

Dhaka Day by Day

Dadaism's dare devilry

by Fayza Haq

Wouldn't you feel taken aback if you went to an art exhibition and found urinals and old pressing irons with iron thorns? This is exactly what happened at the dadaism display by Goethe Institut recently at a display at the Shilpakala Academy. Teachers, students and art enthusiasts were told by posters, reproductions and artifacts about the origin of a movement that began during the World War I and influenced OP Art and Futurism and was a genre that lasted for five decades.

Dadaism began in Zurich, Switzerland and was more like a storm that broke over the world of art, leaving behind new forms, new materials, new ideas and it addressed itself to new people. This new creative ethic was sometimes a total negation of art, now deeply moral, then completely amoral.

To this day it cannot be determined what the name of the movement signifies. In French it means hobby-horse, in German it connects with perambulator, for Africans it brings the image of a cow while in Italy it means dice.

The radical negation of art propagated by Dada in fact fostered art: The feeling that people were free from rules and regulations, independent of commercial considerations and the praise of critics led people to listen to their inner voices, relying on enlightenment from the realm of the unknown for the inspiration. Art for instance, tore up all unsuccessful drawings and he let the shreds flutter to the ground. A chance meaning emerged with gluing the pieces together. This "mobilization of the unconscious" became "the hallmark of everything new." The law of chance, which incorporates all laws and is incomprehensible to us as the primeval source of life, can be experienced only by yielding utterly to the unconscious.

With dadaism a new reality came to its own. Life appeared as a simultaneous muddle of

noises, colours and spiritual rhythms, which was taken unmodified into dadaist art, "with all the sensational screams and fevers of its reckless everyday psyche. Dadaism ceased to take an aesthetic attitude toward life, and this was accomplished by tearing slogans of ethics and culture."

Dadaism was basically a rebellion which people in the lecture halls were made to realize. These experiments were like a mix up of advertisements for hernia belts, students song books, and dog food, schuapps labels, photographs from illustrated magazines, old letters and everything that could be put together again. They included in particular, collages and photomontages.

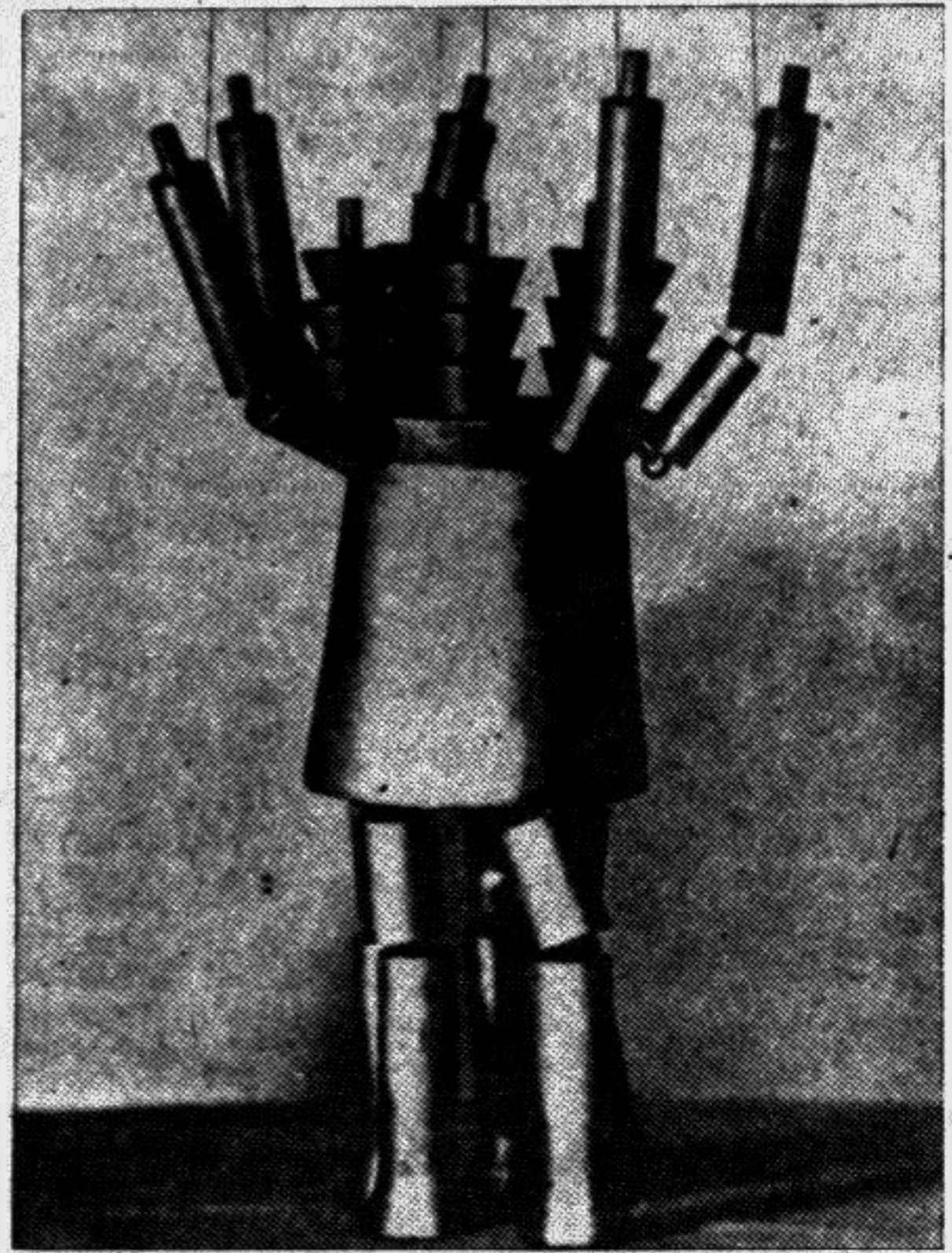
Man Ray's iron is a piece with pins on its end so it could have no use except to make the viewer stand and stare in awe of this violent revolt against established norms.

Marcel Duchamp's entry is even more dramatic and violently revolutionary. This item taken from men's toilet's and mounted as an art piece make some of our viewers gasp with admiration for the courage to defy norms.

Sophie Taeuber-Art's collection of metal cylinders into a robot-like creation, with limbs, body and head also makes one wonder and pause to think and contemplate.

The lady created by Francis Picabia with a shower of matchsticks and a few screws is another marvellous creation.

The photomontage by Hannah Hoch with a lady with a man's head, holding a baby is another mind boggling entry in the exhibit. It was certainly a chance in a hundred for art lovers to see the works of Dadists at Dhaka. The documentary film that was included in the programme also delighted the art enthusiasts.



Sophie Taeuber-Art's collection of metal cylinders into a robot-like creation, with limbs, body and head also makes one wonder and pause to think and contemplate.

President, PM greet Singapore leaders

President Abdur Rahman Biswas felicitated President of the Republic of Singapore Ong Teng Cheong on the occasion of his National Day today, reports UNB.

The government and the people of Bangladesh join me in conveying to your excellency our heartfelt greetings and warmest felicitations on the happy occasion of the national day of the Republic of Singapore," Biswas said in his message.

He wished the Singapore President good health, happiness and long life as well as the friendly people of Singapore continued peace, progress and prosperity, said an official handout.

Call to boost production in jute mills

State Minister for Jute and Textiles A K Fazal Haq yesterday called upon the workers to boost production in mills and factories to bring back the past glory of jute goods, reports UNB.

The State Minister was talking to a delegation of Adamjee Jute Mills Workers Union at his office in the city yesterday. The delegation was led by its president Shafi Sarder.

The delegation apprised the state minister of various problems existing in the mills. The minister assured them of all possible cooperation in this regards.

Programmes on Aug 15 in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Aug 8: Bangladesh Awami League, Chittagong city chapter has undertaken a week-long programme in observance of the National Mourning Day, Aug 15, party sources said, reports BSS.

The programme which begins tomorrow included special prayers at all mosques of the wards in the city seeking eternal peace of the departed soul of Bangabandhu and others who were killed on Aug 15, 1975, discussion on the National Mourning Day under the auspices of Juba League and Jatiya Sramik League on Aug 10 and 11 respectively at local shaheed minar at 4 pm, drawing competition of the children at Chittagong Gymnasium on Aug 12, children and juvenile rallies and discussions at local shaheed minar on Aug 13 and 14, respectively.

The sources further said the programmes of the Aug 15 included hoisting of the national and party flags at half-mast at all party offices, garlanding of the portrait of Bangabandhu, Quran Khawu and milled mahil at Daronfazzal Market party office, Mourning procession, playing the recorded speech of the father of nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and discussion meetings.

859 selected for TEO viva-voce

A total of 859 candidates have primarily been selected for viva-voce test for the post of Thana Education Officer, reports UNB.

The written test for the post under the Primary and Mass Education Department was held on June 28, 1996, conducted by Public Service Commission.

A press release of the Commission Thursday said letters containing date and time of the viva-voce test would be sent to the concerned candidates by mail in due time.

Nepalese envoy talks water issue with Hasan

Nepalese ambassador to Bangladesh, Lok Bahadur Shrestha, called on the state minister for Foreign Affairs, Abul Hasan Chowdhury, at his office yesterday, reports BSS.

The ambassador congratulated the state minister on his assumption of office as the state minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh.

During the meeting, they discussed various aspects of Bangladesh-Nepal bilateral relations. The minister opined that much could be done to enhance the existing relations between the two countries "especially in the fields of trade and commerce."

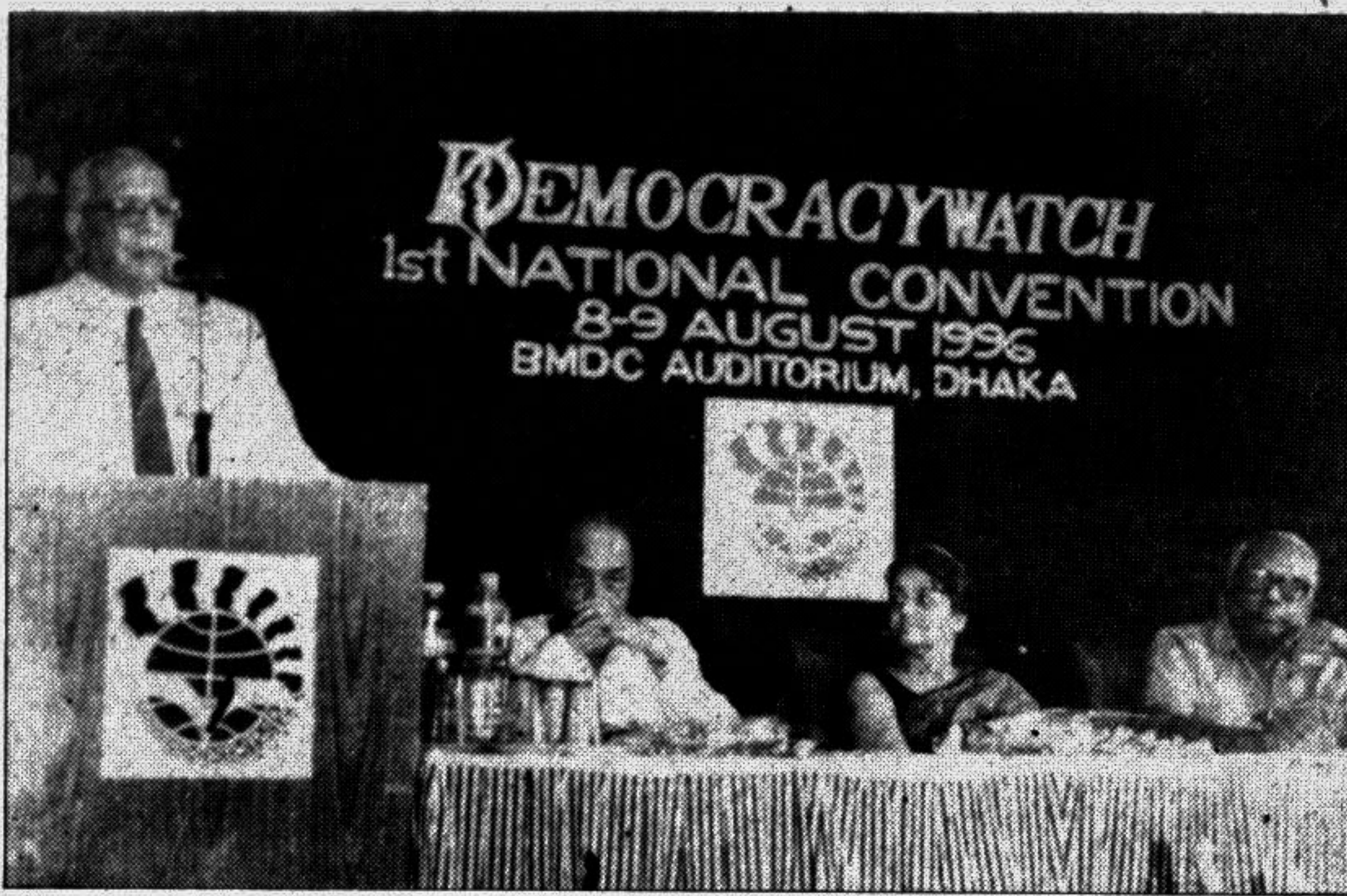
Blood donation programme at Dhaka Polytech

The Rover Scouts of the Dhaka Polytechnic Institute and the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) yesterday jointly organised a blood donation session at the institute premises, reports BSS.

A S M Akram, acting secretary general of the BDRCS, inaugurated the session while principal of the institute M A Karim presided.

A large number of Rover Scouts of the institute donated blood at the BDRCS programme.

Speaking on the occasion Akram said that the BDRCS would in near future expand the programme so that professional trade on blood could be checked effectively. He urged the able-bodied people to voluntarily donate blood to the blood centre of the BDRCS.



Barrister Ishtiaq Ahmed addressing the inaugural ceremony of the two-day first national convention of Democracywatch which began at BMDC auditorium in the city yesterday.

What's on today...

Seminar: BCL of Bangladesh Agri Institute unit has arranged a seminar on 'Bangabandhu & Agriculture'. Chief guest: Zillur Rahman, LGRD and Cooperatives Minister. Venue: Agri Institute auditorium. Time: 6 pm.

Shishu Academy essay competition: Bangladesh Shishu Academy has arranged an essay competition for children on 'Father of the Nation-Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman' in observance of the National Mourning Day. Venue: Shishu Academy Library. Time: 10 am.

UNESCO award: The prize-giving ceremony of the "UNESCO Clubs Cultural Award '95" will be held. Chief guest: Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid. Thirteen performers of Betar, Television and film have been nominated for the Award '95. They are: Sabina Yasmin, Asaduzzaman Noor, Afana Mimi, Fakir Alamgir, Dolly Zahur, Sadia Islam Moir, Afzal Hossain, Abdul Hayat, Golam Mostafa Khan, Zinat Barkatullah, Shanta Islam, Tarana Halim and Abdus Kuddus Bayati. Venue: Parjatan hotel, Abakash. Time: 5 pm.

Lions Clubs International: The launching ceremony of "Compilation and Works of Ln A Qaiyum Chowdhury MJF District Governor (1995-96). Lions Clubs International, Dist-315B 2, Bangladesh will be held. Chief guest: Education Minister A S H K Sadeque. Special guest: Yoshi Kazu Kaneko, Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 4:30 pm.

UNAB symposium: United Nations Association of Bangladesh will hold a symposium in observance of Three Decades of UNCTAD. Prof Durgadas Bhattacharya will speak. Venue: Purbani Hotel. Time: 11 am.

Film show: Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies will screen 'The Land of Sand Dunes' and 'Mohor' at 10 am. 'Patang' (The Kite) will be screened at 4 and 6:30 pm. All three films are made by Gautam Ghose. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Road 2, Dharmamandi.

ABC meet: The adjourned Special General Meeting of Assistance for Blind Children will be held. Venue: ABC head office, 167 Green Road. Time: 4 pm.

Sandhani: Monthly meeting of the executive council of the Sandhani National Eye Donation Association will be held. Venue: Sandhani office. Time: 9:30 am.

BETA conference: The second biennial conference of Bangladesh Economic Teachers Association (BETA) will be held. A seminar on Aspects of Urban Development in Bangladesh has also been arranged. Education Minister A S H K Sadeq will attend as chief guest. Venue: NAEM auditorium. Time: 9:30 am.

Painting exhibition: First solo painting exhibition by Nurun Naher Shupti will begin. Prof Hashem Khan will inaugurate the display. The exhibition will remain open everyday from 4 pm to 8 pm except Saturday till August 15. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Time: 5 pm.

Outgoing Canadian HC meets FM

The outgoing Canadian High Commissioner, Joe J. Scott made a farewell call on Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at his office in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

During the meeting, the Foreign Minister appreciated Canada for its continued cooperation in restoring democracy in Bangladesh.

He expressed the hope that in view of the government's strategy to further liberalise the economy to attract more foreign investment the economic ties between the two countries would be strengthened.

The Canadian High Commissioner highly appreciated the government and the people of Bangladesh for their cooperation during his three years tenure in Bangladesh.

He said that his mission in Bangladesh was not only professionally successful, but it also gave him and his family an opportunity to know Bangladesh very closely.

The High Commissioner handed over a message from the Canadian Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy to Samad Azad.

Dhaka keen to develop ties with Sudan

Ambassador of the Republic of Sudan to Bangladesh, Elrasheed Khider, paid a courtesy call on the Foreign Minister, Abdus Samad Azad, at Foreign Office yesterday, reports BSS.

During the meeting, the foreign minister said that Bangladesh was keen to develop relations with all brotherly Muslim countries, including Sudan to strengthen the unity of the Islamic ummah.

They hoped that the existing friendly bilateral relations between the two countries would be further consolidated in the years to come.

The Sudanese ambassador also called on the State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, at the latter's office.

They exchanged greetings and discussed matters of mutual interest.

They also hoped that the good relations already built up on the basis of unity of Islamic ummah between the two countries would be strengthened further in the days ahead.

Gias Quader Chy hospitalised

Giasuddin Quader Chowdhury, a BNP member of Parliament, was admitted to the Suhrawardi Hospital yesterday. He has been suffering from heart disease, said press release, reports UNB.

BNP secretary-general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan along with other party leaders visited Chowdhury at the hospital and enquired about his health. They wished his early recovery.

BIRDEM officials concerned

By Staff Correspondent
Twenty-eight consultant and high officials of the BIRDEM expressed their concern at the recent incidents of the hospital.

The officials in a press statement yesterday also said that it had become difficult to maintain the standard of the hospital.

We urge the authorities to take necessary steps to restore normalcy at the institution for the benefit of the people," the statement said adding, "We are assuring the authorities of all-out cooperation in this regard."

The physicians and officials also urged the employees involved in the incidents to uphold the hard-earned image of the hospital by restraining themselves from creating any disorder.

BHS to observe Aug 15 as Mourning Day

Bangladesh Humanist Society (BHS) in an emergency meeting Wednesday decided to observe August 15 as the mourning day in connection with death of the father of the nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, reports BSS.

The meeting also decided to hold an organisational meeting after August 15. It was presided over by Aminul Islam Bedu, executive vice president of the BHS.

Govt to set up remaining BSCIC estates

Industries and Commerce Minister Tofael Ahmed yesterday assured the Jatiya Sangsad that the present government would set up rest of the 70 BSCIC industrial estates across the country soon, reports BSS.

The minister was pressing the opposition BNP member advocate Khairul Enam to withdraw his resolution regarding the completion of proposed BSCIC industrial estate at Luxmipur district by this financial year.

Enam said due to inadequate fund allocation for earth work, the completion of work of the proposed BSCIC industrial estate at Luxmipur district could not be done last fiscal and urged the minister to immediately complete the work for creation of employment opportunities by setting up BSCIC industries.

Opposition BNP member Md Mashur Rahman also called upon the minister to set up BSCIC industrial estate in every district for smooth industrialisation across the country.

Tofael Ahmed told the House that the work of Luxmipur BSCIC estate had started in 1987 and was supposed to be completed by June 1995 but despite the fact that BNP leader Ziaur Rahman's party was in power, his dream of BSCIC industrial estate in every district did not turn into reality because of the past govt.

Visiting West Bengal team meets Mosharaf

A 3-member delegation headed by Brigadier J R Peter, Director, Land Records and Boundary Department of West Bengal, called on State Minister for Land Rashed Mosharaf at his Secretariat office yesterday, reports BSS.

Other members of the delegation are: S G Pahari and S Chakrabarti, joint secretary and deputy director, Survey, respectively of the Land and Land Reform Department of West Bengal.

The delegation apprised the state minister of land reforms activities, land recording systems and making of maps in West Bengal.

They informed the minister that an individual in West Bengal could hold 25 acres of agricultural land and 20 acres of non-agricultural land and no limit for land holding for fisheries and other development-oriented projects.

But in 1972 the West Bengal government fixed the family ceiling up to 7 hectares (1 hectare=2.47 acres).

The experiences of West Bengal could help our land reform policy, the state minister said.

SYNERGY! 2 + 2 = 5 That's What Your Endeavor & Our Commitment Make It to Happen in PUNDIT'S SHUKRABAD TOWER MIRPUR ROAD, DHAKA (OPPOSITE TO "HOT HUT") NEXT BATCHES: 16.08.18.08 (Special evening batch)	ALWAYS 147% IMPROVEMENT! A GRADUATE! STUDY MBA GMAT	COMPLETED HSC! STUDY BBA SAT
TOEFL An Effort of IBA Students		

VACANCY

POST OF TEAM LEADER - BANGLADESH

An international organization is looking for a Team leader to head its Bangladesh Country Team. The Team is based in Dhaka and is responsible for the execution of the Program's rural and urban water supply and sanitation activities in Bangladesh. At present the Team consists of, in addition to the Team Leader, two professional staff, project based consultants and support staff, but an expansion in both the scope of its activities and staff profile is anticipated.

The thrust of the Program's activities in Bangladesh includes sector development, planning and managing pilot projects demonstrating innovative approaches to the provision of water and sanitation services to the urban and rural poor, project preparation and review, managing a sector training network center, documentation and dissemination of best practices and promotion of strategic partnerships within the sector.

The successful candidate will be expected to provide intellectual leadership to the expanding Team, to have good working relations with government agencies, the donor community and NGO's and other organizations active in the water and sanitation sector in Bangladesh.

The Team Leader will report to the organization's regional office for South Asia in New Delhi, India.

- Qualifications**
- a Master's degree or equivalent in Public health/environmental engineering, social sciences, planning or related field.
 - minimum of 10 year's experience in the water supply and sanitation or related sector in Bangladesh.
 - proven ability to analyze complex institutional, technical and social problems.
 - communicate effectively with a wide range of actors in both written and spoken English and Bangla.
 - be recognized and respected by key actors within the sector.
 - be of sound health and willing to travel extensively within Bangladesh and occasionally abroad.

Duty station: Dhaka.

Duration: Two years with possibility of extension and a one year probation period.

Salary: An attractive tax-free salary based on qualifications will be offered.

Starting date: October 1, 1996 or as shortly thereafter as possible.

Applications should be sent to: The Advertiser, Box No. A-818 C/o, The Daily Star, House No. 11, Road No. 3, Dhanmandi R/A, Dhaka -1205 by August 25, 1996.



The installation ceremony of the office-bearers of the Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka Buriganga was held at ICDDR,B auditorium in the city yesterday.

Weather

Thundershower likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershower with temporary gusty or squally wind may occur at many places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office said day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period.

Meanwhile, Chittagong experienced the country's highest 118 mm rainfall in last 24 hours till 6 am Thursday. Besides, 58 mm rainfall was recorded at Rajshahi, 52 mm at Cox's Bazar, 19 mm at Dhaka and 10 mm at Barisal during the period.

Country's highest temperature was recorded 33 degrees Celsius at Dinajpur and the lowest 24.5 degrees at Poni. The sun sets today at 6:37 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:32 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	29.5	26.2	95	85
Chittagong	27.4	25.4	95	95
Rajshahi	29.2	25.7	95	95
Khulna	31.0	26.0	85	73
Barisal	29.6	25.4	93	97
Sylhet	31.8	25.2	73	95
Cox's Bazar	27.2	25.0	95	