

Dhaka Day by Day

Unhealthy Food by the Roadside

by Aditi Mubin Chowdhury

Fruits are delicious and nutritious. Both children and grown-ups are equally fond of fruits. We all know that eating fresh fruit is good for our health. But how about eating a fruit which is covered with dust and dirt — although fresh? In Dhaka you will see a man sometimes sitting or standing on the pavement selling sliced fruits on a three wheeler. These fruits are sold under the open sky, they are not covered with anything, flies are sitting on them now and then spreading the dangerous thing called germs. Though in some places you will see the seller trying to get rid of the flies by waving a piece of cloth to and fro. Sometimes you might see that the fruits are covered with dirty filthy transparent rubber clothes. This is a very rare scene, usually they remain uncovered.

Various types of fruits according to our seasons are being sold like this. Now you can see pineapples cut into slices and sold for Tk 2 each. The man who sells these fruits buys one pineapple for Tk 6-8, cuts it into five pieces. That day I saw a man sitting with a bid aluminum bowl in front of him, inside it was sweet and juicy pulps of a jackfruit. For Taka one you can get two pulps. Cucumbers which are cut into long slices are often seen. Pedestrians enjoy eating them because they think it might give them some relief from the hot summer spell. During the summer watermelons are cut in the shape of a half moon, another fruit called "Bang" which is a different variety of a melon is also cut into long pieces and put on sale. Papaya another sweet and popular fruit can also be seen sold like this. Children are fond of a green fruit

fruit which looks like a cricket ball and also feels like on is a fruit of a different taste. A whole is made on top of the fruit then some hot chilli salt and other ingredients are poured in and stirred. Then it is served with a stick, which is meant to be used as a spoon. Blackberry is another delicious fruit which is known to us as "Kalo Jam". This fruit is made in a "Borta" and sold to the consumers who usually happen to be children.

The good thing about this business is that it helps those people who cannot afford to buy a whole jackfruit or a watermelon which costs them Tk 30 to 40, instead they can buy some slices of it and get the seasonal fruit's taste. Since most of our people are illiterate, they cannot understand how unhealthy it is to eat something from the roadside, which also remains uncovered. Which is never washed and even if it is, then with dirty water.

Do they ever wash their hands with soap? And as for the buyers they obviously don't understand what the word "germs" means.

Since germs are invisible, it makes difficult for the consumer to understand that the food he is going to eat is unhealthy and might make him sick.

Besides fruits, various types of items are sold in an unhygienic way. Such as "Jhal muri" which is quite popular among youngsters. If you go to the Dhaka University Campus you will see "Jhal muri" is being sold on a three wheeler, the onions, tomatoes which are used to make it quite tasty are peeled and just kept like that. Other ingredients which are used in making "Jhal muri" are just piled up on one side of the van and left uncovered. Old and used cans or tins which are covered with rust are used in shaking this Jhal muri. Whatever is used or



Pineapple is good, but how about such open sale of slices? — Star photo

which is called "Amra". This fruit is peeled and cut in a shape of a flower which is just about to bloom, a stick is stuck underneath it and hot chilli salt is spread over it. "Kamranga" another green and juicy fruit is cut into the shape of stars and mixed with hot chilli salt and an ingredient which is called "Kashundi", then wrapped with a dirty newspaper and being sold. Green mangoes which haven't yet turned into yellow are mixed with Kashundi and sold. "Coddbell" a

how it is made doesn't seem to bother the students. They don't actually care as long as it tastes alright.

The juice of sugarcane is also seen being sold at Tk 2 per glass by the roadside or near a dustbin. They only use one or two glasses. I would suggest them to use disposable glasses and not to sell near a dustbin or any polluted area. And as for the various items of fruits they should be washed properly and then packed in a transparent polybag or in something which protects the fruits from germs.



Bangabandhu Parishad brought out a mourning procession in the city marking the death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman yesterday. — Star photo

What's on today . . .

Russian film show: Two films — 'Defeat of Militarist Japan' (documentary) and 'The Living & The Dead' (feature) will be screened. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre. Time: 6 pm.

Bangladesh Photo-journalists Assoc: The opening of the gallery of the association will be held. Venue: 58/1A, Purana Palta. Time: 5 pm. Chief guest: Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Mia.

Handicraft and food fair: The National Association for Resource Improvement (NARI) has organised the fair in aid of its new project for orphans. Venue: Gulshan Club. Chief guest: President, FBCCI, Salman F Rahman.

Law Review workshop: The concluding session of the two-day workshop on "Uniform Family Code" will be held. Chief guest: Justice Kemaluddin Hossain. Sigma Huda, Ayesha Khanam and Sara Hossain will take part in the discussion. Venue: British Council auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

German film show: The 'Rosa Luxemburg' will be screened on the concluding day of the four-day film show titled 'Outstanding Women in German Film'. Director: Marganethe von Trotta. Venue: German Cultural Centre. Time: 6 pm.

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

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

Inauguration of CPE programme: The launching of CPE Programme 1995 of the Institute of Cost and Management Accounts ICMA, Bangladesh will be held. Venue: The ICMA auditorium. Time: 4 pm.

Commemorative stamp on Bosnia

The government of Bangladesh will soon bring out a commemorative stamp on Bosnia, a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said yesterday, reports BSS.

He said at a special news briefing that the sale proceeds would be contributed to the Prime Minister's fund for solidarity with Bosnia. The spokesman said that a charity football match would be organised and the gate money would be contributed to the Fund.

Weather

More rainfall likely

Most of the places in Chittagong, Barisal, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions, may experience moderate rain or thundershower with temporary gusty or squally wind today, according to the Met office forecast, reports UNB.

Day temperature is likely to fall by 1-2 degree throughout the country.

The country's highest temperature was recorded 33.4 degree Celsius at Rangamati and the lowest 23 degrees at Sreemangal.

The sun sets today at 6:31 pm and rises tomorrow Thursday at 5:34 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.2	24.1	91	79
Chittagong	31.6	25.4	79	87
Rajshahi	32.4	24.7	93	97
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By Order of the Board

S.H. KABIR
Chairman

Dated: Dhaka August 16, 1995

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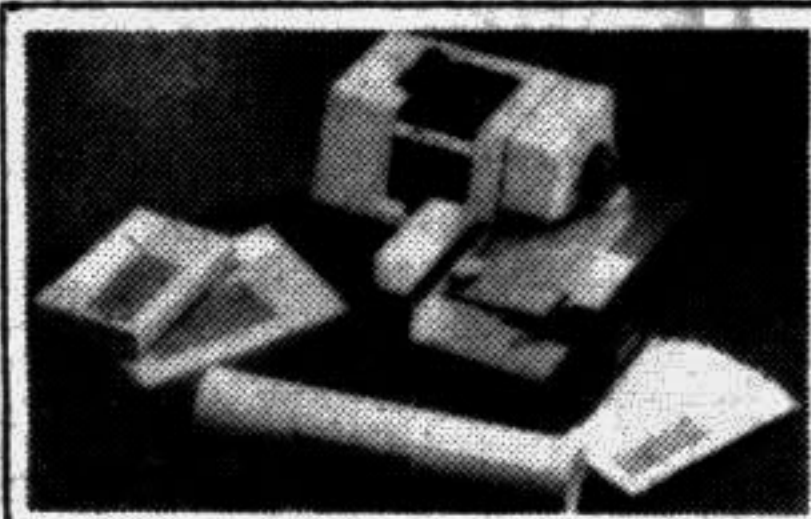
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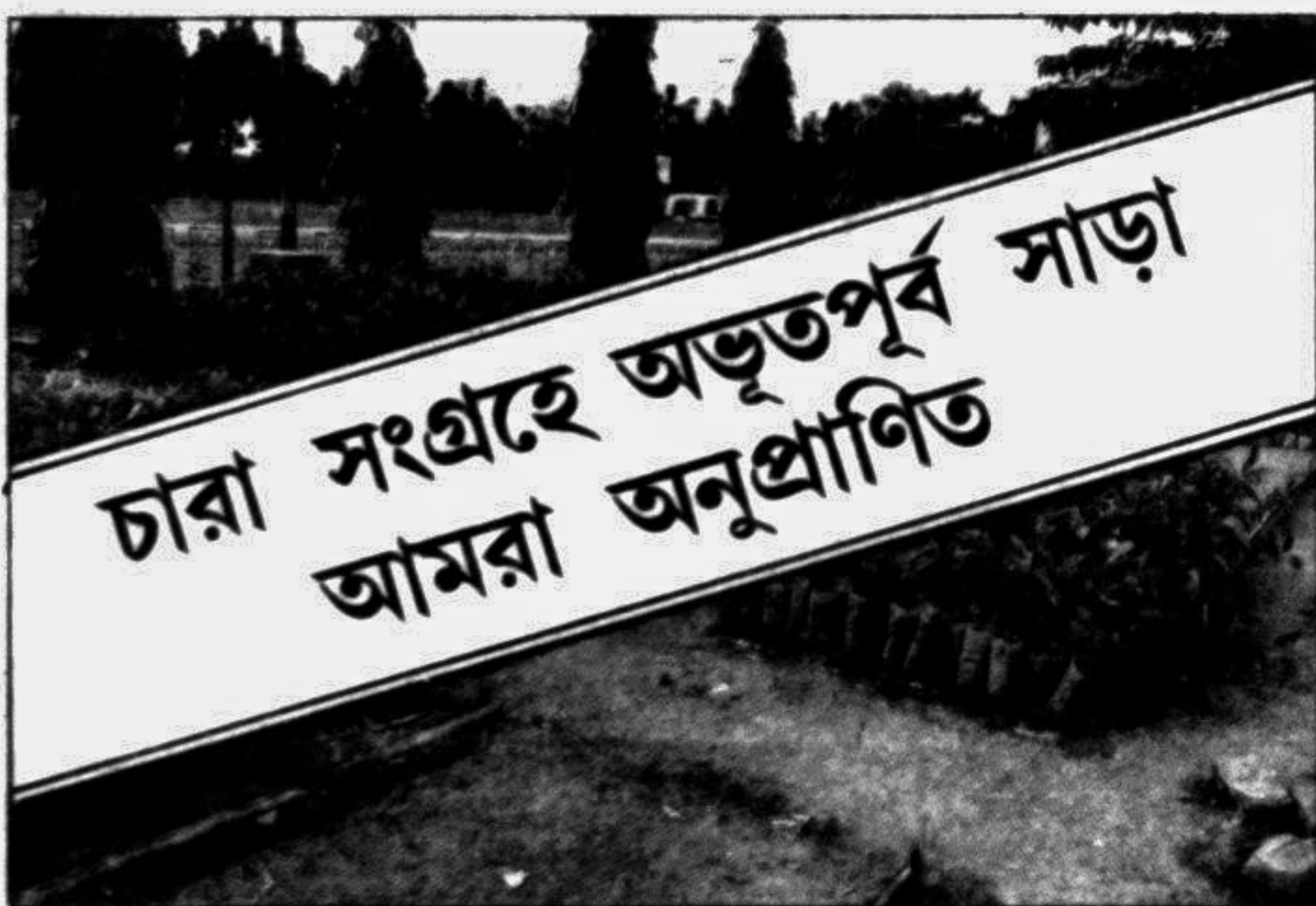
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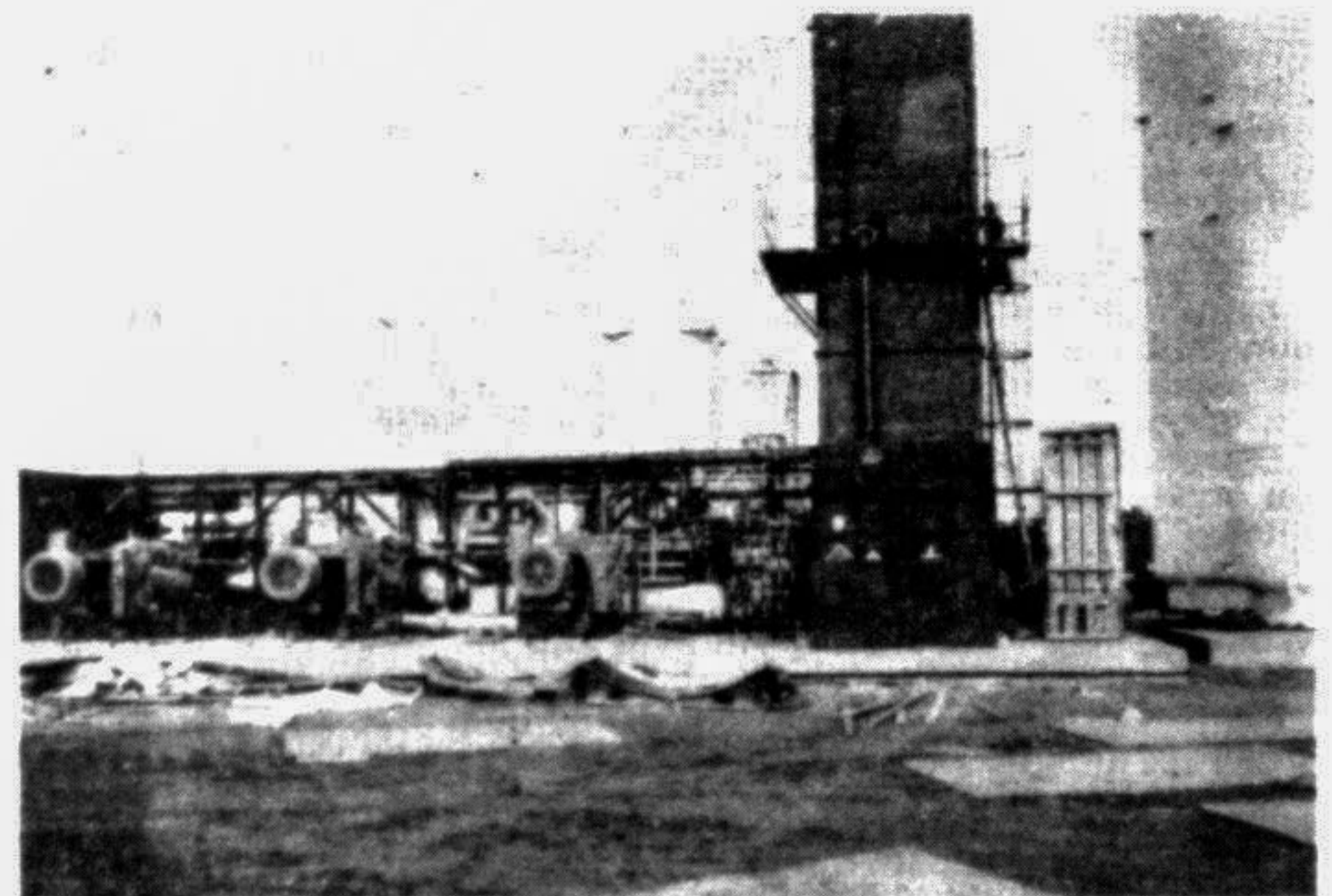
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