Dhaka Day by Day

A New Culture in Observing Birthday

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Observance of birthday is a time-honoured practice. Every person harbours some soft sentiment about it. Hence, irrespective of one's station in life, observance of this annual practice retains a perennial significance in one's

The practice has its beginning front early childhood when one's parents observe it punctiliously. With the passage of time, as the child matures into adulthood, the rite turns into an annual ritual which many people love to observe. The observance of the rite has many ramifications depending on the financial and social standing of the person concerned. In many cases observance of the occawith festivities on a lærge scale. 'Invitation cards are sent to friends and relatives who join the festive occasion with gifts. Following the western practice, a birthday cake forms part of the

celebration.The cake ornamented with candles, is carved by the person concerned with expression of gaity and merriment by the participants. There are also some people who observe the occasion with a sombre and relig ious spirit by hold ing milad and invit ing some close friends and rela-Observance of

birthday is largely an urban phenome non. In the rural ar eas, few persons care to remember their dates of birth or feel the need to celebrate the day as a special occasion. However, in some cases, we deter signs of infiltration of urban influence in rural setting in this respect.

Lately a new trend of practice in observing open field. The guests take their seats in a life.

wide circle, at the centre of which are placed various items of gifts brought by the invitees. These gifts are not expensive. They, however, bear the stamp of sincere good wishes. On the whole, this introduces a new pattern in the observance of an important event in the life of a

student.

Other venues of

such functions are

normally the open

spaces in front of

TSC, IBA, Madhu's

canteen. DUCSU

cafeteria. But mostly

such functions are

held in any open

space in the after-

noon. Although such

functions are mostly

marked with infor-

mality, the sponsors

print invitation

cards for the occa-

sion. These invita-

tion cards bear

some characteris-

tics. They are print-

ed on white pieces

of paper with indi-

cation of the date.

time and place of

the function and

carrying some hu-

the students who

follow the new cul-

ture, it provides

new elements of en-

tertainment in the

otherwise colour-

less and dreary life

of a student. It is

observed that this

new culture of ob-

servance of birthday

is getting increas-

ingly popular on the

Most of the stu-

university campus.

dent come from vil-

lages where, as al-

ready indicated.

birthday is rarely

observed. When

come to the city.

they get acquainted

with the new cul-

ture in this respect.

One day their life in

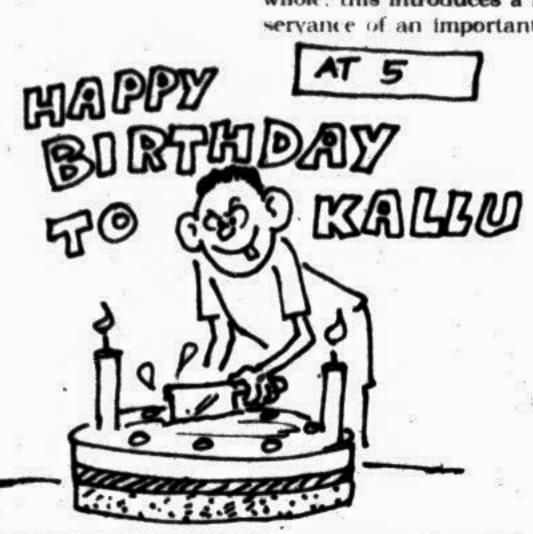
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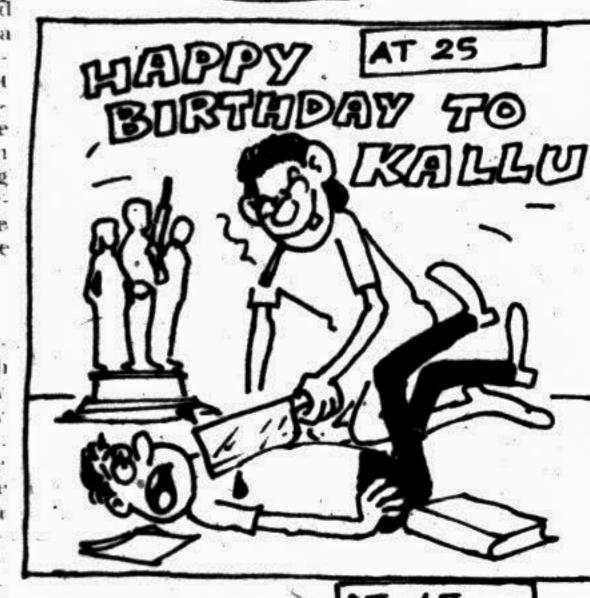
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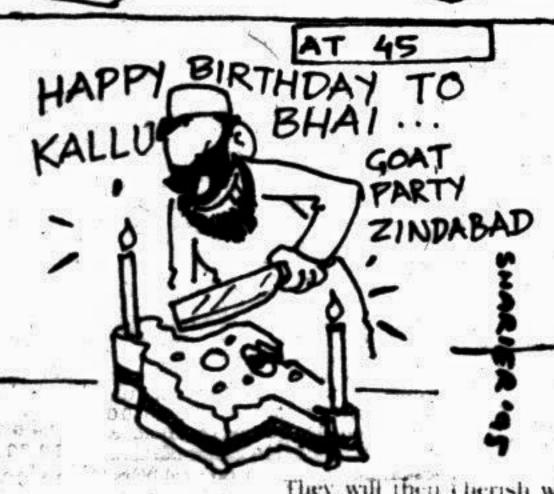
students

In the opinion of

mourous message.







They will then therish with pleasant nostalgia their days of excitement with its simple joy and birthday is noticeable among certain sections of merriment in observance of birthdays of their students in the Dhaka University campus. This peers. It will constitute a fond piece of memory is said to usher in a new culture, according to at the end of their career as a student, and which no conventional formalities are followed. perhaps also help to set a simple style in the The ceremony is held on the soft turf of an observance of such functions in their later



Food Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan (R) attended as chief guest a blood donation programme organised jointly by the Dhaka District VOA Fans Club and Lions Club of Dhaka Buriganga in the city yesterday.

Blood donation programme held

A blood donation programme jointly organised by Voice of America Fan Clubs of Dhaka and Lions Club of Dhaka Buriganga was held at the Club's blood bank in the city vesterday, reports UNB.

Food Minister Abdul Mannan Bhutya attended the programme as chief guest while Lions District Governor J L Bhoumik and Sayeed Asaduzzaman, Information Adviser of Dhaka, were special LIK'SIS.

speaking on the occasion the minister said "Blood don's tion is such a noble act which saves the lives of others without endangering ones own."

এম-আর ট্রেনিং এভ সার্ভিসেস প্রোগ্রাম (এম-আর-টি-এস-পি) ১২৬, ব্লক-ক, মোহাম্মদপুর হাউজিং পিসিকালচার

এভ ফার্মিং কো-অপারেটিভ সোসাইটি লিঃ

শ্যামলী, ঢাকা।

किएमन आस्वान

এম-আর টেনিং এন্ড সার্ভিসেস প্রোগ্রাম কর্তৃক নিম্নলিখিন্ত উপকরণাদি ক্রয় করার জনা প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারীদের কাছ থেকে কোটেশন আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে

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71	কার (রিকভিশন্ড) জাপানের তৈরী	ঃ টয়োটা করোলা-DX মডেল ঃ ১৯৯০/১১ ১৩০০ সিঃসিঃ পেটোল চালিত, এসি, রেডিও ক্যাসেট ও অন্যান্য সুযোগ সুবিধাসহ।	> 16
21	অটোক্তেভ	৪ ১.৫ এম-এম/১৬ গেজী পুরু বিদৃৎ চালিত ১৫"× ১২" দুই ভাম বিশিষ্ট মাপের (পূর্ণ স্পেসিফিকেশন উপরোক্ত ঠিকানাস্থ এম-আর-টি-এস-পি'র কেন্দ্রীয় কার্যালয় থেকে জানা যেতে পারে)।	\ 18 €
9 1	পিএবিএক সিস্টেম	ঃ ৮ সেট বিশিষ্ট জাপানে তৈরী। তোন্টেজ স্টাবিলাইজার, আনুষঙ্গিক অন্যান্য সুবিধাদি ও স্থাপনসহ।	১ সেট
81	ফ্যাক্স মেশিন	ঃ জাপানের তৈরী	3 fb
41	এয়ারকভিশনার	ঃ ১.৫ টন ক্ষমতাসম্পন্ন, ন্যাশনাল ব্যান্ড, জাপানের তৈরী।	र्र हि

উল্লেখা, কোটেশনের মেয়াদ কোটেশন গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ থেকে অন্তত ৩ মাস বলবং থাকবে। কোটেশন গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ২৭-০৪-৯৫। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তপক প্রয়োজনবোধে যে কোন কোটেশন বা সকল কোটেশন বাতিল করতে পারবেন।

নিৰ্বাহী পরিচালক এম-আর-টি-এস-পি



Shafiq Rehman (2nd R), editor of the weekly Jay Jay Din, launching the maiden effort of the King of Oval Zenith band by switching on a cassette recorder at a local hotel yesterday. - Star photo

Tk 10 cr dev programme of Islamic Foundation

Islamic Foundation will spend about .Tk 10.36 crore during the current financial year (FY) against its develop-

ment projects, reports UNB. This was stated at the meeting of the Board of Governors held yesterday at the conference room of the Foundation with Minister for Religious Affairs Muhammad Keramat Ali in the chair.

The minister urged all concerned to work with sincerity and efficiency to quicken implementation process of all the projects under the Foundation in the greater interest of the

The projects include setting up of mosque-based library, training of Imams, Islamic cultural centres, publication, translation and research project, library development, mosque-based mass literacy programme, publication of Islamic encyclopedia and construction of Islamic Foundation Complex.

Board members Alhai Nizam Uddin Khan, Moulana Ataur Rahman, Secretary Ministry of Religious Affairs Anwarul Islam and other members of the board of governors were present in the meeting.

Rabbi's maiden

painting-show

opens tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

by Abubakar Fezlay Rabbi opens

tomorrow at the main gallery

will inaugurate the exhibition

at 6:00 pm Friday. Jerome

Laurentin, Deputy Cultural

Attache of the French Em-

bassy, will be present as

tion will run until April 30

from 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm bar-

The nine-day long exposi-

of Alliance Française.

special guest.

ring Saturdays.

First solo show of paintings

Noted painter Abu Taher

IIT crest for Muazzem Ali

Dr A M Patwary. Director General of the Islamic Institute of Technology (IIT), has presented a crest of this subsidiary organisation of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) to Bangladesh Ambassador-designate to Iran Syed Muazzem Ali in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

The crest was give to Ali, at present Director General in the Foreign Ministry (International organisation) for his contribution to the growth and development of the IIT.

114 held in city

Police rounded up 114 people from different parts of the city on various charges in the last 24 hours, reports

The arrested, who included nine wanted criminals, one held on charge of murder and 13 for stealing, were produced before court.

Introduction of letter service to T&T subscribers suggested

Post and Telecommunications Minister Tariqul Islam called upon the T & T officers to achieve the revenue earning target by introducing letter service to the subscribers, reports UNB.

He was addressing officers of the T & T at the Board conference room yesterday.

The minister expressing his dissatisfaction over the present deteriorating state of the customer service said, subscribers' complain have been increasing day by day.

To improve the situation field levels officers must increase their supervisory, and monitoring activities. He said improved services can only enhance the image of the T&T Board.

Chairman of BTTB M H Chowdhury, senior officers of the ministry were present.

Special canceller



The Bangladesh Post Office will release a special canceller on April 21 to mark the Charter Presentation

erremony of the Rotary Club of Dilkusha, says a press release

The special canceller can be obtained from the Philatelic Bureau of Dhaka GPO on that day from 10:00 am at 12:10 noon and at the venue of the Charter Presentation ceremony at Hotel Purbani in the evening.

The Rotary Club of Dilkusha has brought out a special cover to mark the occasion. Nobel laureate Mother

Teresa is expected to attend the function.

Obituary



Hubert Francis Sarkar, a regular contributor to The Daily Star died in the city on Saturday, says a press

release. He left behind his father. two brothers, a sister and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

Francis did his graduation in civil engineering from BUET.

A Gregorian, Francis passed his SSC and HSC examinations with distinction.

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Expatriates asked to invest at home

The Minister for Law Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Mirza Golam Hafiz on Tuesday praised the contribution of expatriate Bangladeshis to the economy and nation-building efforts of the country, reports

He was speaking at a reception given in his honour by the Bangladesh community in Qatar.

The minister is in Doha leading the Bangladesh delegation to the Afro-Asian Consultative Committee Session, a message from Doha said.

The minister explained the rapid progress being achieved in Bangladesh under the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

He said Bangladesh was be-

ing transformed into a modern. market-friendly liberalised economy. At the same time, he said, development in the social sectors was also being emphasised particularly in education and poverty allevia-

He invited the expatriate Bangladesh community to invest in Bangladesh in an organised manner.

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Qualifications: Graduate/BBA/Master with 8 points. Preference will be given to the 1st Class holders in Bachelor/Master Degree. None having 3rd Class/Division should apply. Age should not exceed 30 years on 30-04-95.

The candidates will be required to appear in written test to be held in Dhaka followed by Viva-Voce test. The candidates who will be finally selected will have to undergo a probationary period of one year during which the Officers will get a consolidated pay of Tk. 5,000 per month and the Assistant Officers Tk. 3,000 per month.

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The application with attested copies of all certificates and testimonials with 2(two) passport size photographs should reach the undersigned latest by 15th May, 1995.

Secretary

