

# Dhaka Day by Day Sweetly Blessed

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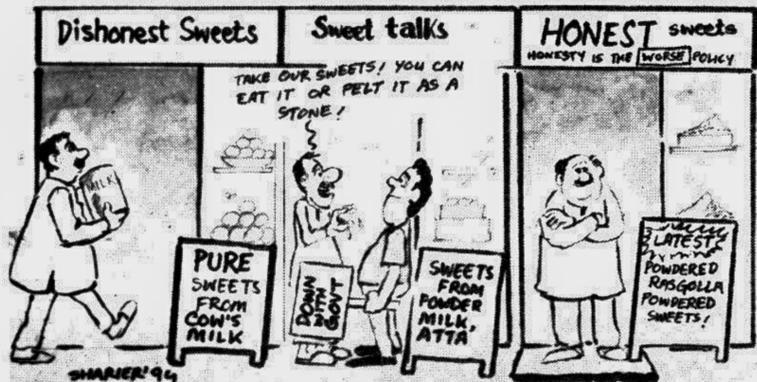
Bangalees in general are blessed with a sweet tooth in a marked degree. The predilection for sweets is almost a part of Bangladeshi culture which dates back to a hoary past. In fact, the palate of almost every Bangalee is conditioned by an overwhelming preference for them. Even those who are denied this joy for medical reasons are not entirely free from their enticement; they also see sweets made with sugar substitutes.

Sweets are intimately connected with our feelings of joy and merriment. When one conveys any happy news to somebody, the latter will invariably ask for sweets. When results of public examinations are announced, the successful candidates buy out the entire stocks of sweetmeat from the shops and distribute them to their friends, relatives and well-wishers as a mark of their elation. Such a reaction takes place also in respect of any other happy development. Thus sweets occupy a permanent

country. In olden times, milkmen produced such large quantities of milk that they were faced with the problem of their preservation. There was a separate professional class of sweet makers who found ways of preserving excess milk by making possets (chhana in Bangla). At the time curd was also invented. Thus the excess milk in those days were utilised through the process of milk-based sweets and curds. In ancient literature, we also find the mention of "sandesh" — a delectable kind of sweets.

But in the sweetening varied world of sweets, "rosogolla" occupies the top place. It is called the king of sweets. A story has it that it was first invented by one Nabin Chandra Das of West Bengal in 1968. Since that time, its position as the king of sweets has remained unchallenged.

Though sweets are said to have been introduced in this country about five thousand years



ago, we don't find any mention in any records about their price in those days. However, from one course, we learn that in 1709, a seer of sweets cost only one "cowrie."

It may seem surprising that even in 1942, the number of sweetmeat shops in Dhaka city was only six. The number rose to eight in 1952. In the early sixties, ten more shops were established raising the total to 24 in the next ten years, the number of such shops jumped to 140. At present the total number of sweetmeat shops in the city is estimated at 500.

Keeping in line with the way sweets are gaining popularity in our social life, their prices have similarly escalated. In the early sixties, rosogolla was sold at Tk 7 to Tk 9 per seer. A decade later, i. e. in 1984, the price increased ten folds i. e. Tk 80 per kg.

We now find a wide variety of sweets with different names and designs. Though their quality has not improved, their prices keep on increasing. It is now all most impossible to get quality sweets made from pure milk. Irrespective of whether quality sweets are available or not they form an indispensable part of our social ethos, associated as they are with our joy and socio-cultural moves.



The assistant secretaries of various ministries held a rally inside the Secretariat in the city yesterday demanding promotion of the grade-7 officials of 14 cadres. — Star photo

## Indian goods seized

RAJSHAHI, Aug 9: BDR personnel of 20 Rifle Battalion seized Indian goods worth over Tk 8 lakh in anti-smuggling drive at different places in the district on Monday, reports UNB.

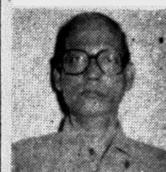
## 111 held in city

Police rounded up 111 people, including 12 wanted criminals from different parts of the city, yesterday, a JMP press release said, reports UNB.

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এতদ্বারা জানানো যাইতেছে আগামী ২৭শে আগস্ট ১৯৯৪ তারিখ হইতে ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কম্পিউটার কেন্দ্রে dBase-Programming এর উপর ৮ সপ্তাহ স্থায়ী একটি প্রশিক্ষণ কোর্স প্রদান করা হইবে। ন্যূনতম যোগ্যতা গ্রাজুয়েট এবং dBase প্যাকেজ সম্পর্কে প্রাথমিক জ্ঞান। আগে আসিলে আগে সুযোগ পাওয়া যাইবে এই ভিত্তিতে ২৪ জন প্রশিক্ষণার্থীকে ভর্তি করা হইবে। ভর্তির শেষ তারিখ ২১-০৮-৯৪ই। বিশদ বিবরণের জন্য কম্পিউটার কেন্দ্রের অফিসে যোগাযোগ করা যাইতে পারে।

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## HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA DHAKA

A 9 - member Business Delegation from India led by Mr. Samir Kumar Ghosh, President, Bengal National Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Calcutta is in Dhaka to exchange views on trade promotion between Bangladesh and India.

The areas of interest of the business delegation include Hotel and Hospital services, Tourism, Electronics, Ceramics, Textiles etc.

The delegation is staying in Sonargaon Hotel and will leave Dhaka on 12th August, 1994.

## JU stops sale of academic calendar

By JU Correspondent

The Jahangirnagar University (JU) authorities have stopped the sale of the academic calendar from yesterday following objections raised by the two major student organisations of the university.

The JU unit of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and the Chhatra League (M-I) have called for a ban on selling the calendar because it carried the picture of a wall-writing on one of the university buildings in favour of the pro-Jamaat Islami Chhatra Shibir.

The JCD and the BCL (M-I) leaders, called on the new Vice Chancellor of the university Prof Amirul Islam Chowdhury separately at his office yesterday and urged him to stop the sale of the calendar.

The leaders argued that since all activities of the Islami Chhatra Shibir are banned on the campus, the university calendar should not bear any picture of graffiti supporting the Chhatra Shibir.

Prof Chowdhury, later ordered the withdrawal of the calendar, according to an officer working in the VC's office.

The ban on the Chhatra Shibir was imposed in 1989 following the murder of JCD leader Golam Kabir on the campus.

## Film study course

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies (BFFS) has organised a six-day international 'Film study course' in the city from August 27, according to a BFFS press release.

The course will be held at the Indian Information Centre. Dr Mihir Bhattacharya, a professor of Film Study Centre of Jadavpur University, will conduct the course.

## What's on today . . .

Photo Exhibition: On late Jahanara Imam. Aly Zaker will inaugurate. Venue: La Galerie, Banani. Time: 5 pm.

European Film Session: Ritwik and Chalchitram Film Societies have jointly organised the show. Today's film: Rome, Open City, directed by Roberto Rossellini. Venue: German Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi, Road 2. Time: 6 pm.

Godard Retrospective: Zahir Raihan Film Society has organised the film session. Today's film: Week End. Venue: Alliance Francaise, Road 3, Dhanmondi. Time: 6 pm.

Publication Ceremony: Of the book Bangladesh Chalchitra Shilpa (Filmdom of Bangladesh) published by the Bangla Academy. Chief guest: Minister for Information Nazmul Huda. Special guest: DU VC Prof Emaj Uddin Ahmed. Khan Ataur Rahman, Aziz Meshir, Dr Shukumar Biswas will speak. Journalist Obaidul Huq will preside. Venue: National Press Club auditorium. Time 5 pm.

Meteorological Deptt: The inaugural ceremony of the Microwave Link between Storm Warning Centre, Dhaka and Radar Stations at Cox's Bazar and Khepupara will be held. Chief guest: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia. Special guest: Ambassador of Japan Shigeo Takenaka. Venue: Meteorological Deptt, Agargaon. Time: 10:30 am.

Installation Ceremony: The Greater Noakhali Sonali Bank Welfare Association will hold the installation ceremony and Eid reunion. Chief guest: Minister for Textiles Abdul Mannan. Special guest: Chief Whip Mahbul Alam Tara. Venue: Institution of Engineers. Time: 5 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Guest speaker: Dr Bilquis Haq, scientist ICDDR,B. Subject: Environment — Water, Sanitation and Health. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West: Regular weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka South: The installation ceremony of the board of directors will be held. Chief guest: Justice M H Rahman. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Midtown: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

## Weather

### Light rain likely

Occasional light to moderate rain or thundershower is likely to occur at many places over Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna divisions during the next 24 hours ending 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office says temporary light to moderate rain or thundershower may occur at a few places over Dhaka division and at one or two places over Rajshahi division.

Day temperature is likely to fall by 1-2 degree Celsius over Khulna and Barisal divisions and the regions of Chittagong and Noakhali while it may remain nearly unchanged elsewhere across the country.

Meantime, Mymensingh experienced the highest 17 mm rain yesterday.

Country's highest temperature 34.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Dinajpur and the lowest 24.3 degrees at Rangamati.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6:36 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 5:32 am.



The Bangladesh Dental Association of North America held a press conference at a city hotel yesterday. It has organised an 'International Dental Seminar' which begins tomorrow. — Star photo

## Death anniversary

The first anniversary of death of Sohel Samad will be observed today, says a press release.

A talented journalist and newscaster of the Voice of America, Sohel Samad died on this day last year in Washington.

Quran khwani, milad mahfil and discussion will be held after Asr prayers tomorrow at House 3, Road 95 (near the park at Gulshan Circle Two).

All friends and relatives have been requested to attend.

The 17th death anniversary of Matur Rahman, former chief reporter of the Bangladesh Times will be held today. He died of cancer at the age of 37, reports BSS.

Before Liberation, Matur Rahman joined the then Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) as public relations executive.

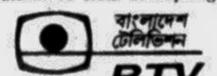
He also worked as a stringer of the New York Times.

Quran khwani and milad mahfil will be held after Asr prayers at the Malibagh residence of his family.

## 1050 phensidyl bottles seized

Police arrested a youngman while he was selling banned phensidyl syrup in a slum in Gopibagh area of the city yesterday, reports UNB.

A special police team recovered 1,050 bottles of India-made phensidyl syrup from the arrested youngman, Ruhul Amin, 32, during a morning raid in TT slum at Gopibagh.



4:30 Opening announcement  
4:45 Sports programme  
5:10 News in Bangla  
5:25 Agami  
6:00 Musical programme Unmesh  
7:00 Open University  
7:25 Tagore songs  
8:00 News in Bangla  
8:30 Sangbad Parikrama  
9:05 Film show: Equalizer  
10:00 News in English  
10:30 Kathamala  
11:30 Khabar/The News  
11:45 Closing

We heartily welcome the business delegation, comprising of Mr. Samir Kumar Ghosh, President-Bengal National Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Calcutta, Mr. S. K. Roy, Jt. Managing Director, Peerless group of companies, Mrs. Krishna Sen, Executive Director, Peerless Hospital and B. K. Roy Research Center, Mr. S.R. Saha-Partner, Delta Group, Dr. A. K. Bhattacharya of DCL group and others, which has come to Dhaka on 9. 8. 94 and will discuss on matters of mutual business interest and exchange views on Health Care facilities, Hotel & Tourism, Ceramics, Textiles, Engineering Consultancy, Electronics etc.

STATE BANK OF INDIA DHAKA

## 'Herbal plant nursery to be set up soon'

The government will soon establish a herbal plant nursery to meet the research needs of the students and teachers of the Homeopathic College, reports UNB.

Environment and Forest Minister Akbar Hossain said this while addressing the inaugural function of the Rotaract tree plantation programme at the Government Homeopathic Degree College here yesterday.

The Forest Department has already been instructed to take necessary measures in this regard, he said.

Akbar stressed the need for creating awareness to plant more herbal trees and nurture them properly.

The environment minister planted a herbal sapling at the college premises.

## ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন

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নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর দপ্তর

আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিষ্কার রাখুন আপনার শিকড় টিকা দিন

## দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সিদ্ধি, খণ্ডিত কাজসমূহের জন্য ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের তালিকাভুক্ত সকল শ্রেণীর টিকাদায়কদের নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ সরকার ৯২-২৯১১ তে সীলনসহকারিত্ব বামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। দাপারী ০৭-০৫-১৯৯১ বা/ ২২-০৮-৯৪ ইং তারিখ কোলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকার সময় বিদ্যমান কমিশনার ঢাকা/জেলা প্রশাসক ঢাকা এবং ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল প্রকৌশল বিভাগ কর্তৃক দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং ৫ দিনই বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকার সময় উপস্থিত দরপত্রসমূহ তাহাদের পরিচালকের সম্মুখে বেদি করে উপস্থিত থাকেন। বেলা হইবে। শতকরা হারে দর অর্কে এবং কবার উভয়ই লিখিত হইবে। কবার দরপত্র বাতিল করিয়া গণ্য হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের যের মহোদয়ের অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশ এবং যে কোন সিটিউল ব্যাঙ্কের ব্যাঙ্ক ড্রাফট/চেক-অর্ডার এর মাধ্যমে বাবদ্যর টাকা হিসাবে দরপত্রের সহিত জমা দিতে হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা ও নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর দপ্তর এবং হিসাব বিভাগের সেক্রেটারের নিকট টিকাদায়ী প্রতিষ্ঠানের তালিকাভুক্ত সকল বৈধ সিসি-পাসপোর্ট এবং অনুপস্থিত কালের পূর্ব অভিজ্ঞতার সন্দেহের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি জমািদান পূর্বক (প্রতিসেটা নির্ধারিত মুদ্রে নগদ অর্ধের বিনিময়ে (অসেরবর্তমানে) দরপত্রের শর্তাবলী, সিটিউল ইত্যাদি জর করা যাইবে। এতদসহকারিত্ব বিধারিত বিধান অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের অফিস-১ (জলপান) এর নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর দপ্তর হইতে জানা যাইবে।

কোন দরপত্রদাতা ব্যক্তিগত মুদ্রার ৫% শতকরা পীচ তাগ। অধিক বা নিম্ন দর প্রদান করিলে উক্ত দরের স্বপক্ষে দর নিবেদন সম্বন্ধে কঠিন হইবে। ৫% শতকরা পীচ তাগ। অধিক বা নিম্ন দর প্রদানকারী দরদাতাকে কার্যসেবা প্রদানের সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণ করা হইলে সেদ্বারা নির্ধারিত বাবদ্যর টাকার বিশ শতাংশ টাকা জমা দিতে হইবে।

দরপত্র বেদনের তারিখে কোন সনিলপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি করা হইবে না। যে কোন বা সুন্দর দরপত্র কোন কারণ দর্শনো ব্যতিরেকেই গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করিবার অসম্মত কর্তৃপক্ষ এর সার্বভৌম থাকিবে।

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