There are similar stories of not being able to find the perfect venue, of couples waiting out months for the perfect winter wedding. The lucky ones are of course over the moon as preparations begin in full swing.

Winter in Dhaka is also about holidays with students studying abroad flying back to their nests as universities close down. Textbooks and endless notes rightfully take a backseat making this time of the year all the more special. Winter for these people mean home and all the good things it stands for, things they swear never to take for granted! Cereal and re-heated slices of hardened pizza are left behind and replaced by hot *chotpoti* on the street side and grandma's *pitha*. Shabab Ahmed Chowdhury, a returning student from Macquarie University, Sydney elucidates how coming back home during this season is always great as Bangladesh at this time, is at its best. "We usually take a day out of the city. Everything about winter in Bangladesh feels so good. And then there is the New Year's, which is always fun no matter what you do when you're back among school friends. I feel compelled to return every winter, and the best part about it is of course, the *pithas*!"

Pitha, the heavenly rice cakes, are undeniably



A common scenario of people shopping for warm clothes.