

Metropolitan

Dhaka Day by Day

Escape into Romanticism

by Fayza Haq



Mizanur Rahim, a teacher of Fine Arts at Chittagong, recently held an exhibition of his delicate pastel landscapes at 'Divine Arts' gallery. The colours and strokes were subtle, soft, and the works were far from the world of modern complexities and industrialisation.

In one of Rahim's creations one found a woman and a child by the river side, done in soft gentle strokes but with dark hues — blue and red. At the back was an impression of a thatched brown hut. He had brought in the background landscape with trees, bushes and men working in the water itself. The effect was impressionistic.

In another piece, the artist had shown the riverside once again, but here he had brought in the mountains in green, with trees growing right on to the river banks. The green, blue and purple merged with the white. People were shown in coloured impressions of small fine strokes in red.

In the next entry the artist had depicted some people inside a fenced area, catching fish or prawns. They were done in a lyrical fashion in brown, yellow and green. This was just as sentimental as the rest of the other pieces.

In yet another entry, the artist had delineated green tree leaves, with the water nearby in blue and brown land with the most delicate touches of pastel. This brought in the freshness of the morning in a poetic and pristine manner.

One found tall trees in another creation, with more giant trees at the back. Smudges of red and blue brought in human beings in the glorification of nature. Despite the economic strokes, nature was shown in details of green, brown and grey, as in most of the artist's works. The white sky contrasted well with the main colours of nature.

A clump of bent trees, with bark, branches and leaves was found in another landscape. The artist had combined blues, greens, with soft pinks. In front he had depicted the blue of the water. In the backdrop were a few people sitting down, working and discussing, while nature

surrounded and protected them.

In another piece some fishermen were brought in again. In the next pastel were boats in the river. The sails were beautifully coloured in gentle brown and blue. The riverside was depicted with deep green of the surrounding foliage and the blue and white sky in the backdrop.

Clumps of trees were found on a hillock in another pastel creation. It had a couple sitting down and the details of their facial features and clothes were clearly depicted. This is despite the light fantastic touch of the artist. The hillocks at the back had been done with variations of blue, green and brown.

People were depicted at work in another piece in the hillocks. The men and women were shown as black, red and blue, while the artist had depicted the hillocks in black and red, with the trees in the usual deep green, with touches of yellow. The sky had been left pale as in most of the works.

Earlier Rahim had done a lot of modern paintings. In the latest show he had turned to impressionism and simplification. He explained that he had worked in different media, while he had specialised in lithography from Belgium. The artist said that he had felt a sudden urge to go out into nature and capture it. In doing his work he was influenced by romanticism, without having any particular initial aim to hold an exhibition.

Talking about the standard of art in Bangladesh, Rahim said that the language of art was universal and that contemporary art all over the world was similar. He specially lauded the young Bangladeshi artists living and working abroad. He himself specialised in graphic arts and had praises for Rafiqun Nabi, Mahinudul Haq and Munirul Islam.

Rahim has had his exhibitions in India, China, Korea, Malaysia, Norway, Belgium, Poland and Yugoslavia.

Telecommunication Day observed

World Telecommunication Day was observed in the country in a befitting manner, reports UNB.

The day was observed to mark the inception of World Postal Union.

To observe the Day, Bangladesh Postal Department chalked out an elaborate programmes.

Post and Telecommunication Minister Tariqul Islam inaugurated the main function in city in the morning.

The Minister called upon the postal officials and employees to improve postal service through their hard work and sincerity.

Tariqul Islam said the majority of the people of our country depend on the postal service for their communication. He stressed the need for modernisation of the postal service for wellbeing of the people.

Referring to the increase of postal materials in the country he hoped earning in the sector will be boost upto Tk three to five crore this year.

Dr AMM Shawkat Ali, Secretary of Post and Telecommunication Ministry and Additional Director General of Postal Department Sultan Ahmed also spoke on the occasion.

The Minister later distributed prizes among the winners of International Letter Writing Competition, SAARC letter writing competition and 20 best employees of last year of postal department.

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Radio Bangladesh and Bangladesh Television put up special programmes to mark the day.

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CU Hill Tracts Parishad fresher's reception held

CHITTAGONG, Oct 9: The Greater Chittagong Hill Tracts Pahari Chhatra Parishad of Chittagong University held a fresher's and farewell reception at the CUCSU building here yesterday, reports BSS.

The Vice Chancellor of the university Prof Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury attended the function as the chief guest while parishad president Ratna Kushum Chakma presided.

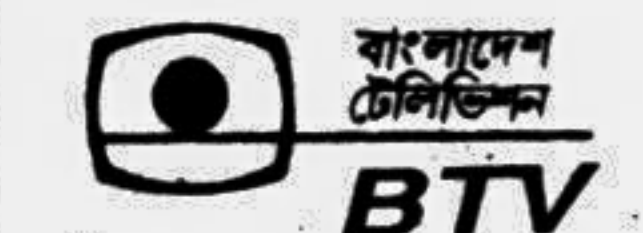
Prof Kazi Ahmed Nabi, Jashawi Chakma and Aphi Khisha, among others, also addressed the function.

Speaking on the occasion, the vice-chancellor urged the students to devote themselves to studies so that they could face the challenges and realities after the end of their academic life.

Egyptian envoy meets Shamsul Islam

Strengthening trade relations between Bangladesh and Egypt was discussed in a meeting yesterday between Egyptian Ambassador Kamal Elmiligy and Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam, reports UNB.

The Egyptian envoy called on the minister at the latter's office and also discussed other bilateral issues of mutual interest.



**Sunday**

5:00 Opening announcement  
Al-Quran  
Programme summary

5:10 News in Bangla

5:25 Cartoon: Tom and Jerry  
Kids Show

5:35 Sports programme

6:30 Mayeder Jannya

7:00 Open University

7:25 Tagore songs

8:00 New in Bangla

8:30 Prabaha

9:00 The Sword of Tipu Sultan (First episode)

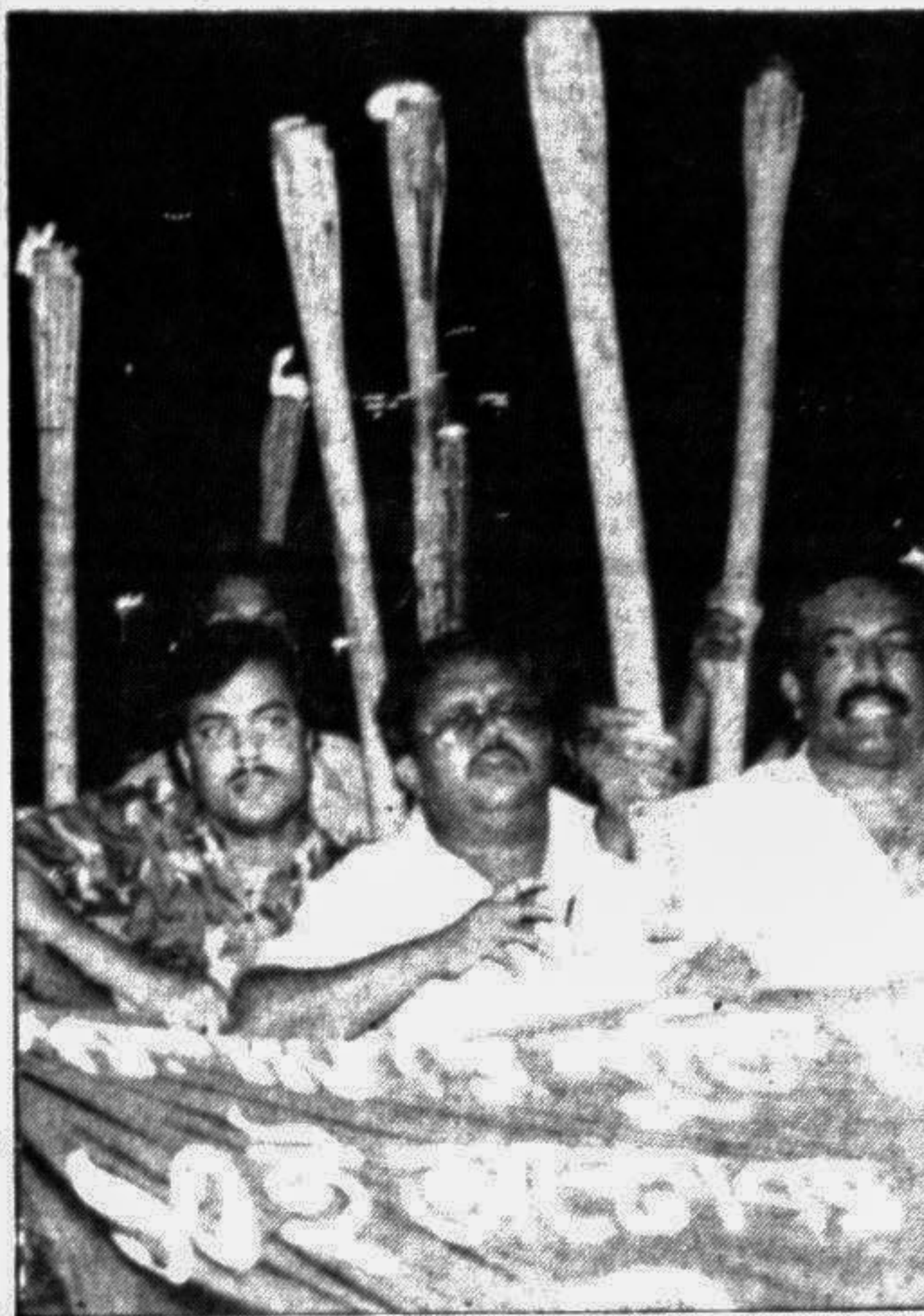
10:00 News in English

10:30 Chhayachhanda

11:30 Khabar/The News

11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary

11:45 Closing.



A Jatiya Party torch procession in the city yesterday in support of today's hartal. — Star photo

Plan for institute of mental health

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday called for intensifying resistance against mental diseases and extension of rehabilitation programme of the mentally ill people, reports BSS.

He said the present government had decided to set up an institute of mental health for the treatment of mentally ill persons and carrying out research work on the disease.

The President was inaugurating the World Mental Health Day '93 programme at Osmani Memorial Hall in the city.

Mohammad Sirajul Haque, Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare, attended the function as special guest.

Chaired by Alamgir M A Kabir, member, Foundation of Mental Health Bangladesh, the function was also addressed by Dr AKM Qamruzzaman, MP, Prof AKMN Chowdhury, President, Bangladesh Association of Psychiatrists, Prof Hidayetul Islam, Secretary General, Foundation of Mental Health and Ataul Haque Khan, member, Foundation of the Mental Health.

President Biswas suggested for setting up of free consultation centres for the mental patients where they could get information and advice about modern treatment facilities.

"A person has to be kept away from such problem to avoid the disease," he added.

He said this would help create skilled manpower on mental diseases and make a positive contribution in the overall health system including the mental diseases.

President Biswas said, "We have already achieved some success in different branches of the health sector. Insha Allah we will achieve same kind of success in the development of mental health system."

Sirajul Haque listed various developments in the country's health sector and said that blood banks had been opened in 20 districts of the country. "X-ray facilities and ambulance service will be provided with all the district hospitals."

Meanwhile, speakers at a discussion in the city underscored the need for united and integrated thrust by both government and private organisations to create community and social awareness for protecting the rights and privileges of the mentally ill and physically handicapped persons of the country.

The discussion was organised in observance of the "Rights of the Handicapped Children's Day" and the "certificate distribution ceremony" of a Community-based Rehabilitation (CRB) training course.

Jointly organised by the Bangladesh Protibondhi (retarded) Foundation (BFP) and the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP), the discussion was held at the Bangladesh Scout Bhaban auditorium.

The programme began with the rendering of a song — "Amra Karbo Joy, Ekdin" (we shall overcome someday) by the mentally retarded children, which enthralled the multi-national audience.



Sanjay Khan as Tipu Sultan

Tipu Sultan appears in BTV

The Sword of Tipu Sultan, the famous TV serial of India, will be telecast in Bangladesh Television every Sunday at 9 pm from today, says a press release.

Madonna Advertising Limited earned the full rights from Sanjay Khan of the TV serial. The sixty episodes of serial will be shown in Bengali version for the first time.

Weather

Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

The sky will remain partly cloudy over coastal regions of Bangladesh.

Temporary light rain or thundershowers may occur over the regions of Chittagong, Noakhali and Barisal while weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country.

The Met Office forecast day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

Country's highest temperature of 34.5 degrees Celsius was recorded in Rajshahi while the lowest of 22.9 degrees Celsius was recorded in Feri yesterday.

The sun sets today at 5.37 pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) at 5.54 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperatures and the maximum and the minimum relative humidity recorded in some major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degrees Celsius	Humidity in percentage		
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	33.6	26.2	88	85
Chittagong	32.8	25.0	82	78
Rajshahi	34.5	25.0	78	89
Khulna	33.6	26.6	82	82
Barisal	32.6	25.2	78	88
Dinajpur	33.0	25.0	77	81
Sylhet	33.5	24.4	89	78
Cox's Bazar	33.0	25.0	88	78

Abbas slates AL, JP for calling hartals

Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mirza Abbas, MP, yesterday criticised Awami League and Jatiya Party for calling hartals at a time when the BNP under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was trying to resolve the life and death Farakka problem on the basis of a national consensus, reports BSS.

The Mayor who is also the President of the Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, was addressing as chief guest at the conference of the Chhatra Dal Motijheel Thana, Ward No 62 unit here in the afternoon. Mirza Abbas said as a sovereign country Bangladesh had every right to speak of its problems.

He said the hartal was called only to create confusion, chaos and violence for disrupting public life and development process initiated by an elected government.

Mirza Abbas called upon the leaders and workers of BNP and its front organisations to foil all conspiracies against the government with the cooperation of the people, who had voted BNP to power three.

Dhaka city JCD president Abul Khair Bhuiyan, local BNP leader Fazlur Rahman, JCD leaders Shahid Uddin Chowdhury, Anny, Nasiruddin Oshim, Abdul Latif Zoni and Shahabuddin Laltu also spoke. Local JCD leader Quamruzzaman Azam presided over the conference.

Tafsil Jati Fed team submits memo to Matin

A delegation of the Bangladesh Tafsil Jati Federation led by its president Sudhir Chandra Sarkar called on Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury at his secretariat office yesterday, reports BSS.

The delegation sought cooperation of the Home Minister for peaceful celebration of the forthcoming Durga Puja. They submitted a memorandum to the minister stating various problems facing the tafsil community.

The Home Minister told the delegation that the present government was equally respectful to all religion and had been ever vigilant to ensure peace and social security to all communities as well as law and order.

Matin Chowdhury called upon the Hindu community to celebrate the coming Durga Puja with festivity.

**Happy Birthday**

To  
**Sayem**

From  
Appu, Ammu & Abbu

**Happy Birthday**

To  
**AUDOITO**

Ninni, Nanna & Mama,  
Bandhu Mamas, Khalas,  
Nanis, Nanans & Bara Maas

**One crushed to death**

CHITTAGONG, Oct 9: A bicycle rider Shahjahan, 18, was spot dead when a speeding truck ran over him in front of Doublemooring thana on Dhaka-Chittagong highway here today, police said, reports BSS.

The victim, while he was proceeding towards Dewanhat crossing was crushed by the truck.

The driver was arrested along with the truck, police said.

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES**

The containerised cargo ex. M.V. BERLIN SENATOR V-EE340 from Rotterdam, Hamburg have been relayed to M.V. EPONYMA V-EPM-12N Imp. Rot. No. 801/93 is due to arrive Chittagong on or about 9-10-1993 from Singapore.

Consignees are requested to take delivery of their cargo from FCL containers within 5 days free time from the date of landing and if cargo not cleared within 45 days will be guided by Customs Act.

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**Directorate General Defence Purchase**

Ministry of Defence  
New Airport Road, Tejgaon  
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**Tender Notice**

1. Sealed Tenders in Local Currency are invited from bonafide Producers/Dealers/Suppliers/Indentors (Not necessarily be enlisted with this Directorate General) for supply of 35 Metric Tons Rice Chinigura/Kaligira (Atup) for Defence Services.

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications will be available on payment of Tk. 50.00 (Not refundable) from 13-10-93 to 13-11-93 on any working day between 0800 hours and 1200 hours. The tender will be opened on 15-11-93 at 1000 hours in presence of tenders (if any).

ISPR (Misc) 93/1979  
DFP (G) 16048-5/10  
C-1348

**Deputy Director Purchase (Army)**  
for Director General

**Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority**  
141-143, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000

**Car Sale Notice**

Ref. No. TP-SY/32(3rd) Dated: 30-09-93 Eng 15-06-1400BS

Sealed tenders are invited from intending individuals/firms for auction sale of the undermentioned cars "as it is where it is" basis. Tenders should be submitted by 12-00 Noon of 20-10-93 (05-07-1400BS) and opened on the same day at 13.00 hours in presence (if any) in the chamber of Asstt Secretary (Transport), BIWTA Bhaban, 4th floor, 141-143, Motijheel C/A.

SI No.	Car Registration No.	Name of Car	Remark
01.	Dhaka-GHA-1568	Toyota Corolla	Running
02.	Dhaka-GA-7994	Toyota Corolla	Running
03.	Dhaka-KA-3718	Toyota Corolla	Condemned

2. Intending buyers shall have to submit earnest money at the rate 10% (ten per cent) of the tender amount (refundable) in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of BIWTA with the tender. The highest tenderer shall have to take delivery of the car by paying the total tendered amount within 7 (seven) days subject to approval of the Authority. Otherwise total amount of earnest money will be forfeited. On acceptance of the tender, the tenderer shall have to pay advance income tax at the rate 3% (three per cent) of the sale price. Box to receive tender will be placed at the undermentioned places and the intending persons may drop their tenders in box kept at any of the places.

A) Office of the Director, Purchase & Maintenance, 141-143, Motijheel C/A, BIWTA Bhaban (1st floor), Dhaka.

B) Office Chamber of Assistant Secretary (Transport), 141-143, Motijheel C/A, BIWTA Bhaban (4th floor), Dhaka.

3. The cars can be inspected during office hours and for detailed information, the Assistant Secretary (Transport) may be contacted by 19-10-93.

4. The Authority reserves the right to receive any tender or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

PR-134/93  
DFP (G) 15911-3/10  
G-1345

**Md. Nazmul Huda**  
Asstt. Secretary (Trans)

**পর্যটন মাস '৯৩ উপলক্ষে**

—হোটেল ও মোটেলের ভাড়া হ্রাস—

১৬ অক্টোবর থেকে ১৫ নভেম্বর ১৯৯৩ পর্যন্ত পর্যটন মাস উপলক্ষে পর্যটন মৌসুমে করপোরেশনের সকল হোটেল ও মোটেলের ভাড়ার উপর ১৫% হারে রেয়াত প্রদান করা হবে।

আরো আছে মাসব্যাপী বর্নাত্য অনুষ্ঠানমালা

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**পর্যটনের অতিথি হোন ।**

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