

President urges architects to reflect national character

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday called upon the architects to reflect national character, thoughts and aspirations in their architectural works, reports UNB.

He said Dhaka is an old and traditional city but our glorious tradition, hopes and aspirations were not reflected in many cases in the contemporary architectural works in Dhaka.

The President was addressing the inaugural session of a seminar on 'Dhaka City: Past, Present and Future' organised by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) in observance of World Architecture Day at a hotel here.

The inaugural session was also addressed by Dhaka City Mayor Mohammad Hanif, President of IAB Shamsul Wares and General Secretary Anwarul Aziz Khan.

President Shahabuddin urged the architects to take sincere efforts in making up-to-date the unplanned, unmatched and unattractive constructions in

Dhaka city.

He hoped that the experienced, creative and renowned architects in the country would be able to overcome all sorts of hindrances in applying their talents and labour in this regard and said financial limitations and lack of modern technology could not be bar to it.

He also said that to transform Dhaka city into a descent habitant an integrated effort was needed by all the government and non-government organisations engaged in making Dhaka city clean, beautiful and attractive.

Mayor Hanif in his speech reiterated his proposal to the prime minister for bringing all the utility services of Dhaka city under one administrative control.

He said that on the 12th March next three years of his Mayorship would be completed and by that time a new Dhaka would be presented to the tax payers.



President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed viewing different architectural designs after inaugurating a seminar in observance of World Architectural Day '96 in the city yesterday. — Star photo

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What's on today . . .

Discussion on Jail Killing Day: Bangabandhu Parishad, Supreme Court Lawyers branch, has arranged a discussion meet to commemorate — the Jail Killing Day. Venue: No 1 hall, Supreme Court Lawyers' Association Bhabani. Time: 4 pm.

Publication ceremony: The publication ceremony of 'Samokaleen Galpa' (Contemporary Stories), published by Bangladesh Book Club, will be held. Chief guest: LGRD and Co-operatives Minister Zillur Rahman. Venue: children's auditorium, National Museum, Shahbagh. Time: 6 pm.

RATS project inaugural: The inaugural session of 'education project for working children: a project of Rural Assistance and Training Services' will be held. Venue: Muslim Bazar, Block-D, Section-12, Mirpur Housing Estate, Pallabi. Time: 10:30 am.

Theatre seminar: Mahakal Natya Sampradaye has arranged a seminar on 'Post-Liberation War Theatre: Women.' Main speaker: Sara Zaker. Chief guest: State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Kader. Venue: Public Library auditorium. Time: 4 pm.

Science lecture: National Museum of Science and Technology has arranged a lecture on 'Diabetes and free radicals.' Guest speaker: Prof Rafiqur Rahman. Venue: Museum auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 4 pm.

Seminar on technical edn: UNESCO Metropolitan Youth Club of Dhaka has organised a seminar on 'Importance of technical education.' Chief guest: State Minister for Youth, Sports and Culture Obaidul Kader. Venue: BANBEIS auditorium, Nilkhet. Time: 11 am.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Midtown: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: White Castle Restaurant, Kamal Ataturk Av. Banani. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka NW: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka South: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Rotary Centre, Shugandha Community Centre, Sat Masjid Rd, Dhanmondi. Time: 6 pm.

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