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## The big bang of architecture in South Asia

By Staff Correspondent

Kazi Khaleed Ashraf's book "An Architecture of Independence: The Making of Modern South Asia" was presented at the Goethe Institut last evening, along with a slide show and a lecture by the author.

This is a part of a touring exhibition, done with James Belluardo the co-author of the book, and who happens to be based in New York. The purpose of the book and the exhibition was to highlight the work of four architects of this region. The architects included Charles Correa, Balkrishna Doshi, Achyut Kanvinde of India, and Mazharul Islam of Bangladesh.

Before the lecture "Reincarnations: Modernity and Modern Architecture in South Asia", the senior architect, Saiful Haq, informed the audience of the author's earlier book "Pundrenagar to Shere-banglanagar" and spoke of the heroic efforts at Chandigarh and Islamabad by modern architects. He added that they many changes had taken place in the architectural scenario in the last one century.

Khaleed himself said that the changes were an integral

part of modernity. He proposed the idea that modernity and modern architecture in South



Kazi Khaleed Ashraf addressing the launching ceremony organised by Chetana, a voluntary organisation at the Goethe Institut yesterday.

Asia were interlinked. He said that one needs to understand one to comprehend the other. He tried to argue the point that modernity as a cultural phenomenon took place much before the partition days. He praised people like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Rabindranath Tagore and Satyajit Ray for bringing in new ideas in our culture, which in turn influenced our architecture.

The author dealt with particular buildings in the subcontinent and linked it with music, theatre and art of the time.

The purpose of the lecture was to trace the roots of modernity in architecture in South Asia. The author said that it was a whole new creation of form and space.

### DCCI donates cheque for Tk 3 lakh to BNP's Relief Fund

The Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry donated a cheque for Tk 3 lakh to the relief fund of BNP yesterday, reports UNB.

DCCI president Rashed Maksud Khan handed over the cheque to BNP chairperson Begum Khaleeda Zia at her 29 Minto Road official residence last night.

Directors of the chamber M Momen, Khandakar Abdus Salam, Khorshed Ali Mollah, Iqbal Hasan Mahmud and Habibullah Habib were present on the occasion. BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Shamsuzaman Minto and Makbul Ahmed Akhand were also present, said a party press release.

### BDRCS relief goods for flood-hit people

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) yesterday sent 30 tonnes of rice and 5 tonnes of dal (pulse) for distribution among the flood-affected people of Narayanganj district, reports BSS.

A BDRCS press release said that these relief materials would be distributed among one thousand families at the rate of 30 kgs of rice and 5 kgs of dal per family.

It was the part of the second phase of relief operation in the flood-affected districts. In the first phase, emergency foods were distributed among the affected people.

The Chairman of BDRCS Maj Gen (Retd) Abdus Salam MP urged all concerned to distribute relief materials properly and honestly.

### Transfer case of Shaheda Obaid: HC issues rule on govt

A division bench of the High Court yesterday issued rule upon the government to show cause as to why the impugned order on Shaheda Obaid, an Associate Professor of English, Titumir College, would not be declared illegal and void, reports UNB.

The Bench comprising Justice AM Mahmudur Rahman and Justice Mozammel Hussain made the rule returnable within 12 weeks.

Advocate Abdur Rab Chowdhury assisted by Advocate Humayun Kabir Bulbul appeared for the petitioner.

## What's on today . . .

**Film Show:** A 4-day long retrospective of films by Peter Greenaway will begin. 'The Falls' and 'A Zed and Two Noughts' will be screened on the first day. Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society in collaboration with the Goethe Institut and British Council. Venue: German Cultural Centre, Rd. 9, Dhanmondi. Time: 4 pm and 7:15 pm respectively.

**Memorial Lecture:** Abu Zafar Shamsuddin Smriti Parishad has arranged a memorial lecture programme to observe the 10th death anniversary of Abu Zafar Shamsuddin. National Professor Kabir Chowdhury will deliver a lecture on 'Power of Culture'. Venue: Muktiuddho Jadugar auditorium, 5, Segun Bagicha. Time: 5 pm.

**Condolence meet:** Bangla Academy has arranged a condolence meeting to mourn the death of eminent lawyer Gazi Shamsur Rahman. Venue: Academy seminar room. Time: 11 am.

**Club meet:** A joint meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North and Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Indian High Commissioner Deb Mukharji will speak on 'Indo-Bangladesh Relations' as guest speaker. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

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## Mozammel Hussain leaves for Maldives

State Minister for Social Welfare, Women and Child Affairs Dr Mozammel Hussain left Dhaka yesterday for the Maldives on an invitation from the Maldivian government, an official handout said, reports BSS.

Dr Mozammel Hussain will stay in the Maldives for one-week and see various programmes of the government undertaken for elderly people and their rehabilitation. He will also exchange views on matters relating to mutual interest, the handout said.

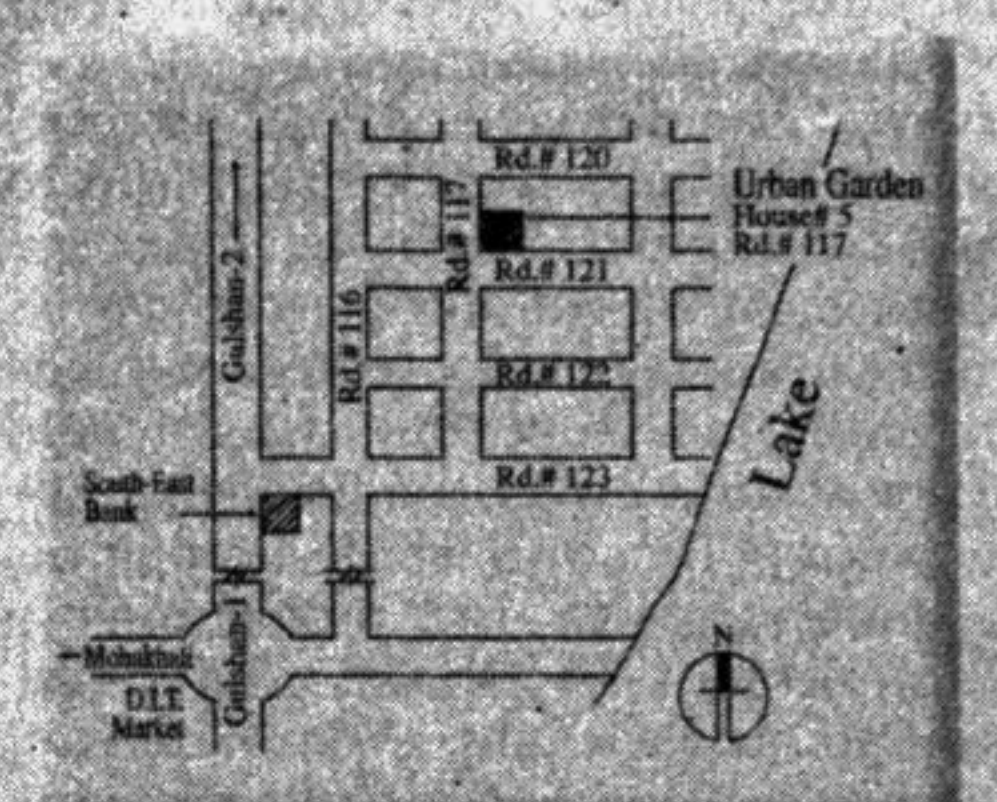
## Narcotics Control Deptt written test postponed

The written tests for the appointment of inspector, accountant and sepoy under the Department of Narcotics Control, scheduled for August 28 and September 4, has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances, a press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

The next dates for the tests will be announced on time.

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4. Application form a. Date of collection: 10-08-98 TO 27-08-98

b. Last date of submission: 28-08-98

5. Qualification a. Admission is open for both boys and Girls.  
b. For admission in science and Arts/commerce groups candidates must have minimum 700 and 600 marks respectively.

6. Date & time for the written test: 29-08-98 at 0900 hrs

7. Announcement of result: 01-09-98

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