নম্বরের বেশী পাস করতে হবে।
- ৪। ১-৪-৯৫ইং তারিখে প্রার্থীর বয়স ২২ বৎসরের উর্ধ্বে এবং ১৭ (সাতের) বৎসরের (২রা এপ্রিল ১৯৭৩ ইং হতে ১লা এপ্রিল ১৯৭৮ ইং তারিখের মধ্যে জন্ম গ্রহণ করেছেন) নিম্নে হতে পারবে না।
- ৫। প্রার্থীকে অবশ্যই জাপানী ভাষা শিখতে হবে এবং জাপানী ভাষায় পঠি নিতে হবে।
- ৬। শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক ইতিপূর্বে অন্য কোন বৃত্তির জন্য চুক্তিভাবে নির্ধারিত প্রার্থীদের আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই।
- ৭। ইচ্ছুকত বিজ্ঞা বিবরণ/তথ্য প্রদানকারীর বিরুদ্ধে আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।
- ৮। সঙ্গী তথ্যাদি পাঠ্যপুস্তক মাপের দুই কপি ছবি, সকল পরীক্ষার পাঠের দুই সার্টিফিকেট ও নম্বরপত্রের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি সহ সঙ্গী কাসেট ইত্যেবীতে নিয়োজিত হতে জীবন বৃত্তান্তসহ দুই সেট আবেদনপত্র (প্রতিটি কাসেট/ছবি ইত্যাদি ২ কপি করে) জাপানী ১০-৮-৯৪ ইং তারিখের মধ্যে পৌঁছাতে হবে। প্রতি সেটে এক কপি করে কাসেটপত্র ও ছবি ইত্যাদি করে অন্তত ২ সেট দরখাস্ত একই নামে দাখিল করতে হবে।
- ৯। আবেদনপত্রের ছক নিম্নরূপ হবে:

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- (ক) প্রার্থীর নামঃ
- (খ) পিতার নামঃ
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- (ঘ) এসএসসি ও এইচএসসি পরীক্ষার ফলাফলঃ

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পাঠ নম্বর				

- (৬) জন্ম তারিখ এবং ১-৪-৯৫ইং তারিখে বয়স
- (৭) স্থায়ী ঠিকানা
- (৮) জাতীয়তা
- (৯) শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক অন্য কোন বৃত্তির জন্য নির্ধারিত হয়ে থাকলে উহার বিস্তারিত বিবরণঃ

- ১০। আবেদনপত্র ডাকযোগে শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ের ঠিকানায় অবশ্য বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়ের ৫ নং গেটে বিনামূল্যে ২২৭ কাসেটের উপর উপস্থাপিত তারিখের মধ্যে পৌঁছাতে হবে। অনশুপন্ন দরখাস্ত বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। দরখাস্তের খামের উপরে "মনবিশেষজ্ঞ বৃত্তি" শব্দটি উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
- ১১। শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক মনোনীত প্রার্থীদের ডাকযোগে জাপান দূতাবাসে নিমিত ও যৌমিক পরীক্ষার অংশগ্রহণ করতে হবে।
- ১২। প্রার্থী নিষাধর্নের ক্ষেত্রে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।

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### Weather

#### Light rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershower is likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office said day temperature may rise by one degree Celsius during the period.

Country's highest temperature 34 degrees Celsius was registered in Khulna and the lowest 24.3 at Hatia yesterday.

Sun sets today (Tuesday) at 6.45 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5.25 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity of some major cities/towns recorded yesterday were:

Barisal	32	26.4	81	86
Cox's Bazar	29.5	25.8	85	89
Sylhet	-	25	89	-
Dinajpur	33.5	26.7	87	66