

## BHASA ANDOLAN MUSEUM

# A new dimension to history of Language Movement



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A Bhasa Andolan (language movement) Museum to promote the spirit of the time and bridge the past and the future spirit of the movement is likely to be set up soon.

Construction of the museum is expected to start in January 2007.

A Project Office and Research Centre has been already been set up at 'Rastravasha Bhaban', on Road Number-10 in Dhanmondi from where the work of museum will begin.

"We have no permanent location at present, but will start work temporarily from here," said Peari Mahbub, wife of late Kazi Golam Mahbub, convenor to the Language Movement 1952 adding that they are expecting to get land to construct a permanent museum building.

The research centre has been established with a view to preserve the historical and other information of the Mother Language Day as well as to help research fellows on the topic both at home and abroad.

"The research centre will comprise of a rich library, archives, documentaries, diaries and the written events of the language movement," said MR Mahbub, member secretary and director of the museum.

Officials of the Research Centre said that the work of the proposed museum are in six divisions research, exhibition, documentation, computer and film, publications and library, and administrative.

"We have already collected many documents for the 'Research Centre' and will publish them after a few touches are done," said MR Mahbub adding that they are on the verge of publishing an encyclopaedia on language movement comprising of 2,500 pages.

"We have published five research papers in this regard. The exhibition division is collecting memorandums, speeches, diaries of the individual language movement martyrs and the clothes they wore during the language movement," he said.

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also be collected. A non-resident Bangladeshi, Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed, has already completed a 20-minute documentary in this connection, Mahbub added.

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Peari Mahbub is the chief executive of the museum that was founded by M A Barnik (researcher to the language movement), Prof. M R Mahbub, Dr Momtaz Uddin Ahmed, Prof. Tarik Ziaur Rahman, AHM Bazlur Rahman, Dr. MA Muktadir and Muhammad Delwar.

On August 5, an opinion exchange meeting took place at the Research Centre, with the founding personalities in attendance. Dr. Momtaz Uddin Ahmed gave the inauguration speech.

He said: "A Bhasa Andolan Museum is necessary for the new generation to learn more about the language movement and at the same time it will give foreigners an opportunity to familiarise themselves with this great movement."

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Peari Mahbub said: "My husband initiated the work and I want to finish it. The assistance of people at different levels of the society is much needed." She requested donors to come forward to make it successful.

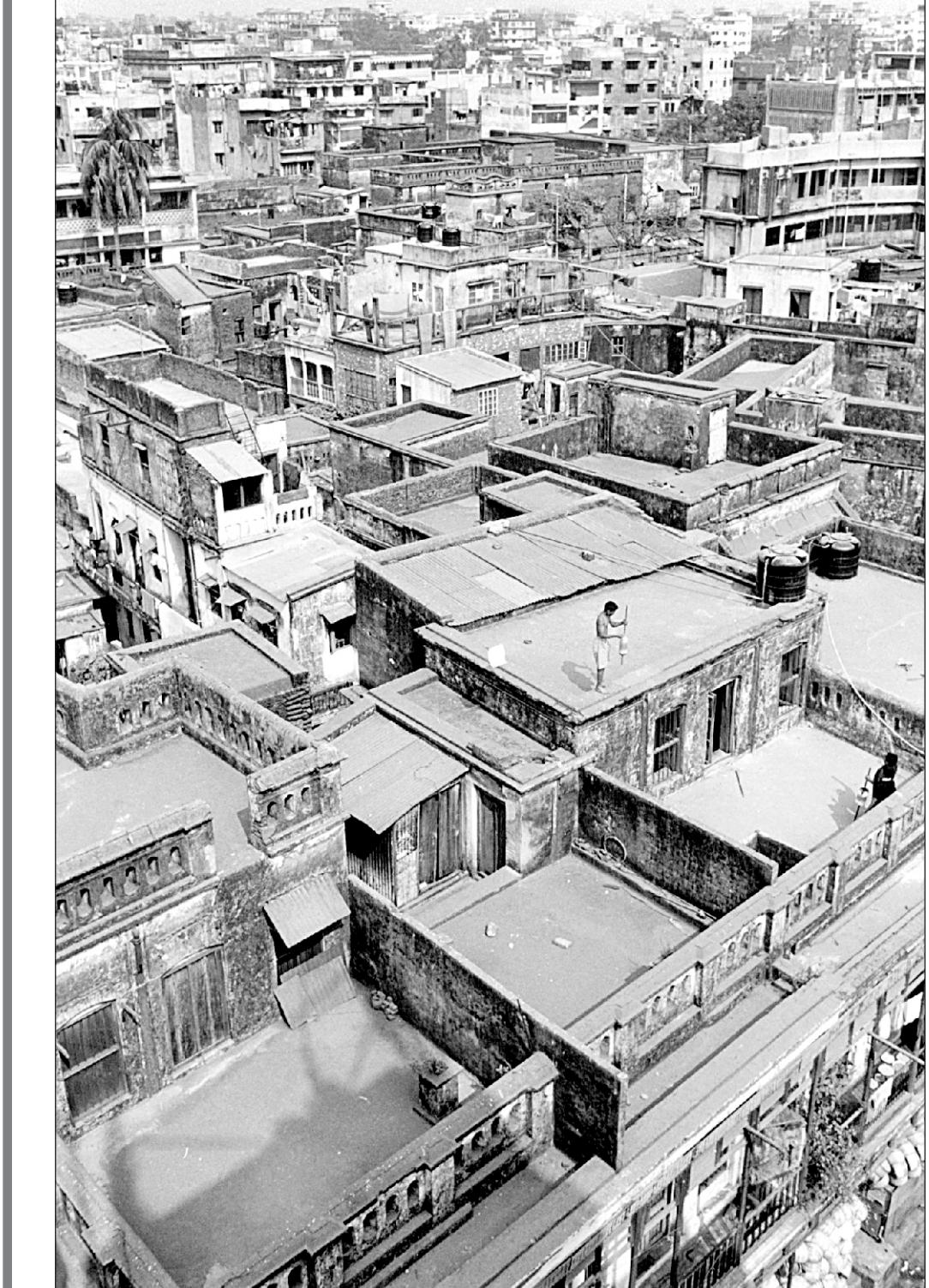
To run the museum smoothly, the organisers need financial support from either local or foreign organisations.

The contribution of the donors will also be displayed on a plaque at the museum board and thus all donors will be remembered always, Peari Mahbub added.

The museum was initiated in 1989. It then set up an office firstly in Lalmoni and then at the Dhanmondi hawkers market.

Finally Peari Mahbub allotted 'Rastravasha Bhaban' for the project office and research centre in March 2006.

Accordingly, the 'Bhasa Andolan Museum' was reactivated and registered on May 7, 2006 having government serial number, S-5599.



STAR PHOTO  
The cluster of age-old buildings, narrow alleys spread across the vast land in Old Dhaka is still home to the many residents of the area who prefer the flair and flavour of the traditional 'home' to the modernism of the newer part of the city.

## Govt day-care centre

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procession a few days ago demanding payment of the unpaid salaries. But they did not get any assurance from the government side.

Asked why the officers and employees of the day-care centres remain unpaid, Md Shawkat Ali, deputy director, day-care centre, Department of Women

Affairs, said the project period ended two years ago and it was not supposed to be extended.

"In the first week of this month we sent forwarding letter to the Ministry of Women Affairs so that the day-care centre staff get their salary unpaid from January to July this year. We hope to get a response soon," he said.

Sources at the Department of Women Affairs said the government is not willing to absorb these projects in the revenue sector but it wants to continue the programme. Problems arise when a project runs for longer period – three to five years, they observed.

## Sales of stamps on decline

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their promptness although such services charge a minimum of Tk 10, we charge only Tk one to two," Fatima added.

She also admitted that evasion of duty by BPO postmen to be a reason about delay in the delivery of post because of which most people prefer alternative services.

"The postmen are required to

move around from place to place either on foot or on a cycle which is cumbersome," she said.

She also said that the reduction of postmen is increasing the workload of the existing ones and added that recruitment last year was less than the number of vacancies available. "This may be due to a lack of adequate finances," she said.

The delivery of registered post or Granted express post (GEP) cannot be evaded or delayed as they have written records. In the case of delays in deliveries of personal post, the option is for the sender to file a complaint after which an investigation can be launched.

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## HEALTH

## Hospitals

Anjuman-e-Mofidul Islam 9336611,

7411660

BARDEM 8616641-50

Cholera Hospital (ICDDR,B) 8811751-

60

CMH (Dhaka) 9870011

Dhaka Medical Collage Hospital

8628612-6

Holy Family Red Crescent 8311721-5

Islamia Eye Hospital 9119315,

8112156

Lion Eye Hospital 9129127

Medinova Medical Services

8620553-4

Mirpur General Hospital (Pvt) Ltd

9007873, 8015444

Mitford Hospital 7319002-6

National Heart Foundation Hospital

8014914, 8010491, 8021399

Orthopedic Hospital 9112150

Salimullah Medical College Hospital

7319002-6

Samorita Hospital 9131901

Shahid Suhrawardi Hospital

9122560-78, 9112086, 8114856,

9130800

Shishu Hospital 8116061-2, 9119119

The Eye Clinic 9333238

Elephant Road-Friday

Bishal Center-Friday

Baitul Mukarram Market-Friday

Polwell Market-Friday

BCS Computer City-Friday

Isha Khan Shopping Complex-Friday.

Rajlaxmi Complex-Friday

Stadium Market-Friday

Bangabazar Market-Friday

National Museum-Thursday

Ahsan Manzil--Thursday.

New Market-Tuesday

Gausia Market-Tuesday

Mouchak Market-Sunday

Dhanmondi Hawkers Market-Tuesday

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Eastern Plaza-Sunday

Farmview Super Market-Sunday

Muktijuddha Jagduhar-Sunday

Dhaka Zoo-Sunday

Shishu Jagduhar-Sunday

Al-Markajul Islam 9127867,

Shishu Bekash Clinic 9351625

## MARKET CLOSED

## TAXI CAB

## Passenger's Complaint

01711-000990, 01711-000991,

01711-000992, DMP-999, 2627.

Cab Salida Ltd. 934477, 01711-

620888, 01711-610405

Cosmo Cab Ltd. 9112959, 8127191,

Nitol Cab Co. Ltd. 8125285, 01711-

621953

JBs Cab Ltd. 0191-364575

Coal Cab Ltd. 8130485, 01711-826731

Limujin Cab Ltd. 9318351, 9337204

Multi-Cab Ltd. 9666502, 9570740

Nihon Taxi Cab Ltd. 8624742,

United Cab Ltd. 7510166, 01711-

645257

Telex Cab Ltd. 7202201

Alif Cab Co. Ltd. 0191-357838,

Coal Cab Ltd. 8130485, 01711-826731

Comport Cab Ltd. 8817610-4

Cab Express Ltd. 9341369, 9339337,

9348401 Ext-111

United Cab Ltd. 7510166, 01711-

348474

Orion Taxi Cab Ltd. 934727, 9347277,

01711-155144

Reliance Cab Ltd. 9339563-4

RMS Cab Ltd. 8118536

Shatarupa Taxi Cab Ltd. 731083,

01711-622644

Cab I Ltd. 9563054, 9563077,

01711-629585

Cab line Ltd. 8321162

Capita Cab Co. Ltd. 9352847-9

Classix Cab Ltd. 200825, 01711-

233851, 01711-812415

Reaches Sylhet 01711-812415