

Dhaka Day by Day

River Cruise offers Nice Opportunity for Recreation

by A S M Nurunnabi

City life on most occasions turns chaotic and lacks healthy recreation. This is mainly due to lack of adequate scope for recreational activities within the city confines. The hustle and bustle at times tends to make one's existence in urban setting suffocating. In such a situation, city dwellers pine for some relief by getting out of it for some entertaining outdoor pursuits.

One such pursuit avidly sought after by city dwellers is the excitement and joy of river cruise. But it may be admitted that scope in this direction is, by and large, limited, particularly for lack of proper facilities to help organise an enjoyable river cruise. Non-availability of suitable river craft with ancillary facilities and also considerations for operational security stand in the way of our taking desirable interest in this respect, although all around us the innumerable riverine outlets offer enough scope for this form of outdoor recreation.

The insufficiency of scope in this regard is somewhat compensated by the programmes of the state tourism organisation known as Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation. To observers, the efforts of this organisation to meet growing interest in this area are commendable.

According to present arrangement, the route of such river cruises is not very long. It covers a distance of normally 40 km through its passage through Buriganga, Sitalakha, Dhaleswari and the Meghna estuary. On some occasions, a hired vessel is used for the cruise. On a previous occasion last December, a larger vessel named STL Kajal was pressed into service, which accommodated about 375 holiday-makers.

The Parjatan Corporation draws up in suitable seasons comprehensive programmes for

the entertainment of their guests participating in the river cruise. As the cruise proceeds on the prescribed routes amid scenes of great natural beauty, there are few souls unmoved by them. The cruise programmes have other items of interest such as breakfast, buffet lunch, snacks and tea. After lunch, the guests are entertained with a colourful cultural function on board at which sometimes noted figures in the entertainment world take part. Although there are some differences in the package programmes depending on the amount of money charged, there is no denying that the guests don't miss the joyful atmosphere created during the river cruise, be it of shorter and longer duration.

The Parjatan Corporation has reportedly a smaller pleasure craft named M L "Shalook" with a seating capacity for 72 persons with some double-bed cabins. The Corporation sources say that there is a choice of cruise programmes for interested parties. There is a programme, the duration of which is 5 hours from 10 am to 5 pm every Friday and Saturday. There are also programmes of shorter duration for 2 hours—one from 10 am to 12 noon and the other from 3 pm to 5 pm, with a minimum of 12 passengers. There are some pick-up points for intending guests, which are located near well-known hotels in the city for their commuting to the Mary Anderson jetty at Pagla ghāt.

The significance of these river cruises lies in the wonderful experience the holiday-makers, both foreign and local, undergo. Many feel that private entrepreneurs can take initiative to give a further boost to the development of recreational facilities in this area.



M L Shalook

Motia leaves for Islamabad

Minister for Food, Agriculture and Relief and Disaster Management Motia Chowdhury left Dhaka yesterday for Islamabad to attend the meeting of the SAARC agriculture ministers, reports BSS.

The meeting of the SAARC agriculture ministers is being held in Islamabad as a preparatory meeting for the World Food Summit, to be held in Rome.

Motia Chowdhury is leading a four-member Bangladesh delegation at the three-day meet.

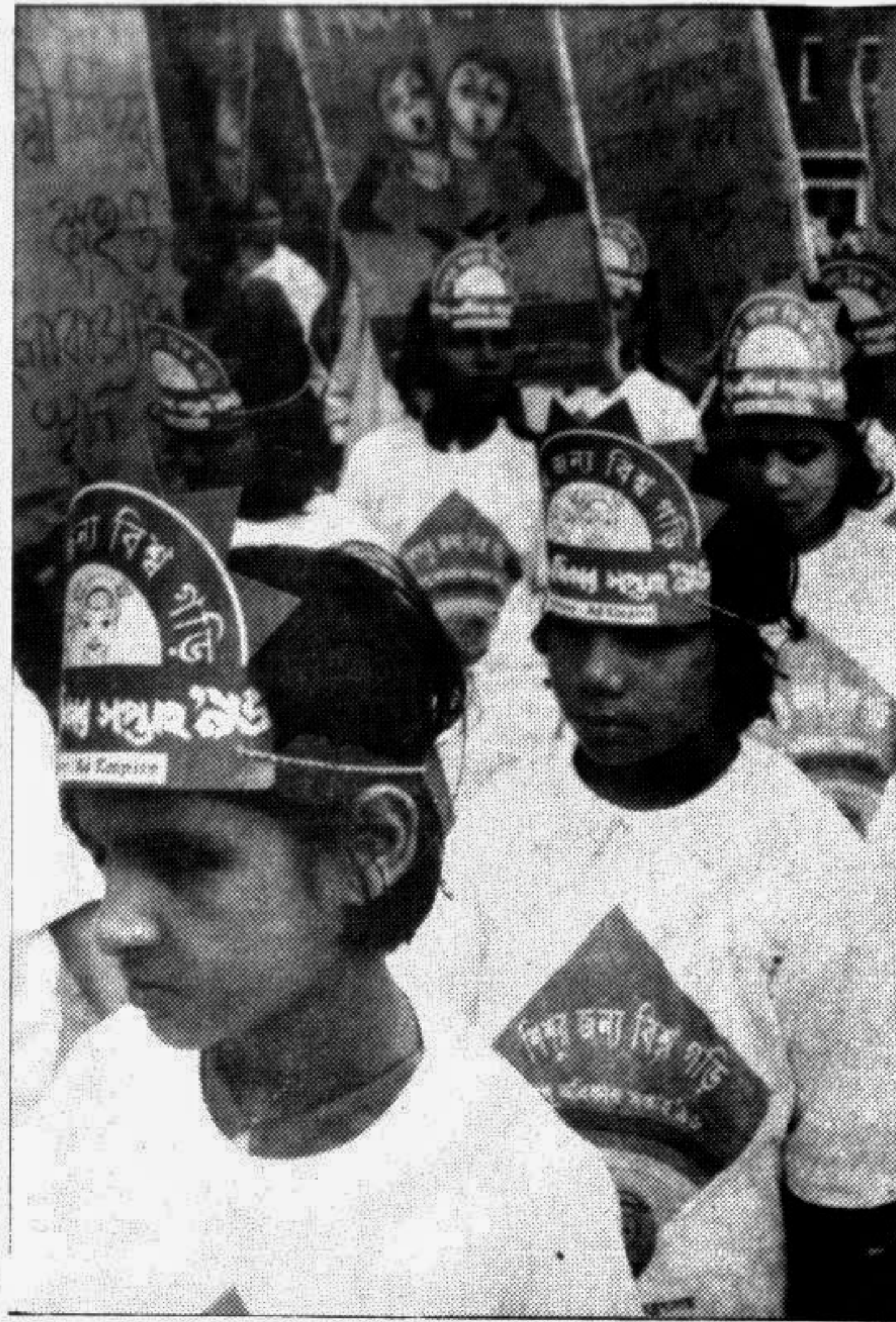
The minister is expected to return home on October 10.

What's on today....

Classical music concert: The German ensemble Musica Antiqua Cologae, conducted by Reinhard Goebel, will present a concert on works by the German baroque composer Georg Philipp Telemann. Venue: National Museum auditorium, Shahbag. Time: 7 pm.

Seminar on urbanisation: In observance of World Habitat Day, a national seminar on 'Urbanisation, Citizenship and Human Solidarity' has been organised. Chief: State Minister for Housing and Public Works Afsaruddin Ahmed Khan. Venue: BARC auditorium, Farmgate. Time: 9 am.

Training course on management: A 3-day training course on 'Management Information System', sponsored by Rapport Bangladesh Ltd will begin. Venue: 3/18 Iqbal Rd, Mohammadpur. Time: ?



Visually-impaired children staged a rally on the occasion of International Children's Day in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Children's memo to Hasina

A group of children yesterday spent a nice time with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina who chatted and shared chocolates with them, looking back nostalgically to her own childhood, reports UNB.

The children, who came from different schools of the city and Savar, placed a memorandum that contains a plethora of demands for ensuring a sound environment for their upbringing.

The schoolchildren left the Prime Minister's office, smiling, with assurances from the PM that their demands would be fulfilled.

The memorandum was placed by the children to head of the government on the occasion of Child Rights Week '96. The Ministry of Women and Children Affairs organised the function and the children's delegation was led by Dr Mozammel Hossain, State Minister in charge of the ministry.

The demand of the children includes ensuring their rights as laid down in the Child Rights Charter of the UN, creating public awareness about child rights, ensuring food, free treatment, accommodation, ed-

ucation, shelter, security and safety, amusement and announcement of Bangabandhu's birthday as Children's Day.

The Prime Minister advised the children to devote themselves to studies so that they can grow up as worthy citizens who will dedicate themselves to the service of the country and people.

"One day you will have to take the leadership of the country," she said, adding, "To become a good leader, you will have to love people and the country."

BSS adds: A colourful rally of children and juvenile was brought out in the city yesterday on the concluding day of the Child Rights Week '96.

Mayor of Dhaka Mohammad Hanif led the rally, organised in observance of the 43rd World Children Day.

The rally, organised by Bangladesh Shishu Academy in collaboration with the Women and Children Affairs Ministry, started from the Shishu Academy premises and paraded different city streets before terminating at the Central Shishu Park.

ZH Hall incident slated

JCD threatens fresh agitation programmes

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student wing of BNP, yesterday strongly protested Sunday's incident at Zahurul Haq Hall and demanded punishment of the culprits, reports UNB.

They threatened to launch fresh agitation programmes if the university authorities failed to take proper action against the terrorists within 24 hours.

The demand came from a rally in front of DUCSU Bhaban in the morning. JCD Dhaka University unit organised the rally to protest the terrorist activities by the pro-Awami League Chhatra League in Zahurul Haq Hall.

Our DU Correspondent adds: Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal at a rally on the Dhaka University campus yesterday alleged that 'terrorists' of BCL tried to set fire to a room of a JCD leader in the Mohsin Hall of the university Sunday night.

Hall sources said that somebody had tried to set fire to room no 223. A can of petrol was also found in front of the room. However, they did not succeed in the attempt.

When contacted, the Vice-Chancellor of the University said he visited the spot Sunday night.

Meanwhile, Chhatra League leaders have refuted the allegation made by JCD.

Envoy to Sweden presents credentials

Bangladesh Ambassador to Sweden Syed Noor Hossain presented his credentials to King Carl XVI Gustaf at the Royal Palace in Stockholm on last Thursday (October 3), according to a message received in the city yesterday.

The ceremony was accorded in an old Swedish Royal tradition.

The Bangladesh Ambassador briefed the Swedish king on the initiatives taken by the new Bangladesh government in respect of foreign relations and rapid economic development.

Corrigendum

The report on 'ADB concerned at change of BOU Vice-Chancellor', published on our front page Sunday, described Vice-Chancellor designate Prof M Aminul Islam as a teacher of the Soil Science Department, Dhaka University. He was, in fact, a professor of the Geography Department. The inadvertent error is regretted.

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Grand Concert October 15 - 16

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Children's Art Competition October 18

Register your child between October 8 - 13. Registration fee is Tk 100. Age and Theme: 3-5 years Free; 6-9 years My Country 10-12 years My Future Bangladesh.

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চতুর্দশ বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা আব বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক লিমিটেড-এর শেয়ারহোল্ডারদের জ্ঞাতার্থে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, নিম্নবর্ণিত বিষয়সমূহ আলোচনার জন্য আব বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক লিমিটেড-এর চতুর্দশ বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা আগামী ২৪শে অক্টোবর, ১৯৯৬ইং বৃহস্পতিবার, বিকাল ৩:৩০ মিনিটে ঢাকা শেরটন হোটেল-এ অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

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- ১। ১৯৯৫ইং সালের ৩১শে আগস্ট তারিখে অনুষ্ঠিত কোম্পানীর ত্রয়োদশ বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভার কাৰ্যবিবরণী নিশ্চিতকরণ।
- ২। ১৯৯৫ইং সালের ৩১শে ডিসেম্বরে সমাপ্ত বছরের ব্যালেন্স হিসাবাবলী এবং তদবিষয়ে পরিচালকদের এবং নিরীক্ষকদের প্রতিবেদনসমূহের গ্রহণ ও অনুমোদন।
- ৩। লভ্যাংশ হিসাবে বোনাস শেয়ার ঘোষণা (Declaration of Dividend by issuance of Bonus Share).
- ৪। পরিচালকবৃন্দের মনোনয়ন/নির্বাচন*।
- ৫। ১৯৯৬ইং অর্থ বছরের জন্য নিরীক্ষক নিয়োগ ও তাঁদের পারিশ্রমিক নির্ধারণ।
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- ২। বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভার অংশগ্রহণ ও ভোট প্রদানের যোগ্য যে কোন সদস্য/সদস্যা তাঁর বন্ধক সাধারণ সভার অংশগ্রহণ ও ভোট প্রদানের জন্য প্রমাণ নিয়োগ করতে পারেন। এমন প্রমাণ কোম্পানীর সদস্য না হলেও চলে।
- ৩। প্রমাণ ক্রম ব্যবস্থাক্রমে পূরণ করে ৪-০০ টাকার রেজিষ্টার ট্যাম্প সহযোগে সভার নির্ধারিত সময়ে ৪৮ ঘণ্টা পূর্বে কোম্পানীর রেজিষ্টার অফিসে অবশ্যই জমা দিতে হবে, অন্যথায় প্রমাণ ক্রম বৈধ বলে বিবেচিত হবে না।
- ৪। বার্ষিক রিপোর্ট, প্রমাণ ক্রম এবং হাজিরা পর তাক/কুরিয়র সার্ভিস মাধ্যমে পাঠানো হচ্ছে।

*কোম্পানীর অডিটরস অফ এসোসিয়েশনের ১০৬ নং ধারা অনুযায়ী বর্তমান পরিচালকমন্ডলীর এক-তৃতীয়াংশ (ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক ব্যতীত) চলতি বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভায় অবসর গ্রহণ করবেন। ১০৭ নং ধারা বিধান রয়েছে যে, নির্ধারিত হবার পর যে সব পরিচালক তুলনামূলকভাবে অধিককাল দায়িত্ব পালন করেছেন, তাঁরা অবসরগ্রহণ করবেন এবং কোম্পানীর অডিটরস অফ এসোসিয়েশনের ১০৮ নং ধারা অনুযায়ী তাঁরা পুনর্নির্ধারিত হওয়ার যোগ্য।

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