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'RONGBAJI' ON RICKSHAWS

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Why rickshaw paint?
Because, rickshaws are an integral component of our city lives. The images painted on rickshaws have always been a colorful reflection of the historical, cultural, social issues of our times.
As they shared it with a few friends from 'Meye' (Bengali word for girl), a womens' network, Azka Eshita and Smita Das came up with an elaborate plan. The initial plan was to motivate rickshaw painters to paint the slogans on rickshaws, so that these rickshaws could carry the message around the TSC area, where the incidents of sexual assault carried out against women on Pahela Baishakh festivities took place last year. We came across some people who could and wanted to help, and 'Rongbaji' came together in just one week. We hope that words will thus roam around places and find their ways into people's thought leading us to a better tomorrow.



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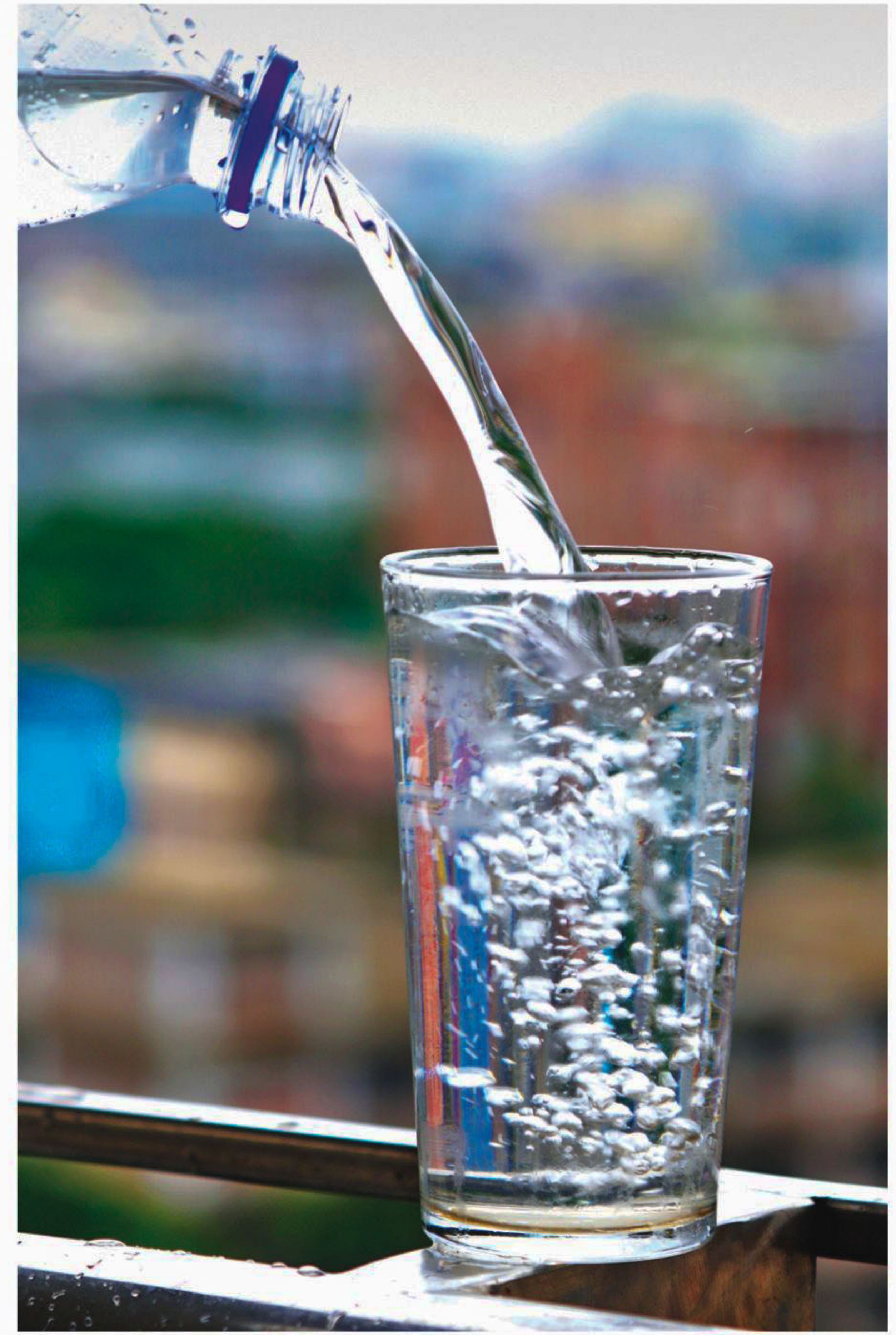
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WATER WORKS

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The heat is at its worst state and its only April. One wonders about the scorching June and July and pray for some more of the Baishakhi rain. As tradition goes, school children, however, will be looking forward to the summer vacations and list out things to do here and maybe on a foreign trip to one of the cooler countries. Decades ago, children looked forward to their *aam kathaler chuti* (holidaying with mangoes and jackfruits), and would spend their two months or less away in the villages with their cousins. However, things have changed since then and life is no longer as simple as it was decades ago. Today, not only do we have to take care of our own selves, but also look out for other around.
This piece might end up sounding like a health piece, but health advice and sharing of positive experiences to keep mind and body sane and working in peace -- is something that we really need; especially if you are a Dhaka dweller, witnessing 'road works' and recovering from the recent flyover construction.
Drink water: Yes you are probably dreaming of floating in an exotic swimming pool while working on the last power point slide, building your annual corporate strategy, but obviously,

it's a lie. However, drink water -- at least 10-12 cups of it. Generally one cup of water is measured at 250 ml. Get a 500 ml bottle for yourself, drink it at one go and then fill it up to drink again a little later. Drinking water from the bottle at least 5-6 times through out the day will ensure proper water intake.
Help others drink water: Fix some used plastic water bowls by your window sill or the balcony. Fill them up with water for the birds to come and take a dip. Not only is the scene breathtakingly beautiful, but you'll also be doing nature a favour. Also, buy or borrow medium sized water tanks, attach a plastic or a metal cup to the tank with a chain and place it outside your home. Rickshaw pullers, road side vendors and just regular people walking by will be able to have a drink or two. Check on the tank once in a while and fill it up once the water is finished. You might also think of placing open bowls of water on the streets for stray dogs and cats to have a drink or two as well.
Water indeed is a universal element. Have some water, instead of carbonated drinks which would end up making you gain weight and cause harm to your body -- and make sure that others get to enjoy some as well! ■



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LEELA SAMSON AND SPANDA'S PERFORMANCE/WORKSHOP
 April 21-28, 6.30 pm - 8pm
 Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
 Hosted by- Lubna Marium
 For more information, visit-
<https://www.facebook.com/events/514032845472093/>

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2016
 April 23, 8am- 6pm
 Radisson Blue Water Garden Hotel
 Hosted by- Bangladesh Brand Forum
 For Query and Tickets, visit-
<https://www.facebook.com/events/607824599368400/>

A PIECE OF WHISPER
 AN EXHIBITION BY FAHAD AL ALAM
 April 16-29, at 5pm - 8pm
 Curated by: Shehzad Chowdhury
 Leela: Where Minds Come to Play, Banani
 For more information, visit-
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1710642612557255/>