

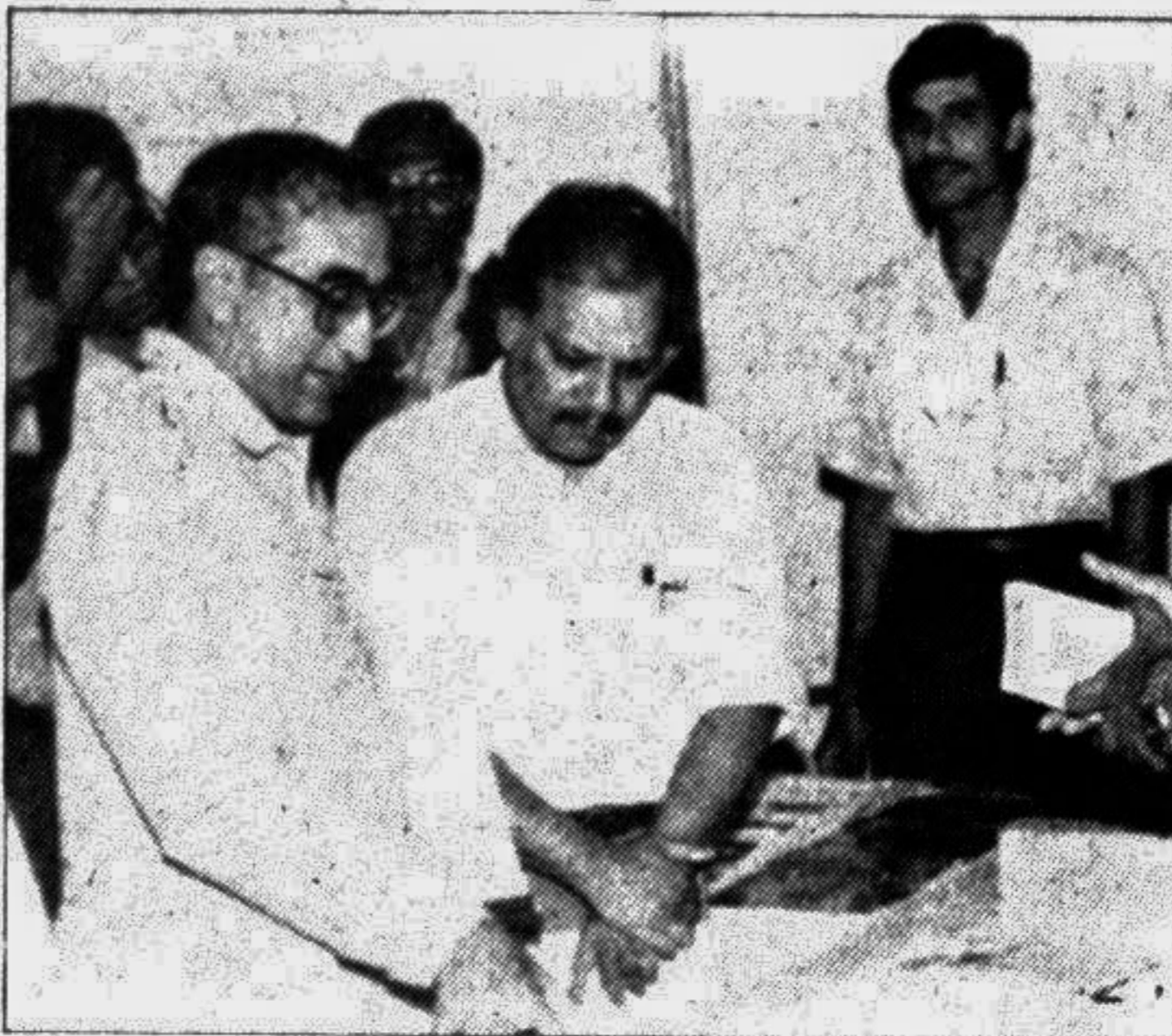
# Dhaka Day by Day

## Life on the Streets

by Tanya Mahnaz Huq

To most people in this country, Dhaka is the city of dreams — dreams which tens of thousands of people come from the villages each day to fulfill. Needless to say, most of them spend their days on the streets waiting for these dreams to materialize. Fortune favours only a few of them. A large number of these people earning their living on the streets happen to be children. A section of these street-smart kids earn their daily living on the DU campus each day. They mostly sell flowers, tea or chocolates. They wander about at the campus with a few chocolates or flowers in hand and try to sell these to the students for a few taka. The kids are so clever that they even have their own tactics of selling their stuff. The idea is to pick a particular student and pester, whine and cajole until he or she out of sheer desperation or irritation throws down a couple of takas for a sweet or flower. The kids are also used to a fair share of abuse each day. But even though they are extremely annoying some-

times, one also can't help feeling sorry for them, seeing their wretched state. Nasima is one of these kids who spends her days on the campus selling chocolates. Though only nine years old, she has been doing this for the last three years. Her family of five, abandoned long ago by her father, lives in a nearby slum. All the children are left to fend for themselves. When asked about their earning, Nasima proudly claimed that she and her little brother earn 50-60 taka each day on the campus and this goes towards the family income. She relates that they have never been to school and don't regret it either. There are countless other children like Nasima on the campus and the streets of Dhaka. How many times have we, being irritated by their whining, shouted or pushed them away? Perhaps, instead of just throwing down a taka or two, we (the fortunate ones) should think about what we can do to give them a better life.



Energy and Mineral Resources Adviser Dr Jamilur Reza Chowdhury went round the different stalls after inaugurating a two-day seminar on 'Twentyfive years of Architecture in Bangladesh' at a local hotel yesterday. — PID photo

### Nat'l Building Code formulated

Energy and Mineral Resources Adviser Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury yesterday urged the architects of new generation to plan buildings, drawing upon the architectural excellence of their elders, reports UNB.

"Architecture achieved much excellence in the past decades but architectural techniques were not properly used leading to faulty building construction," he said.

Prof Chowdhury was inaugurating a two-day seminar on 'Twentyfive Years of Architecture in Bangladesh' organised by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh at a local hotel.

Presided over by President of the Institute Shamsul Wares, the inaugural session was also addressed by its General Secretary Anwarul Azim Khan, architects Kazi Arif and Bashirul Haq.

The adviser hoped that the country's architecture would march one step ahead after the approval of the National Building Code which has already been formulated.

He said institutional architecture has no alternative in arranging housing for the addi-

tional population of the cities. The capital has now 80 lakh population which is rising at 6 per cent per year and will be doubled within 12-15 years.

The Adviser also emphasised the use of computer in architecture in a poor country like Bangladesh. He, however, said that basic concept and human thinking are also needed.

He also opened an exhibition of architecture-related materials at the hotel premises. Some 21 stalls are displaying paint, sanitaryware, household electronic, air-conditioner, timber and steel door and windows.

The inaugural session was followed by a technical session which was addressed, among others, by eminent architect Mazharul Islam.

ASM Solaiman and Mustafizur Rahman jointly presented a paper on 'twentyfive years of architecture of Bangladesh government part' while architect Robiul Husain on 'twentyfive years of Bangladesh's architecture'.

About 300 architects from across the country are taking part in the seminar.

### New technology to produce grapes

MYMENSINGH, May 10 : A professor of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) has innovated an advanced technology to produce grapes, reports UNB.

Dr Azad F M Sharfuddin, the professor of Horticulture Department, as part of his three-year research programme is making an experiment of grape cultivation in a farm of the department.

University officials said Dr Sharfuddin was conducting his research with the financial assistance of University Grants Commission.

While visiting the farm last week, BAU Vice Chancellor Prof Shah Mohammad Farooq laid emphasis on innovation of sustainable new technology to boost agricultural production.

Meanwhile, hundreds of farmers from the neighbouring areas were thronging to the university farm to collect grape saplings.

### 16m polio vaccines received

Bangladesh has received 16 million doses of polio vaccines from different donor countries and agencies, reports BSS.

Dr Shamsul Hoque, project director, EPI, received the vaccines on behalf of the government at a simple ceremony yesterday, at Zia International Airport.

These vaccines were carried by a chartered flight.

Others present on the occasion were Dr Abdul Majed, Mahbubul Alam and S K Banik of EPI, Dr Thane Oke Kyaw Myint and Dr Kamal Islam of UNICEF, Dr David Sniadack of EPI/WHO and Iteharul Alam, Chairman, Polio Plus of Potary International.

These vaccines will be transported to districts, thanas and villages by May 15 and will be used for the second dose to be given to 20 million children all over the country on May 16.

### UBINIG 'Pathrail declaration'

By Staff Correspondent

UBINIG, a non-governmental organisation, has prepared a document named 'Pathrail declaration' on the basis of the outcome of a four-day farmer-weaver conference held in Tangail in the first week of this month, says a press release.

A large number of farmers and weavers from different parts of the country attended the conference and exchanged views regarding village life and development of the agricultural sector, the press release added.

The 14-point declaration says our farmers and weavers will have to be strengthened for survival in the present highly competitive world market.

Criticising the modern farming system, it said that multi-national companies are making profit by selling our traditional agri seeds.

They pledged to reserve all type of seeds making every farmer's house as a godown of seeds.

Expressing grave concern over the use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides, the declaration said it affects the environment.

It also warned about the side effect of irrigation saying that it lowers the water level creating serious water crisis.

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### Withdraw action against 13 KU students:

**Naripakkha**  
By Staff Correspondent  
Women's organisation Naripakkha yesterday expressed resentment at a decision of the Khulna University to take punitive action against 13 students.

Naripakkha alleged that the Khulna University took the action against these students who had reportedly protected another female student, Dipika Bhattacharyya, from harassment.

In an open letter addressed to the Vice Chancellor of Khulna University, the Naripakkha said that such "farical" decision would create a negative impact on women education.

The letter, signed by Naripakkha convener Parvin Hasan, demanded withdrawal of the actions against the 13 students and publishing of a report by the university investigation committee on the incident.

### Study on climatic change forecast Drought, salinity to increase

A day-long workshop on "climatic change vulnerability and adaptation assessment" was held on Thursday at the Sparrow auditorium here, reports BSS.

Organised by the Department of Environment in Association with the Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS), the workshop discussed the outcome of the vulnerability and adaptation assessment studies conducted under the country study on climatic change which started in late 1995.

The studies forecast that due to climate change in the next few decades, intensity of inundation, drought and salinity would increase in Bangladesh, significantly affecting agriculture, forest, fisheries and livestock.

Dr Zuhurul Karim, Director General of Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) and team leader of the study on agriculture said that rise of temperature with increase of carbon dioxide concentration would reduce production of crops.

He suggested adopting new suitable cropping patterns to reduce the vulnerability and said development of such cropping pattern was in progress. Such crops should have higher photosynthesis efficiency, he said.

Director General of the Department of Environment Svend ANM Wahed gave a background of the study on climate change at the inaugural session while Dr Saleemul Huq, executive director, BCAS, and a co-team leader of the study gave an overview on it. Dr Fasihuddin Mahtab, Chairman, National Technical Advisory Committee on Climate Change, presided.

Project Director M Reazuddin Ahmed also spoke at the inaugural session.

The technical sessions were chaired by Svend ANM Wahed and Dr Zuhurul Karim respectively while the concluding sessions was chaired by Dr M Asaduzzaman, senior research fellow of BCAS.

### What's on today . . .

- Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka:** The regular weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 5:30 pm.
- Photo exhibition:** A solo photographic exhibition of Md Kamaluddin is going on. Venue: Bangladesh Photographic Society. Time: from 12 noon to 8 pm daily except Fridays till June 6.
- Prize-giving ceremony:** The prize giving ceremony for poster contests sponsored by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in collaboration with Bangladesh Shishu Academy will be held. Venue: Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 5 pm.
- Re-union:** Bengali New Year, Eid re-union and blood donation programme of the Carmichael College Ex-Student's Association will be held. Venue: National Museum Auditorium. Time: 5 pm.
- Zaker Party announces manifesto**  
Zaker Party announced the election manifesto yesterday, committing itself to building a prosperous Bangladesh free from hunger and poverty, reports UNB.
- Rashidul Hasan, the political adviser of party chief Mostafa Ameer Faisal, announced the manifesto at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club that outlined a programme to establish an ideal society based on democracy and Islamic values to ensure people's welfare.
- It also aims at making efforts to reach consensus among all parties on the basic national issues.
- Former US mayor to visit Dhaka**  
A former mayor of the city of Houston in Texas, USA, Kathryn J Whitmire, will visit Dhaka May 21-25 under the auspices of United States Information Service, says a press release.
- During her visit, Whitmire, who served for five terms as mayor of the fourth largest city in the United States, will give talks and lead discussions on "How to manage a big city", "Privatising municipal functions" and "Strategies for combating drug abuse in cities".
- She will also have meetings with senior municipal and national leaders.

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