

Dhaka Day by Day

Decor Innovatively

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Where unemployment is a curse in a situation like ours even for graduates and post-graduates, there are actually a good number of possibilities to alleviate the problem. There are interesting courses available to open up opportunities for those who find difficulties in getting a proper job with prevailing academic skills.

Apart from computer courses and other trainings to go for easy jobs, one can go for something new and innovative like interior designing. Actually, this course has been introduced in the country for the first time under the patent Exterior Interior (P) Ltd. Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd is the collaborating company for the course.

It all started back in 1986 in India, in collaboration with Jensen and Nicholson (I) Ltd. But it was the one-man dream that made it all possible today and it is Mr Ashish Mitra, Managing Director of Exterior-Interior (P) Ltd, who is a designer himself.

Although it says exterior-interior, the course is mainly functional to interior designing, according to one office assistant, Sabera Khanam.

The course is a professional one and at the end of the year each student must have two different skills: (1) Ability to draw architectural drawings. (2) Ability to understand design mechanics. It is a two-year course and the 1st year is (Preliminary) Diploma Course and the 2nd year the Advance Diploma Course. The first session started in April, 1995 and admission for the second session is going on at the time. The course is drawing-board oriented and is definitely a handsome offer to attract those who are interested in art. Apart from that, site visits, seminars and guest lectures are organized with the help of students and faculty.

Back in India, the course has recognition of the industry and the one year Diploma Course helps to find employment with various large corporate groups including HUDCO. Even companies like TITAN, BPC and Godrej have their doors open for these certificate holders.

Here in Dhaka, many people have taken part and a lot more are lining up to get admitted. Among them are students, housewives and even service men. According to one source, companies like Bata and BRAC are training their own people here.

This should not be taken for granted but it was heard that architects sometimes have to go abroad to bring in

designs or to have their work done. They won't have to do that any longer once the course becomes recognized. So, this means the students will not have hard times in setting up their future and be blissfully happy with their newly furnished skills and work.

Also, if one is interested to go to the States for higher education, financial aid and scholarships can be arranged after the Advance Diplomas.

Savannah College of Art and Design, one of the most expensive private colleges in Georgia, USA recognizes this Diploma as equivalent to their four-year Bachelors of Fine Arts Degree Programme. A letter addressed to Mr Mitra from the Director of Transfer and International Administration of Savannah College, assured that any students referred by him will be considered personally.

So, it appears to hold a promising future unlike many lopsided courses that are growing like mushrooms in the city. And the excellency of the faculty and the entire mental pabulum surely will give you a chance to update yourself in the field and make dreams come true.



Courtesy: Exterior Interiors (P) Ltd.



A scene from Loko Natyadal's production of Buddhadev Basu's mythological play, *Tapaswee O Taranginee*, which was premiered yesterday at the Mahila Samity auditorium in the city. The play, directed by Liyakat Ali Lucky, is Natyadal's twenty-first production. Star photo

Book on rights of children

The Shishu Adhikar Sanader Bhashhya, a book on children's rights by noted jurist Gazi Shamsur Rahman was launched in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

Minister for Housing and Public Works, Rafiqul Islam Mia, while addressing the function as chief guest stressed the need for greater public awareness for establishment of various rights, including those of the children's.

The function was also addressed by Golan Kibria, director of the Shishu Academy.

The book written in easy Bengali to help the children understand their rights has already become popular among the readers, the function was told.

FEMA to hold confce in city

The Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) will hold a national conference in the city shortly, says a press release.

The theme of the conference is 'Public Confidence in the Electoral Process is Critical to Free and Fair Election.'

The agenda of the conference will also include discussion on the election code of conduct and adoption of a separate one for non-partisan poll monitors.

Rapport training course ends

A certificate award ceremony of management courses was held in the city on Sunday, says a press release.

Sixty-eight persons took part in courses on Stock Market Operations in Bangladesh and Public

Relations sponsored by Rapport Bangladesh Limited.

Prof Dr Shamsur Ali, Vice Chancellor, Bangladesh Open University distributed certificates among the participants.



Former minister dead

CHITTAGONG, Oct 3: Former minister Prof Nurul Islam Chowdhury died of prolonged illness at his Jamal Khan residence today, family sources said. He was 60, reports BSS.

He left behind his wife, a son and two daughters.

Late Chowdhury served as the State Minister for Industries and State Minister for Defence of the Awami League government.

The namaz-e-janaza of late Chowdhury was held at Laidighi Maidan after Zohr prayers today. He was buried at his village Gobindorkhil of Patiya.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court unit of Bangabandhu Parishad and the Patiya Samity in Dhaka in separate messages yesterday condoled the death of this noted politician.

The Bangladesh Panchashi Samity also expressed profound shock at the death, says a press release.

What's on today . . .

Science lecture: The National Museum of Science and Technology will organise the talk on Issues and Options for Flood Management in Bangladesh. Venue: National Museum of Science and Technology auditorium. Time: 4 pm. Dr Ainun Nishat will deliver the talk.

BSAF programmes: The Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF) will hold mobile cultural shows at Kamalapur station at 3 pm and at Press Club at 4 pm as part of its Children's Rights Week '95 celebration.

Aparajeyo-Bangladesh: The organisation will hold an essay competition on child labour. Venue: 2/5 Humayun Road, Mohammadpur. Time: 10 am.

Lions Clubs International: A seminar on Membership Growth and Leadership Development will be held as part of its service week. Venue: Lions Foundation auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 4 pm. Chief guest: Harun-Al-Rashid, State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief.

and tomorrow

Children's Rights Week: The closing ceremony of the week-long programme organised by the Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs will be held. Venue: Osmani Memorial auditorium. Time: 5 pm. Chief guest: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

Aparajeyo-Bangladesh rally: The rally will mark the concluding of the Children's Rights Week celebration. Venue: Shahbagh. Time 9:30 am.

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