



SPOTLIGHT

# A sudden burst of light to illuminate the soul



“O re Grihabashi khol, dar khol, laglo j dol.  
Sthol-e jol-e, laglo j do—  
Ranga hashi rashi rashi ashok polash  
(krishnochura, konokchura, shornalu ar jarul)  
Ranga nesha megh-e mesha probhat-akash,  
Nobin patay lagey ranga hillol.”



The song seems to echo in my heart nowadays, and it seems like truly the time for Dhakaiites to open their doors, as nature seems to be calling them to do so. Even amidst lives full of problems and the usual troubles of life, nature calls them to come and see its unbounded beauty. Light seems to be dancing around, spreading bright light everywhere. Diffusing the rays of the sun in a bright array of colours are the blooming fiery krishnochura, yellow ashokchura, shornalu, jarul in its shade of love, and pinkasia. The colours bring joy to the eyes, as nature becomes resplendent in the shades. May be this is what Tagore had in mind when he said, “A sudden burst of light to illuminate the soul.”

When we tire of the suffocating environment of Dhaka, and desperately need a breather, that is exactly when 'Modhu Mash', or literally the month of honey, arrives in April to June, to



inject a dose of cheer right into our souls. And this brings not just the bounty of sweet fruits, but also in the blooms aplenty on the branches of tall trees, birds singing, the wispy colourful wings of butterflies, it is colours galore all around. Summer arrives without taking away a lot of the joys of spring, the king of all seasons for its colours. And so, the moment the Dhaka resident steps out, their sight is mesmerised by the colours bursting everywhere, along the main avenues, beside the smaller alleys, standing distinctly different from the regular dust, dirt and grime of the city.

Manik Mia Avenue, Crescent Road, Ramna, Minto Road, Dhaka University area, Shapla Chattar, Supreme Court area, Gulshan, Old Airport area, Cantonment, Baridhara, Dhanmondi, Wari, Uttara and some areas of Old Dhaka have roads lines with rows of krishnochura trees in full bloom.