# CULTURE

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# RECOMMENDATIONS

Satranji display

An exhibition of traditional Satranji

by eminent satranji maker and

promoter Shafiqul Alam Selim of

Karupannya, Rangpur, starts at

August1-8

# Making "satranji" more sophisticated

emotion and creativity and exploit

these sensibilities and so make our

creations different from those found

in other countries. The way rugs can

be made popular is to have a work-

shop to render a basic guidance.

The element of creativity should be

left to the crafts people. This will

lend more finesse the work. The

colours of 'satranji' should reflect

the joys of our lives and should drive

away the black clouds that often

"Karupannya"'s "satranji" exhibition opens at Drik Gallery

#### FAYZA HAQ

Exhibition

twice to decorate my own home with

these local products. The new

elements that I have found in this

pitch. These items are very different

DRIK gallery at Dhanmondi in the city and is open to all from 3 to 8 p.m. daily. Reputed performer Asaduzzaman Noor M.P. inaugucolours at Drik by "Karupannya" rates the display while puppeteer Saidul Haque Juise stays present one saw once again the superb craft as special guest in the opening of the Rangpur rug makers which ceremony. one has witnessed in the city at various venues earlier.

#### Aquarium Exhibition August 2-8

An exhibition of aquarium and colourful tropical, brackish and marine water fish is currently being held at the outlet of American Aquarium Project at 22/2, Sonargaon road at Hatirpool (beside Eastern Plaza) in the city that displays and sells aquariums and fishes of a wide range The show continues everyday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. till August 8

#### **Art exhibition** August 2-15

Artist Fakrul Islam holds a solo exhibition of his works at the gallery of Alliance Francaise, complete schedule of which will soon be announced. 'Art is the best way to express emotion, love and personal attitude of oneself' says Fakrul.

### Fine arts exhibition

July 20-Aug 4 Renowned sculptor Rasa and his younger brother, Rajeeb Siddiky, a rising artist, hold a joint display of their

creations of painting and sculpture at the 2nd floor gallery of National Museum in the city. The exhibition remains open to all everyday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Children's

## painting

July 22-August 8 Entitled Wasserwelten (Water world).

an exhibition of paintings done by children from the schools of 'Shilpi Sultan Pathshala' and 'Surovi' of Dhaka, takes place at Goethe Institut in the city from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. everyday except on Fridays and general holidays.



particular exhibit are that there are that one finds in places like 'Arong' more varied designs and a greater and other boutiques where there feast of colours. The hues have not are prescribed designs and every imposed artificially but have come item are identical. In those cases from within the mind, imagination there is a rush to make them and and feelings of the crafts persons. deliver them quickly. Earlier in the They reflected the thoughts and 'nakshikanthas' the village women feelings of the creators. As the put in their hopes, dreams, pain, husbands and wives have worked joys, memories and experiences in together in creating these rugs they their embroidery as I have read in reflected an understanding and the poems of Jasimuddin. warmth that is not common in our lives. Thus the rugs reflected a soul

Commercialism has destroyed the art form in our crafts. We must get out of this questionable situation and must cling on to the touch of

gather over our heads. The well-known artist and puppeteer, Saidul Haque Juise, who was the guest of honour, said, "This 'satranji' display is different and superior to the earlier ones although they have been the products of the same rug house i.e 'Karupannya of Rangpur. The colours , forms and patterns have been more thought provoking. You cannot doubt that the rug makers are experimenting intelligently. Their efforts are indeed improving with time. True, the designs need more thought and variety with the progress of time but

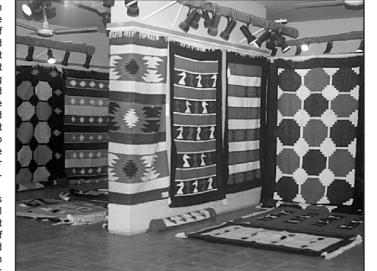
it is difficult for 'Karupannya' to employ a creative and reliable qualified and professional designer who will carry on the experimentation ceaselessly.

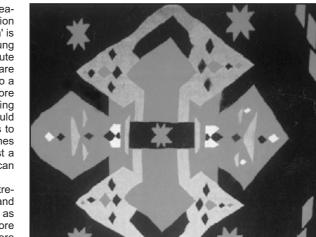
" It is important also to make rugs geared for children which will beautify their rooms. I feel that representing Bangla culture, a lot of motifs and even alphabets and numbers maybe included in them for educational purposes. Designs

of tigers and birds must be measured for instance for the proportion of details. Again as 'Karupannya' is doing a sort of social work young students from the Fine Arts Institute DU and architecture faculty who are eager to help can be made to do a voluntary workshop to find more designs to enrich the rug making venture. The senior artists too could be roped in too and this applies to rugs for all purposes and not ones aimed at children. If there is just a little more progress, this craft can survive without difficulty.

Good handicrafts have a tremendous demand overseas and this is increasing everyday just as machine made products have more finishing as the days go by. There must be quality control in order to capture the foreign markets. The sizes and colours should be identical. If mass marketing of rugs to foreign countries can be done from Bangladesh these basic necessities must be kept in mind. We could export to foreign firs and Safiqul Alam Selim of 'Karupannya' has already received one of two offers. Even our artistic paper and glass hand made items have got foreign demand and selling good rugs overseas should not be such a complex proposition."

Safigul Alam Selim, of 'Karupannya" said," 'Satranji' is an Arabic word which stands for a thick quality of cloth. The technique of weaving of this rug is an ancient one





and in fact prehistoric people made this by weaving the wool of animals. Later they added colour from leaves and berries of the forest trees. Next the concept of designs entered people's minds. In Rangpur weaving of rugs is not historically recorded. However, in 1873 Hunter, a British historian informs us that in 1827, Nisbet the District Collector of the area was impressed by the rugs in that village area and began patronizing it. The designs at that time, in the rugs, included the footprints of the elephants or 'pilpa',

other designs include 'eetkhati' 'latia', 'ghuri'. Later tapestry forms like the motifs of boats or village woman carrying water vessel on her hips or even boats with full sails birds with long thin beaks, peacocks and bullock carts became popular. "The Rangpur 'satranji' craft began to deteriorate in the 1940s was neglected till 1971. Meanwhile the weavers had abandoned and forgotten their craft. After the

participated in the local fairs from

1982 to 1992 with my handicraft. In

1986 at a trade fair, I had a stall of

my own. Today I'm 37 years old and

have plenty of experience in crafts.

Later, being acquainted with vari-

ous crafts of the country at the local

fairs I developed a weakness for

'satranji' making. Rangpur is where

I belong . I've had several dispalys

of my 'satranji' at various venues

such as the Alliance Francaise

WVA and Drik. Every time we have

an exhibit, we have to bring in fresh

popularize the traditional , indige-

nous and ecologically-free 'satranji'

in Dhaka's neo-urban society and

was a laudable venture indeed

The display was an endeavour to

designs and colours.

Liberation, in 1972, through government initiative 'Nari Puronbash Kendra' the rug craft was revived. which is geometrical in shape. The 'Karupannya' is a private venture and I'm its proprietor. I went into 'satranji' making as I used to make portraits from straw as a child and

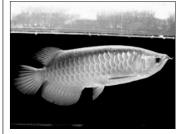
# **Exotic yet** unexplored

Exhibition of tropical and marine aquarium begins in the city

**CULTURE DESK** 

MERICAN Aquarium Project, a dealer of colourful aquarium fish and tanks, holds an exhibition at its outlet at Sonargaon road (near Eastern Plaza) in the city. The exhibition was inaugurated yesterday morning that was attended by a huge number of amateur and professional aquarists and general visitors.

A wide variety of aquariums have been put on show those include both tropical and marine tanks. Spectacular aquascaping (aquarium decoration) provides a marvelous appearance to the exhibits inside which swim rare and expensive fishes supported



Golden Arowana

by coral reefs, mountainous seabeds and and some of the most precious aquatic plants of the world.

An exclusive species with a gigantic size and an elongated body, the Golden Arowana, a diet fish of the Malayan islands, finds place at the show that hikes an exorbitant price, something in lakhs. Apart from it, there are other types of fish including piranha, elephant nose, discus, red parrot fish, sharks' of various types, and oscar. Common aquarium varieties like goldfish and angel are also available at the exhibition. Aquariums displayed at the show hike prices those range between taka ten thousand and three lacs.

The exhibition remains open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day till August 8.

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