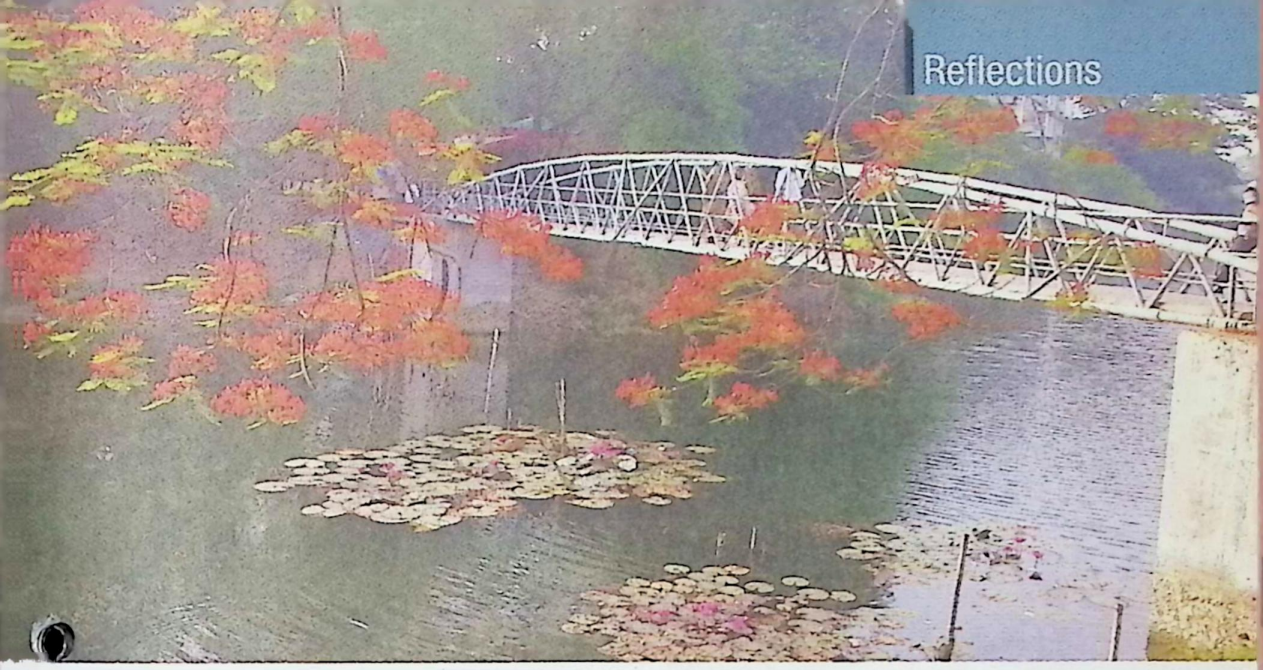


The vibrant Krishnochuras on the trees and the pretty pink Padmo flowers in the water paint a beautiful, serene picture that is bound to make any passerby happy.

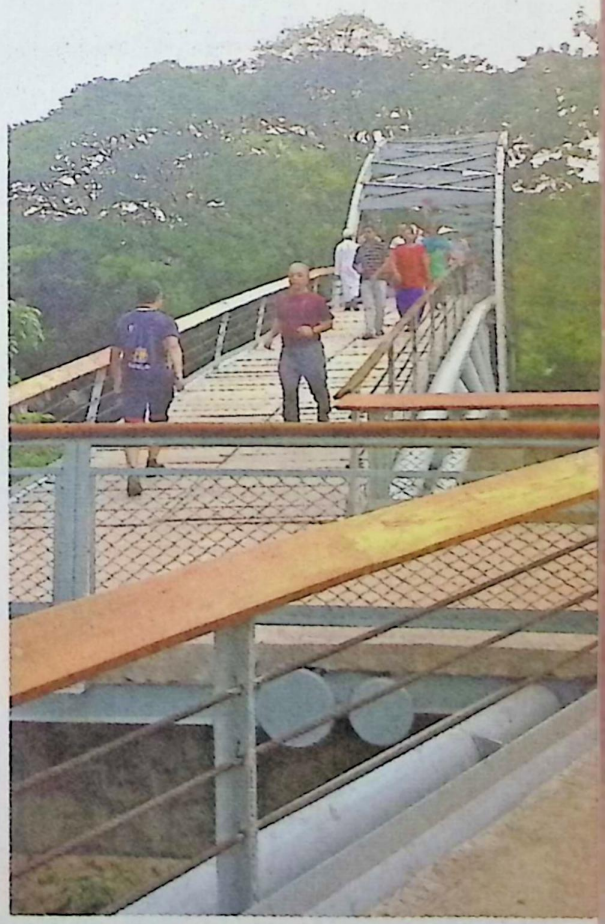
Early Morning Adventure

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I head out of our apartment building in Dhanmondi and take a left turn towards the lake. The air is crisp, the sun not yet glaring. And the best part, no traffic to worry about. It is almost 6 AM, and Dhaka City is barely waking up. The only people out on the street are the morning walkers. They walk briskly with a sense of purpose. I join them feeling pleased with myself.

For the past ten years, I've been coming home to Bangladesh, to visit my family almost every year from the United States, my second home. One of my favourite activities is my morning walk in the Dhanmondi Lake area, my neighbourhood. I am happy to note, every year Dhanmondi Lake goes through little but visible signs of improvements. By improvements, I don't mean the lake is crystal clear and unpolluted. No major change like that! The lake always attracted morning walkers, but in recent years, it has become a proper joggers/walkers park in the early hours of morning with many noticeable changes.

Among the positive changes are the paved walkways. The walkways crisscross the lake connecting residents of Dhanmondi living close to the area from all sides. I come to a stop when I approach a busy intersection. I'm impressed to see a pretty footbridge that is



The footbridge makes it very convenient for pedestrians to cross the busy street to access both sides of the lake.