

Dhaka Day by Day

Haunting Scenes on Wood and Ceramic

by Fayza Haq

Rupam Chowdhury, who had an exhibition of his woodcarvings and paintings on ceramic recently at the Gallery Tone, goes beyond the decorative and the picturesque when he deals with his work. Using fine hammer and chisels he has been doing woodcarving on his own, during his spare time for the past eight years, and now plans to go overseas using his talent for carving for a living.

In "Dream-1" we see a semi-abstract carving of a young woman contemplating on her future as a young wife, thinking of all the possible limitations and pleasures as a young wife. We follow the dream in "Dream-2" with its conventional and idyllic coupling of swans, fish boats and happy couples. These dreams are not altogether naive ones. They take a pessimistic turn in the final dream phase when the young woman is seen as caught in a web of problems and perplexities. The critical eyes of society seem to be following her everywhere as she tries to dodge among the manifold problems of adult life.

"Distant Thunder" recalls the attack of the public on women at the Pahela Baishak mela in 1994. The boisterous hoodlums preying on the women are depicted as wild animals and birds. The helpless, frightened figure of the nude woman stand for the tormented women. The face at the side is that of the onlookers who, according to the artist, could have changed the fate of the women at the mela if they had taken a decisive step and stopped the meaningless and shameful rampage.

On a brown and burnt sienna pottery piece religious fanatics are seen as contorted white figures with long beards, shouting out fatwas among the villagers. Next to them are smartly turned out brand of intellectuals who pander to the needs of the masses and make convenient speeches to sway the simple emotions of the people. Along with them are brought the bureaucrats, politicians and the mastans. The ordinary public is imprisoned by the pressures of the evil elements of society. Topping them all is an unlucky symbol that is

swallowing up the population and ushering in evil.

The theme of oppressed women and our stultifying society is carried on in a vase where a woman with wild flying hair is depicted. In the background are seen her hands tied up with a rope. In front are seen ugly evil demons prancing around the woman and making her life as miserable as possible.

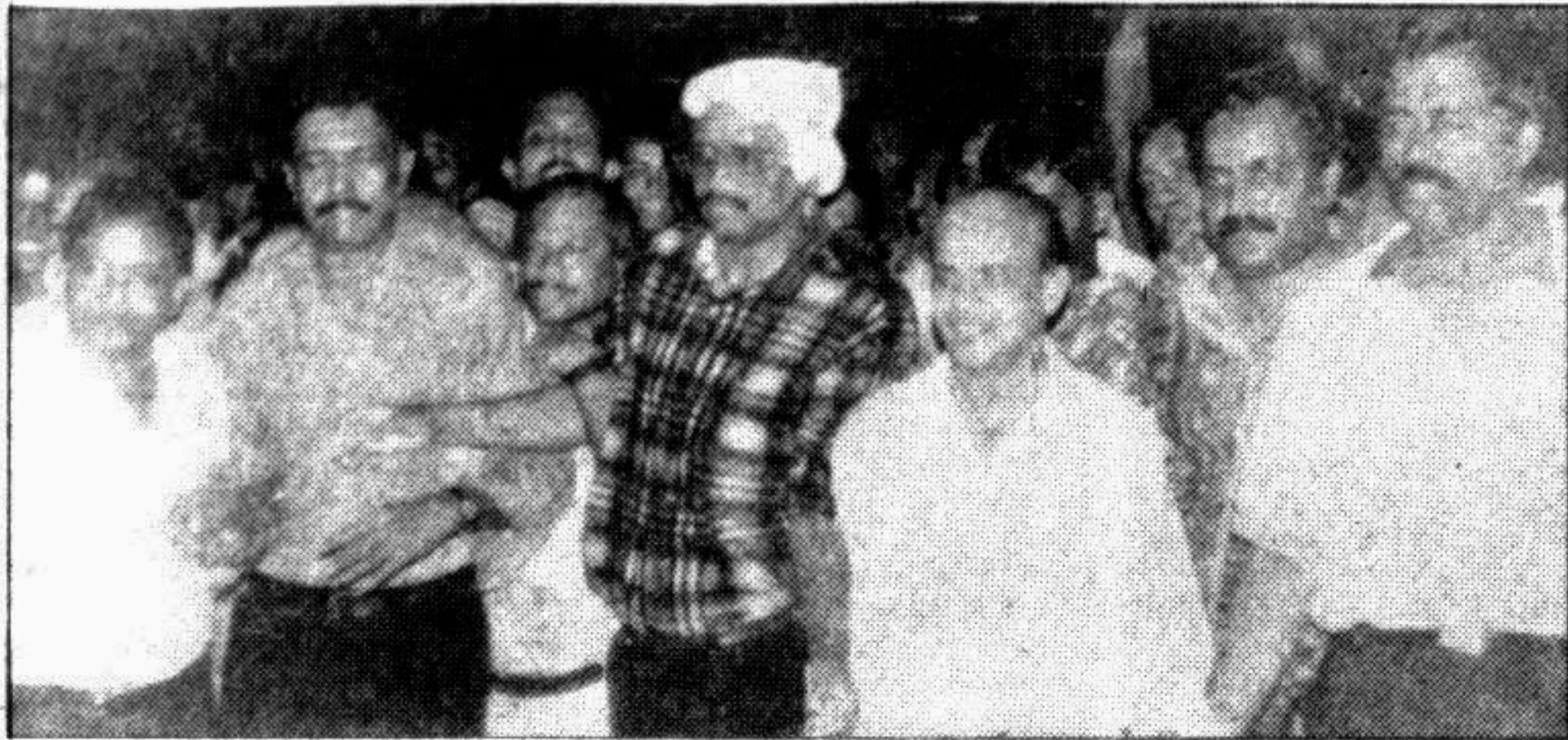
On one side of a wooden lamp is to be seen a female figure trying to cover up her shame while her neighbours are staring, leering and jeering at her. On the other side of the lamp is seen the face of another woman, quivering with agony, having no means to escape from her sufferings.

Although Rupam is deeply concerned with the injustice and malpractice in our society, he is also very aware of the natural beauty that surrounds us. In "Country Music-1" he has brought in the peace, tranquillity and harmony that one finds in the Bangladeshi villages with the inevitable trees, boats and the light cascading sound of the *paiki* palanquin. This is done in woodcarving as is also the case of "Three Friends" where birds are seen in their natural environment of branches and leaves. "River Life -1" is a realistic piece that depicts a boatman pulling a boat along the river coast.

Picturesque and eye-catching is "Innocent Friends", which dwells on a young girl seen with a fawn, surrounded by a dense forest. The manner in which it is done reminds one of the illustrations of European fairy tales.

In praise of nature, are "Life and Unity"-1 and 2, which depict the banding of elephants and horses. "We human beings claim ourselves to be civilised but more often than not we are ready to turn against our fellow beings so that others are deprived and we may succeed," Rupam comments.

It is a pity that Rupam is compelled to go for a living overseas. If he had been given the opportunity, his talent could surely have flowered in Dhaka.



A Jatiya Party procession led by party secretary-general Anwar Hossain Manju at the city's Asad Gate area during hartal hours yesterday. —Star photo

Plea for not harassing the Press

The leader of the journalists community yesterday expressed their deep concern at the incidents of attacks on press vehicles and harassment of journalists by a section of pickets during hartal hours, and urged the hartal observing parties to refrain their pickets from such activities, reports BSS.

In a joint statement acting president of BFUJ, Manzur Ahmed, secretary general Amanullah Kabir, DUJ president Zahirul Huq and general secretary Ruhul Amin Gazi urged the leaders of all political parties and conscious section in the society to realise the gravity of such situation and said, the community would never allow any quarter to foil the freedom of the press by pressure and

threats. The statement said: "We have observed with grave concern that during hartal programmes, a section of pro-hartal pickets have attacked the journalists and the vehicles carrying them. Last Saturday, the vehicles of five dailies and a weekly were damaged in the city. Two journalists were dragged out of their vehicles at Hajipara, Rampura and the drivers of these vehicles were robbed of."

Besides, at 11 am, Saturday, bombs were hurled at the office of the Bangladesh Photo Journalists' Association at Purana Paltan.

One press photographer was dragged out of his vehicle and threatened yesterday. At different inter-sections, a

section of pickets stopped the press vehicles and asked for the president and general secretary of the association by names.

The BFUJ and DUJ leaders said that such activities were posing serious threats to the press freedom and safety to the journalists.



A NY Times eulogy to Prof Yunus

If there is one man who has achieved stardom at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, it is the soft-spoken economist from Bangladesh who wandered into disparately poor village 20 years ago and got an idea that is changing the face of banking, the New York Times commented on Thursday last, reports BSS.

The widely circulated American daily quoted the economist, Muhammad Yunus, who founded the Grameen Bank to help poor, as saying "Capital does not need to be handmaiden only of the rich. Access to credit should be a human right irrespective of economic situation."

In a commentary titled "Star at conference on

women: banker who lends to the poor" by Patrick E Tyler, the New York based newspaper said, he is a pioneer in extending "micro-credit for micro-enterprises, a poverty fighting strategy that is widely supported by the delegates to the conference.

The New York Times quoted Yunus as saying that the owners of capital can be convinced that the poor represent a large, untapped credit market where survival instincts and local skills make the borrowers a good risk. As proof, the Grameen Bank had a loan volume of nearly 400 million US dollars last year and is approaching 500 million this year, making it the largest bank in the world.

The commentary said: "The bank has made small loans to two million families in 95,000 villages in Bangladesh, where more than 90 per cent of the borrowers are women and repayment rates exceed 90 per cent. Since Grameen served as the first large-scale demonstration that the poor are creditworthy. The concept has branched out to Latin America, Africa and Asia."

It said: "In 1985, micro-credit institutions and small credit cooperatives had about one million customers worldwide. While the figure today is approaching 10 million. It represents only 2 per cent of the estimated 500 million women worldwide who have virtually no access to credit."

Call for new national edn policy

Speakers at a discussion yesterday urged the government and others concerned to formulate a new national education policy on the basis of national consensus, reports BSS.

The discussion titled, "Formulation of a New National Education Policy on the Basis of National Consensus," held under the auspices of Bangladesh Education Foundation at its office premises in observance of the Education Day yesterday, according to a press release of the organisation.

The meeting demanded formulation of education policy on the basis of Dr Qudrat-i-Khuda Education commission report, Interim Education Policy of 1978 and the ten recommendations by the sub-committee of the education ministry in conformity with the modern technology.



Masud's photo show begins tomorrow

A three-day solo photography exhibition by Syed Masud Hossain of the Department of Films and Publications will be held at Shilpakala Academy tomorrow, reports BSS.

Photographs of some 250 litterateurs will be on display. M Morshed Khan, Special Envoy to the Prime Minister, will inaugurate the function at 5:00 pm.

Mobarok Hossain Khan, director general of Shilpakala Academy, will preside.



The city unit of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh brought out a procession in the city yesterday in support of opposition's 72-hour nation-wide hartal. — Star photo

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ER/PUR/FP-52/95 (Re-Tender)	Stainless Steel Fittings	Tk 200/-	21-10-95	24-10-95
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আগামী ৮/১০/৯৫ইং তারিখ বেলা ১১.৩০ মিঃ পর্যন্ত প্রধান প্রকৌশলী (উৎপাদন), বিউবো, ওয়াপদা ভবন, ঢাকা/অতিরিক্ত প্রধান প্রকৌশলী (পেওস), যোবিকো, বিউবো, পলাশ, নরসিংদী অথবা নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তরে দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং ঐ দিনই দুপুর ১২.০০ টার সময় দরদাতাদের সম্মুখে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। দরপত্র সম্মুখোপা হইবে।

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the periods of closure of Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company have been extended from Sunday, September 10, 1995 to Sunday, September 24, 1995 (both days inclusive).

By order of the Board
S.H.KABIR
Chairman

Dated, Dhaka;
September 17, 1995

RENATA LIMITED
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Date : September 18, 1995

NOTICE OF THE ADJOURNED 22ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is to inform all concerned that with the unanimous consent of all shareholders present at the Twenty Second Annual General Meeting of Renata Limited, held on Sunday, September 17, 1995 at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Minto Road, Dhaka-1000 at 11:30 A.M., the said Twenty Second Annual General Meeting of the Company stood adjourned to meet again on Sunday, September 24, 1995 at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Minto Road, Dhaka-1000 at 11.30 A. M. There is no change in the agenda of the Notice of the Meeting.

Persons who are already appointed as Proxies may attend the adjourned meeting.

The period of closure of Register of Members and the Share Transfer Book of the Company have been extended upto Sunday, September 24, 1995 and no shares transfer (s) will be effected till 24.9.1995.

We express our regret for the inconvenience caused to the shareholders.

S. H. KABIR
CHAIRMAN

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Dated : September 18, 1995

NOTICE OF THE ADJOURNED EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

This is to inform all concerned that with the unanimous consent of all shareholders present at the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of Renata Limited held on Sunday, September 17, 1995 at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Minto Road, Dhaka-1000 at 12.30 P.M., the said Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Company stood adjourned to meet again on Sunday, September 24, 1995 at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Minto Road, Dhaka-1000 at 12.30 P.M. There is no change in the agenda of the Notice of the meeting.

Persons who are already appointed as proxies may attend the adjourned meeting.

We express our regret for the inconvenience caused to the shareholders.

S. H. KABIR
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ইন্টারন্যাশনাল ফিন্যান্স ইনভেস্টমেন্ট এন্ড কমার্স ব্যাংক লিমিটেড

বিশেষ জরুরী সভার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এই বিজ্ঞপ্তির মাধ্যমে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ইন্টারন্যাশনাল ফিন্যান্স ইনভেস্টমেন্ট এন্ড কমার্স ব্যাংক লিমিটেড-এর একটি বিশেষ জরুরী সভা (Extra Ordinary General Meeting) ব্যাংক-এর সংবিধির (Articles of Association) ৯৯নং ধারা পরিবর্তনের জন্য বিশেষ প্রস্তাব পাঠের উদ্দেশ্যে আগামী ১০ই অক্টোবর রোজ মঙ্গলবার ১৯৯৫ইং বিকেল তিন ঘটিকায় কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকায় অবস্থিত সোনারগাঁও হোটেলে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। ব্যাংক-এর সংবিধির (Articles of Association) ধারা পরিবর্তনের জন্য মিনিটী অব ফাইন্যান্স এর ক্যাপিটাল ইস্যুজ এর দফতর হতে নোটিফিকেশন জারি হয়েছে।

পরিচালকমন্ডলীর নির্দেশক্রমে

তারিখ: ১৮ই সেপ্টেম্বর ১৯৯৫ইং
বি এস বি বিল্ডিং (২০তম তলা)
৮, রাজউক এ্যাভিনিউ, ঢাকা

এ এইচ আনোয়ার হোসেন
সচিব

বিশেষ নোটস:
১। সদস্যবৃন্দ উক্ত বিশেষ জরুরী সভায় উপস্থিত থাকতে এবং ভোট প্রদান করতে পারেন কিংবা তার স্বপক্ষে উপস্থিত হতে এবং ভোট নিতে একজন প্রতিনিধি নিয়োগ করতে পারেন। ব্যাংক-এর সদস্য না এমন ব্যক্তিও প্রতিনিধিত্ব করতে পারেন। কোম্পানী বা করপোরেশনের ক্ষেত্রে সার্বিকভাবে ক্ষমতা প্রাপ্ত প্রতিনিধির মাধ্যমে ভোট প্রদান করা যাবে।

২। গ্রাঙ্গ কমর উপযুক্ত স্ট্যান্ডার্ড কমপক্ষে বাহ্যিক (৭২) ঘণ্টা আগে ব্যাংকের অফিসে অবশ্যই জমা দিতে হবে।