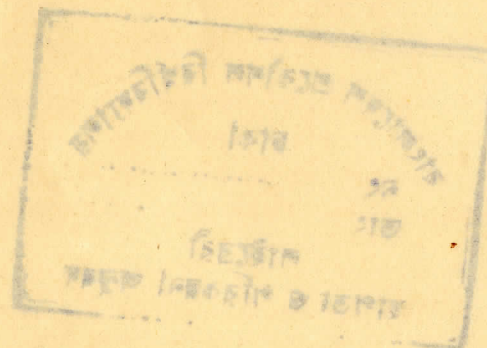


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Editorial

The current issue of the journal of the Department of Architecture is coming out with a different name. The name has not really been changed. The earlier volumes were named the 'Environment'. The present volume bears the name "Protibesh". Protibesh though written in Roman letters, is the Bengali word Environment. As a matter of fact the word in Bengali language is more comprehensive and more expressive. It is not always that a suitable Bengali word translating the English one is readily available. In Bengali there are two similar words Protibesh and Poribesh giving more or less the same meaning as Environment in English. Having nice precise words indicating specific ideas often mean that people speaking the language are very familiar and conscious of the full sense of the term. This tempts me to believe that Bengali-speaking people, in general, are aware of their environment i. e., Protibesh. Naturally they are conscious of the elements that bring about changes in the environment. Architecture shapes the environment.

The contents of the journal are quite varied. These include topics like Housing, Health facilities, Educational facilities, Industrial Architecture Climate, etc. The topics are indicative of the areas researchers here are trying to deal with. They are also indicative of the future specializations architects aim at. Most of the papers are based on the post-graduate works done by the authors themselves. The research activities of the Department of Architecture primarily constitutes the academic works of the post-graduate students. Under-graduate students also undertake some research work as part of their curriculum. Student works are not yet being presented in the journal. We expect in future students works of significance will be published in the journal of the Department of Architecture.

Blessing of Allah be upon all of us.

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