



THE Tangail sari epitomises our textile weaves; it has existed in the history of Bengal for quite a while, and till date, maintained an exclusive status in the psyche of South Asian fashion-enthusiasts. On 1 October this year, Fashion Design Council of Bangladesh and Bengal Lounge will present a festival – An Ode to Textile Weaves – in a joint venture, hoping to re-instil the pride in the mindset of the Bengali fashionista regarding this heritage loom.

Maheen Khan, President, Fashion Design Council, opines that what was once the most beautiful fabric with delicate designs and subtle composition is transforming into what is more improvised. "Diligent weavers remain unknown and the sari is becoming more of an occasional wear and sometimes used for specific types of clothing, namely suits and dupattas," she said.

Through this event, the Fashion Council aims to revive the popularity of Bangladeshi textiles and expects to witness a more widespread use of the fabric.

The event will showcase a collection of Tangail saris that date back to the 1950s demonstrating the timelessness of this fabric. Parallel to that, there will be a contemporary collection of saris signifying the evolution in patterns and styles that this material has undergone throughout recent history. Furthermore, visitors will have the opportunity to take a look at some of the techniques used



in the weaving process such as the installation of tools and mechanisms to weave and finish the cotton fabric. The use of a series of designs and inspirations as developed

in a team will be explored during this exhibition. The exhibition will further throw light on the future of this fabric, whilst charting its journey to its present day.

Famed local designers Kuhu, Emdad Hoque, Farah Anjum Bari, Shaibal Saha, Shabana Ali, Maria Islam, Lipi Khandker, Shahrukh Amin, Nawshin Khair, Biplob Saha, Chondona Dewan, and Maheen Khan all worked together on bringing forward new interpretations of the old designs, changing forms and displaying their expertise. Aarong will showcase their work on these timeless pieces and highlight the innovative and contemporary designs, whilst throwing light on all the work that goes on behind the scenes.

This event, supported by Square Toiletries and BRAC Bank, is ideal for those seeking an intersection of art and fashion. Head to Bengal Art Lounge, Road 60, Gulshan 1 at 6pm on 1

October and be part of a huge celebration of national pride.

The event will continue from the 1st to the 4th October 2014.

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