

Dhaka Day by Day

Rootless Youngsters' Haven

by A S M Nurunnabi

These rootless young ones are collectively known as Tokais. They come in droves to the city from the villages with the fond hope of finding some source of living here. While in the villages, they hear rosy stories about money rolling in the city. They are of course disillusioned when they set their feet in the city. Aged between 10-12 years, their dreams shattered, most of them roam about hungry or starving in the city streets.

Some of them, are however, resourceful. In the Dhaka University campus, we find about one thousand of them leading their lives by performing various chores of the hall students. Not long ago, a survey showed that such youngsters are engaged in the halls in the work of cooking for the students. Some others are engaged in selling various food items, flowers, peanut, cigarettes, etc. for the students. In short, the university campus has become a new field of activities for these youngsters.

The students utilise their services in various ways. Besides cooking, they help the students in sweeping the rooms, and run errands for them on various matters. Generally eight to 10 students engage one such youngster for their various chores. They pay him Tk 50 a month each and also give him food three times a day. Some of the youngsters dress themselves in old clothes donated by the students and move about in such ways that it is difficult to distinguish them from hall students.

Most of these youngsters come from the districts of Comilla, Noakhali, Chandpur,



Foundation of municipal auditorium laid

State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Harun-Al-Rashid laid the foundation of the Municipal Auditorium at Brahmanbaria yesterday. Reports UNB.

The auditorium will be constructed at a cost of Tk 1.26 crore.

Presided over by local Municipality Chairman Al-Mamoon Sarkar, the function was addressed, among others, by Deputy Commissioner M A Matin, President of District Bar Advocate Kazi Quamruzzaman and Press Club President Mohammad Musa.

BAF nat'l confce March 29

A special general assembly of the Bangladesh Anti-drug Federation of NGOs (BAF) was held at the Dhaka Club in the city on Thursday, says a press release.

Presided over by Azmal Kabir Khan, the vice-president of BAF, the meeting was attended by the representatives of 24-member organisations.

It was also resolved that the national conference will be held on March 29, instead of March 16 and 17.

Children's art competition

The Hunger Project Bangladesh has organised an art competition for children on March 16, says a press release.

The competition is open for the children aged between 8 and 11 years (Class III to VI).

Fifty selected paintings will be displayed at the National Children's Castle Gallery in Tokyo and at the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University.

The award of the contest includes gold, silver and bronze medals plus cash prizes.

The subject of the competition is 'Problems and solutions of self-reliant Bangladesh'.

Interested children have been requested to contact the Country Director, The Hunger Project Bangladesh at House 18, Road 15 (New), Dhammardi or over Telephone 812622 for further details.

Call to ensure equal rights for women

The three-day programme of the International Women's Day Celebration Committee ended here yesterday with a renewed call for establishing equal rights for women in Bangladesh and elsewhere around the globe, reports UNB.

MUTUAL JUTE SPINNERS LIMITED DHAKA

Dated : 8 March, 1995

NOTICE

The 16th Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held on Tuesday the 28th March, 1995 at 5.00 PM at the Registered office of the Company at JK Bahaban, 30 VIP Road, Kakrail, Dhaka.

AGENDA OF THE MEETING

- To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 27th March, 1994.
- To adopt the Directors Report, Auditors Report and pass the Accounts of the Company for the year ended on 30th June, 1994.
- To elect Director in places of retiring Directors.
- To appoint Chief Executive of the Company and to fix his terms and remuneration.
- To declare dividend for the year ended on 30th June, 1994.
- To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration for the year 1994-95.
- To consider any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

By order of the Board
(MOZAMMEL HOQUE, FCA)
Company Secretary

NOTE: The share transfer book shall remain closed from 18th March, 1995 to 28th March, 1995 both days inclusive.



Visitors on the first-day, yesterday, at the maiden painting and sculpture exhibition by Samina Rahman at the main gallery of Alliance Francaise in the city. — Star photo

188 JU students against receiving certificates from Biswas

By Staff Correspondent

Some 188 former students of the Jahangirnagar University (JU) yesterday expressed their reservation to take certificates from the President in the forthcoming convocation of the university.

In a joint statement, they said, would not be graceful for them to receive certificates from President Abdur Rahman Biswas who had 'played a controversial role during the Liberation War of 1971'.

The President is the Chancellor of the Jahangirnagar University and he is supposed to confer degrees in the convocation. The date of convocation is yet to be fixed.

The former students urged the university authorities to take necessary steps so that the spirit and values of the Liberation War remain upheld.

The signatories to the statement include Anisur Rahman of 1984-85 session, Aslam Khan of 87-88 session, Abdullah Al Mamun of 84-85, Manas Kumar Chowdhury of 86-87, Tahmina Sultana of 86-87 and Azizur Rahman of 88-89.

Principal Abul Kashem's death anniversary

The fourth death anniversary of eminent educationist Principal Abul Kashem will be observed today, reports UNB.

Principal Kashem was one of the pioneers of the historic Language Movement of 1952 and the founder of Tamaddun Majlis, which played an important role in the movement.

Addressing the first annual conference of Bangladesh Society of Radiation Oncologists in the BIRDEM auditorium in the city, he identified the lack of planning, management and course of actions as the major obstacles to the improvement of health services in the country, reports BSS.

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