

Dhaka Day by Day A Musical Legacy

by Raffat Binte Rashid

What is music? Can anyone define it? Actually no, it just makes your heart feel light and happy. It even makes you romantically nostalgic or cry without giving any specific reasons. Its timbre, the notes, the tune touch your mind, body and not to forget your soul.

Everyone feels such mixed emotions to varying degrees. But Begum Sajeda Khan (Sipra Dutt Roy) lives, breathes and believes these to be the basic criteria of good music. "What is music if it doesn't make you cry — out of love," that's her attitude. She is currently visiting Dhaka, to teach classical music to her young followers here. Being an artist herself and dis-

ciple and wife of Ustad Sagriuddin Khan, an all-time great sarangi player and classical vocalist, she has developed a rich taste for music. "This is music to me, this puts you at peace with the soul, shows you the way to prayer for *allah*," she says. She mastered her abc of music at an early age from her father here in Mymensingh and completed her Masters in Classical from Rabindra Bharati, Calcutta.

In 1964 she started her career from the All India Radio, singing semi-classical devotional songs, like *bhajan*, folk songs. Her teacher or guru as she always sees him, was her husband. "He is unparalleled, both in sarangi and vocal. His sarangi has a language and

as if you can clearly hear it sing to you, whenever he is not giving his own vocals. It is very hard to distinguish between the two. Khan Shabbir was extraordinary with discerning taste," she talks about her husband and ustad.

She refuses to accept the tragic truth about her husband's demise. The man who creates, can never die, an artist's creations live forever, she earnestly believes. "I love music, it's in my blood and so his presence in my life is a *prasad* (offering to and from gods). In the two Bengalis the ustad has many disciples Snigdha Sen, Arun Bhaduri, Aroti Mukherjee, are ones there while Shaheen Samad, Dalia Naushin, Nilufer Yasmin are among the many famous vocalists here in Bangladesh. The ustad was also an accompanist to legendary personalities like Pandit Omkarnath Thakur, Ustad Bade Gulam

Ali Khan, Ustad Ameer Khan, Pandit Vinayak Rao Patwardhan and other such stalwarts. Pandit Omkarnath once said, "It's the Sarangi of Khan Shabbir that makes me cry and thus my songs become good." He called him *sur sagor* (soar of music). To the people of All India Radio station he was known as *Sagor da*.

"As a man my husband was unparalleled too. He was my friend, my guru. He was sensitive to every thing near him. He used to say, my home is different from others, it's an *ashram*. Every one will come here, accept it as their own. Hospitality makes one understand his or her family roots."

"There was not a slight trace of showmanship in him. Instead there was a magnetic attraction in him. I can never think of him as an old man, he was ever young. He created music every moment. There was music and creation in every thing he did."

Ustad Md Sagriuddin Khan was born in a family of musicians and was trained under Ustad Babdu Khan. He was born in Delhi since he was form *Delhi gharana* and played in his own pattern and style. "His music was so pure and touching that even the one who didn't understand music, he too cried," says his wife. His attempt at unifying all the 49

tunes of sarangi and blending notes with human voice is unbelievable. A cassette of his *khyal* and *thumri* was sponsored by *Ghathani* company and the first part of his book *sur, sagor* was published recently. The ustad and his wife's trip to Dhaka and their workshops here used to be and are still sponsored by people like Professor Jahanara Begum, Lubna Mariam, Zarin Kamal, Asafuddiniah, Shafiq Raman, and many others.

Either these people or their children are students of this musical couple. Even now Sajeda Khan continues the unfinished task of her husband left undone. "People here and in Calcutta loved him very much and when he lay sick in BIRDEM, the special care and love shown by doctors, friends, students here only proves the fact, she says.



Ustad Sagriuddin Khan. Inset Begum Sajeda Khan.

Experts suggest long-term leasing of beels, baors

Experts suggested stopping yearly leasing of the country's innumerable beels and baors, and instead encourage long-term (7-10 years) leasing arrangements to offset the declining trend of fish resources.

Talking to UNB, they said indiscriminate discharge of agro-chemicals and industrial waste into the water systems should also be stopped forthwith. If the waste are to be released into water, they must be treated in such a manner that at the time of their release the concentration of the toxic ingredient remains within permissible limits, they added.

Location of specific models for integrated fish, crop and livestock farming should be developed and propagated, said Dr Jahangir Alam, Chief of Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute.

He suggested urgent measures to replace the presently practiced crude collecting and handling of the wild carp seed with modern and scientific methods to prevent undue mortality of the valuable seed resources.

Dr Alam said modern fish culture is constrained by multiple ownership of rural ponds. Government should hire or buy ponds from interested owners for leasing out to interested entrepreneurs.

"Adequate credit for aquaculture should be made available to farmers at appropriate times. A supervised credit system should be introduced without requiring collateral for

loans." He added that instead of constructing hatcheries at each and every fish seed multiplication farm, the government should consider construction of four regional hatcheries in the country with nursery complexes in every thanas. The nursery complexes should be in areas where natural water is available throughout the year.

Dr Alam said optimum fertilizer dose for various water bodies located in different soil tracts should be determined.

Available aquaculture technology should be transferred to the farmers without any delay, he suggested. "Extension, research, input supply and credit giving organisations should work hand-in-hand in location specific unified projects to make the technology transfer fruitful."

Meanwhile, fish fortnight '94 — a nation-wide campaign to boost pisciculture through extension of modern technology began on August 16. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia inaugurated the campaign.

Fisheries, one of the sub-sectors of agriculture, plays a dominant role in nutrition, employment, foreign exchange earnings and other areas of the economy.

Official sources said the fisheries sub-sector contributes about 80 per cent of the nation's animal protein intake, nearly 6 per cent to the GDP and more than 12 per

cent export earnings of the country.

As an economic activity, fisheries rank second to agriculture, providing livelihood to an estimated 1.2 million people and substantial economic support to over 0.9 million part-time fishermen.

The country's present production of fish is estimated at about one million tons, with shrimp accounting for 100,000 tons. Inland fisheries contributes about 73 per cent and marine fisheries 27 per cent of the total catch of fish in the country.

The per capita per day fish consumption was about 33 grams in 1962-63 but dropped to 21 grams at present against the estimated minimum requirement of 73 grams per head per day.

The total fish production increased only marginally from 0.81 million tons in 1968-69 to 0.85 million tons in 1989-90, which could not keep pace with the increased population.

According to the fisheries department, total production of capture fisheries has declined from 0.47 million tons in 1983-84 to 0.42 million tons in 1988-89. If the trend continues, it is feared that the total fish production will fall to 0.25 million tons in the year 2000.

The current fourth Five Year Plan allocation for the sub-sector was Tk 13.49 billion — Tk 7.49 billion in public sector and Tk 6 billion in private sector.

Dialogue on railways Aug 23

By Staff Correspondent

The Centre for Policy Dialogue will hold a dialogue on 'Bangladesh's railways: an agenda for reform' at the Hotel Songargaon in the city on August 23.

The dialogue is designed to bring together policymakers, members of parliament, professionals and businessmen to discuss the issue of railway reform. The dialogue will focus on the issue of reform agenda needed to make the sector more efficient and service-oriented as well as making the sector more financially viable.

The dialogue is expected to help the government, the legislators and the railway in taking steps to develop the sector. Communications Minister Oli Ahmed is likely to attend the dialogue.

Tributes paid to Santapada Mahathero

Tributes were paid to late 'venerable Santapada Mahathero for his contributions to Buddhism and the Buddhist community at a meeting held in the city yesterday in observance of his seventh death anniversary, reports BSS.

The meeting held at the International Buddhist Monastery at Merul Badda was presided over by venerable Gyanaspi Mahathero, high priest of the monastery. Venerable Dharmarakshit Mahathero, president of Bangladesh Theosophical Society and high priest of Kanakastupa Vinara of Comilla was chief guest.

Speakers recalled the contribution of late Santapada Mahathero in founding the international monastery in Dhaka and his nearly 50 years of dedicated service for preaching Buddhism both nationally and internationally.

Speakers included M L Barua, acting president of Bangladesh Buddhist Federation (BBF), D P Barua, managing director and chief editor of BSS, Dr Sumangal Barua and Dr Sukomal Barua vice presidents of BBF and Dr Sunanda Barua.

The memorial meeting was preceded by *sanghadan* to the Bikkhu Sangha.

Incentives can help check population boom: Speaker

Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Shaikh Razzak Ali said checking population boom was not possible through exercise of law but incentives and awareness were very much important to control population explosion, reports BSS.

The Speaker was addressing as chief guest the concluding function of the year-long programme of the Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) in its Moizuddin auditorium in the city yesterday.

The programmes were undertaken, by the FPAB to observe the completion of its forty years of establishment. The association was established with the initiative of some dedicated social workers led by Dr Humayra Sayeed of Dhaka Medical College hospital in 1953. Mohammad Nasim, Dr Mohammad Ibrahim, Alamgir MA Kabir and Begum Raisunnesa Huq were among those who were actively involved in establishing the association.

Shaikh Razzak Ali referred to China where couples with only one child were being provided with various incentives under constitutional provisions to encourage family planning there.

"Such incentives can be introduced here by providing government's khas lands and other facilities to couples with one or two child at the grass-roots level," he said and added

that it would bring about a positive result in the field of family planning in Bangladesh.

In this respect, he said, self-employment projects can be developed to encourage couple with one or two child to make the campaign for family planning a success.

The Speaker referred to increased food production in the country and said the net result was zero due to the consumption by the vast population in a small country like Bangladesh.

The Speaker called for necessary measures to enable NGOs to carry out their activities in various development fields including family planning.

"The NGOs are doing highly appreciable work side by side with the government in bringing about a positive change in the lot of the commonman," he said.

Earlier, the Speaker distributed crests to 40 eminent personalities of the FPAB who had made contribution in the family planning over the last 40 years.

With FPAB president Alamgir MA Kabir in the chair, the function was also addressed by Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare M Sirajul Huq, honorary secretary general of FPAB Kazi Anisur Rahman, director general (in charge) Mizanur Rahman, Azizul Huq Chowdhury, Begum Raisunnesa Huq and Principal Muhammad Mazharul Hannan.



Sonargaon Hotel celebrated its 14th anniversary at the hotel's dining room Shapla yesterday.

Workshop on disaster management

The first national workshop on 'coordination of disaster management' begins today at a hotel at Cox's Bazar, reports BSS.

State Minister for Relief and Disaster Management Harun-al-Rashid will inaugurate the six-day long workshop jointly organised by UNDP and Ministry of Relief and Disaster Management.

UNDP resident representative Eimi Watanabe will be special guest at the inaugural function. Representatives and senior officials of international organisations, UNDP, NGOs and ministries concerned will attend the workshop.

Nazrul Institute programme

The Nazrul Institute has planned a three-day programme to observe the 18th death anniversary of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, reports BSS.

The programme includes placing of wreaths at the mazar of the poet and offering faicha.

holding of seminars at the institute's auditorium at Kabi Bhaban, Dhanmondi on the life and contributions of the poet. Competition of recitation of Nazrul's poems among the children and distribution of prizes to the winners, musical soirees on Nazrul's songs, and dance-sequences.

Kishoreganj to get gas supply from Aug 24

By Staff Correspondent

Kishoreganj will be linked with the Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution System from Wednesday, company sources said.

Necessary arrangements have already been made for the distribution of gas among the people of Kishoreganj under the Tk 322 crore Brahmaputra Basin Gas Project. The Asian Development Bank has provided 74 million US dollars for the project.

Earlier, the Jamuna Fertiliser Factory and Mymensingh district town came under the distribution network, said a press release issued yesterday by the Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company.

Gas would be made available shortly in Jamalpur, Netrokona, Sherpur district town, Trishal, Bhuluka and Gafargaon thana headquarters, it added.

To ensure uninterrupted gas supply in Kishoreganj, the company installed 45,280 metre of gas line of different diameters. The company has a plan to provide 5,095 connections including 5,034 domestic, 42 commercial and 11 industrial ones during the next five years in Kishoreganj.

The Kishoreganj project alone will cost Taka eight crore and 21 lakh. The Titas Gas Company provided 28,607 new connections in 1993-94 raising the number of consumers to 4,38,551 till June 1994.

It earned a revenue of Tk 777.88 crore by selling 4,316 million cubic metre of gas during the year. The net income of the company during the last fiscal stood at Tk 26.50 crore, the press release added.

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বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বিষয়ঃ মার্কিন যুক্তরাষ্ট্র সরকারের প্রদত্ত ১৯৯৫ সনের বৃত্তির জন্য দরখাস্ত আবেদন প্রসঙ্গে।

যুক্তরাষ্ট্র সরকারের দু'বার মেয়াদী ফুলব্রাইট বৃত্তির অধীনে ১৯৯৫ আর্থিকবর্ষে নিম্নোক্ত বিষয়সমূহে হ্রাসকোণ পর্যায়ে অধ্যয়নের জন্য ঢাকা, চট্টগ্রাম, রাজশাহী, আহম্মদনগর ও ইসলামাবাদ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অন্যান্য সদস্যদের কাছ থেকে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা হচ্ছে।

বিষয়সমূহঃ

- ১। আমেরিকান ইতিহাস।
- ২। আমেরিকান সাহিত্য।
- ৩। ইংরেজী ভাষা (বিদেশী ভাষা হিসেবে ইংরেজী শিক্ষাদান)।
- ৪। অর্থনীতি।
- ৫। রবীন্দ্রনাথ/আন্তর্জাতিক সম্পর্ক।
- ৬। ইংরেজী ভাষা বিষয়ে অধ্যয়ন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কলেজসমূহের অন্যান্য সদস্যদের আহ্বান করে দেয়া হবে।
- ৭। **প্রার্থী মনোনয়নের শর্তাবলীঃ**
 - ১। ১৯৯৫ সালের ১৪ই আগস্ট তারিখ বয়স ৪০ বছরের বেশী নয়।
 - ২। শিক্ষা প্রার্থীর অন্ততঃ ২টি প্রথম বিভাগ এবং কোন ভূমির বিভাগ থাকবে না।
 - ৩। স্বাক্ষর (স্বাক্ষর) এবং মার্কিন ডিগ্রী পরীক্ষার অন্ততঃ ৫৮% নম্বর পেতে হবে।
 - ৪। যারা ইতোপূর্বে যুক্তরাষ্ট্রে অধ্যয়ন করেন নি।
 - ৫। ইংরেজিতে দক্ষতা থাকতে হবে।
 - ৬। সুস্বাস্থ্যের অধিকারী হতে হবে।
- ৮। প্রার্থীকে যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে মনোনয়ন আহ্বান করতে হবে।
- ৯। সন্য জেলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত দু'কপি ছবি, সকল পরীক্ষা পাশের দু'কপি করে সত্যায়িত নম্বরপত্র ও সার্টিফিকেট ইত্যাদিসহ নিম্নোক্ত তথ্য সম্পর্কিত ইংরেজিতে প্রার্থীস্বাক্ষরিত আবেদন করতে হবে। আবেদনপত্র দুই সেট হবে এবং প্রতি সেটে ১টি করে ছবি, প্রার্থীর নাম ইত্যাদি লিখে হবে।
- ১০। প্রার্থীকে (ক) নাম, (খ) পিতার নাম, (গ) বর্তমান ঠিকানা, (ঘ) স্থায়ী ঠিকানা, (ঙ) জন্ম তারিখ ও ১-৭-১৯৫২ তারিখে প্রকৃত বয়স, (চ) পেশা, (ছ) টেলিফোন নম্বর (যদি থাকে), (জ) শিক্ষাপত্র যোগ্যতা (পরীক্ষার নাম, স্নাতক, স্নাতকোত্তর, স্নাতক, পাস/বিফল, পাশের সন্য, বিভাগ/শ্রেণী), মূল বিষয়, মেধা অনুসারে অবস্থান (যদি থাকে), মোট গ্রাম নম্বর, পরীক্ষার গড় গ্রেড নম্বর এবং স্বাক্ষর হার উল্লেখ করতে হবে, (ঝ) অসম্পূর্ণ থেকে হ্রাসকোণ পর্যায়ে পরীক্ষাসমূহে গ্রাম নম্বরের গড় এবং প্রতিটি বিষয় উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
- ১১। প্রার্থীর উপর বৃত্তির নাম ও প্রাপ্তি বিষয় উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
- ১২। আবেদনপত্র আগামী ৮-৯-১৯৯৪ তারিখের মধ্যেই ঢাকার পোস্ট অফিসের মাধ্যমে সচিবালয় হতে প্রেরণ করতে হবে।
- ১৩। কোন ব্যক্তি একাধিক বৃত্তির প্রার্থী হতে পারবে না।
- ১৪। প্রার্থী নির্বাচনের ক্ষেত্রে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত। অসম্পূর্ণ দরখাস্ত বিবেচনা করা হবে না।
- ১৫। ইচ্ছুকদের যোগ্য বিজ্ঞপ্তি/তথ্য প্রদানকারী বিদ্যেতে লক্ষণিক অনুরোধ স্বাক্ষর করে পাঠাতে হবে।
- ১৬। শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক মনোনীত প্রার্থীদের বিধি-পত্রিকার অধীনে আহ্বান করতে হবে।
- ১৭। ইতোপূর্বে শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক কোন বৃত্তির জন্য নির্ধারিত হারে বাতুল আহ্বান করার হোতায়েন নেই।

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Weather

Temperature may rise

Temporary light to moderate rain or thundershower is likely at a few places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm Saturday, reports UNB.

Met office says day temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius during the period across the country.

Country's highest temperature 33.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Sylhet while the lowest 24.6 degrees at Barisal and Hatiya.

Sun sets today (Saturday) at 6:28 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 5:36 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in Percentage
Dhaka	Max 31.0, Min 25.7	9 am 86, 6 pm 73
Chittagong	32.2, 25.7	75, 82
Rajshahi	32.2, 25.7	90, 84
Khulna	31.8, 26.5	92
Barisal	32.0, 24.6	92, 81
Sylhet	33.8, 25.4	71, 63
Cox's Bazar	31.0, 25.4	78, 85