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Botanical Gardens of Dhaka: Are they truly the urban oasis they used to be?

Not long ago, Dhaka's botanical gardens were the city's lungs, offering a much-needed breath of fresh air amidst the urban sprawl. However, the relentless march of urbanisation has transformed the once-verdant landscape of the capital into a concrete jungle, dominated by towering structures and swarms of mechanical vehicles.

When we hear the words, botanical gardens, the image of a beautiful space where

plants are labelled may come to mind.

According to the International Association of Botanic Gardens (IABG), a well-curated outdoor space that is open to the public and in which plants are labelled is called a botanical garden. It may contain collections of specialised plants such as cacti, herb gardens, plants from particular parts of the world, and so on.

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