

RECOMMENDATIONS

Satranji display

August 1-8
An exhibition of traditional Satranji by eminent satranji maker and promoter Shaful Alam Selim...

Aquarium Exhibition

August 2-8
An exhibition of aquarium and colourful tropical, brackish and marine water fish...

Art exhibition

August 2-15
Artist Fakrul Islam holds a solo exhibition of his works at the gallery of Alliance Francaise...

Fine arts exhibition

July 20-Aug 4
Renowned sculptor Rasa and his younger brother, Rajeb Siddiky, a rising artist...

Children's painting

July 22-August 8
Entitled Wasserwelten (Water world), an exhibition of paintings done by children from the schools...

Exhibition

Making "satranji" more sophisticated

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

FAYZA HAQ

AT the ongoing exhibition of various rugs of numerous designs, shapes and colours at Drik by "Karupannya"...

At the exhibition, Asaduzzaman Noor, MP and famous actor, the chief guest said, "Satranji appeals to me in particular as I'm from Rangpur myself. I was greatly impressed by the display...

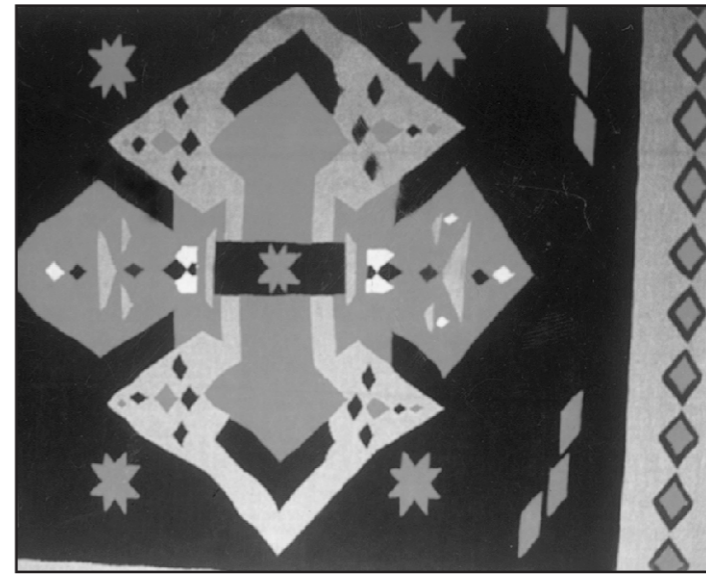


that one finds in places like 'Arong' and other boutiques where there are prescribed designs and every item are identical. In those cases there is a rush to make them and deliver them quickly...

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 workshop to render a basic guidance...



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...



"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 firms and Safique Alam Selim of 'Karupannya' has already received one of two offers...

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', which is geometrical in shape. The

other designs include 'eethkhat', '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 Liberation, in 1972, through government initiative 'Nari Purnobashi Kendra' the rug craft was revived. '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 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 various crafts of the country at the local fairs I developed a weakness for 'satranji' making. Rangpur is where I belong. I've had several displays 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 designs and colours."

The display was an endeavour to popularize the traditional, indigenous and ecologically-free 'satranji' in Dhaka's neo-urban society and was a laudable venture indeed.



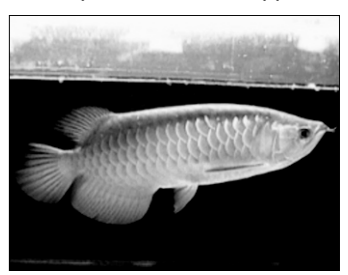
Exotic yet unexplored

Exhibition of tropical and marine aquarium begins in the city

CULTURE DESK

AMERICAN 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 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 Malaysian islands, finds place at the show that hies 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.

TV GUIDE

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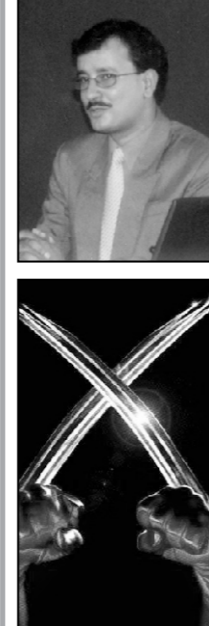
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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



BTV at 10:25 pm Samakalin Orthonti. Coordinated, directed and hosted by A K M Shobh, the new programme features various aspects of the country's economy. The programme highlights on issues like national budget, remittance, EPZ, banking sector, investment, market rate, possible future exportable items, rural economy, etc. Apart from all these, the brief programme presents expert economic opinion.

PICK OF THE DAY



Extreme Measures On HBO at 10:00 pm When a promising young neurologist discovers evidence of foul play in the emergency room, his own life suddenly becomes in danger. Dr Guy Luthan happens to discover evidence implicating prominent physician Dr Lawrence Myrick of foul play. Unfortunately Dr Myrick resorts to any method necessary to protect his cover whether by discouragement, destroying Luthan's career, or simply ending his life.

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