Dhaka Day by Day

A Natural Cook with a Dream

by Aasha Mehreen Amin

do, it is cooking. She can turn even the most ordinary of dishes into a mouth watering creation with her special touch. With her natural talent and years of experience, Noorjahan is one of the few women who have successfully ing to suffer endlessly." Noorjahan also has to broken into a profession that is euriously maledominated.

same household for 30 years. She has no formal education and can fairly sign her name. Her training has been completely informal, all her cooking skills have been acquired by watching

nian lady cook. Among Noorjahan's specialties are roast chicken, chicken korma, two to three kinds of biryani including 'kachchi' and 'pukka biryani', dum gosh and hundi gosh and karai chicken. "I can cook just about anything," says 42year-old Noorjahan confidently, "If I haven't cooked it before I can learn in an instant just by watching once".

Yet to become a cook has been just by chance for Noorjahan, who is originally from Faridpur. "I was only 10 or 11 years' old when I came away to Dhaka with a relative, just on a whim, I didn't even tell anyone at home." Soon with the help of the same relative she was introduced

Thirty years of cooking to her credit. to the Haque household in Lalbagh where she longer honest, young boys are spoilt by drugs became a nanny for her employer's second son. It was then that Noorjahan developed a deep interest in cooking, which at her age seemed much more fun than taking care of a baby. "I watched Amma and her mother before that, how they would cook, the spices they used, and learnt everything on my own," says Noorjahan with a smile. In fact, her entire disposition is of a cheerful optimistic person which is summed up in her comment, "No matter what work J

do, I do it with interest and with a happy face". Noorjahan's story, however, is not without tragedy. Abandoned by her husband when her second child was only a month's old, she herself then only 13, has had to fend for herself and family for almost, 30 years. To her this has

If there is anything Noorjahan Begum can been far better than living with a husband who constantly extorted money from her with a false promise to buy land, "I'm quite happy without a husband," she says matter of factly, "It's no use staying with a husband if you are golive with the memory of her daughter who got drowned in a pond at the age of 12. Noorjahan Noorjahan has been working as a cook in the now lives in Kachukhet with her son Delwar, a chauffeur of a foreign company, his wife and two children. She works the whole day at her employer's house and comes back in the late afternoon. In her spare time, which isn't a lot, her employer's wife and mother-in-law, an Ira- she likes to do a bit of sewing, especially

'kanthas' which she has learnt from her mother. "I can do many things," she muses, I just Can't read and write, if knew cutting, would easily be a tail-

But Noorjahan's greatest pleasure is spending time with her two grand children with whom she plays or watches the new TV acquired by her son.

Noorjahan is quite knowledgeable and wordly wise for a woman who never went to school or received any formal training. She talks of the rapid deterioration of values in society. "The old days were much better than now, people were better, the quality of goods was better; people are no

and prices are just too high for us to afford even food." Noorjahan lives in two rooms with her family

for 1300 Taka a month. Although she and her son share expenses between themselves, money is always short, especially with growing children in the house.

But this does not stop the ever optimistic Noorjahan from dreaming. "All I want is to be able to buy some land to leave to my child when I die," she says. To do this, she plans to go to the Middle East and earn some money working as an ayah at a hospital or school. "I don't know whether this will be possible, it all depends on Allah," she adds.

'Make tree plantation a social movement'

Environment and Forest Minister Akbar Hossain has urged the people to make tree plantation a social movement. reports UNB.

He was inaugurating a twoday tree fair at the Raipura Thana Parishad premises yesterday. Narsingdi district Jatiyatabad: Krishak Dal arranged the fair. Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuryan also spoke. Akbar Hossain said tree plays a significant role in economic development and preservation of ecological bal-

He said the present government has taken various measures to involve the landless and needy people in social forestry programmes offering 60 per cent ownership of the

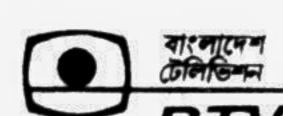
trees grown on the government land

Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan called upon the rural people to plant at least one sapling in their courtyards to make the National Tree Plantation Programme a success. He said tree fair was a new addition to the pro-

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Thursday 4:30 Opening announcement

4:45	Children's programme
	Rumjhum
5:10	News in Bangla
5:25	National TV Schoo
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6:30	Esho Para Shikhi: Mass
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11:30 Khabar/The News

11:45 Closing

अ মৎস্য মেলা '৯৪ (অংশগ্রহণের আমন্ত্রণ)

মৎস্য মেলা 🔊 ৩ – এর সফলতা ও জনপ্রিয়তার বিবেচনায় মৎস্য ও পশুসম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয় মৎস্য পক্ষ '৯৪ উপলক্ষে এক মনমুশ্ধকর চিতাকর্ষক ও শিক্ষামূলক "মৎস্য মেলা '৯৪" অনুষ্ঠানের সিদ্ধান্ত নিয়েছেন। আগামী ১৭ থেকে ২৩ আগস্ট '৯৪ইং পর্যন্ত ফার্মগেট বাংলাদেশ কৃষি গবেষণা কাউন্সিল (BARC) চন্তরে ইহা অনুষ্ঠিত হবে

নিম্নলিখিত বিষয়ে অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন আগ্রহী সকল ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠানকৈ অংশগ্রহণের জন্য আমন্ত্রণ জানান যাচেছঃ

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Minister for Information Nazmul Huda speaking as chief guest at the publication ceremony of the book Bangladesher Chalachitra Shilpa at the National Press Club auditorium in the — Star photo city yesterday.

Experts warn against an AIDS epidemic

Medical experts and recome in an epidemic form if adequate measures are not immediately taken to fend off the deadly disease, reports UNB.

Many of them even believed that with the AIDS situation having already worsened in some neighbouring countries. the disease appeared almost knocking the country's doors.

According to epidemiologists and health workers active in the AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) sector. the country may already have some 25,000 to 50,000 people infected by the HIV - the virus that destroys the immune system in human body leading to inevitable death.

While the government so far listed only 29 cases of HIV positive, a number of clinics in the capital were reported testing and treating AIDS patients, in most cases secretly. say activists. Some 400-500 HIV carriers

have been identified in a single clinic in Dhaka, its owners admitted to doctors in a recent interview which was broadcast by BBC The "Number of cases are

many many more than the detected cases," the same BBC programme quoted Dr Nazrul Islam, Professor of Virology at the PG hospital.

A number of doctors are also reportedly treating AIDS patients. Dr Nasim Rahman, an eminent Gynaecologist, told BBC she already has some HIV positive cases under her care.

searchers have cautioned ported only nine cases of HIV against a looming threat of positive. But the latest report AIDS in Bangladesh that could of the World Health Organisation (WHO) said that the country had some 1.5 million AIDS patients. Myanmar is also now a major AIDS affected country.

> Health professionals have been complaining of the government's extremely inadequate response to the problem though the disease has appeared as a major threat to society in the neighbouring countries.

An on-going conference on AIDS in Japan has cautioned that Asia could be the most vulnerable region

The recent WHO report also warned: "... HIV transmission rates in some population groups in South and South-East Asia today are as high as they were in Africa ten years ago. And because of the difference in population sizes, what is happening in Africa now could be dwarfed by the Asian epidemic."

Bangladesh has got one of the oldest but also allegedly one of the least active AIDS Commission. An effective awareness programme is yet to be launched when use of condom, which prevents AIDS transmission, is less than 5 per cent in the country.

A one million US dollar fund for a National AIDS Prevention Project, supported by the UNDP, is still awaiting approval of the Finance Ministry. The Health Ministry has already cleared the pro-

What's on today

Orpheus Music Club: Rossini's classic opera The Barber of Seville directed by Mario Costa will be screened. Venue: German Cultural Centre auditorium. Time: 6 pm.

Zahir Raihan Film Society: The film Je Vous Salue, Marie (Hail Mary) will be screened on the concluding day of Godard retrospective. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 6 pm

Inner Wheel Club of Metropolitan Dhaka: Installation ceremony of the club for 1994-95 will be held. Chief guest: Manzoor-Ul-Karim, Special Advisor (Nutrition), UNICEF. Special guests: Farhat Rahim, IIW board member and Dilruba Ahmed, National Representative, Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

HBFC Confce: Annual conference of the Bangladesh House Building Fiance Corporation (HBFC) will be held Chief guest: Finance Minister M Saitur Rahman. Special guest: Nasimuddin Ahmed, Secretary Finance, Sved Amir-Ul-Mulk will preside. Venue: NEC conference room. Ministry of Planning, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Time 9:45 am.

Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony: or Shahidnagar Community Centre, under Ward 60, Lalbagh. Chief guest: Minister for Food Mir Shawkat Ali. DCC Mayor Mohammad Hanif will open the plaque. Time. 5 pm.

Rotary Club of Dilkusha: The second organising meeting of the club will be held. Venue: 76. Segunbagicha (2nd floor). Time: 5 pm

CDRB Seminar: On the Privatisation of Commercial Banks in Bangladesh Key note speaker. Dr M Kabirul Hassan a Senior Research Fellow of AIBS Venue: WVA auditorium Road 27. Dhanmondi Time 4 pm

Weather

Temperature may fall

Moderately heavy falls are likely to occur at places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Met office says temporary light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by gusty wind may occur at many places over Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions

Day temperature is likely to fall slightly today across the Country's highest temperature 33.0 degree Celsius was

recorded at Dinajpur and the lowest 24.2 degrees at Chandpur. Sun sets today (Thursday) at 6:35 pm and rises tomorrow

(Friday) at 5:32 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some of major cities/towns vesterday were:

Humidity in City/Town Temperature in Celsius Percentage 9 am 6 pm Min 26.6 73 Dhaka 30.7 93 Chittagong 32 4 26 1 85 Raishahi 26.3 32 4 81 Khulna 26 1 31.5 92 Barisal 30.5 26.0 77 69 Sylhet 32.6 26.6 97 96 Cox's Bazar 30

Hungarian envoy meets Matin

Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Hungary I B Buday called on Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury at the latter's of-

fice yesterday, reports UNB. The Charge d'Affaires spent some time with the Home Minister and they discussed matters of mutual interests between the two countries, says an official handout.

188 arrested in city

Police rounded up 188 people, including 16 wanted criminals, from different parts of the city yesterday, a DMP press release said, reports

The arrested also included 83 held under the Narcotics Control Act, one under the Anti-Terrorism Act, two under the Special Powers Act, one under the Explosive Acts. three charged with robbery, and one accused of cheating

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Publication

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'Chalachitra

Shilpa' held

Nazmul Huda yesterday

underscored the need for

encouraging the researchers

and the authors to pursue their

creative works in the interest

guest at the publication

ceremony of a research book

entitled "Bangladesher

Chalachitra Shilpa" organised

by the Institute of Media

Studies, Research and

Development at the Jatiya

Qader, the 737-page book with

hundred photographs was

published by the Bangla

Huda assured his full

The information minister

cooperation to continue the

said, this book of "ready

reference" is very useful in

finding the reply of many

questions raised by the people

establishment of the Film

Development Trust, he said

the main objective of it was to

finance production of quality

films with proper taste so that

these films could earn

reputation at home and abroad

and enhance the image of the

would reduce at least four

films in a year and a part of the

income from these films would

be given to the artistes as

emphasised the need for

creation of life-oriented films to inspire the people with a

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The information minister

He said initially the trust

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Written by Mirza Taregul

Press Club auditorium here.

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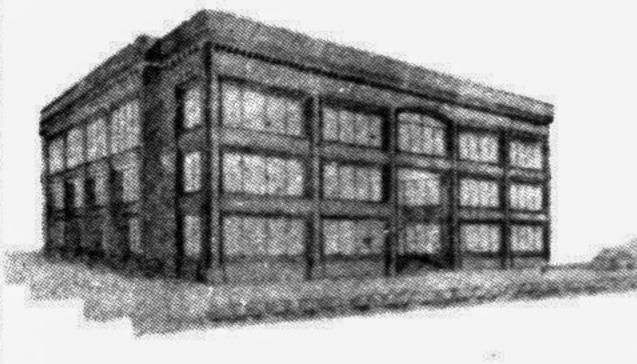
of the nation, reports BSS.

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