

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Romantic Rendezvous

by Farah Ghuznavi

As the weather cools around us and winter approaches, passions start warming up in the breasts of Dhakaites of all ages, shapes, sizes and social backgrounds. The summer in this country is sufficiently hot and it leaves little energy for such pursuits (except for those who are truly determined), but winter seems to bring out the romantic in most Bangladeshis — it conjures up images of warm pithas, cool mornings, chilled dew-drops glistening on green grass, and of course the eternal image of misty-eyed Bangalee women floating by in their shawls, with flowers in their hair and mysterious smiles on their lips (don't worry, the language is not mine, it was provided to me by a compulsively romantic friend!)

At any rate, as most guardians (exhausted from the effort of trying to thwart the aims of young lovers!) and amused spectators (namely, the rest of us!) will confirm, this does seem the time of year when Cupid polishes up his bow and arrow. Nor should the creativity of lovers ever be underestimated. A friend's mother, who teaches at a school in Dhaka, recently arrived at the school around mid-morning to find two of the students just about to enter the compound. Suspicious as to why they were going into the school gates at eleven a.m. she immediately began to cross-examine them. She rejected out of hand the explanation that they had arrived at school on time and had subsequently just slipped out briefly for an errand, because she could see that they were both carrying all their paraphernalia, and had clearly not been to school at all that morning.

The teacher then stated that she wanted to see the students' fathers about this. When pressed, the main culprit (as she subsequently turned out to be) said that her father could not possibly come to the school, as her uncle (conveniently living in Tongi) had just died, and her father had

gone to the Qulkhani. When the teacher cunningly suggested (with an extremely spurious show of sympathy) that she might herself drop by the uncle's house to convey her condolences to the family, and asked for his address in order to do so, even the steely nerves of this student broke down, and she confessed that she had gone out to meet the love of her life. Clearly, in addition to climbing all the mountains and crossing all the rivers as lovers frequently pledge to do, some of them are also happy to sacrifice the lives of their relatives to the eternal cause of love!

And the fact that love also cuts across all boundaries of social class can be seen from the story told to me by another friend, whose ayah was carrying on a passionate affair (of necessity, alas, from a safe distance) with a rickshaw-driver. The whole thing was discovered after her mother found a letter from the ayah to the man concerned, telling him (among other things) that she had to get out of that house, since "staying with these people in this house is turning me into an idiot. If I stay here any longer, I will not be worthy of you" (hardly a flattering assessment of her employers, though perhaps a justified one!)

Needless to say (forgetting that love conquers all), the householders immediately forbade her to have any further contact with the man. This went on for a few days, when she was watched like a hawk. In desperation, her love accosted a vegetable seller outside the house and borrowed his basket, in order to gain entry to the house (and thereby snatch a few precious moments with his beloved). It worked, and it was not until the lady of the house found her buying cucumbers ten minutes later, when there were already large amounts of cucumbers in the kitchen (which had been purchased the previous day), that she figured out what was going on. At the very least, you have to give him credit for creativity.



### Seminar on ISBS held

Triangle Software Systems Ltd. and TATA Consultancy Services (TCS) of India jointly organised a seminar on "Integrated Standard Banking System" — branch banking automation software at Hotel Purbani International Thursday, says a press release.

Senior management executives of all the national and private commercial banks, Bangladesh Bank and FSRP, were present at the

seminar where presentation and technical demonstration was given by BJ Mandhyan — Chief Adviser of TATA Con-

sultancy Services.

"ISBS" — bank branch automation software is de-facto industry standard and currently being used by most of the large banks in India. As a matter of fact, a number of international banks are also using this software in different parts of the world. The software covers all the operational and management functionalities of the scheduled commercial bank.

As distributor of TATA Consultancy Services, Triangle Software System Ltd. will provide all the technical support in Bangladesh.

### Essay competition for children

Bangladesh Shishu Kendra will organise an essay competition to mark the Victory Day '95, says a press release.

Children under 15 years age group are eligible for the competition. The topic of the competition is 'My Country: Bangladesh'.

Interested participants have been requested to send write-ups to Sayed Bari, Director, Bangladesh Shishu Kendra, 3/A/21 Salimullah Road, by December 7.

The name, address, age and class of the participants have to be attested by their respective head masters.



Jatiyatabadi Jubo-Dal brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting opposition's agitation programmes. — Star photo

## What's on today . . . .

**Lions Club of Dhaka Diamond:** A meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Amin Court Plaza, Motijheel. Time: 6 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dhanmondi:** The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Bangladesh Mathematicians Assoc:** The three-day conference of the association will begin. Venue: Dhaka University campus. Time: 4 pm. Chief guest: Dr Khandakar Mosharrar Hossain, Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources.

**Dhaka Little Theatre:** The body will present 'Nathan the Wise'. Venue: Goethe Institut. Time: 6:30 pm.

**Bangladesh-Bharat Moitree Samity:** The samity will organise a performance of *kathak* dance by Susmita Benerjee. Venue: Rajmoni Isa Khan Hotel auditorium. Time: 7:30 pm.

**Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka:** The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Purbani Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

**BCIC seminar:** A seminar on 'Mixed Fertilizer: Prospects and Uses in Bangladesh', jointly organised by Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) and Institute of Chemists and Chemical Technologists (ICCT) will be held. Venue: BCIC auditorium. Time: 2:30 pm.

**Rapport video show:** Rapport Bangladesh Limited will hold a video presentation on Trial & Tribulations of Training Managers. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Lions Club of Dhaka Progoti:** The installation ceremony of board of directors of the club will be held. Venue: Kurmitola Golf Club. Time: 6:30 pm. Chief guest: Swedish Ambassador to Bangladesh Bjorn Sternby. Special guest: ROK envoy Jong Kyon Byun.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka West:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: RAOWA Club, Mohakhali. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Kanthashilan:** 'Bandhanhara Brishtidhara' a kanthashilan production of recital programme will be staged. Venue: Public Library auditorium. Time: 6:30 pm.

**Manobadhikar Samonnoy Parishad:** A day-long forum meet of the Bangladesh Manobadhikar Samonnoy Parishad will be held. Venue: Caritas auditorium, 2 Outer Circular Road, Malibagh. Time: 9 am.

## ..... and tomorrow

**Seminar on education:** The Association for Realisation of Basic Needs (ARBAN) has organised a seminar on 'Education for downtrodden people'. Venue: Engineers Institution auditorium. Time: 4 pm.

**Seminar on technology:** Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) and the British High Commission here have jointly organised a seminar on 'Infrastructure and Technology'. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 9:30 am. Chief guest: Commerce and Information Minister M Shamsul Islam.

**DCCI press conference:** Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry will hold a press conference on conclusion of the international seminar on 'Infrastructure and Technology'. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5 pm.

**Zahir Raihan Film Society:** The society has organised a five-day retrospective of contemporary East Asian film in Co-operation with German Cultural Centre. Two films will be screened on the beginning day. Films: Akira Kurosawa's *Dreams* by Akira Kurosawa (Japan) at 4:30 pm and *Red Sorghum* by Zhang Yimou (China) at 6:30 pm. Venue: German Cultural Centre.

**BIBM seminar:** Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) will organise a seminar on 'Bank Financing and Women Entrepreneurship'. Venue: BIBM seminar hall. Time: 10 am.

## Chittagong City Corporation Tiger Pass Hill Development

Chittagong City Corporation is implementing a programme of development employing Build, Lease Operate and Transfer (BLOT) private sector funding. The first project will be the construction and operation of i) luxury hotel; ii) office complex; iii) shopping mall; all to international standards on 9.86 acres of land on Tiger Pass Hill in the city centre. Property Developers will be invited to offer their own proposal for developing and operating the facility. It is during the operation the property developer recovers his investment.

Ahead of the project implementation, CCC will be inviting proposals from project management consultants to provide management services through the first three of the four stages of the project: Phase One, Preliminary Project Development; Phase Two, Competition and Scheme Selection; Phase Three, Project Implementation; Phase Four, Estate Management. The project management consultants will be independent of any property developer and will represent CCC interests in the project.

It is anticipated that Phases One and Two will take four months to complete and Phase Three, the project implementation will take place over 36 months.

Should project management consultants or property developers wish to receive further details of the project when they become available then please write to Mr R A Khan, Chief Engineer, CCC expressing interest. D-1159



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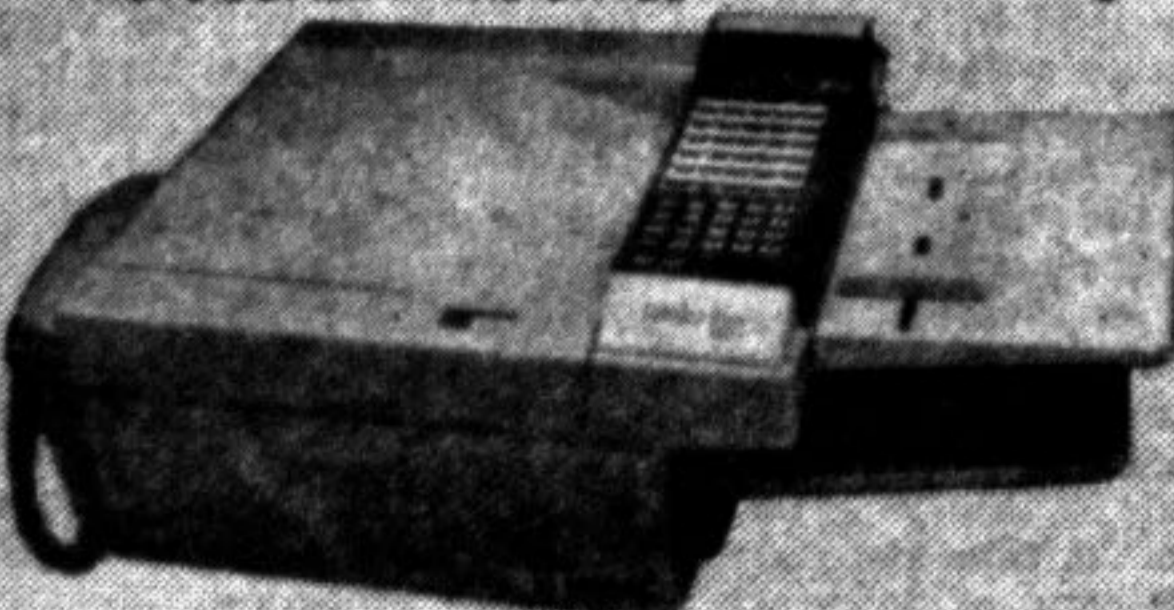
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