

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Where Colours Run Riot

by A S M Nurunnabi

Colour in city landscape has been slowly fading away from the life of the dwellers. This is the inevitable price that we pay for growing urbanization. In this context, some element of surprise may strike you if you happen to be at the cross-roads near Nilkhet-New Market area. On one side of the road on the Nilkhet side stands a long row of shops dealing in bedding items. The characteristic feature of this place is that all the shop fronts in this area are bedecked with pillows and other bedding items made with fabrics of variegated colours. The picturesque character is brought out in sharp relief on bright sunny days. Few can miss to observe the riot of colours that wares of these shops present at their frontage.

The winter season is to come soon. With its advent, the place will acquire additional charm with splashes of colour when workers of these bedding shops will be busy sewing quilts with fabrics similarly captivating in colour and design. When the quilts will be in the process of making, they will be spread on the pavements while they acquire an illusory pattern of beauty with a mosaic of colours.

Some wonder whether with the gradual introduction of bedding items with foam rubber and in some cases with the gradual use by affluent classes of people of electric blankets and fancy quilts imported from abroad, it will be possible to prolong the magnificent parade of colours so much in evidence in this area nowadays.

The urban mind sometimes become blind to such stray vestiges of colour and beauty. This seems to be a deplorable tendency in urban dwellers. Previously we had seen in parks such as Suhrawardy Uddyan, Ramna Park, Usmani Uddyan, many patches of land planted with a variety of flowers, particularly in the winter season. At present, it seems that culture of flowers at such places has become much restricted perhaps because unauthorised picking and plunder have increased substantially. We, of course, find a proliferation of flower shops in many areas of the city testifying to the growing interest of the citizens in flowers. But the greater appeal of flowers grown in parks and other public places is not comparable to the limited appreciation of those who can afford to buy flowers from these flower shops. Added to the absence of such beauty spots open to the public, is the gradual urban trend of lack of interest in promoting private flower gardens in the city areas. Of course there are private flower gardens in the compounds of government residential quarters maintained at government cost in select areas. Old timers may recall that previously in the Ramna area, there was a profusion of Krishnachura trees whose flowers made adjoining areas aglow as if on fire. Such objects of beauty are now things of the past as they are the victims of the process of urban-ization.

Thus in the shrinking perspective of the city beauty spots, the minds of the citizens get increasingly suffocated and cramped with other causative factors such as mounting traffic jams and inordinate congestion of people.

In these circumstances, should our aesthetic sense be kept confined to the few patches of beauty as provided by the multi-coloured pillow covers on some city pavements. Some idyllic not-so-important beauty spots may yield places to modern structures with their drab exteriors necessitated by commercial considerations. However, for the present, this narrow space presents a refreshing spectacle of colours in the midst of bewildering traffic jams always clogging this area.



Colours in colourless place. —Star photo

### What's on today . . .

**Russian film show:** A discussion on 'Nikita Mikhailov and His Work in Russian Film' and the screening of the film 'A Private Conversation' will be held to mark the 50th birth anniversary of film-director Nikita Mikhailov. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Muktijuddha Smriti Trust:** The Trust will formally launch its campaign to collect relics and documents of the liberation war for the proposed Liberation War Museum. Venue: Liberation War Museum premises, 5, Segunbagan. Time: 4:30 pm.

**Training on industrial safety:** Rapport Bangladesh Ltd will organise the three-week training course. Venue: Rapport seminar hall at Malibagh. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Seminar on solar eclipse:** National Museum for Science and Technology (NMST) will organise the seminar. Venue: NMST auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 4 pm. Dr Abdullah-al-Muti Sharfuddin will preside.

**Baha'i Community:** The Baha'i Community of Bangladesh will observe the United Nations Day. Venue: National Baha'i Centre, 7, Nawratan Colony, Santinagar. Time: 6 pm.

**Bangladesh Khetmajur Union:** The organisation will hold a press conference. Venue: 31/F, Tophkana Road. Time: 4:30 pm.



### Death anniversary of Jibonananda Das today

**By DU Correspondent**  
The 41st death anniversary of poet Jibonananda Das will be observed today. To mark the day Jibonananda Parishad will hold a memorial meeting at Fine Arts Institute of Dhaka University at 4 pm. The meeting will highlight the life and works of the poet.

Jibonananda Das died in an accident in Calcutta on October 22, 1953. He was 54.

### Zahurul's death condoled

Executives, staff and employees of IFIC Bank, in a condolence meeting yesterday paid tribute to the memory of the bank's director and founder chairman Zahurul Islam, says a press release.

### BCU fails to announce DU committee

**By DU Correspondent**  
The Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) yesterday could not announce a convening committee for the Dhaka University unit following violent protests by a group of its activists.

The BCU central committee met with Sajjad Zahir Chandan, the central committee president, in the chair.

At one stage of the meeting, Sajjad Zahir tried to announce the convening committee. But a group of activists suddenly took away the paper containing the names.

Then scuffles broke out. The angry activists also damaged some windows of the Arts faculty building.

The university committee of BCU was dissolved at a workers meeting on October 13 after difference of opinions between the university and the central committees.

### President, PM greet Pope

President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday felicitated Pope John Paul-II on the occasion of the anniversary of his coronation, reports BSS.

## Four killed in separate incidents

By DMCH Correspondent

At least four people were killed and three more injured in separate incidents in the city and Narayanganj yesterday.

Mosharrif Hossain, 23, was crushed under the wheels of a speeding bus when he fell down from a rickshaw in front of the Engineers' Institution in the city at about 6:30 pm. He lived at a mess in Dhaka cantonment.

Nazmul Haq, a 25-year-old youth, was injured in the accident. He was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

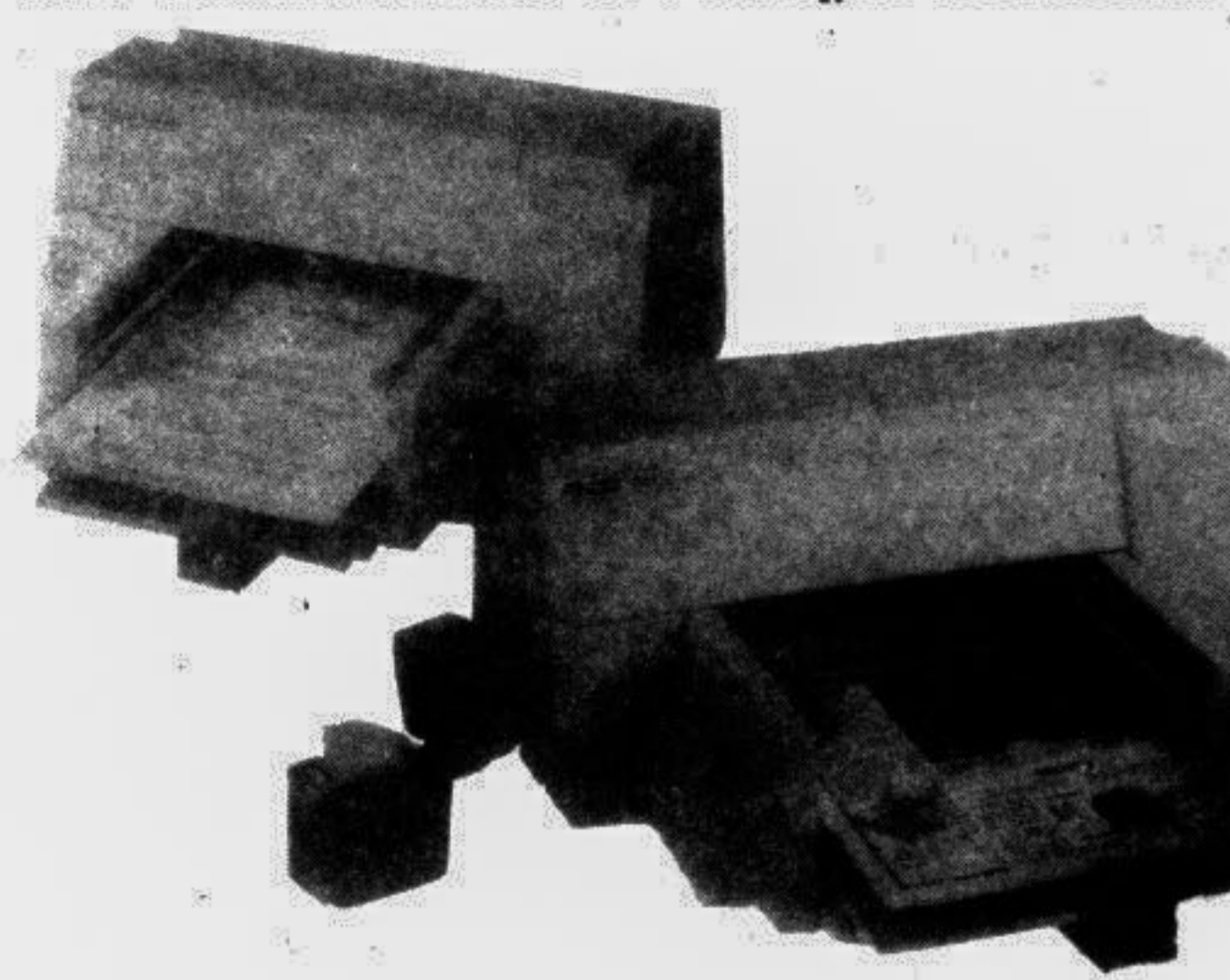
Enamul Haq, 30, of Buriar in Fatulla under Narayanganj district, with head injuries was rushed to DMCH at about 2 pm where the doctors declared him dead.

Another unidentified man, aged about 30, was brought dead to DMCH at 2:10 pm. No details was available immediately.

Our Narayanganj correspondent adds: An unidentified old man was killed and two others were critically injured when a truck and an auto-rickshaw collided at Godnail under Siddirganj thana at 2:45 pm.

The Narayanganj bound truck dashed the autorickshaw coming from the opposite direction and both plunged into the roadside DND canal, police said.

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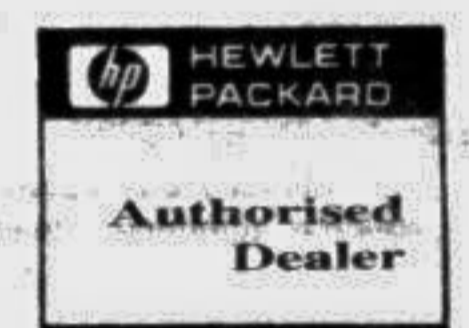
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House 570 Road 7  
Dhanmondi R.A. Dhaka  
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(Ballroom)  
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