

fashion

Fashion for a Cause

STP launches NS 2000 with a difference

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THEIR is no end to the ways to drape women in fineries. Despite the strict conformance to Saris and Salwar Kameez in rather conservative designs by women folk, they are not doomed to bored styles. Though sticking to the restricted by strict adherence to conservatism, some designers are trying to fuse the east with west to create innovative eye-catchers and dazzlers.

The exhibition at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka held this week by a fashion house who claim to be trend setters of the new millennium was a reflection of the above. Their motto is to add on artistic value to each piece of creativity. And the exhibition proved that.

This fashion house, NS 2000 is sponsored by Serve the People. STP is a social service organisation which tries to scout out talents from the underprivileged women of Bangladesh. Especially those who are in remote areas and find few opportunities to break their shackles and the vicious circle of poverty. STP



Two block printed dresses in dark purple and beige and brown. The tie dye work on the brown dress makes it more attractive.

through its talent search tries to give these women a better chance.

As Samina Mirza, the Joint Secretary of STP says, every dress here is the hard work and effort of a distressed young girl or woman who has no formal training in block, embroidery or batik, but who never the less gave her best effort in order to earn her night-school fees or supporting her family. She says working with these women mean that the orders take longer and guidance has to be more. But when these women charge more for their work then professionals they don't hesitate to pay up the extra amount because that is their first priority- helping these distressed women. They are not out simply as here as a business venture. Thus the embroidery which may have been charged Tk. 300 by a professional, is charged perhaps Tk. 600 by their workers. She says that since this money goes towards the woman's education or raising her family, Paying them extra is worth it.

The cost in production means that the ensembles are costly too. The price of the fineries on display ranged from Tk. 1500 to Tk. 3500 for salwar kameezes and Tk. 1200 to Tk. 4600 for saris. There were cotton saris in mild colours with chumki and buttis, there were Jamdanis with chumkis, Rajshahi silk with nashki kantha and chumki and many more to chose from. The designers, claim Samina, have wedged the eastern culture with the west in a sublime manner enabling it to suit our tradition. Some of the designers who worked on these creations were Sharmin Hassan, Nasreen Kabir, Tahmina Labib and Maria Hassan.

A few eye catchers on display were the muslin salwar kameez with embroidery on it. This red dress would be a perfect party outfit. There was a beautiful white lace dress which was to be worn with a chemise which had been embroidered in silver. There was a diversity of colour and designs to chose from and if people don't mind the rather high price labels (keeping mind the noble cause it supports) it would be great for the STP.

The STP plans to bring out an eid collection in the later part of Ramzan. They also have grand plans for an indoor Baisakhi extravaganza. NS 2000 has its show room and sales centre at 16/1/B Tallabag, Sobhannbag.



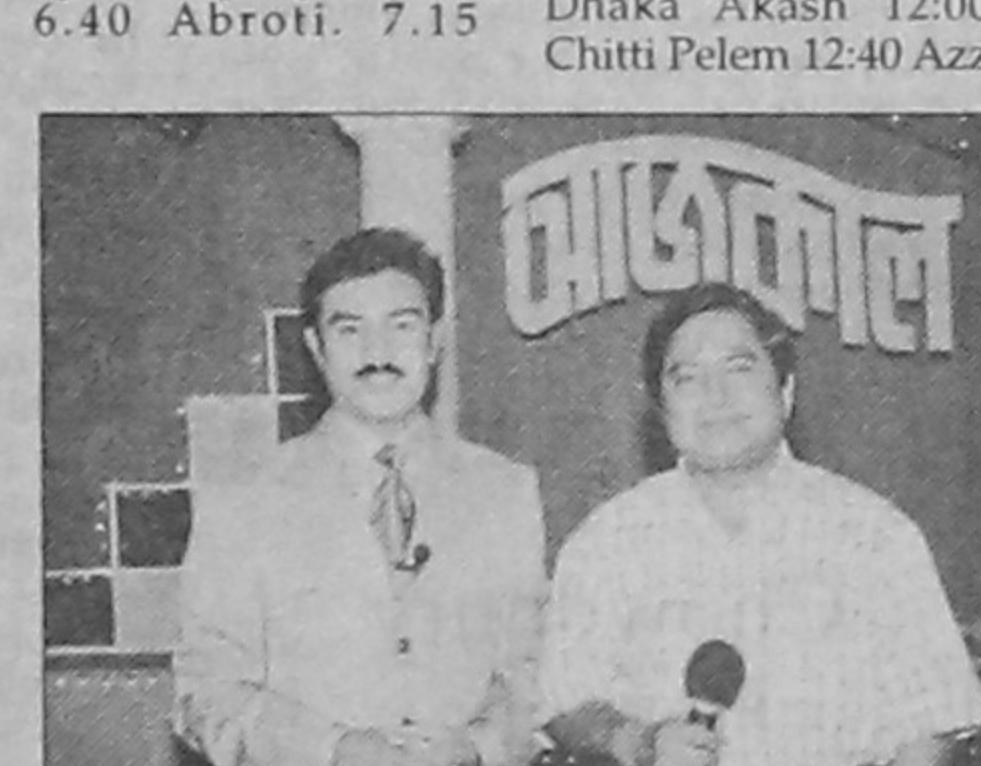
A Black Jamdani saree with brown work and flicks of yellow in it - designed to stand out in a crowd.

BTV

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