

Event

Creating designers for future

The convocation ceremony of the 1999-2000 of batch of Exterior Interiors Private Limited held

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A building by itself is beautiful from outside. But space inside is given an air of its own solely by the creative work of an interior designer who brings life to the brick walls and structure through his artistic and down-to-earth practical touch. In Bangladesh however the arena interior designing has not been able to flourish due to lack of trained professionals in the field.

A big contribution to this has been the almost non-existence of appropriate institutions offering courses in the above fields leading to a serious lack of experts. Exterior Interiors Private Limited and Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited in joint venture has been fulfilling that need almost single-handedly in our country for the last few years by creating exterior and interior designers.

Exterior Interiors Private Ltd is a corporate Architectural Organisation with branches in Kolkata, Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai, Kochi, Hyderabad, Calicut and two International offices at Dhaka, Bangladesh and San Diego, USA.

The convocation 1999 2000 batch of students of the institution was held recently at the Ballroom of Dhaka Sheraton. In this grand ceremony diplomas were handed out to the graduating students and three best students were specially awarded for their outstanding expertise.



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The students awarded for their outstanding results (standing) with the guests of honour.

Because of the technological complexity of contemporary planning and building, it is no longer possible for a single architect or designer to be an expert in all the many aspects that make up a modern building. It is essential, however, that the many specialists who make up a team be able to communicate with each other and have sufficient basic knowledge to carry out their common goals. While the architect usually concerns himself with the overall design of buildings, the

interior designer is concerned with more intimately with the scaled aspects of design, the specific aesthetic, functional, and psychological questions involved, and the individual character of spaces. The main idea of Exterior Interiors Private Ltd's one-year diploma course is to help nurture and create experts in this field.

Masih-ul-Karim, Managing Director of Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited began his speech emphasising on the social commitment that was made by this institution in 1996 as a responsible corporate citizen. He also said, "These students will create beautiful homes. They are the driving force of a beautiful nation." Next Farid Ahmed, Senior Business Development Manger of Exterior Interiors read out a message from Ashish Mitra, Managing Director of Exterior Interiors Private Ltd..

Ashim Kumar Mukhrjee, President, Exterior Interior Private Limited, India in his speech pointed out how the venture was started with only two students in 1996. Now in the year 2001 we have more than 1200 students and 10 branches in India and Bangladesh alone." He also talked about how the institution is planning to spread its wings to

different parts of the country.

In the second part of the programme Ashim Mukherjee handed out certificates to the graduating class. The chief guest also handed over trophies and medals to the best three performers, Shirmin Meher (1st with 82.99 per cent marks), Munirul Islam (2nd with 77.2 per cent marks) and Mohammed Zahiruddin (3rd with 76.55 per cent marks). Prize money worth Tk. 5000, 3000 and 2000 were also given away to the best students respectively.

The evening came to an end with a performance by renowned folk singer Farida Parvin. She rendered such popular Lalan songs such as, 'Bohadin Holo Bhengeche Ghor', 'O Pakhire Ay Dekhe Ja', 'Ei Padma Ei Meghna', 'Khachar Bhitro Achin Pakhi', 'Milon Hobo Koto Dine', and 'Shomoy Gele Shadhon Hobo Na'.

Although interior designing is still a developing profession in the country, the need of good interior designers is still very high. Institutions such as Exterior Interiors Private Limited are doing a good job in creating creative designers for the future. Let's hope that these designers keep up the good work take the profession further ahead.

Celebration

Its Mother's Day today

An international day in honour of all mothers

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PEOPLE all over the world celebrate Mother's Day today in celebration and memory for moms. It is a time of family gatherings and a time to tell everyone's mom how important they are to one.

The card and gift shops are buzzing with different offers in the town this week as the celebration of this special day is also catching up in our country.

Sharmin, a 14 year old from Dhanmondi, has already planned a surprise party for her mom. Yasmin and Mehjabeen, her classmates, have already bought cards for their mothers.

In our country, the celebration of Mother's Day is limited to the upper middle class and the growing urban residents. Many see it as only a commercial venture for card companies to sell their products. Herock, a young man from Mirpur area, says "In our country and culture we always look after our parents, including our mothers throughout her life. Most of our occasions centre around our parents. We take care of her all the time and hence don't need a special day to commemorate our love for them Mother's Day are for those, who never see their mothers for days at a time and only use this day to see them"

Jesmine, however differs, and she feels that despite our everlasting love for someone, a special day as Mother's Day is a special way of letting someone know how much we love or mother, who plays the biggest role in our upbringing.

The earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600's, England celebrated a day called "Mothering Sunday". Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter), "Mothering Sunday", honoured mothers of England.

During this time many of the England's poor worked as servants for the wealthy. As most jobs were located far from their homes, the servants would live at the houses of their employers. On Mothering Sunday the servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake, called the *mothering cake*, was often brought along to provide a festive touch.

It is said that as Christianity spread throughout Europe the celebration changed to honour the "Mother Church" - the spiritual power that gave them life and protected them from harm. Over time the church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebration. People began honouring their mothers as well as the church.

In the United States Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe (who wrote the words to the Battle hymn of the Republic) as a day dedicated to peace. Julia would hold organized Mother's Day meetings in Boston every year.

In 1907 Ana Jarvis, from Philadelphia, began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. Ana persuaded her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia to celebrate Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the 2nd Sunday of May. By the next year Mother's Day was also celebrated in Philadelphia.

Ana and her supporters began to write to ministers, businessmen, and politicians in their quest to establish a national Mother's Day. It was so successful that 1911 Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state. President Woodrow Wilson, in 1914, made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday



that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May.

While many countries of the world celebrate their own Mother's Day at different times throughout the year, there are some countries such as Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, and Belgium, which also celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May.

Although opinions vary, one cannot overlook the fact that in face of globalisation, with the world coming together because of better technology, days like this only help us to glue together many of our celebrations. A day to honour mothers therefore is an international affair, and in case you had forgotten, earlier, do not forget to take home some flowers today -- just to tell your mom once again how very much you love her.



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No matter what, a mother always has time for her child.

TV GUIDE

BTv 3:00 Opening Announcement 3:20 Open University 3:45 Shukhi Poribar 4:00 Khabar 4:05 Animation Film: Animal Show 4:30 Pushtitathya 4:45 Alor Payra 5:10 Shasthatathya 5:25 National Television Debate 6:00 Khabar 6:10 Taruchaya 6:35 Programme from Chillagong station 7:00 News Headlines 7:05 Mati O' Manush 7:30 Bhraman 8:00 News in Bengali 8:30 Drama Series: Mosto Boro Kando 9:00 News Headlines 9:05 Dram series: Apon Jon 9:30 Film Show: Team Knight Rider 10:00 Chayachanda 10:30 News in English 10:55 Abohoman Bangla 11:30 Khabar / The News 11:45 Closing	6:10 Quran 6:40 Drama: Bristir Din.. 7:15 Drama: Achena 8:30 I Tele Quise 8:40 Ovaltin Amar Ma Amar Prithivi 9:15 Job Line 10:00 Amar Chobbi 11:00 Bangla Cinema: Khajer Bhehi Rahima (Jasim/Sabana) BBC WORLD 6:00 BBC News 6:30 Holiday 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Eur Dir,USA Dir, Sci World, Aus Dir 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Correspondent 9:00 BBC News 9:30 This Week 10:00 BBC News 10:30 IT: India Tomorrow 11:00 BBC News 11:30 India Business Report 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Wheels Hospital 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Face To Face 2:00 BBC News 2:30 This Week 3:00 BBC News 3:30 ICE Mummies (14-15) Hillary's Ny (16) Ray Mears (17-19) The Big Chill (20) Killer Bugs (21) Face/Leprosy (22), Earth Story(23-26) 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Click Online 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Eur Dir,USA Dir, Sci World, Aus Dir 6:00 BBC News 6:30 QED 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Top Gear 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Dateline London 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Dancing in the Street 10:00 BBC News 10:30 India Business Report 11:00 BBC News 11:30 ICE Mummies 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Eur Dir,USA Dir, Sci World, Aus Dir 1:00 BBC News 1:30 QED 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Top Gear 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Dateline London 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Asia Business Report/Reporters 5:00 BBC News 5:30 0000Asia Business Report/Asia Today STAR WORLD 7:00 Nash Bridges 8:00 The Pretender	9:00 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World 10:00 Ally McBeal 11:00 The Practice 12:00 Martial Law 1:00 World Championship Wrestling Thunder 3:00 Crown and Country 3:30 Travel Asia 4:00 Baywatch Hawaii 5:00 The Simpsons 5:30 3rd Rock From the Sun 6:00 Star News Focus Asia 7:00 The X Files 7:30 Star Trek: The Next Generation 9:00 That '70s Shows 10:00 Star News Sunday 10:30 The X Files 11:30 Star Trek: The Next Generation 12:30 Cops 1:00 Star News Focus Asia 2:00 The X Files 3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily 3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries 4:00 Life In The Word With Joyce Meyer 4:30 World News 5:00 Fashion TV 5:30 Mork & Mindy 6:00 Murder Call STAR PLUS 6:00 Kuccha Papad Pucca Papad 6:30 Star Geetmala 7:30 Good Morning India 8:30 Fox Kids-Sunday 9:30 The Sword of Tipu Sultan 10:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati Junior 11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshri 12:30 Chhupa Rustam 1:00 Musafir Hoon Yaroon 1:30 Mirch Masala 2:00 Ek Main Aur Ek Tu 2:30 Mail Milap 2:40 Star Sunday Matinee: Pyara Dushman (Vinod Mehra, Vidya Sinha) 6:00 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehti Thi 6:30 Fox Kids Sunday 7:00 Jubilee Plus 8:00 Star Film Utsav: Satyakaam (Dharmendra, Sharmila Tagore) 11:30 Star Bestseller 12:30 Kalash 1:00 Sonpari 1:30 Star Movie Show: Do Pal (Akshay Anand, Dolly) 4:30 I Love My India 5:00 Shanti 5:30 Hit Ya Fit STAR MOVIES 8:30 Action: The Contract 10:15 Action: Escape From New York 12:00 Thriller: Bloody Murder
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PICK OF THE DAY

Madhur Amar Maayer Hsi

On Ekushey television tonight at 10. On the occasion of International Mother Day famous singers of the country will sing their renowned songs on mother. The singers are: Subir Nandi, Nilufer Yashmin, Jewel, Shahajahan Boyati and band Renaissance.



3:05 Tararum 4:00 Hit Pe Hit 5:00 Zee Music Box 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Dil Se 6:30 Zee Music Plus 7:30 Hit Pe Hit 8:30 Fillers 9:00 Compact Disc 9:30 Zee Music Box 10:00 Sizzlers 10:30 Jharokha 11:05 Zee Music.com 12:00 Phoren Maal 12:35 Phoren Maal 1:05 Zee Music Box 1:35 Jharokha 2:00 Hit Pe Hit 3:00 Pyar Mohabbat Etc 3:30 Tararum 4:30 Phoren Maal 5:30 Sizzlers	ALPHA BANGLA 6:30 Daibabdh 7:00 Arghya/Anand Vilas 7:30 News Bulletin 8:00 Surer Ei Jharnadharae 8:30 Jonotar Dorbare 9:00 News Bulletin 9:05 Bharat Bhraman 9:30 Swami Vivekananda 10:30 Apna Der Janya 10:30 Talk Jhal Mishiti 11:30 Netaji Subhash Chandra 12:00 Bidesshini Bodhu 12:30 Bhalobasa Mondobasa 1:00 Ranna Ghar 1:30 Bhawani Purer Chatterjaya 2:00 Jemon Bolben sir 2:30 Aaj Kal Parsur Gaipo Feature Film 5:00 Arghya/Anand Vilas 5:30 Disney 6:00 Alpha Khabor 6:25 Jhankar 6:30 Mojar Khela Kobitae 7:00 Kellar Duniya 7:25 Jhankar 7:30 Googly 7:55 Jhankar 8:00 Alpha Bangla Rangmancha 10:00 News Bulletin 10:05 Ek Palake 10:20 Ishkabone Bibi 10:40 Ek Palake 10:45 Prapto Boyshkoder Janya 11:20 Alpha Khabor 11:45 Ek Palake 11:50 Saat Rang 12:15 Surer Ei Jharna Dhara 12:30 Surtaal 1:00 Bharat Bhromon 1:30 Bengali Feature Film 4:00 Ek Akasher Niche 4:30 Nayanlara 5:00 Ingit 5:30 Foot Ball 6:00 Apna Der Janya	ZEE TV 6:15 Yaadon Ke Pal 6:45 Old Is Gold 7:00 Bhakti Geet 7:30 Amrit Kalash 8:00 Guldasta 8:30 Nickelodeon 9:00 Nickelodeon 9:30 Jai Ganesha 10:30 Vishnu Puran 11:30 Pradhan Mantri 12:30 Quiz Contest 1:00 Apun To Bas Vaise Hi 1:30 Top Of the Tops 2:00 Khamoshiyan... Kab Tak 2:30 Zee & You 3:00 Tarzan-Cinema Hits 6:00 Ek Nazar 6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee 7:00 Nickelodeon 7:30 Thief Of Baghdad 8:30 Hamare Tumhare 9:00 Antakshari 10:00 Reshtey The Love Stories 11:00 India's Most Wanted 11:30 Aanchal Ki Chaon Mein Samander 12:30 Mehendi Tere Naam Ki 1:00 Ankahee 1:30 Zee Talkies 2:00 Dastan 2:30 Ek Nazar 3:00 Ek Thi Ladki 5:45 News In Hindi ESPN STAR SPORTS 6:30 Sportscenter: International Edition 7:00 Snooker Billiards Espn World Snooker: 2001 Scottish Open 9:00 Tennis Masters Series By Mercedes-Benz Tennis Masters Series Roma Rome, Italy Men's Semifinal Match 1:00 West Indies Cricket The Cable & Wireless One Day Series Grenada, West Indies South Africa West Indies 5 th Odi, Highlights 2:00 Atp Tennis Show 2:30 Snooker Billiards Espn World Snooker: 2001 Scottish Open 4:30 Race Day Spielberg, Austria Austrian Grand Prix 5:45 Formula One 2001 Formula One World Championships Spielberg, Austria Austrian Grand Prix 8:30 Chequered Flag Chequered Flag: Formula One Spielberg, Austria Austrian Grand Prix 8:30 Sbk Superbike Magazine Highlights 9:00 Spanish Football League 2000/01 Spanish Football League final 11:00 Rugby 7's Irb World Sevens Series 2000/2001 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Highlights 12:00 Spanish Football League 2000/01 Spanish Football League final 2:00 Pga Tour Golf Verzon Byron Nelson Classic Irving, TX USA Third Round 4:00 Wta Tour Family Circle Cup Charleston, SC USA Finals 5:30 English Domestic Club Rugby Zurich Champi-
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