

Dhaka Day by Day

Seminar Poses to Make and Break Universe

by Rashed Mahmud Titumir

They state the problem quite bluntly, and with a stress say, 'we are in big trouble — truly terrifying trouble.' The 'we' involved here, according to the speakers in the seminars, is not just the participants of the symposium who make the workshop worth the trouble of participation. Nor, they continue, for that matter, is it simply the 'we' that means Bengalees or the privileged inheritors of political, cultural and intellectual traditions. No, as they mean, the 'we' involved there is the entire human species.

This is how the protagonists of 'thinking globally, acting locally' start their speeches —

evolutionary biologists, and other branches of environmental studies are now reporting evidence that we are currently in the midst of a global 'extinction event'.

Demographic historians go on adding further details to the picture of repeated ecological disaster painted by environmental archaeologists.

Through their mathematical hoax and fancy models they show that human population have demonstrated again and again the long-term tendency to expand and collapse. These patterns are referred to by demographers as the 'millennial long waves', and they appear to be



be it talk, lecture, discussion, paper presentation — in the conference hall, seminar room, auditorium, or ball room of the hotels in this megapolis.

Indeed, Dhaka city is increasingly becoming a venue of every conceivable seminar and symposium on all the jet-set and fashionable subjects.

They act as key persons in bringing about changes in society. Or they jot down issues and subjects relating to the development and under development of Bangladesh and record issues pertaining to the status of the people of Bangladesh and its possible change for the better.

Through their mouth, or on the paper, they deal issues accelerating or impeding people-oriented, environmentally sound and participatory human development through building local and national capacity for self-reliance, keeping all through in mind the process of globalisation.

In this era of environmentalism, they warn us that life as we know it is undergoing massive extinction. More precisely, geologists,

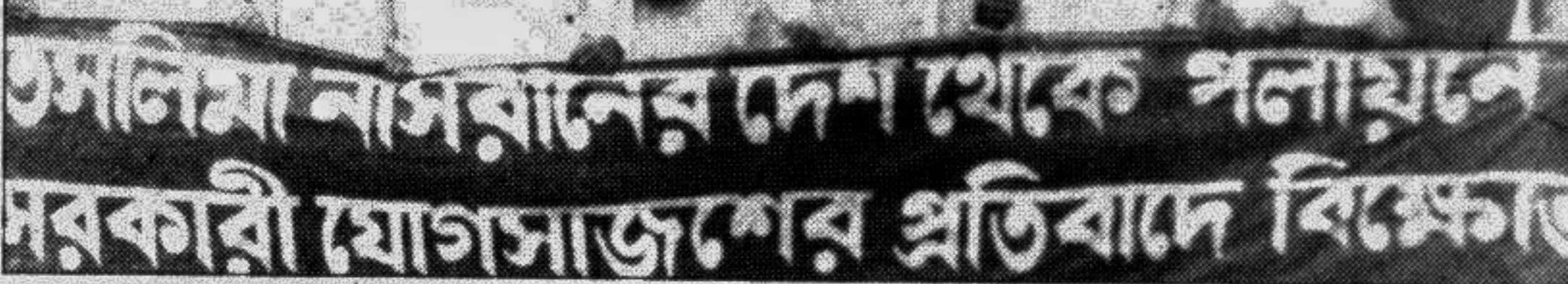
manifest in both the old world and the new with a new cover.

And finally, making thing to shock, terrorise and horrify us, they came with a technoscientific salvation theory. Scientists and techno-boomers alike promise us that technological miracles will save us.

And after all, thanks to 'science', we have miracle crops, miracle drugs, and miracle whip! what more could we need?

We leave the room with the assurance 'of course we can'. All we need is adequate investment, a sense of determination, inventiveness, and finally the political will to make the 'tough' decisions.

But the question that deep-in mind is not answered is: what we mean by 'we'. Probably Ross Coggins, in his poem 'The Development Set', has tried to find the answer: 'Excuse me, friends, I must catch my jet - I'm off to join the Development Set.../We bring in consultants whose circumspection/Raises difficulties for every solution -/Thus guaranteeing continued good eating/By showing the need for another meeting.'



The Combined Action Council, comprising 13 pro-Islamic political bodies, brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting Taslima Nasreen's secret flight from the country on Tuesday.

Bogra Dist Dev Council calls on Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas said that food for education programme has helped reduce school dropouts, reports UNB.

Biswas said this when a delegation of Bogra District Development Council called on him at Bangabhaban yesterday.

The President advised the delegation members to exert their influence on the people for sending their wards to school so that everybody in the upcoming generation gets the benefit of education, which is vital for development of human resources.

'The present government have been carrying out lot of development activities in various socio-economic sectors. Of these, expansion of education and development of educational institutions have received highest priority.'

Earlier, the delegation submitted a memorandum containing 15-point demands setting up of a Girls Cadet College in Bogra, nationalisation of Shariatkandi College and establishing an agricultural college and a mill for production of paper and pulp out of green jute.

President of the Bogra District Development Council Zillur Rahman led the delegation which also included Qamrul Alam, Ataur Rahman, Ilias Uddin, Motiul Islam Sadi, Sheikh Mahbub Hossain, Shahjahan Ali, Nurul Anwar Badsha, Zinnatun Nahar and Abdur Razzak Sarker.

Lease tenure of khas land for shrimp culture enhanced

The government yesterday decided to enhance the lease tenure of khas land for shrimp culture from ten to fifteen years, reports BSS.

The decision was taken at a district relief and rehabilitation coordination meeting held yesterday in Cox's Bazar with Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah Al-Noman in the chair, an official handout said.

It was also decided that the ownership of lease would be transferable on hereditary basis.

Local MPs Mostaque Ahmed and Muhammad Ishaque, chairman of Cox's Bazar municipality Nurul Absar and Deputy Commissioner Enamul Kabir were present in the meeting.

The meeting reviewed the progress of different on-going development projects in the district and discussed various aspects of post-cyclone rehabilitation programmes.

It also discussed ways and means to utilise the recently allocated 32 lakh for agricultural rehabilitation in cultivation of IRR, boro, aman paddy and also for the development of betel leaf farming in the affected areas including Teknaf and Ukhiya thanas.

Earlier, the fisheries minister inaugurated the Seba Institute here.

The institute was constructed at a cost of Taka two crore and four lakh to provide health services to the local people.



The stranded Pakistanis brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding their return to homeland.

— Star photo

CU exams

CHITTAGONG, Aug 11: The terminal examination of final year 1991 in Political Science of the University of Chittagong will be held on August 30 at 10:30 am instead of August 23, yesterday, reports BSS.

The terminal examination of MSS preliminary (1992) will be held on August 28 instead of August 21.



Chehlum

Chehlum of late Al-Haj Tajul Islam of Comilla district will be held today, says a press release.

Tajul Islam, who died on July 6, was an eminent personality in the arena of cultural activities, a historian, author of many books and founder of the Academy for Training in Islamic Way of Life (ATIWL).

The chehlum will be held at the residence of late Tajul Islam at 167, Cemetery Road, Bishnupur, Comilla.

His relatives, friends and well-wishers have been requested to attend the chehlum and pray for the departed soul.

Workshop on blood transfusion opens

A national workshop on 'ensure the safety of blood transfusion' began in the city yesterday with a special call to be more careful and cautious to effectively check the virus diseases like AIDS, hepatitis and syphilis, reports BSS.



Time	Programme
8:00	Opening announcement
8:10	News in Bangla
8:15	Alor Dishant
8:40	Our Friends The Dolphins
9:00	Aye Pritibi: Documentary on Environment
9:30	Film show: Batman
10:00	News in English
10:05	Moner Mukure
11:15	Film show: Tarzan
11:40	Programme of Health: Prescription
11:55	Musical programme: Morami
3:00	Opening announcement
3:15	Cartoon film: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
3:40	Movie of the Week: Lady L
5:10	News in Bangla
5:25	Sports programme
7:00	Open University
7:25	Musical programme: Malancha
8:00	News in Bangla
8:30	Comedy series: Perfect Strangers
9:00	Magazine programme: Charupath
10:00	News in English
10:30	Film show: Law and Order
11:30	Khabar/The News

Weather

Moderate rain likely

Occasional moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Chittagong, Barisal divisions with moderately heavy falls at places till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office said light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur at many places over Khulna, Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged. Weather is likely to improve gradually in the next two days but little change is predicted in the following week.

The country's highest temperature 31.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Bogra and the lowest 23.5 degrees at Peni. Highest rainfall during the last 24 hours was 53 mm in Cox's Bazar, 37 mm in Comilla, 30 mm in Khulna, 27 in Faridpur.

Sun sets today at 6:34 pm and rises tomorrow (Saturday) at 5:33 am.

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	30.0	25.8
Chittagong	29.0	24.8
Cox's Bazar	30.6	24.8
Sylhet	30.5	25.2
Barisal	29.8	25.6
Khulna	27.4	24.0
Dinajpur	31.0	26.0
	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	88	84
Chittagong	97	95
Cox's Bazar	85	85
Sylhet	90	89
Barisal	100	98
Khulna	98	92
Dinajpur	82	79

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WANTED

An international family planning agency in Dhaka invites application for the position of Program Officer/Assistant Program Officer. Candidates must have Master's degree in social science preferably from foreign University. Excellent writing skill in English language is a must. Knowledge on computer operation and experience in project planning and monitoring is required.

Attractive salary and benefit package. Candidates unwilling to take required field trips and undergo rigorous recruitment process need not apply. Last date for submission of bio-data with a recent photograph to Box No. A-20, C/O The Daily Star, Dhaka by August 20, 1994.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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The candidates must possess at least a second class graduation degree (preferably commerce) with good command over both spoken and written English and Bangla. Candidates must display a disposition to work in any department or branch of the Bank in Bangladesh. The maximum age limit for candidates applying for the position is 26 years as at August 1, 1994.

The Bank offers a remuneration package commensurate with the demands of the job in a competitive environment.

Candidates interested to apply should do so in own handwriting with a curriculum vitae, copies of educational certificates, a recent passport size photograph and names and addresses of two referees to G.P.O. Box No 502, Dhaka 1000 by August 27, 1994 with the envelopes addressed to the Manager Human Resources.

Candidates selected for a preliminary interview, on the basis of initial screening of the CVs will be notified in writing of the venue, date and time of the same. The Bank will not bear any expenses of the candidates for attending the interviews/tests.

The Bank will only advise successful candidates, those who do not qualify for subsequent stages of the recruitment process will not receive any notification.

The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any application without advising any reason whatsoever.

All applications made to the Bank will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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POSITION: Diplomatic Mission wishes to employ a bright and enthusiastic Senior Accountant/Procurement Officer. Females are encouraged to apply.

REQUIREMENTS: Candidates are to be qualified chartered accountants with a minimum of 5 years post-qualification experience, including at least 3 years with a large chartered accounting firm which has an international clientele. Proficiency in oral and written English and Bengali is required, and candidates are expected to be computer literate. Candidates will be expected to work amicably with expatriate and local staff of the Mission. They must have the capacity to supervise, to train and to lead staff.

DUTIES: The successful applicant will be required to:

- Supervise and direct the day-to-day operations of the Finance and Procurement Section. Manage and reconcile all bank accounts. Prepare regular expenditure reports and estimates for all Sections of the Mission, on an accrual accounting basis.
- Provide training and guidance to other accounts staff, particularly in accrual accounting.
- Procure all mission supplies.
- Correctly maintain the Assets register on computer.
- Assist other Sections of the Mission on accounting/procurement matters.
- Perform other duties as required.

APPLICATIONS: Applications are to be forwarded to Box No-D-818
C/o, The Daily Star, House No-11, Road No-3, Dhanmandi R/A, Dhaka-1205

Applicants should provide full contact details including business and after hours telephone numbers, and the names and telephone numbers of their referees.

BASIS OF PAYMENT: Excellent salary and working conditions apply. STARTING DATE: Deadline for receiving applications is Wednesday 24 August 1994. The successful applicant will be required to start work immediately after being selected.

APB demands resumption of deputation system

By SSMCH Correspondent

Prof Sheikh Nesaruddin Ahmed and Prof Tofayel Ahmed president and secretary general respectively of the Association of Physicians of Bangladesh (APB) in a joint statement said the government has intentionally cancelled the deputation system for higher medical education and it will be great hindrance for higher studies of medical personnel.

They demanded resumption of this deputation programme immediately and withdrawal of the suspension order of some doctors in Tongi and Gazipur.



Inspector General of Police A S M Shahjahan inaugurating the tree plantation programme of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) at Rajarbagh Police Lines in the city yesterday.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়

বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা

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তারিখঃ ৮-৮/৯৪ইং

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বিষয়ঃ ইস্ট ওয়েস্ট সেন্টার হনলুলু হাওয়াই বৃত্তির অধীনে ১৯৯৫-৯৬ শিক্ষাবর্ষের জন্য দরখাস্ত আহবান প্রসংগে।

যুক্তরাষ্ট্রের হাওয়াইতে অবস্থিত ইস্ট ওয়েস্ট সেন্টার বৃত্তির অধীনে স্বাতন্ত্র্যের পর্যায়ে অধ্যয়নের জন্য বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত নাগরিকদের নিকট থেকে দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

২। প্রার্থী মনোনয়নের শর্তাবলী:

- ১। যারা পঞ্জিকা সমূহে নিম্নোক্তভাবে ন্যূনতম নম্বর পেয়েছেন।
- ২। বিষয়/শাখা উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক
- ৩। কৃষি, প্রকৌশল এবং স্থাপত্যবিদ্যা ৬৫% ৭০%
- ৪। কলা ও সামাজিক বিজ্ঞান ৫৮% ৬৫%
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- ৬। বিজ্ঞান ৬৫% ৬৫%
- ৭। যাদের শিক্ষা জীবনে একটি প্রথম বিভাগ আছে এবং কোন তৃতীয় বিভাগ নেই।
- ৮। যাদের বয়স ৪০ বছরের বেশি নয় (১-৭-৯৪ইং তারিখে)।
- ৯। যারা ইতিপূর্বে যুক্তরাষ্ট্রে অধ্যয়ন করেন নি।
- ১০। যাদের ইতিপূর্বে ভাল সন্তুষ্টি থাকবে।
- ১১। যারা ভাল স্বাস্থ্যের অধিকারী।
- ১২। যে সকল প্রার্থী ইতিপূর্বে টোকিও, জিম্বাবুই অথবা জিম্বাবুই-তে অংশ নিয়ে টোকিও-এ অন্ততঃ ৫৫০ এবং জিম্বাবুই-তে ১৩০০ এক কিমিএটি-তে ৫০০ নম্বর পেয়েছেন তাদেরকে অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে।
- ১৩। সরকারী/অর্ধ সরকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানে চাকরিতে প্রার্থীপদের মাধ্যমে নির্ধারিত কর্মে যথাসময়ে আবেদন করতে হবে।
- ১৪। সন্ধ্যা তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত দু'কপি ছবি, সকল পঞ্জিকা পাশের দু'কপি করে সত্যায়িত নম্বরপত্র ও সার্টিফিকেট ইত্যাদিসহ নিম্নোক্ত তথ্য সংবলিত ইতিপূর্বে জীবন বৃত্তান্তসহ আবেদন করতে হবে। জীবন বৃত্তান্ত নাম, পিতার নাম, বর্তমান ও হারি ঠিকানা, জন্ম তারিখ, পেশা, টেলিফোন নম্বর (যদি থাকে) ১-১-৯৪ইং তারিখে বয়স, শিক্ষাপত্র যোগ্যতা, পরীক্ষার নাম, রোল নম্বর, রেজিস্ট্রেশন নম্বর, পাশের সন, বিভাগ, মেধা অনুসারে অবস্থান (যদি থাকে), মোট লাভ নম্বর (এসএসসি/এইচএসসি, স্বাতন্ত্র্য/স্বাতন্ত্র্যের পরীক্ষার মোট নম্বর ও শতাঙ্ক) হার, সার্টিফিকেটের অধিকতা (যদি থাকে) উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
- ১৫। যাদের উপর 'বৃত্তির নাম' ও 'প্রার্থিতা বিবরণ' উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
- ১৬। আবেদন করা প্রার্থী ১-৮-৯৪ইং তারিখের মধ্যে ডাকযোগে নিম্নোক্তস্বাক্ষরিত নিকট পৌঁছাতে হবে। অথবা বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়ের ৫ নং গেইটে প্রকৃত ২ নং কাঠের বাক্সে রাখিল করতে হবে।
- ১৭। কোন ব্যক্তি এককিঞ্চি বিঘ্নের প্রার্থী হতে পারবে না।
- ১৮। প্রার্থী নির্বাচনের ক্ষেত্রে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত। অসম্পূর্ণ দরখাস্ত বিবেচনা করা হবে না।
- ১৯। ইচ্ছাকৃতভাবে মিথ্যা বিবরণ/তথ্য প্রদানকারীর বিরুদ্ধে সতর্কিত অনুসারে ব্যবস্থা নেয়া হবে।
- ২০। ইতিপূর্বে শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক কোন বৃত্তি জন্য নির্বাচিত হয়ে থাকলে আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই।

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মোঃ আকরাম হোসেন

সহকারী সচিব(বৃত্তি)