

Dhaka Day by Day

Ghost in the System

by Lamis Hossain

Bangladesh is once again on the world map. This time it's not, thanks to our famous authors, nor to our floods, but to the youth of our nation.

While hip Londoners may well conclude that Bangladesh is a pretty cool place to live in, it's terrifying to imagine what university admission committees abroad are making of applications from this country.

What could possibly have pushed our youth to take such desperate measures? To find a possible explanation but not an excuse, you need to go further than an examination hall.

The exam papers were the first nasty surprise. Was this the right room, and the correct paper? Why didn't the questions vaguely resemble anything on the syllabus?

Just in case that tactic didn't work, there was always the chance that the candidates would sweat to death before the end of the three hours.

The examiners didn't seem to think that people could possibly need peace and quiet to concentrate on an exam.

NO TODAY IS NOT PHYSICS... ITS ENGLISH!



Int'l Camp of Girl Scouts

Shegufra Mohammad Cherry, Ranger, Bangladesh Girl Guides has left for Japan Sunday to participate in the International Camp of Girl Scouts of Japan beginning tomorrow.

The camp which is being participated by the rangers of 15-18 years age group will be held in Nagano of Japan in Togakushi Girl Scout Camp Centre.

Shegufra is a student of Dhaka Commerce College.

Weather

Rainfall likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Khulna and Rajshahi divisions and one or two places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met Office said day temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius throughout the country during the period.

The country's highest temperature was recorded 34.3 degrees Celsius at Dinajpur and the lowest 25 degrees at Sylhet, Srirangal and Barisal.

The sun sets today at 6:41 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:28 am.



President Abdur Rahman Biswas presenting Dr. Muhammad Yunus the RCMD Foundation medal at a ceremony in the city yesterday.

Prof Yunus receives RCMD award

By Staff Correspondent

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday called upon voluntary organisations such as Rotary Clubs to work hand in hand with the government for making the country self-reliant.

The President was addressing an award giving ceremony, organised by the Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka (RCMD) in honour of Dr. Muhammad Yunus, yesterday at a city hotel.

Prof Yunus, the founder of Grameen Bank, received the first RCMD Foundation Award for Science, Education and Economic Development for his outstanding contributions in the field of socio-economic development of the nation.

Dr Yunus has brightened Bangladesh's image abroad with his Grameen Bank, the idea being replicated even in a highly developed country like the USA.

In his speech, Yunus paid tribute to the multitudes of Grameen Bank workers and loanees, mostly poor women, who with their achievements have shown the world what the poor can do themselves to better their own lot, with a little support.

"Twenty-one lakh poor families whose womenfolk took out loans, have proven that our people are not at the mercy of others. They have shown the world that we too, are capable of helping ourselves. They have broken the myth of 'Bangladesh-the poor country'.

The award distribution was followed by installations of RCMD Board of Directors (1995-96) and Board of Trustees of RCMD Foundation (1995-96).

The function was also addressed by Rotary District Governor Emdad U Haq, RCMD president Dr Anwar Hossain, RCMD past Presidents Ashfaq Ahmed Khan, AKM Shamsuddin, Dr M Ahsan, Fazle Rabbi and Kamal U Ekram.

What's on today...

Launching of nutrition project: The launching of the Bangladesh Integrated Nutrition Project (BIBP) will be held. Venue: International Conference Centre, Tejgaon. Time: 11 am. Chief guest: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

Abdus Salam Gold Medal Award: A discussion on journalist Abdus Salam and the award-giving ceremony will be held. Spraha, a cultural organisation, has arranged the ceremony. Chief guest: Minister for Commerce and Information Shamsul Islam. Venue: Jatiya Press Club auditorium. Time: 4:30 pm.

Nagar Sangskritik Gosthi: An executive committee meeting of the organisation, an offshoot of Dhaka City Corporation will be held. Venue: Nagar Bhaban office of the Gosthi. Time: 2:35 pm.

Gano Forum: A press briefing of the party will be held. Venue: Central office, 81/B, Segunbagicha. Time: 11:30 am.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Midtown: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: CIRDAP, Channell House, 17, Topkhana Road. Time: 5:30 pm.

CDRB seminar: Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh (CDRB) will hold a seminar on 'Commitment and Job Satisfaction of Education Extension Agents'. Venue: WVA auditorium. Time: 4:30 pm. Principal speaker Dr Syed Saad Andaleeb, Associate Professor, Department of School of Business, Pennsylvania University, Erie, and Senior Fellow, AIBS.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

and tomorrow

JICA seminar: A seminar on 'impact of projects assisted by JICA on socio-economic development in Bangladesh' will be held on the occasion of JICA founding day. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 5pm. Chief guest: Shigeo Tokemaka, Ambassador of Japan in Bangladesh.

Centre for Development Dialogue: The centre has organised a seminar titled 'Information Technology and Law: Bangladesh Context'. Venue: Purbani Hotel. Time: 4 pm. Chief guest: State Minister for Planning Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan.

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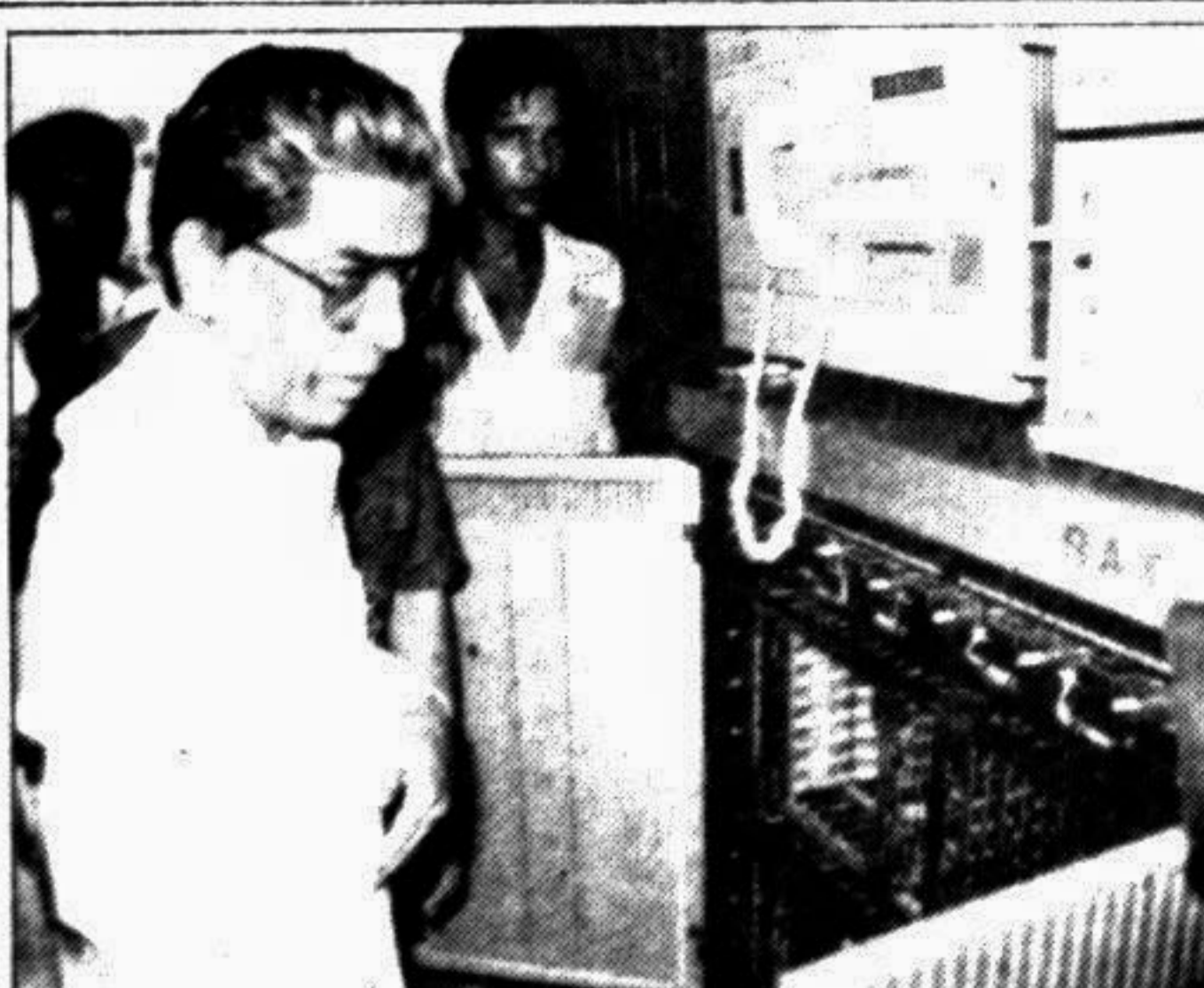


Death anniversary of Abu Sayeed Chowdhury

The eighth anniversary of death of former President Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury will be observed today, says a press release.

A Qurankhwant and Milad Mahfil have been arranged at the mazar premises of the late president at Nagbari in Tangal on the occasion.

The Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury National Memorial Council will hold a memorial meeting on August 8 at National museum at 4:30 PM.



Commerce and Information Minister M Shamsul Islam visiting Tongibari Telephone Exchange for nation-wide dialing after formal inauguration of the exchange at Tongibari thana in Munshiganj yesterday. — PID photo

DU Journalism Deptt founding anniversary

The 'Department Day' of the Mass Communication and Journalism Department of Dhaka University will be observed today, reports UNB.

The function, marking the 33rd founding anniversary of the department, will begin with a colourful procession from 'Aparajeyo Bangla' at 10 am.

Programmes of the day also include discussion, cultural function and freshers' reception at TSC at 4 pm.

Farhad Mazhar's release demanded

Various organisations and journalists in separate statements yesterday resented the arrest of Farhad Mazhar and demanded his unconditional release.

Mazhar, a poet, writer and Chairman of the Board of Editors of the weekly 'Chintita', was arrested on July 30.

Leaders of 10 workers bodies, 26 newsmen and Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK), a human rights and legal aid centre, issued separate statements demanding Mazhar's release.

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