

Dhaka Day by Day

The Art of Making Old Carpet New

by SMS Joya

While passing by Segun Bagicha, one will come to notice a bunch of men working on carpets laid down on the streets. To have a look at what they are so engrossed in, one will be surprised to see what they are doing is quite an art-work. They are very dexterously painting on old carpets with intricate designs.

Call it selling of art or merely business but the work done is very intriguing. The artisans who basically do the painting are the very hand-to-mouth people. Learning from their 'ustads' or masters for years, they become experts themselves.

In Segun Bagicha, there are about fifteen shops in the same line of business. Apart from just painting or rather re-painting faded-out carpets to give a brand new look, these shops also launder carpets at a cheaper price. Some even buy and sell old carpets as well as new ones. Old carpets are bought at Tk. 400-500, coloured and sold out at Tk. 800-Tk. 900.

The whole process is interesting; if it is a synthetic or woolen carpet, they cannot re-paint it but can give it either a shampoo (?) wash or petrol wash for Tk. 6 per square feet. For carpets made of jute a simple wash costs Tk. 3 per sq. ft. but to have a plain (one-coloured) carpet dyed costs Tk. 4 per sq. ft. For a printed one the cost is Tk. 6 per sq. ft.

Before the dyeing takes place, any carpet has to be shaped by beating for a day, then washed the next day and let it dry for another day. On the fourth day the carpet is painted and left to dry. The German or Chinese dye-stuff used usually come in powder forms and

is (available at Chawk Bazar), mixed with a certain spray (probably turpentine or other volatile spirits) and hot water.

The oldest shop in Segun Bagicha, Abu Taher and Sons, was set up 24 years ago and now is run by the owner's son Md Abu Hossain. "We have thirteen artisans working for us now. I've been looking after the business for 7/8 years now. Besides, giving a coat of fresh colour to old carpets, we also sell new carpets under the dealership with Saleh and Ismail Carpets. We buy the carpets from stores in Chittagong and sell the goods at a price less than what would cost at carpet shops. And the business is reasonably lucrative," said Hossain.

"The laundering takes place at the back of Shilpakala Academy," said Azad, an artisan who has been in the business for 25 years now and learnt his techniques from Alam 'ustad' before the independence.

"We'll have to move to Baridhara where we have another workshop," he said when asked where they are going to set up once the National Theatre is built. Other than in Segun Bagicha, there is a good number of dye-works in Gulshan-1 and Mohammadpur. The shops in Mohammadpur are usually run by Biharees (immigrants who stayed back after the independence and have been very successfully manipulating business at large).

It may appear easy to run a business like this but for an artisan it takes years to bring the very perfection of beauty. Being oblivious of the traffic and passers-by, they carry on their unrecognized works-of-art with enough zing that explains good earnings.



Designing art on old carpet. — Star photo



New Ambassador of France Renee Veyret called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday. — PID photo

Book presented to President

Assistant Attorney-General advocate Mohammad Saidur Rahman presented his book "Law on Election in Bangladesh (With Uptodate Amendments)" to President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban Monday, reports BSS.

President Biswas appreciated the publication of the book on election laws before the general election. Advocates Ruhul Quddus and Rezaul Haq of the Supreme Court were present on the occasion.

Moazzem new BEPZA chairman

Moazzem Hossain Khan has taken over as the new executive chairman of the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) recently, says a press release.

Moazzem replaced M. Saiful Islam, an additional secretary and a member of the then CSP, who has been transferred to the Agriculture Ministry.

Prior to his present assignment, Moazzem was the managing director of the Security Printing Corporation (BD) Ltd.

BCS conference Friday

The 19th annual conference of the Bangladesh Chemical Society (BCS) will be held on Friday at the auditorium of the Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR), at 9-30 am, says a press release.

The day-long conference will be attended by Professor (emeritus) of the Dhaka University Dr. Mofizuddin Ahmed as the chief guest while Dr. FZ Mazid acting chairman. BCSIR will be present as special guest.

A seminar on "Problems and Prospects of Leather Industries in Bangladesh" will be held at the conference.

About 400 chemists and chemical technologists from universities, colleges, research institutions and chemical industries are expected to take part in this conference.

Obituary

Educationist M A Baset Mian, Principal of Munshiganj College died of cancer on Saturday. He was 65, reports BSS.

Baset left behind his mother, wife, three sons and five daughters. He was buried at Munshiganj graveyard.

NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THIRD ARTHA RIN ADALAT, DHAKA
TITLE SUIT NO. 30 OF 1990:

International Finance Investment and Commerce Bank Limited
Motijheel Branch
125/A, Motijheel Commercial Area
Dhaka.

— Versus —PLAINTIFF.

- Md. Matiur Rahman**
Proprietor
Grace Electronics
212, Stock Exchange Building
9/F, Motijheel Commercial Area
P. S. Motijheel, Dhaka
- Mrs. Jeba Rahman**
Wife of Md. Matiur Rahman
205, Free School Street
Kathal Bagan, Green Road
P. S. Dhanmondi, Dhaka
- Sydul Huq**
son of Md. Ishaque Mia
Village : Ayubpur
P. O. & P. S. Begumganj
Dist : Noakhali.
- Shirajul Islam**
33/2, Joint Quarter
P. S. Mohammadpur, Dhaka

.....DEFENDANTS.

The above suit was filed against you all on 22.07.1990 by the plaintiff Bank for realisation of Tk. 20,33,885.09 up to 31.03.1990. You are notified to appear in the above suit pending before the Court on 31.01.96 at 10.00 A.M. either in person or through an authorised Advocate, failing which the suit would be disposed of ex-parte.

By the Order of the learned Court
S. M. Abu Bakar Siddique
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What's on today

Film show: The Sergei Bandurchuk Film Club and the Dhaka Film Club will jointly organise screening of the film "Shuroda". Venue: Russian Cultural Centre auditorium. Time: 5:30 PM.

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Inaugural ceremony: The Credit Rating Information and Services Ltd. will be launched. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time : 10:30 am. Chief guest: Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman.

Lions Club of Dhaka Pallabi : The regular meeting of the club will be held. Venue : Kayinshi Chinese Restaurant, Darus-Salam Road, Mirpur. Time : 7 pm.

Jiban Charka on BTV



Jiban Charka, a Rodella production, is to be telecast on BTB after the Ten o'clock news tomorrow, says a press release.

The film on the life of the weavers of Bangladesh is the first package documentary film on the country. Personalities featured in the film include Begum Sufia Kamal, Dr. Muhammed Yunus, Chairman of the Handloom Board Md. Zainul Abedin, Hamida Hussain, Ruby Gurnavi, Jaya Pati, Farida Akhter and Subarna Mustafa.

The choreography and modelling is by Bibi Russell while Rafi Hossain has carried out the direction and overall planning of the film.

High Commission of India Dhaka

Commonwealth Scholarship/ Fellowships offered by Government of India

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Government of India will offer two Commonwealth Scholarships/Fellowships in 1996-97 to BANGLADESHI STUDENTS for Post-Graduate and Doctoral Studies (except in Medicine) in Indian Colleges and Universities.

Interested applicants are requested to send their application to the Second Secretary (I&C), High Commission of India, House No. 121, Road No. 3, Dhanmondi Residential Area.

Minimum qualifications required of applicants is a first class Bachelor's or Master's degree as applicable.

Application forms for these scholarships can be obtained from the Information Wing, High Commission of India, Dhaka.

Last date for receipt of completed application is 10th February 1996.

For further information, please contact Information Wing, High Commission of India, either personally or on Phone (865096 or 507743). D-75

Office of the Executive Engineer Jaldhaka WD Division BWDB, Dalia, Nilphamari

Notice Inviting Bids

- Notice inviting bids : 06/1995-96 Eng.
- Name of work : Construction of RCC pipe syphon at different places of Secondary & Tertiaries Canal S1T, S2T, S5T, T1S1T & T4S2T canal under Jaldhaka WD Division, BWDB, Dalia, Nilphamari. Total 2 (Two) Groups (Group No. 'A' & 'B') during the year 1995-96.
- Estimated cost : i) Group No. 'A' Tk. 51,39,633/-
ii) Group No. 'B' Tk. 47,19,908/-
- Earnest money : i) Group No. 'A' Tk. 1,28,491/-
ii) Group No. 'B' Tk. 1,17,998/-
- Eligibility of Contractor : All 'A' & 'B' class contractors of BWDB.
i) Group No. 'A' for 'A' and 'B' Class.
ii) Group No. 'B' for 'B' Class.
- Place where the bid documents can be purchased : Rupali Bank Ltd., Dalia Branch, Dalia, Nilphamari/Rupali Bank Ltd., Railway Crossing Branch, Rangpur/ Sonali Bank, Nilphamari Branch, Nilphamari/ Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka up to 29-1-96 Eng/16-10-1402 Beng, during banking hours.
- Date, time & place of receiving & opening bids : Receiving date 29-1-96 Eng/16-10-1402 Beng, during office hours and 30-1-96 Eng/17-10-1402 Beng, up to 12.00 Noon. Opening date: 30-1-96 Eng/17-10-1402 Beng, 12.30 PM.
Place: In the office of the Superintending Engineer, Dhaka O&M Circle, BWDB, Rupali Sadan, 156/157, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, Quality Control Division, BWDB, Alamnagar, Rangpur/ Executive Engineer, Nilphamari WD Division, BWDB, Nilphamari/ Executive Engineer, Jaldhaka WD Division, BWDB, Dalia, Nilphamari.
- Address of the advertiser : Executive Engineer, Jaldhaka WD Division, BWDB, Dalia, Nilphamari.

Md. Saidur Rahman

PANI-317/95-96 Executive Engineer
DFP-846-13/1 Jaldhaka WD Division
G-102 BWDB, Dalia, Nilphamari

Notice Inviting Tender of RHD

- Tender Notice No. : 15-BRD/1995-96.
- Name of work : Earth work in diff. K.M of diff. road under Road Division, Bogra during the year 1995-96 in 2 (two) Groups.
- Estimated Cost : As per Group List.
- Earnest Money : -ditto-
- Time allowed : -ditto-
- Eligibility of Contractor : -ditto-
- Name of offices where tender documents can be purchased : Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Bogra/Rangpur/ Kurigram/Gaibandha/ Planning & Design Division, Rangpur/Planning (Road & Bridge), Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Bogra/Sherpur/Joypurhat.
- Name of offices where tender will be received : 1) Addl. Chief Engineer, RHD, Rangpur Zone, Rangpur.
2) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Rangpur/Monitoring & Evaluation (Road & Bridge) Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.
3) Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Bogra/Rangpur/ Kurigram/ Gaibandha.
- Last date of selling tender documents (within office hours) : Up to 27/1/96.
- Date & time of receiving of tender : Up to 12-30 PM on 28/1/96.
- Date & time of opening of all the tender by the undersigned : At 11-00 AM on 30/1/96.
- Date & time of lottery if required : At 11-00 AM on 31/1/96.

N.B. : Group No. 2 (two) will not be received in the office of the Addl. Chief Engineer, RHD, Rangpur Zone, Rangpur/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation (Road & Bridge) Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. The above group will not be sold in the office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Planning & Design Division, Rangpur/Planning (Road & Bridge), Dhaka.

GROUP LIST

Name of work: Earth work in diff. KM of diff. road under Road Division, Bogra during the year 1995-96 in 2 (two) groups.
Tender Notice No. 15-BRD 1995-96

Gr. No.	Name of work with location	Head of Accounts	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed for completion of work	Eligibility of contractor	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
01)	Earth work at 4th(P), 5th(P), 6th(P), 7th(P) and 8th (P) KM of Joypurhat-Pattali Road under Road Division, Bogra during the year 1995-96.	168-R.B.F. (F.R.P.)	Tk 5,75,068/-	Tk. 11,502/-	40 (Forty) days from the date of issue of work order.	*A to E* general category contractor of RHD.	Separate tender with separate Earnest Money is to be submitted for each group.
02)	Earth work at 11th(P), 12th(P) & 13th(P) KM of Bogra-Rahaban Road under Road Division, Bogra during the year 1995-96.	168-R.B.F. (F.R.P.)	Tk 3,99,960/-	Tk 8,000/-	30 (Thirty) days from the date of issue of work order.	-ditto-	-ditto-

N.B. : Group No. 02(Two) will not be received in the office of the Addl. Chief Engineer, RHD, Rangpur Zone, Rangpur/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation (Road & Bridge) Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. The above Group will not be sold in the office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Planning & Design Division, Rangpur/Planning (Road & Bridge) Division, Dhaka.

Executive Engineer, RHD (Current Charge) Road Division, Bogra
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Sylhet Bibhag Unnayan Parishad staged a hunger strike in front of Bangabhaban yesterday, demanding President's initiative in solving the prevailing impasse. — Star photo



Bangladeshi girl honoured in USA

The Theta chapter of Massachusetts has recently selected Munazah Alam as a new member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, says a press release.

Munazah has been selected to the society based on her academic activities done during the first three years at Mount Holyoke College. Due to continued excellence of performance in the senior, junior and sophomore classes, Munazah has also been awarded the Sarah Williston Prize as one of the top four students.

Munazah is the elder of two daughters of Badrul Alam and Shelley Alam.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD) Sylhet Road Division, Sylhet Phone No. 6339

Tender Notice No. 81 of Sylhet Road Division, 1995-96 (3rd Call)

- Tender Notice No. : 81 of Sylhet Road Division, 1995-96.
- Name of work : Tender for Earth work in Sheola bridge approaches (Sylhet End) Ch. from 0.00m to 1000.00m under Sylhet Road Division, Sylhet during the year 1995-96.
- Charge to : 266 (Development).
- Whom estimate approved : Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Comilla Zone, Comilla.
- Estimated cost : Tk. 36,05,739/00
- Earnest money : Tk. 72,915/00
- Time allowed : 90 (Ninety) days.
- Name of offices where this tender will be received : Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Comilla Zone, Comilla/ Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Sylhet/ Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring and Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/ Undersigned/ Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Moulavibazar/ Sunamganj/Habiganj.
- Name of offices where tender document will be sold : Undersigned/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Moulavibazar/ Sunamganj/ Habiganj/ Executive Engineer, RHD, Planning and Design Division, Comilla/Planning and Programming Division, Dhaka/ Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Sylhet/ Golapganj/ Biswaath and Mechanical Sub-Division, Sylhet.
- Last date of selling of tender : 27-01-1996 up to office hours.
- Last date and time of receiving the tender : 28-01-1996 at 12-30 pm.
- Date and time of opening the tender : 31-01-1996 at 12-45 pm.
- Date of lottery : 01-02-1996 at 11-30 am (if required) of office of the undersigned.
- Eligibility of contractors : Under RHD Department 'A' to 'C' general category of contractors.

Md Muzammee Hogue
Executive Engineer (RHD)
Road Division, Sylhet.
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