Slum-dwellers in the city brought out a procession

Nurture latent talents

of children: Sarwari

By Staff Correspondent

in our children is just as im- vate organisations, help in de-

Nurturing the latent talents ganised by them and other pri-

demanding enrollment in the voters list.

portant as educating them, Be-

gum Sarwari Rahman said

yesterday at a function in the

try possess a lot of hidden tal-

ents. And given the chance to

express them, they do excep-

tionally well as is proven by

their successes in competi-

tions, both at home and

abroad," the State Minister for

Women and Children Affairs

said at: a prize and certificate

distribution ceremony, organ-

ised by the cultural depart-

ment of the Russian Embassy

in Dhaka for the winners of a

cultural competition held in

early May on the occasion of

the 50th anniversary of victory

"Centres like the Shishu

over fascism in Europe.

"The children of this coun-

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veloping the artistic potential

of our children. Besides, kids

love taking part in competi-

tions. The sheer number of

participants in any given

competition shows that," Sar-

wari said while addressing the

children who had gathered at

the auditorium of the Russian

distributed medals and certifi-

cates among some hundred

and twenty-eight winners.

About four hundred children.

aged between 1 and 13, had

taken part in the competition

which included painting, danc-

The Russian Ambassador,

,Dr ES Shevchenko and the di-

rector of Shishu Academy. Go-

lam Kibria were present at the

ing, singing and recitation.

The state minister then

Cultural Centre.

Ministers Do it All

M M Ahmad

What's wrong with our honourable ministers? [I am not sure if ministers are still Hon, in a democratic set-up, where the rest could be dishonourable). Apparently it appears to the general public that they cannot decide quickly, or even weakly, and cannot issue curt orders; and if they can, the orders are not carried out quickly and transparently so as to be visible to the public - in the form of action or result achieved

A lot more could have been achieved during these four years by the 'popularly elected government, but the dilly-dallying and mikemania continue unabated. The unattended and piled-up garbage can always be seen, whether on the roads, in the offices, and in the newspaper pages (such as this unnecessary commentary).

Now the time has come for the election campaign, and adjectives are now being blackmarketed. Others (non-politicians) cannot use these over-used terms of endearment, as there is a huge shortage of vocabulary in the election market. The Opposition is doing the opposite, having hoarded all the choicest abusive slangs to fire against the misuse of corrupted power (alleged).

In the war of the Begums, the public interest suffers. The days of the Roman gladiators are back -- figuratively speaking. The Awami League apparently intends to participate in the coming general elections, judging from the watch-keeping exercises by the party workers during the voters' enrollment campaign. All the same, the EC will be gheroaed. There will be some excitement in a dry season short of kalbalshakis.

Any Minister should have his hands full talking about the schemes, activities and problems of his own ministry. But the VIP is found to speak about the activities of all the ministries at the public meetings and opening ceremonies (when the time will come for the 'closing ceremonies'?). The traffic minister (who is the traffic minister?) does not speak on traffic. The Home Minister is quite at home with his silence over the law and order operation and maintenance in the country. The traific police cannot reach the traffic spots because of the traffic jams on the way (why not issue them pedal bicycles as they have done over the Himalayas? The Fisheries Minister talks about textiles; and the commerce minister opens a primary school.

It is all so confusing. If a commoner like me indulged in such behaviour. I would be called jack-of-all-trades and saab-jaanta matbar (know-all self-appointed leader), and criticised for not minding my own business (I am a jharudar (sweeper) at Question Time picking up the dry and juicy tit-bits).

It occurred to me that this is the time (Preelection period) to announce a lot of policy decisions for implementation during the next twenty years (not five years); and implement only one-tenth of one per cent of the same before the general election; thereby having the cake and eating it later.

It is wise to build up an empty reserve of goodwill (what's that?); as one drawing room pundit postulated. When are we having the Mad Hatter's party? Bangladesh is the new version of 'Alice in Wonderland' in a really developing country - the bulges are quite revealing.

Tobacco consumption makruh in Islam, says Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas vesterday reminded that tobacco consumption is a makruh in Islam, saying that our religion imposed some sort of sanction on smoking, reports UNB.

The President was talking to a delegation of Adhunik, a non-governmental anti-smoking organisation, that called on him at Bangabhaban on the occasion-the 8th World No-To-

foreign diplomats, a representative of World Health Organisation (WHO), eminent physicians, a vice-chancellor, newspaper editors and anti-tobacco activists, was led by national

satisfaction that the number of smokers in developed countries was on the decline. He said the developed countries imposed restrictions on tobacco consumption in their own territories, but they were promoting and exporting tobacco and encouraging smoking in the developing coun-

Adhunik and UNB chief editor

The function at Bangabhaban was preceded by a seminar organised by Adhunik at a local hotel in observance of the No-

and Mainul Husein, chairman of Board of Editors, Ittefaq and The New Nation, was special guest at the seminar.

Biswas at Cancer Society confce

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday called for launching a social movement to create awareness among the people about curse of smoking. reports BSS.

President Biswas was addressing as the chief guest a function at the National Museum on the occasion of World Tobacco Free Day yesterday.

He said the activities of the different voluntary organisations particularly the people engaged in health services should be integrated in the anti-smoking movement.

He said the national media including radio and television should play more effective role in educating the people about the adverse effect of smoking.

President Biswas handed over prizes among the winners in children painting competition organsied by the cancer society on the occasion.

to shun smoking

Inspector General of Police A S M Shahjahan yesterday asked the members of the police force to give up smoking and make greater effort in building a smoking-free healthy society, reports BSS.

Academy and competitions orceremony. Phensidyl addiction on the rise

By Masud Arif

Drug abuse and addiction is increasing in the country with a change in the variety of the narcotic drugs used.

Phensidyl, now the most popular addictive drug, has replaced the hard drugs like heroin and cocaine, according to experts in the Department of Narcotics Control (DNC).

The use of drugs which are inhaled in the form of smoke like gama, charash are also increasing, they said.

Influence of friends, curiosity towards drugs, adverse family life, unemployment frustration, temptation to gain new experiences are the likely causes of drug addiction in the country, according to observations at the Central Drug Addiction Treatment Centre at

Although no nation-wide survey on drug abuse has been conducted so far, the number of abusers is estimated between 100 thousand and 1.3 million

Meanwhile, the United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) along with the government has taken a five-year master plan to check drug abuse, addiction and traffick-

· The government has also planned to establish three more addiction treatment centres in Chittagong, Rajshahi and Khulna immediately, said a senior official of the DNC.

The yearly seizure lists of narcotics drugs show that the DNC had handled some 470 cases related to phensidyl in 1994 while 209 in 1993 and only 117 in 1992.

The department dealt with 149 cases relating to heroin smuggling last year while the number of similar cases was 179 in 1993 and 259 in 1992.

Some 988 cases of ganja trafficking and a lone case of cocaine smuggling were also handled in 1994. The DNC seized around 62

thousand bottles of phensidyl last year and more than 23 thousand bottles in 1993 while the department recovered 20 thousand bottles during the first three months of this year.

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Muazzem Ali presents credentials

Bangladesh Ambassador Syed Muazzem Ali presented his credentials Tuesday to the President of Islamic Republic of Iran at a ceremony at the presidential palace in Tehran, reports UNB.

Iranian President Hojjatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani received his credentials.

The Iranian President conveyed his warm greetings and invited President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to visit Iran.

CU prof dead

CHITTAGONG. May 31: Prof Shah Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury of the Department of Statistics. Chittagong University. died of heart attack at a clinic here last night. He was 56, reports BSS.

He left behind his wife and many relatives. He will be buried at his village graveyard at Porsa in Naogaon district tomorrow.

He joined Chittagong University in 1968 and obtained a doctorate degree from a French university.

French language course

Alliance Fancaise, the French cultural centre in the city, has organised language courses for all levels of learners, beginning June 25, reports UNB. Enrolment in the French

language classes has already begun, a press release of the cultural centre said yesterday.

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- (গ) দরখান্ত বাছাইয়ের পর যাহাদের দরখান্ত বিবেচিত হইবে তাহাদেরকে কেবলমাত্র ইন্টারভিউ নেওয়ার জন্য আহ্বান করা হইবে। ইন্টারভিউ নেওয়ার তারিখ ও সময় ডাকযোগে জানানো হইবে। ইন্টারভিউ গ্রহণের জন্য কোন ভ্রমণ/দৈনিকভাতা প্রদান করা হইবে ন।
- পদের নাম খামের উপরে উল্লেখ করিতে হইবে।
- বিভাগীয় প্রা**র্থীদেরকে যথায়থ কর্তপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করিতে হইবে**।
- মুক্তিযোদ্ধা প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে মুক্তিযোদ্ধা কমান্ড কাউন্সিল থেকে সার্টিফিকেট দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
- পরিচালক, জাতীয় বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি জাদুঘর-এর অনকুলে ৫০.০০ (পঞ্চাশ) টাকার পে–অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ডাফট দরখান্তের সহিত দিতে হ**ই**বে।
- জ) দরখান্ত আগামী ১২-০৬-৯৫ইং তারিখের মধ্যে পরিচালক, জাতীয় বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি জাদুঘর, আগারগাঁও, শেরেবাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭ এই ঠিকানায় পৌছাইতে হইবে।

প্রফেসর আ ম আজিজুর রহমান খান ডিএফপি-১৩৩০৬-২৮/৫

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