

Dhaka Day by Day**Selling Shahnaz**

by Aasha Mehreen Amin



The latest craze in the beauty business is herbal products. After all the horror stories of chemical products that have been published worldwide, most women are turning back to nature for beautification.

In Dhaka several parlours have opened offering herbal facials, hair and skin treatment. The latest herbal shop is Shahnaz's clinic on Gulshan Avenue.

Of course, the name 'Shahnaz' prompted many ladies, especially those with fat purses, to swarm into the clinic at its 'grand opening' recently. This is because the world famous Indian beautician Shahnaz has become something of a legend with her Beauty School and Clinic in India and the popularity of her 'hundred percent natural' beauty products all over the globe. Most people thought that the posh, expensively furnished clinic in Gulshan was a branch of Shahnaz's Beauty Clinic. Actually the place is a beauty centre and agency that sells a hoard of, again, very expensive Shahnaz products. The only other thing that is authentically Shahnaz is the fact that one of the managers and beauty consultant Aftab Imran is a certificate holder of the Shahnaz Beauty School and Herbal Clinic in Delhi.

Some people have felt a little indignant that the name Shahnaz is being exploited for commercial benefit. But then isn't that what business is all about? Moreover, Shahnaz's clinic is a legitimate business and started with all the blessings of the great beauty expert Shahnaz herself. Proof of this are the pictures of Aftab and Shahnaz all over the clinic. The techniques, products and skin consultations adhere to Shahnaz's philosophy of beautification, according to the clinic's management and hence the name is not totally unjustified.

The opening however was rather disappointing for all the pomp it boasted in the invitation cards; the inauguration was far from grand. True, it was a pleasure to walk into a plush building with beautiful women in chiffon sarees exuding expensive perfumes. But they did not welcome the visitors or voluntarily give information. If there were free demonstrations, not everyone was entitled to it. Downstairs there were signs of refreshments but nobody seemed to care to invite the guests. This was a great damper for those who had come to have a good time.

Those who meant serious business played the

শান্তি সোনালী ব্যাংক

গাজীপুর জেলার সোনালী ব্যাংক, পূর্বাইল বাজার শাখাটি আগামী ০৫-০৯-৯৬ ইং (২১ শে তারিখ ১৪০৩) তারিখে রোজ বৃহস্পতিবার বর্তমান ভবন থেকে প্রস্তাবিত ভবনে স্থানান্তর করা হবে এবং এনিনই ব্যাংকের ব্যাবস্থিক কাজকর্ম শুরু করবে।

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স্থানিক শাহক, প্রতিপোষক ও ভাতানুধায়ীদের আগামী ০৫-০৯-৯৬ ইং তারিখ হতে শাখাটির পুরাতন ঠিকানার পরিবর্তে নতুন ঠিকানায় যোগাযোগ ও প্রয়োজনীয় ব্যাবিস্থা লেনদেন করার জন্য সর্বিশেষ অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে।

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5, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka

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1. Tenders to be dropped in the tender box kept in Sonali Bank, Dilkusha Corporate Branch, 5, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka on or before 21.9.96 within 3pm and tender box will be opened on the same day at 3.30 pm before the tenderers present, if any body.
2. Earnest money @ 5% of the quoted amount to be paid by way of Bank Draft/Payment Order of any scheduled Bank favouring Sonali Bank Dilkusha Corporate branch Dhaka.
3. Good/goods may be inspected in any working day on contacting with the Deputy General Manager of the branch.
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6. Good/goods to be lifted by the successful tenderers within 15(fifteen) days from the date of acceptance of the tender after depositing remaining 95% of the tender amount. Otherwise the earnest money shall be forfeited.

Deputy General Manager
Sonali Bank
Dilkusha Corporate Branch
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Metropolitan

PM urges all to stand against injustice

CHITTAGONG, Sept 3: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday made a clarion call to all irrespective of their religious and political identity to stand against injustice and reject the enemies of humanity and democracy once for all, reports UNB.

"Progress is our target, consensus is our foundation people's support is our strength and their love is our capital," she said while inaugurating a five-day Janmashami congregation at JM Sen Hall in the port city.

"We are for everyone, everybody is for us ... uphold patriotism, fraternity and love for mankind," Hasina said referring to the teachings of Lord Sree Krishna dedicated to love for humanity.

Lord Krishna stood for justice and human bondage. Time has come to be imbued with the message of Lord Krishna and renew our commitments to the nation and the society, the prime minister said.

She said, "People have given us the opportunity to serve the nation after 21 years. We want to run the country taking all the people with us, irrespective of their caste, creed, religious and political belief, following the

path of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman."

The Prime Minister appreciated the heroic role of the people of Chittagong in the anti-autocracy movement. She also recalled the proclamation of independence made on behalf of Bangabandhu from Kalurghat Radio Station in 1971.

"We want to establish non-communal politics in the country to build up a poverty and exploitation-free Bangladesh, enriched with the spirit of Liberation War," she said adding that her government wanted to ensure people's economic emancipation to build up a 'Sonar Bangla'.

"We want to put our steps forward by arousing the human quality in our mind, take concerted efforts for a beautiful future of the nation and the country," she added.

Chief advisor of the Janmashtami celebration committee Principal Ranajit Kumar Chatarjee and Mridul Kanti Dev also spoke on the occasion. Binod Bihari Chowdhury, a comrade of Master Da Surya Sen, presented a crest to the Prime Minister.

South Asian coalition for Micro-Credit summit formed

A two-day workshop on "Financing the Poor: Defining the South Asia Perspective for the Micro-Credit Summit", concluded in the city yesterday adopting the 'Dhaka Declaration' and formation of a South Asian coalition for the summit, reports UNB.

The declaration aims at evolving a common strategy for micro-credit practitioners belonging to the countries of South Asia for the upcoming Micro-Credit Summit, to be held in Washington, USA in February, 1997.

The summit will formulate a plan of action for reaching the 100 million poorest families of the world with credit support for self-employment by the year 2005.

The declaration, while acknowledging the successes of the micro-credit programmes felt that the summit should also acknowledge the limitations of micro-credit in addressing the needs of the poor. It said, the focus should be placed on access to financial services as financial services as an entitlement on which the poor have a claim.

The declaration stressed that micro-credit summit should not negate and diminish the role of the state in poverty reduction efforts and should

Tk 27.5 lakh for renovation of Bouddha Bihars sanctioned

The degree certificate awarding ceremony of No 31 and 32 General Duties Pilot Courses was held at the Bangladesh Air Force Academy (BAFA) at Jessore yesterday, says an ISPR press release.

Education Minister A H S K Sadeque attended the ceremony as chief guest and distributed certificates among the officers. The BAF officers appeared in the Bachelor of Science (Aeronautics) examination under National University during their two and half years training in the academy.

A total of 30 officers appeared in the BSC (Aero) examination. All of them duly passed 28 in the first division and 2 in the second division.

Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Jamal Uddin Ahmed was also present. Among others Education Secretary Abdullah Haroon Pasha, Jessor Area Commander and GOC of Army Division Major General Abu Kaiser Fazul Kabir, PSO of the Air Headquarters senior officers of the Army, Navy and Air Force and officers of the Base attended the ceremony.

The meeting was attended among others, by vice-chairman of the trust Rakhal Chandra Barua, Members of Parliament Kalparanjan Chakma, Bir Bahadur A Thin and trustee Bodhi Mitra.

Steamer service on Dhaka-Chandpur route from Sept 7

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) will introduce steamer service on Dhaka-Chandpur route from September 7, reports UNB.

The corporation's steamer 'Madhumati' will start from Dhaka Badamtali/Sadarghat Terminal at 7:45 am and reach Chandpur at 12 noon everyday. It will return to Dhaka at 7:15 pm, leaving Chandpur at 2:15 pm.

Besides, the rocket steamer playing in the Dhaka-Kulna route will touch Charkhali ghat of Bhandaria thana from September 7.

The steamer will halt at Charkhali ghat at 10:50 am on its way to Kulna. On its return journey to Dhaka, it will touch the ghat at 12:20 pm.

Seventeen tenders were invited for the service.

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SI No

Name of post & pay scale

Number of posts

Age limit

Educational qualification & experience

Khaleda visits Bogra shoot-out victim at CMH

Chairperson of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Dal (BNP) Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday visited Alamgir Pramanik at the Combined Military Hospital in the city who was wounded by police firing at Bogra, according to a press release, reports BSS.

She spent some time with Alamgir and enquired about his treatment.

Begum Zia also visited a cousin of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the CMH who is under treatment there and enquired about her condition.

Begum Zia was accompanied by the father of Alamgir Zobed Ali Pramanik and brother-in-law Abdul Khalek.

Turkey keen to invest in energy, telecom sectors

Turkish Ambassador in Bangladesh Kemal Ozcan Davaz called on Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria at the latter's office in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

They discussed matters of mutual interest with particular reference to economic cooperation.

The ambassador informed the Finance Minister that investors of his country were very much interested to establish industries in joint venture. He said business of his country were also interested to work in energy, telecommunications and communications sectors.

The minister assured all possible help in providing maximum facilities to expand trade between the two countries.

They expressed hope that the existing friendly relations between the two countries would be further strengthened in the days to come.

SIBL to introduce health, investment schemes soon

By Staff Correspondent

Chairman of Social Investment Bank Ltd (SIBL), Prof M A Mannan yesterday announced that the Bank would soon introduce two new schemes — Family Health Service Cheque and A to Z Investment Service.

"We want to make medical facilities available at the doorstep of the client of the Bank and the public in general with a special focus on the low income population, since, over 40 million people out of Bangladesh's 120 million population do not have any access to health service at all," he said at a press conference in a city hotel.

Under the Family Health Service Cheque scheme, the services to be offered include: periodical medical checkup, home visit by doctors, free prescription, free referrals, maternal and child health care, pathological test at reduced rate and emergency services.

Regarding the A to Z Investment service, he said, "We took up this scheme to create income and employment opportunities by facilitating the new entrepreneurs to enter into the market. We will also provide suitable office accommodation in important business centres as well as ancillary services to reduce overhead cost," said Dr Mannan, who was former chief economist of the Islamic Development Bank.

The Bank's target group for the service includes local investors having "reasonable" professional and social background with financial backup. Bangladeshi expatriate or wage earners intending to undertake business venture, and foreign investors, he added.

The Bank would also provide consultancy services and extend expert advice in identifying viable projects, he maintained.

Managing director, M Azizul Huq and other directors were present at the press conference.

● What's on today

YSDO reception: Youth and Social Development Organisation will distribute YSDO Award '95 to the winners. A discussion meet and a cultural function will follow. Chief guest: LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman. Venue: Public Library auditorium. Time: 4:15 pm.

The British Council

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