

Metropolitan

Dhaka Day by Day
Say it with Flowers

by Tanya Mahnaz Huq

Flowers have always been a source of joy and happiness to people. Be it a birthday or an anniversary, or any special occasion to wish a loved one, the best way to say it is with flowers. For the last few years, the flower business has been booming in the metropolis, with flower shops springing up everywhere, and flower-sellers setting up their wares at almost every available street corner. These flower-sellers sitting on strategic points on the streets offer their baskets and bouquets at much cheaper prices than the shops, but one has to admit that the finishing is not as good or as classy. The flower-shops in Katabon, Baily Road, Shahbag etc offer a wonderful array of bouquets and flower-baskets. Katabon especially is known as the flower market of Dhaka with the rows of shops lining the street. Roses, Rajanigandhas, Gladiolus, Marigolds, Baily, Shefal etc can all be found here for flower bouquets, baskets, garlands and even 'Gajras' for the hair. The thick garlands of the bright, yellow Marigolds are especially eye-catching when they hang from the shops' doorways. The bright colours combined with the heady fragrances never fail to attract customers (especially young girls) like bees towards honey by building up fixed price by offering to the size and flowers. For instance, roses are more expensive than Rajanigandhas. The baskets can be priced between anything from Tk 35 or 40 to Tk 200, a stick of

Rajanigandha costs only 1 or 2 taka; a single Rose Tk 4, the Gajras from Tk 5 onwards and a wedding garland upto Tk 20. Of course it is not possible to haggle over the prices in these shops as on the streets, so one must be prepared to pay a little more. But nowadays the flower arrangements are definitely worth it! There was a time when it was quite impossible to get a nice bouquet of flowers in the city, except at exorbitant prices from five-star hotels. Now the times have certainly changed! Some of these flowers like the Marigolds come from India, others like the Roses and Rajanigandhas are grown in Savar, Jessore, Rajshahi and brought in by trucks. Other than just selling flowers, these shops also offer all floral decorations for weddings like the wedding dias, the bridegroom's car, the bridal chamber etc. But somehow, since the flowers are being grown at such a large and commercial scale, it seems that the fertilizers being used sometimes harm the natural fragrances of the flowers, like the Rajanigandha for instance.

But again, thanks to these fertilizers, we are able to get seasonal flowers all year round. Living in a crowded city, where due to space constraint it is not possible for most people to have flower-gardens, it is wonderful to be able to get them so easily. So, the next time you need to think of a gift for someone special, try a basket of these beautiful flowers, they never fail to bring a joyful smile on a loved one's face.



Buffer stocks of fertilizer to face crisis: JS told

State Minister for Industries Lutfar Rahman Khan told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday that the government would take steps to provide fertilizer to the farmers at fixed price by building up buffer stocks at different parts of the country during the "anti-people programmes" of the opposition, reports BSS.

Replying to a starred question from BNP MP Sardar Sakhawat Hossain Bakul the state minister said the government has taken all necessary steps so that fertilizer crisis did not arise.

He said even during the opposition called 72-hour hartal production in all fertilizer factories went in full swing.

Khan, however, said that because of difficulties in transporting fertilizer during the hartal period there was adverse affect on prices of fertilizer for the time being.

The State Minister said that the six fertilizer manufacturing industries run by Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) produced 8,53,883 metric tons of fertilizer from April 1 of 1994-95 fiscal to

September 10 of 1995-96 fiscal. He said during the period the fertilizer industries of BCIC sold and distributed 6,62,570 metric tons of fertilizer and the stock of fertilizer stood at 2,07,027 metric tons.

The state minister said, the total production capacity of the six fertilizer factories is over 23,00,000 metric tons. The total demand of fertilizer in the country was projected at 19,00,000 metric tons, he added.

FEMA launches district-level workshop

The Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) has organised training workshops for the poll monitors at different district levels recently.

The training programme for the participants of Gopalganj district began yesterday, says a press release.

FEMA had so far conducted two workshops at Faridpur and Rajbari.

15,251 tons of LPG produced last fiscal: JS told

Eastern Refinery, the lone state owned oil refinery, produced and bottled 15,251 tons of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in the 1994-95 fiscal, reports UNB.

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandkar Mosharaff Hossain disclosed this in the Parliament yesterday while replying to a question from Begum KJ Hamida Khanam.

Responding to another question, he said it is difficult to assess the real demand for LPG which is used as an alternative to kerosene and natural gas. The demand for kerosene is 435,800 tons a year, he said.

The minister, however, said that the country has great demand for LPG as vast areas are still not covered by natural gas connection. It is not possible to meet the demand for LPG as Eastern Refinery can produce only 15,500 tons of LPG annually.

In reply to Abdur Rouf Chowdhury he said the country has a reserve of 1,496 million tons of coal, 170.71 million tons of pit coal, 129.90 million tons of limestone and 42.50 million tons of China clay.

Jt venture in fisheries with Yangon scanned

The visiting Myanmar Minister for Immigration and Population Lt General Maung Hla yesterday called on Livestock Minister Abdullah Al Noman at his office in the city, reports BSS.

They reviewed the possibilities of collaboration of the two countries for the promotion of fisheries.

Noman described the prospect of setting up trawler industries through joint venture.

He also informed the Myanmar minister that Bangladesh has a developed infrastructures for fisheries and livestock research and Myanmar can enjoy their benefits.

Noman told Lt General Maung that Bangladesh is suffering from the scarcity of shrimp fry and sought Myanmar's cooperation in setting up shrimp hatcheries through joint ventures.

The Myanmar minister expressed his country's interest in this regard and said

that his country will take up necessary measures in setting up wooded trawler industry and shrimp hatcheries.

The two minister also discussed other issues of mutual interest. They particularly observed that the formalities of border trade should be made easier.

Lt General Maung Hla also met State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Harun-Al-Rashid at his office.

3 more radio relay stations to be set up

The government has a plan to set up three more radio relay stations in addition to the existing seven radio stations and three relay stations, Information and Commerce Minister Shamsul Islam informed the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, reports BSS.

Replying to an unstarred question from Abdur Rouf Chowdhury (Kushtia-2), the minister said the relay stations would be set up at Comilla, Rangamati and Thakurgaon.

The information minister said that establishment of five more TV relay stations were under process in addition to the existing ten relay stations.

The new TV relay stations are being set up at Patuakhali, Thakurgaon, Brahmanbaria, Jhenidah and Rajshahi, the minister said.

Besides, the information minister said, the government had a plan to set up TV relay transmitter at the Bogra regional TV relay station project and another at Ukha.

Studying '71

The Bishwa Shahitya Kendra will shortly host study to enlighten readers about the Liberation War, says a press release.

Dr. Momtazur Rahman Tarafdar, Dr Salahuddin Ahmad, Dr. Anisuzzaman, Prof. Momtajuddin, Ajoy Roy and Prof. Aktaruzzaman Ilyas will conduct different session.

Dr Mustafa Nurul Islam will coordinate. The study is open to all. Interested persons have been requested to enquire at the library counter of the Kendra by September 30.

What's on today . . .

BIBM seminar: The Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) has organised a day-long seminar on 'Evaluation of the impact of reforms in the financial sector.' Venue: BIBM seminar hall. Time: 10 am Chief guest: Khorsheed Alam, Governor, Bangladesh Bank.

Worldnet dialogue: The United States Information service (USIS) will organise the dialogue on "Women in the Mass Media". Venue: The American Cultural Centre Auditorium. Time: 5:30 pm.

Seminar on women's right: A three-day international seminar on Women's Right: Theory and Practice will be held. Venue: Goethe Institut. Prof U Muller from Germany will speak in the seminar. The seminar is open to invitees only.

Reception for Farhad Mazhar: Poet Farhad Mazhar will be accorded a civic reception. Venue: Bishwa Shahitya Kendra. Time: 6 pm. Sawkat Osman will preside.

Orientation meet on AIDS: An orientation meeting on AIDS will be held. The AIDS and Health Writers' Group has organised the meeting for the newsmen. Venue: Jatiya Press Club. Time: 4:30 pm. Chief guest: Deputy Leader of the-Jatiya Sangsad Prof. A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury.

Rapport training course: A day-long training course on public relations for the executives of Delta Life Insurance Co will be held. Venue: Rajmoni Isha Kha Hotel. Time: 9 am. Rita Bhimani from India will conduct the course.

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

Rotary Club of Motijheel: The regular weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Xian Chinese Restaurant, 126, Elephant Road. Time: 7 pm.

Album launching: The first CD of noted Tagore singer Mita Haq will be launched. Venue: Sheraton Hotel, Ballroom. Time: 4 pm. Dr Anisuzzaman will preside.

Seminar on HIV, AIDS: Rotary Club of Ramna and Rotaract Club of Ramna have jointly organised the seminar. Venue: Rotary Centre, 7-13 Satmasjid Road. Time: 5 pm. Keynote speaker: Dr Taimor Nayaz of USA.

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Lecture on Milky Way, Nebula: The National Museum for Science and Technology has organised the seminar. Venue: The Museum auditorium at Agragaon. Time: 4 pm.

Weather
Light rain forecast

Moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind are likely at many places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over Khulna and Barisal divisions in the 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office said a few places of Dhaka, Sylhet and Rajshahi divisions may experience light to moderate rain or thundershower during the period.

The day temperature may fall by 1 degree Celsius over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and may remain nearly unchanged over Dhaka, Sylhet and Rajshahi divisions.

The country's highest temperature was recorded 33.2 degrees Celsius at Rajshahi and Rangpur and the lowest 24 degrees at Barisal and Satkhira yesterday.

The sun sets today at 5:51 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:49 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.9	25.8	82	79
Chittagong	33.0	26.2	82	78
Rajshahi	33.2	24.5	85	93
Khulna	32.2	25.2	75	87
Barisal	31.3	24.0	86	95
Sylhet	32.4	25.1	90	73
Cox's Bazar	32.0	25.5	77	77

Call for proper management at Sonargaon

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan has urged all concerned to work sincerely to make the Sonargaon Hotel more profitable, reports UNB.

He was speaking as chief guest at a meeting organised by the Sonargaon Hotel Employees' Union at the hotel's poolside here yesterday.

Mannan pointed out as to how the hotel business could be made most profitable with no scope for incurring loss. In this context, he underlined the need for proper management and effective cost control to earn greater profit.

The minister also called for shunning nepotism with regard to recruitment which, he said, should be made as per service rules of the hotel, said a PID handout.

The meeting was addressed, by the Managing Director of the Hotel Sheikh Akram Ali, General Manager Yoji Hamano, general secretary of the union Ashrafuzzaman and senior vice president MM Razzak.

Workshop on trade union tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

A day-long workshop on 'Trade Union Unity' will be held at the BMDC auditorium in the city at 11 am tomorrow.

The Bangladesh Jatiyatadabi Sramik Dal, the labour front of BNP, in cooperation with the Asian-American Free Labour Institute (AAFLI) will host the workshop.

Labour and Manpower Minister Mir Shaukat Ali will attend the inaugural function as chief guest. Labour Director Molla Golam Sarwar and general secretary of the Sramik Dal Nazrul Islam Khan will be present as special guests.

Representatives of International Labour Organisation (ILO) and AAFLI will attend the workshop.

পুলশানে জমি ক্রয়
তলশান ২নং সার্কেল এলাকায় কমপক্ষে এক বিঘা, অভিজিত দেড় বিঘা বাড়ীসহ নির্ভেজাল, নিকটক জমি নিজ বাসস্থানের জন্য ক্রয়ে ইচ্ছুক। শুধুমাত্র প্রকৃত সন্মানিত মালিকগণকেই যোগাযোগ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হইল।
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