

Dhaka Day by Day

Importance of Trash Cans

by Aditi Mubin Chowdhury

Imagine a scene: a man walking on the pavement of our metropolis, dressed in his best, going to attend his first day at work, hoping for nothing to go wrong. But all of a sudden a horrible thing happens: he slips over a banana skin which was left there by a careless citizen. Who didn't bother to throw the skin in a nearby dustbin and of course didn't even think about the consequences. Actually there's no use in blaming him, what's his fault if he can't find any trash cans around so he just throws it on the pavement and walks away.

This is a problem which almost all the Dhakaites have to face. After eating a candy bar or an ice-cream where do we throw the wrappers? Where else, on the streets. After drinking a can coke you will see on top of the can there is written 'Dispose properly' or 'litter properly' but the question is where? Are there any trash cans or litter box's around? Besides the square shaped brick dustbins which are found on the corners of the streets you can hardly find any type of litter box's on the sidewalks. As a result the people are bound to throw their candy wrappers, polythene bags, cans or whatsoever on the pavement.

Though near some fast food centers you will find big penguin-like litter box's with their mouths opened wide enough so people can throw their litter inside. Various types of buckets are found near the departmental stores.

They are used to dump in rubbish that comes out from these departmental stores. When the bucket is full, the garbage is dumped in some corner of the street. Pedestrians some-

times use these so-called dustbins. Though it is very rare, usually they just do their usual job and that's throwing the rubbish on the pavements and walking away.

Inside the Arts Faculty building of Dhaka University you will see medium-sized red wooden dustbins. They are found in each corner of the corridors and staircases. Hardly any kind of garbage are found inside except burnt cigarettes and chewing gum wrappers. Actually these wooden red dustbins don't really look like dustbins. They look so old and dull that's why they don't attract the students or teachers and remain unnoticed. No sort of waste paper bins are found in the classrooms which is quite essential to keep the classrooms clean.

Prime importance should be given for locating sufficient number of litter box's or dustbins on the side walks. These litter box's can be located under each lamp post. So whenever you have something in your hand you want to throw away, you will be able to find a litter box right in front of you. This can stop the Dhakaites from viewing ugly, dirty and filthy sights.

Besides having enough litter box's around us it is also very important to develop the habit of throwing rubbish in the proper place. This will prevent the pedestrians from nasty falls and injuries. For this we must have civic sense. This largely depends on education. Ignorant people seem to have no civic sense. If there is civic sense in the citizens in general, much trouble and inconvenience may be avoided.



Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina talking to some flood victims during her visit to Pabna yesterday. Story on Page 1 — AL photo

Govt out to provide home for all: Dr Moyeen

State Minister for Planning Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan said here yesterday that the government was endeavouring so that all the citizens could live in proper houses, reports BSS.

Dr Khan was inaugurating a national seminar on "Our Neighbourhood" in the Shishu Auditorium of National Museum.

Md Hasinur Rahman, Secretary, Ministry of Works and Housing and A K M Khorshed, Director, Housing and Building Institute also spoke on the occasion which was presided over by Md Humayun Khadem, Chairman, Rajuk.

Zahir Hossain, chief town planner, Rajuk presented the keynote paper titled "Urbanisation and Need for Micro-level Planning in Bangladesh" at the inaugural session.

The seminar is being held in observance of the World

Habitat Day, 1995. Two technical sessions followed the inaugural one where various aspects of housing and urbanisation were discussed.

Referring to housing sector as mentioned in the participatory perspective plan which has been placed recently at NEC meeting, the planning minister said, because of human pressure the existing facilities at two towns of the country — Dhaka and Chittagong — have almost collapsed. He said, to make provision for proper housing for all is a gigantic task and it would succeed only through constructive cooperation between the authorities and the enterprising private sector.

In his welcome address A K M Khorshed Alam said, unless housing was designated as a separate head in the national planning, the desired objective in this sector could not be achieved.

Children's memo to Dy Speaker

A group of children submitted a memorandum to Deputy Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad Humayun Khan Panni at the Sangsad Bhaban yesterday on the occasion of the Children's Rights Week '95, reports BSS.

State Minister for Women and Children's Affairs Begum Sarwari Rahman led the delegation.

The memorandum demands assurance of food, nutrition, social security, protection from all kinds of repression, hygienic environment and equal rights of under privileged children in particular.

On behalf of the delegation Belal Hossain read their demands.

Additional Secretary, in-charge of Women and Children's Affairs Ministry Dr Saadat Hussain, Director of Bangladesh Shishu Academy Golam Kibria and other officials of the ministry were present on the occasion.

BATEXPO '95

Fashion show tomorrow

A fashion show will be held at the Sheraton Hotel tomorrow, says a press release.

The show will be presented as part of the ongoing BATEXPO '95.

The Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) has assigned Roop, a local fashion house, to organise the show.

Noted model and designer Bibi Russell is working to give the exposition an international look.

Tickets are available at different exclusive restaurants, fastfood shops, video clubs, Sheraton Hotel lobby, BATEXPO '95 fair and Sonargaon Hotel lobby.

Hanif returns home

Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC), Mohammad Hanif returned from Saudi Arabia yesterday, says a press release.

Ward commissioners and officials of DCC received the mayor at the airport.

Discussion on 100-yr of cinema

The Dhaka University Film Society in observance of the World Film Centenary held a discussion meeting here yesterday, reports UNB.

A 10-member convening committee was formed at the meeting to make the centenary programmes a success, said a press release.

Presided over by UNB Chairman Amanullah Khan, the meeting was also attended by DUCSU general secretary Khairul Kabir Khokan, film-maker Amjad Hossain, artiste Dilara Zaman, Mrinal Haq, Anupam Hayat, Meher Nigar and Luky Akhand.

BDRCS dispatches more relief

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) yesterday sent more relief goods to 16 flood-affected northern districts, reports BSS.

The goods include sarees, lungies, emergency foods and old clothes. In addition each of these 16 district units of the society were given Tk 20,000 to purchase *chira* and *gur* for distribution.

Chinese troupe performs at Sena Kunja

The visiting Chinese Qinghai songs and dance troupe presented another colourful programme at the Dhaka Cantonment this evening, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

The troupe comprising members from the western provinces of China kept a packed audience spellbound by their traditional dances and songs at the Sena Kunja.

ICMAB exam shifted

The examination of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB), scheduled to be held on October 7 has been shifted to October 10 due to unavoidable circumstances.

ICMAB classes will resume on October 11 instead of October 9, says a press release.



This picture, taken from the city's Panthapath thoroughfare yesterday shows the joint drive by Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) and Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) against occupants of pavements is yet to trigger any threat to them. — Star photo

39th founding day of Kachi Kanchar Mela

By Staff Correspondent

The Kachi-Kanchar Mela, country's pioneer children's organisation, will celebrate its 39th founding anniversary today.

It will host discussion at the newly-built Kachi-Kanchar auditorium at Segunbagicha at 5 pm.

Noted journalist Obaidul Haq and Kazi Fazlur Rahman a former advisor of the interim government will attend the function as chief guest and special guest respectively.

Poet Begum Sufia Kamal will chair the discussion. A cultural programme presented by the members of the organisation will follow the discussion.

Meanwhile, the Kachi-Kanchar Mela will also arrange 'Shabbir Shishu Shahitya Sammelon', a convention on children's literature at 4:30 pm tomorrow at its office at Segunbagicha in observance of the World Children's Day.

Faiz Ahmed will inaugurate the convention to be chaired by Dr Abdullah Al-Muti. Dr Anisuzzaman will attend the function as guest of honour.

Children's fair concludes

By Staff Correspondent

A five-day children's fair organised by Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF) ended in the city yesterday.

The first of such fair, organised for and with the slum children, was held at Johuri Mahalla of Mohammadpur in the city. During the week, hundreds of people visited the fair.

On the concluding day an art exhibition and a cultural show by disadvantaged children were held.

What's on today....

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: Osmany 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.

BSAF programmes: The Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF) will hold a press conference at Press Club at 11 am and cultural programmes at TSC at 3 pm and at Newmarket at 4 pm on the concluding of its week-long Children's Rights Week celebration.

Bangladesh Council for Child Welfare: The organisation will hold a cultural competition for the children on the occasion of Children's Rights Week. Venue: 22/1 Tophkhana Road. Time: 2 pm.

Bangladesh Computer Society: The organisation will hold a seminar on Computer Communications and Computer Network. Venue: BUET seminar hall. Time: 4:30 pm. Prof Lutfar Rahman, Department of Computer Science, Dhaka University will present the keynote paper.

Blood donation programme: Lions Club of Dhaka Newmarket and Lions Club of Dhaka Central East will jointly organise a blood donation programme. Venue: Newmarket gate no 1. Time: 9 am.

Lions Clubs International: A blood donation programme will be held. Venue: Bangladesh Lions Foundation at Agargaon. Time: 9 am. Shahidul Hoque Jamal, MP, Chairman, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society will inaugurate the programme.

Community Security Committee: The inauguration of its Hajaribag unit will be held. Venue: Dhaka Tannery premises. Time: 4:00 pm. Chief guest: A N Hussain, Commissioner, Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

DCCI press conference: The organisation will hold a press conference on its recent tour to EU countries. Venue: Razmani Isha Kha Hotel, Kakrail. Time: 12:30 pm.

BFTA rally: The Bangladesh Federation of Teachers' Association (BFTA) will hold a rally to observe the World Teachers' Day. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 9:00 am.

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French film show: The film 'Ha Rupture' will be screened. Venue: Alliance Francaise. Time: 6:00 pm.

International Children's Day: Kendrio Kanchi Kanchar Mela will hold a literary conference to mark the day. Venue: 37/A, Segun Bagicha. Time: 4:30 pm. Dr Abdullah al Muti will preside the function.

French juggler & co to perform tomorrow

Hic, Hoc, a performance by the Company Jerome Thomas will be presented in the city tomorrow, says a press release.

Alliance Francaise will organise the show sponsored by Rhone-Poulenc Rorer and the Association Francaise d'Action Artistique.

The show will be presented at the auditorium of the American International School in Baridhara.

Tickets are available at Alliance Francaise, American International School and some popular video shops.

DUJU founding day today

By Staff Correspondent

The tenth anniversary of the Dhaka University Journalist's Union (DUJU) will be observed through holding a reunion and a series of programmes at the Dhaka University TSC auditorium on Friday.

The day-long function would include a seminar, reminiscence by reporters of the Dhaka University from the 1950s, exhibition of news and a cultural programme.

DUJU requests all its former members to contact the organisation at the first floor of TSC, phone-509432.

CAR FOR SALE

Tenders are invited from parties interested in the purchase of a 1987 Model, Airconditioned Nissan Sunny 1300 CC car. The car can be inspected at our premises located at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel between 10 am to 4 pm.

The quotations must be forwarded in a sealed envelope addressed to the Manager, Air-India Limited, Sheraton Hotel, Minto Road, Dhaka on or before 3 pm on 15th October, 1995. The tenders will be opened on the same day at 4.30 pm.

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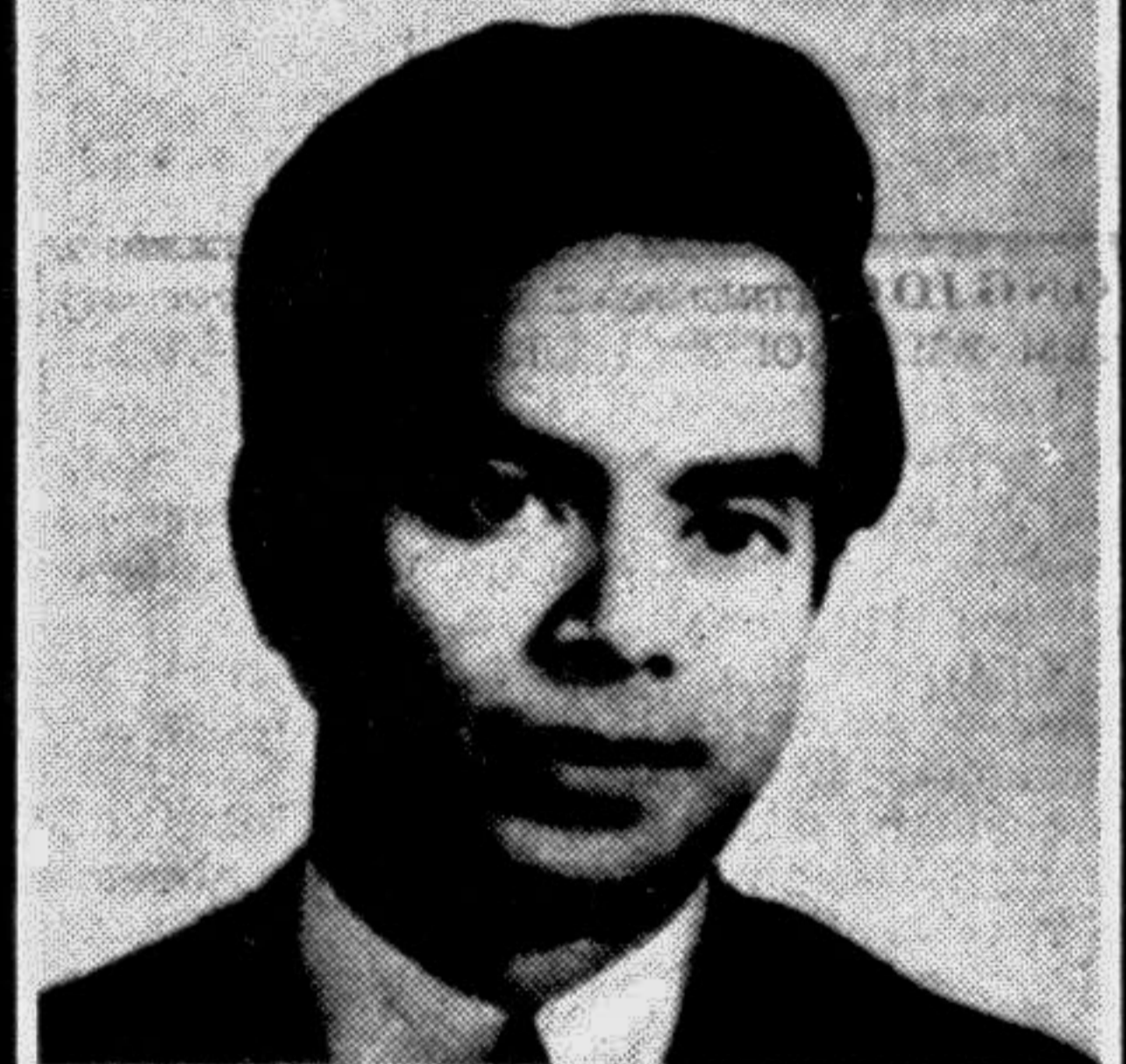
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CHEHLUM



of late Ambassador M. A. Qayyum will be held on 6th October '95 at 4-30 pm at House No-27, Road No-6, Dhanmondi R/A., Dhaka. Relatives, friends and well wishers are kindly requested to attend the chehlum.

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