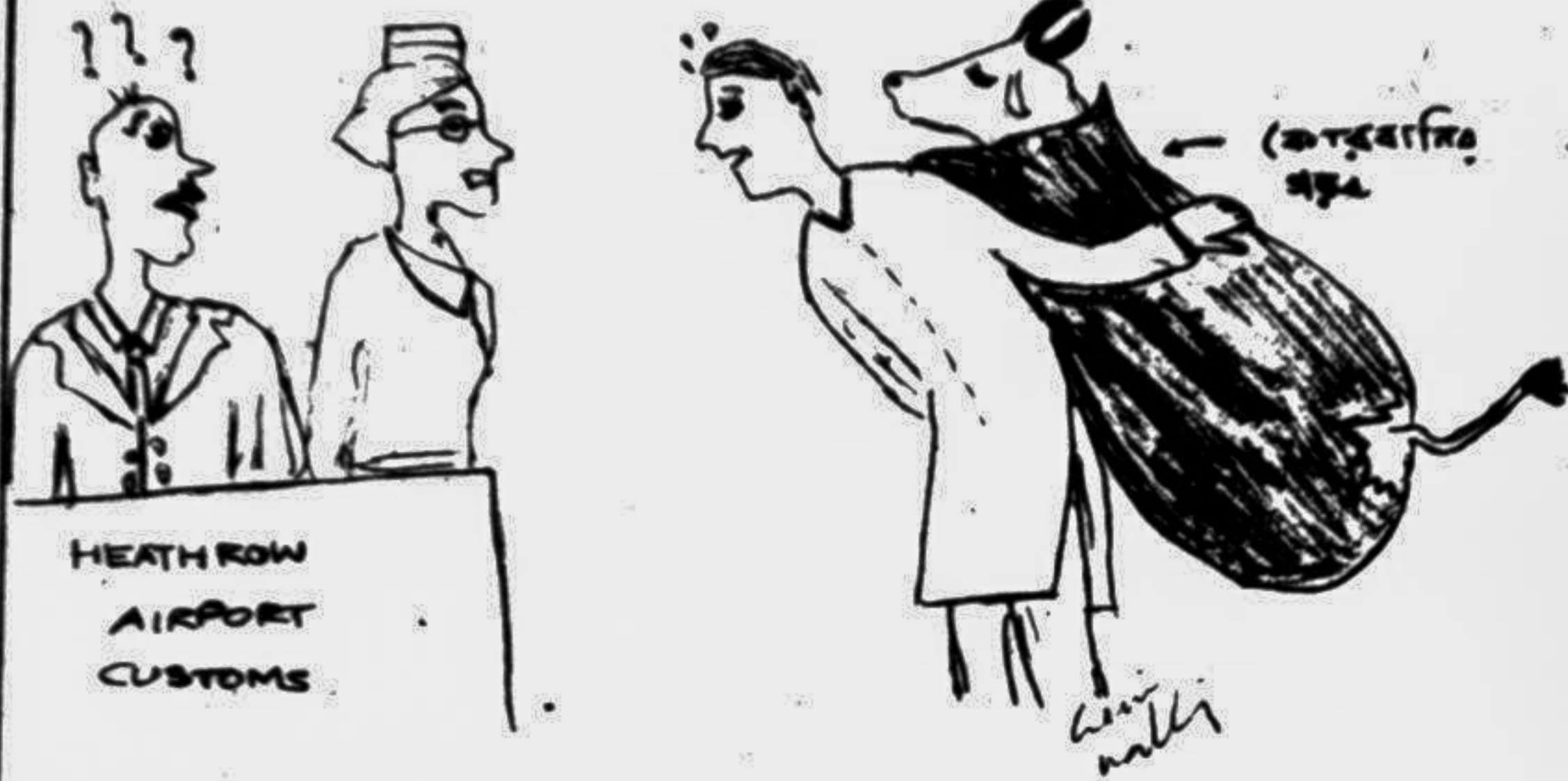


Dhaka Day by Day

Taking a Bit of Dhaka out of Dhaka

by Gemini Wahhaj



Take an average Bangladeshi student back home on vacation. Now he's leaving, and you open his bags to see what he's taking back with him. You find a punjabi, a harmonium, 2 clay statues from Aarong and a couple of cloth dolls for his Aunt's Day Care school. No wonder, London Heathrow airport officials are so curious about Bangladeshis' suitcases.

Passengers aren't the only ones to blame for their strange acquisitions in Dhaka. Your well-meaning grandmother insists you take some Rajshahi Rash Kadams, your cousin who just got married gives you gold earrings she saved specially for you, and your friend just found a rare 500-page Humayun Ahmed collection that you simply must read while in transit. And don't forget the 30 letters from another friend to be delivered to 30 people she vaguely knows across the United States.

"Here," says your tearful mother, handing you the comprehensive Quran set. "This will keep you safe."

"Thank you," you say, overcome with emotion, as you stow away the holy book wrapped in swathes of coloured clothes.

"Take a good lep (quilt), son," says your father. "Nothing like sleeping under a lep."

Meanwhile, you've picked up a few odds and ends yourself. Perhaps a nice skirt (or ten) at Bangobazar, and glass bangles to match each of the 30 shabbar kameez sets you lugged out of the country last year.

On your first outbound journey, you took the essentials: a saree or lungi, the national anthem and the national flag, and lots of Parjatan posters to make sure the ignorant natives wherever you're going are educated duly about Bangladesh. Some will also take a katha, pillows filled out with mustard seed, or a bamboo mat (only one person did this). On your second trip, you're shopping insanely at Bangobazar and also getting some clothes tailor-made, because you've just spent a year in college in rags (unable to buy the \$50 Gap jeans). Then you need to build your Tagore song collection, some tea leaves and toasted biscuits (nothing like Dhaka's toasted biscuits), and a nakshikatha. The list never ends.

Each time you return, you're amazed by Dhaka. The morning sun in the back verandah, the glittery night lights on Elephant Road, pitha for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and the nasal tones of a Nazrul singer on BTV. Perhaps that is why when you leave, you want to take a little something back with you. The Heathrow airport official regards you sternly. "Can you describe the contents of your bag, Sir?"

"Ahem," you say. "Briefly?"

Home Minister discloses Plans adopted to build flyovers in city

NARAYANGANJ, Jan 27: Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury said here today plans have been taken to construct a number of flyovers to ease the traffic jam in the capital and its suburban areas, reports BSS.

He was speaking as the chief guest at a function organised by Ananda, a student organisation of Narayanganj studying in Dhaka University, to celebrate the 12 years of its founding at the Shaheed Zia Hall this morning.

Presided over by Moazzem Hossain Nayan, president of Ananda, the function was addressed, among others, by Hajibur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner, Narayanganj, Khondakar Jahangir Alam transport secretary, DUCSU, and Farid Ahmed Khan, general secretary, Ananda.

The minister said traffic congestion was creating bottlenecks in the way of easy communication system and hindering the traffic movement adding much to the inconvenience of the people.

He directed the police superintendent of Narayanganj to instruct the owners of heavy transport not to park their vehicles right and left at different points of Dhaka-Narayanganj road, specially at Puga.

He urged the law enforcing agencies to take stern action against the violators of traffic rules.

Matin said: "BNP government is committed to maintain the law and order in the country," and added, "whoever the offenders will be brought to book."

CCC to execute 4 uplift projects in collaboration with N Korea

CHITTAGONG, Jan 27: Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) in collaboration with North Korea will execute four development projects in the city on priority basis, reports BSS.

This was disclosed when a delegation of the Nam Nam Corporation of the North Korea led by its deputy chief Kim Chanpin called on Chittagong City Mayor A B M Mahiuddin Chowdhury at his office yesterday.

The projects to be implemented under the joint ventures are construction of a modern recreational centre at Patenga Sea Beach, Erection of a monument in memory of those who were martyred during the Liberation War, construction of a satellite town having civic amenities and construction of a bus terminal.

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khondaker Mosharraf Hossain disclosed this while unveiling the foundation stone of the Kurigram-Lalmonirhat Pally Bidyut Samity headquarter at Kurigram on Thursday.

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He informed that over 14,500 villages of the country have so far been brought under the rural electrification network since its inception in 1978.

Recalling late Zia's contribution in this sector, the Energy Minister referred to a survey made by BIDS (Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies), showing that an electrified village is 27 per cent advanced than an un-electrified one.

He said the present government, for the first time, has allocated Tk 100 crore from its revenue budget during the last fiscal and increased it to Tk 200 crore in the current fiscal for expanding rural electrification network in the country.

The development budget in rural electrification programme is also increasing every year," Dr Mosharraf Hossain said adding that allocations in the programme were Tk 221 crore, Tk 331 crore and Tk 358 crore in the 1991-92, '92-93 and '93-94 fiscal.

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The function was also addressed, among others, by former minister Majeedul Islam, Rural Electrification Board Chairman Brig Mohammad Enamul Haque, and the Deputy Commissioners of Kurigram and Lalmonirhat.

25 lakh diabetic patients in country

SSMCH Correspondent

Some twenty five lakh people are suffering from diabetes in the country, and the number is likely to double by the year 2000, said an expert at a seminar held in the city Thursday.

In the paper titled management of non-insulin dependent diabetes and diastone (glipizide) held at the BIRDEM auditorium, Dr. Jafor A Latif, a senior consultant physician, told at the seminar.

Organised by the Beximco Pharmaceuticals, the seminar was addressed by marketing manager of the pharmaceuticals Abdul Muqtadir, Dr Mahbub Abedin Khan, Dr Mirza Mazharul Islam, and Prof A K Azad Khan of BIRDEM.

Meanwhile Keith Burd, British Council Director in Bangladesh visited the university on Wednesday, added the press release.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Bangladesh Resident Mission of the Asian Development Bank has a vacancy for one experienced secretary, preferably female. The candidate should preferably be a graduate with the following qualifications:

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The recipients of the National Film Award 92-93 with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at the city's Osmany Memorial Auditorium yesterday. The living legend of the film world of the subcontinent Dilip Kumar also seen in the picture. — Star photo

Electricity in 2000 villages this fiscal targeted

The government has taken up a comprehensive rural electrification programme costing Tk 110.27 crore, including Tk 65.83 in foreign exchange, to give electricity to nine thanas of Kurigram and Lalmonirhat districts, reports UNB.

The minister said the government has set a target to bring over 2000 villages under the rural electrification network by constructing 7300 kms of distribution lines during the current fiscal year.

Under the programme to be completed by 1999, over 1720 kilometres of distribution lines will be constructed to provide electricity to 35,000 rural consumers of the newly formed Kurigram-Lalmonirhat Pally Bidyut Samity.

The programme will cover Sadar, Rajarhat, Ulipur, Nageshwari, Bhurungamari, Phulbari and Chilmari thanas of Kurigram district, and Sadar and Aditmari thanas of Lalmonirhat.

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Art competition begins

A three-day children-juvenile art competition began at the premises of Shishu Academy in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Nearly 500 children and juveniles are participating in the competition organised by Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Samit Sangsad to mark the great artist's 80th birth anniversary.

Defence Secretary Hasinur Rahman inaugurated the competition at a function also addressed by poet Faruque Alamgir and chairman of the smriti sangsad Naem Mashregi.

In his speech Hasinur Rahman paid tribute to Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin and said the great artist had brought name and fame for the country through his unique works.

He said the Shilpacharya's works had reflected the then social scenario and humanity.

BPMPPA seminar

Speakers at a seminar yesterday laid emphasis on the involvement of private practitioners in eliminating leprosy from the country, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners Association (BPMPPA) arranged the seminar.

A lawyer of Dhaka, Mufakkarul Hossain, haled from Harikrishnapur village under Hakimpur, thana in Dinajpur district.

In another incident, police officer Shahadat Hossain died as he fell from a speeding minibus near Hotel Sheraton at about 4 pm.

155-yr anniversary of Dhaka College

A two member ad hoc committee has been formed recently in the city to run the affairs of the reunion of the ex-students of the Dhaka College to be held on its 155th founding anniversary sometimes in November this year, says a press release.

The committee was announced at a meeting of the former students of the college.

Ataul Haq, Secretary to the President, has been nominated convener of the committee.

The *quikhwani* of veteran politician and a former journalist Golam Murtaza will be held today at the deceased's West Dhanmandi (Sankar) residence after Magreb prayers, reports UNB.

Murtaza died on Wednesday at his 53/1 West Dhanmandi residence. He was 59.

He left behind wife, three sons and two daughters.

All well-wishers and colleagues in political and cultural fields have been requested to attend the *quikhwani*.

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Professor Emayuddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor of the Dhaka University distributing prizes among the winners at the annual prize distribution ceremony of the Holy Child Public School and College in the city yesterday.

Weather

Dry weather likely

Dry weather will continue across the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met Office says night temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country.

In its outlook for tomorrow the Met Office predicted that night temperature is likely to rise gradually. Giving extended outlook for another four days weathermen says that there would be no appreciable change.

Country's lowest temperature 6.4 degree Celsius was recorded at Srimangal and the highest 28.0 degrees at Sitakunda.

The sun sets today at 5:42 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:41 am.

The minimum and maximum temperature and humidity in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
Dhaka	10.5 26.6	65 49
Chittagong	11.0 25.8	64 53
Rajshahi	07.4 24.8	88 62
Khulna	09.3 25.8	78 53
Barisal	08.5 25.4	78 64
Sylhet	11.7 26.3	78 58

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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জিওসি কার্যালয়ে 'পাইপ লাইনের মাধ্যমে পানি সরবরাহ প্রকল্প'-এ অন্তর্ভুক্ত হৈবে পৌরসভায় এক বাহিতপূর্ণ পৌরসভায় নিম্নোক্ত কাজ সম্পন্ন করার লক্ষ্যে ১৯৯৪-৯৫ইং আর্থিক বর্ষে নবায়নকৃত/তালিকাভুক্ত বাহিতপূর্ণ পাইপ লাইন ১ম ও ২য় শ্রেণীর অধিক প্রিকার/প্রিকারী প্রতিষ্ঠা হইতে নির্ধারিত ফর্মের মাধ্যমে নিম্নোক্তকৃত বামে নবায়ন কার্য করা হইতেছে। সুতরাং উৎপাদক নলকূপ স্থাপন কাজে অত্র নবায়িত প্রিকার/প্রিকারী অন্যান্য সরকারী বা স্বায়ত্বশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানে তালিকাভুক্ত অধিক প্রিকার/প্রিকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান অন্তর্ভুক্ত করিতে পরিবে।

নবায়নকৃত আগামী ০৬-০২-১৯৯৫ইং তারিখ কার্যালয় চলাকালীন সময়ে পূর্ণ নিম্নোক্তকৃত কার্যক্রম এবং বাহিতপূর্ণ ময়নাসিঁড়ি, ঢাকার কলকাতা পানি ক্যান্টনমেন্ট ও উন্নয়ন এবং এসআইসিআর বিভাগে নির্ধারিত প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়ে হইতে (অফিসঘটনায়) প্রস্তুত হারে নল স্থাপন কাজ করা হইবে। নবায়ন প্রকল্পে তাহিবে নবায়ন কর্তৃক কোন দলিল প্রস্তুত করা হইবে না। স্বাধীনভাবে পূর্ণকৃত নবায়নকৃত আগামী ০৭-০২-১৯৯৫ইং তারিখ হেতা ১-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত উল্লিখিত কার্যালয়স্থলে সজ্জিত নবায়ন বাহিত পূর্ণ হইবে। সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল নবায়ন প্রকল্পে কলকাতা আগামী ০২-০২-১৯৯৫ইং তারিখ পূর্ণ ১২-০০ ঘটিকায় নিম্নোক্তকৃত কার্যালয়ে উপস্থিত প্রিকার/প্রিকারীসমূহের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি থাকেন) হেতা হইবে।

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