

Dhaka Day by Day

The Joy of Learning English

by Abul Kashem

"Use English every way you can. Think of yourself as a professional translator and try to render in English each and every word and phrase you use in day-to-day life. You can keep a diary in which you will describe all the day's work and thoughts as far as possible.

When you talk to someone try to render in English in your mind. Take help from a good dictionary, continue this process and one day it will be a game for you in which you will find a lot of pleasure and excitement. In due course a time will come when you will become as fluent in English as an Englishman. These are the suggestions and assurances given by Dr Brian Donald Smith for his students and other people who want to learn better English.

Mr Smith, an English language expert from Kent, England, arrived in Dhaka recently as a visiting professor of English at the International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT).

During his six weeks long stay, Mr Smith will work with the English department to enhance the effectiveness of teaching English as a second language to IUBAT students, who need to assimilate language skills quickly to cope with English medium instruction of the university. He will also assist in evolving strategies for making the learning of English as a second language easier, effective, and interesting.

It is said that adequate knowledge of grammar, pronunciation and many other things are related with learning English. Mr Smith differs. He says, grammar is necessary but it's not the key to fluency in English and it's not the basic thing to learn the language. If you try to learn all the rules of grammar, it may seem very difficult to you. This difficulty sometimes becomes insuperable. So after acquiring some knowledge of the language (it may come from popular literature study, newspaper reading, audio-visual assistance, appropriate

schooling, years of primary-stage education etc.) what you need most is to use the language communicatively.

Then in a country like Bangladesh where English is not a language of the common people, how can you use it in practice so widely? You have no options other than thinking of yourself as a professional translator whose business is to render everything that happens around him in English. This is the basis of all the other language learning activities you follow. Using different media programmes, following computer-assisted learning method, selecting right books, right school or training centre, all are secondary to it.

And again how can a teacher assist his students best? According to Mr Smith, a teacher is an actor in a sense. He has to create a pleasant and relaxed learning environment by his words and movements complemented by his personality so that his students become completely involved in their lessons. He has to create a state of total immersion. He will work as a guide, and as a friend. He will motivate his students so that they will be able to adopt the language as their mother tongue.

Another point Mr Smith emphasised is thinking in English. He said if you try to use English effectively you have to think in English. Otherwise all your attempts to learn the language may be in vain. After all, you must keep in mind that language learning is a very interesting thing to do. It cannot be something like a dull, hardworking job. You can always find a lot of fun in it. A new world of expression becomes known to you gradually. Is not it really exciting? asks Mr Smith who has 35 years of experience of teaching language and literature at home and abroad. He has taught in England, Nigeria, Indonesia, Malaysia, China, Spain, Brunei, Iraq and some other countries. He has written a number of books and articles on the subject.



Dr Brian Donald Smith.



Pickets with black flags and brooms on Mukti Sarani in the city during opposition's barricade programme yesterday.

Attack on press condemned

Four leaders of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) yesterday expressed their concern over the increasing acts of violence and attacks on newspaper offices and journalists.

In a joint statement Amanullah Kabir and Zahirul Huq, president and secretary respectively of BFUJ and Abu Saleh and Ruhul Amin, acting president and secretary respectively of DUJ, said a hand bomb was hurled at the gate of Bangladesh Times yesterday afternoon from the procession of a labour organisation.

Earlier on February 10, an attack was launched on journalists including a foreign newsman. Besides, a journalist was attacked in front of the Jatiya Press Club from the opposition rally on Monday, they said.

Criticising such intolerant acts, the leaders said journalists on assignment were being subjected to harassment by the law enforcing agencies on one hand and at the hands of opposition activists on the other.

The leaders called upon all concerned quarters to demonstrate tolerance and restraint.

UNB from Rajshahi adds: Local newsmen yesterday held a rally at Shaheb Bazar zero point protesting the police-BDR action on them during the Prime Minister's electioneering tour here on Saturday.

MODC passing out parade

The passing-out parade of a batch of recruits of the Ministry of Defence Constabulary (MODC) was held at the BAF Base Bashur parade ground yesterday, reports BSS.

Air officer commanding of the base, Air Commodore M Manzoor Alam reviewed the parade and took salute. He also distributed trophies among the outstanding recruits.

Recruit Havilder Anwarul Hoq was adjudged the best MODC and recruit Humayun Kabir got the highest mark in academics.

Speaking on the occasion Air Commodore M Manzoor Alam asked the newly recruited MODCs to discharge their duties sincerely to protect the hard earned aircraft, equipment and establishment of the Bangladesh Air Force.

BAF officers, airmen and MODC personnel witnessed the parade.

DAB's appeal

Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB) yesterday urged the doctors to assist the holding of elections, reports BSS.

In a statement Professor Md Abdur Rashid and Dr AKM Azizul Huq, president and secretary general of DAB said their attention has been drawn to news items in the name of certain doctor's association on participation in the elections.

The polls are constitutional requirement, they said and appealed to the doctors to take part in it and perform their obligations.

12th World Book Fair ends

By Staff Correspondent

The 12th World Book Fair concluded on February 11 at the New Delhi's Pragati Maidan.

About 24 seminars and conferences were held during the fair. Noted Urdu poet Ahmed Faraz inaugurated the fair on February 3. Selma Hossen of Bangladesh was also present.

This year the book fair had around 1200 participants who exhibited more than one million titles from 48 countries of the world. Africa had the largest representation with 22 stalls. The special focus of this year's World Book Fair was on South Asia.

The National Book Trust (NBT) of India organised seminars on books for rural readers, 'availability of books and other educational materials in context of national policy on education'.

Workshops on copyright and licensing, marketing books on line and using the Internet to reach books to global markets, were held during the fair.

The NBT also organised a conference of South Asian publishers on collaboration for regional requirements of books. The publishers conference resolved to form a council for cooperation to ensure free flow of books in the region.

All the meetings and seminars held began with the question whether the arrival of visual media and the computer will curb the roles of books. The meetings resolved that the books have come to stay.

Bangladeshi books both in English and Bangla language were effectively represented at the 12th book fair.

Besides the UPL and the National Book Centre Ahsania Mission and Bidya Prakash of Bangladesh took part in the fair.

Journalists to observe token strike today

A journalists' rally in the city yesterday decided to observe a 2-hour token abstention from work in all newspaper and news agencies today from 11 am protesting the repression on journalists by the members of the law enforcing agencies, reports BSS.

The rally was jointly organised by the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) at the Jatiya Press Club premises.

The rally observed that the reporters and photo-journalists were not only physically assaulted but their cameras and other belongings were also snatched and damaged by various quarters. The rally demanded compensation for the victims.

In another resolution the rally condemned the arrest of the Al-Ameen editor Alhaj Maqbul Hossain and demanded his release.

Presided over by BFUJ president Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, the rally was addressed, by M Shahjahan Mia, Abul Kalam Azad, Azizul Islam Bhuiyan, Shafiqur Rahman, Altaf Mahmud, Wahidur Rashid Murad, Zahiduzzaman Faruque, Zakaria Kaji, Amirul Momenin, Salahuddin Ahmed, AKM Mohsin, Saiful Islam and Abdul Mannan.

After the rally a protest procession was brought out.

PM condoles deaths of police personnel

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday condoled the death of Chittagong Metropolitan Police assistant commissioner Mohammad Bashir Ali and Dhaka Metropolitan Police Naik Mohammad Saieque Uddin.

The Prime Minister also expressed her shock at the death of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police constable Md. Babul Akhter and Dhaka Metropolitan Police head constable Md. Mizanur Rahman.

She conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved families and prayed for the salvation of the departed souls.

DUCSU's call to make polls a success

By DU Correspondent
The Dhaka University Central Student Union (DUCSU) in a statement yesterday urged all to make the 6th parliamentary election a success for preserving the democracy and the constitution.

Amanullah Aman and Khairul Kabir Khokon, the VP and GS of DUCSU respectively in the statement said that a vested quarter were involved in a conspiracy against the nation.

They urged the people to resist the conspirators to protect the sovereignty of the country.

18 fire arms recovered

The law enforcing agencies in their country-wide drive against unauthorised arms recovered 18 fire arms, 12 rounds of ammunition and four explosives on the 54th day yesterday, reports BSS.

They also arrested 143 persons on charges of keeping unauthorised arms.

Newspaper holiday

All newspaper offices shall remain closed on February 20, 21 and 22 on the occasion of the Holy Eid-ul-Fitr and the Shaheed Dibas, reports BSS.

There will be no newspapers on February 21, 22 and 23.

BCL holds rally

Pro-Awami League Chhatra League held a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club during the countryside blockade hours yesterday, reports UNB.

The rally was addressed, by Enamul Haq Shamim, Mahbubul Haq Shakil, Ishaq Ali Khan Panna, Bahadur Bepary, Sajjad Hossain and Nazrul Islam Babu.

The BCL leaders called upon the students community to resist the February 15 election.

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ন্যাশনাল টিউবস লিমিটেড
১০১-১৪২, টংগী শির এলাকা, বাজীপুর
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রেজিস্টার্ড অফিস: "বিএনইসি ভবন"
১০২, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এডিনিউ
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১৫তম বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা ন্যাশনাল টিউবস লিমিটেড এর সম্মানিত শেয়ারহোল্ডারদের জ্ঞাতার্থে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, কোম্পানীর ১৫তম বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা নিম্নলিখিত বিবরণি সম্পাদনকরে আগামী ২৮শে মার্চ, ১৯৯৬ইং (১৫ই চৈত্র, ১৪০২ বঙ্গাব্দ) বেলা দুঃশতিকা সন্ধ্যা ১১:৩০ ঘটিকায় কারখানা প্রাঙ্গণ, টংগী, বাজীপুরে অনুষ্ঠিত হইবে:

- ৩০শে জুন, ১৯৯৫ইং তারিখে সমস্ত অর্থ বৎসরে কোম্পানীর নির্দিষ্ট স্থিতিপত্র, লাভ-সোকসান হিসাব, লাভ-সোকসান বন্টন হিসাব ও নির্দিষ্টকালের প্রতিবেদন এবং কোম্পানীর পরিচালকদের বার্ষিক প্রতিবেদন গ্রহণ, বিবেচনা ও অনুমোদন।
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- কোম্পানীর শেয়ার হোল্ডার রেজিস্টার ১০-০৩-৯৬ইং হইতে ২৮-০৩-৯৬ইং (উক্ত দিনসহ) পর্যন্ত বন্ধ থাকিবে। উক্ত সময়ের মধ্যে কোন শেয়ার হোল্ডার কার্যকর হইবে না।
- সাধারণ সভায় অংশগ্রহণ ও ভোট প্রদানে উপযুক্ত সদস্য তাহার পক্ষে সত্যায়িত অংশগ্রহণ ও ভোট প্রদানের জন্য প্রকৃষ্ট নিয়োগ করিতে পারিবে। এই ধরনের প্রকৃষ্ট অংশগ্রহণ কোম্পানীর একজন শেয়ারহোল্ডার হইতে হইবে। ৪.০০টাকা টাকার রেজিস্টারি ট্যাক্স সঙ্গিত প্রকৃষ্টকরণ কোম্পানীর কারখানা/রেজিস্টার অফিসে সভার নির্ধারিত সময়ের ৭২ ঘণ্টা পূর্বে অর্থাৎ ২৫-০৩-৯৬ইং তারিখ সন্ধ্যা ১১:৩০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে অবশ্যই জমা দিতে হইবে। কোম্পানী/করণপোষণ তাহাদের নিয়োগকৃত প্রতিনিধির মাধ্যমে সভায় অংশগ্রহণ করিতে পারিবে।
- সদস্যদের ঠিকানা পরিবর্তনের খবরাদি কোম্পানীর কারখানা/রেজিস্টার অফিসে জানাইতে হইবে।
- পূর্ব "বি" (১) শেয়ারহোল্ডারদের মধ্যে পরিচালক পদে নির্বাচিত হইতে ইচ্ছুক প্রার্থীগণকে কোম্পানীর কারখানা/রেজিস্টার অফিসে সভার কমপক্ষে ৭ (সাত) দিন পূর্বে অর্থাৎ ১১-০৩-৯৬ইং তারিখ বেলা ১১:৩০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে নির্ধারিত ফরমে মনোনয়নপত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে।

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