

# EDITORIAL

Sylhet. Synonymous with tea and blessed with some of the most serene natural sceneries this land has to offer. As part of our constant efforts to take SHOUT beyond the boundaries of the capital, we took a night bus all the way to the northeast of Bangladesh to experience, and bring you, Sylhet. Yes, we did it. We strolled around the SUST campus, enjoyed meals of *shatkora* beef and paid our respects at the *dargah*. If only we could speak the local dialect, it'd have been even better.

The youth of Sylhet hold a lot of promise and potential. They grow up in a city where a day trip can cover marshy wetlands and hills covered in clouds. They also live in a place steeped in age-old traditions, and a sense of spiritual integrity in "the land of 360 *aulias*".

This week's issue is all Sylheti. The articles, stories and illustrations have been contributed by the youth of Sylhet, or those who hold a strong connection to the beautiful region.

Welcome to Sylhet, on SHOUT.

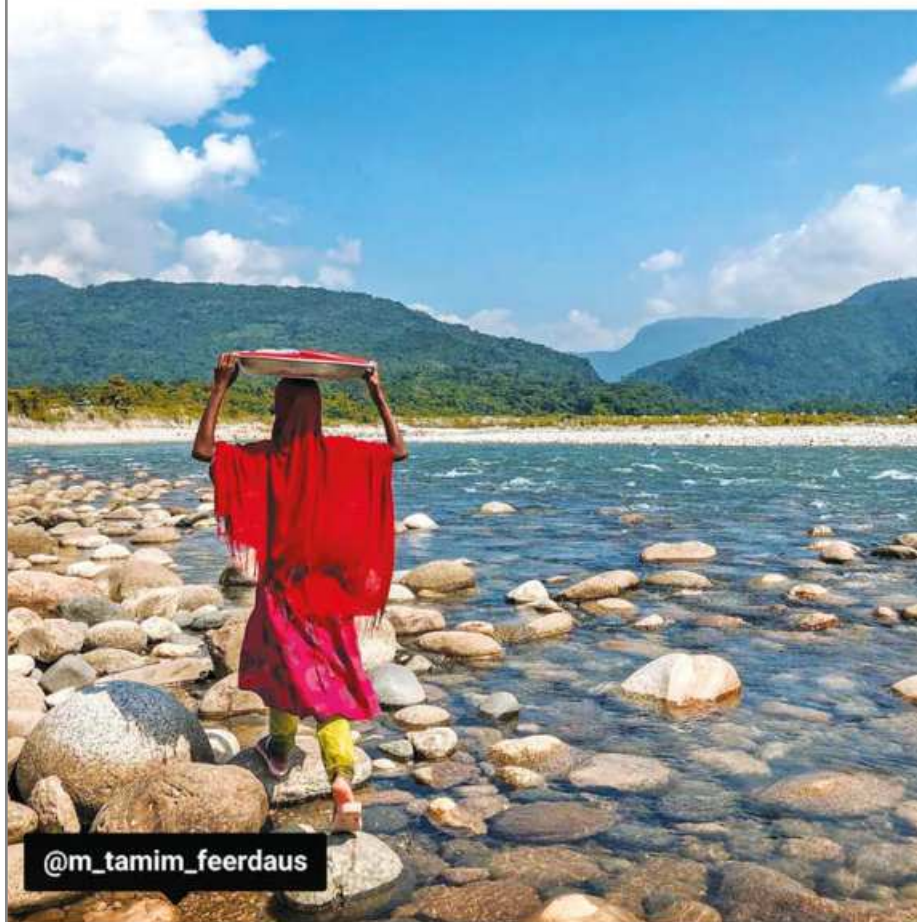
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## TALE OF THE TAPE



panshi  
restaurant



panch bhai  
restaurant

The breakfast at Panshi has everything. The usual porota-bhaji-thick creamy cup of tea works, but everyone swears by the khichuri. It's... beautiful.

BREAKFAST

Will the kolija and paya at Panch Bhai slow you down at the beginning of the day? Yes, but it's worth it. Order the "tondul" rooti; it's underappreciated.

Shatkora beef at Panshi has the slightest hint of shatkora, the way it should be. The big piece of bowal maach will excite most diners, and also burn their wallets. If chicken is your jam, the grilled chicken ticks most boxes.

REST OF THE DAY

The begun bhaji before lunch is deep-fried yet soft, and perfect. The pabda maach comes with a sweet and thick bean gravy. Can't miss the sweetened yogurt that has hints of sour - a delightful palate cleanser.

Outdoor seating at Panshi is a definite plus, given the chaos indoors. The warm glow of the shifting LED lights at night give off party vibes.

AMBIENCE

Lunch service feels like iftar here; the chaos is insane. They provide different sections for any configuration of dining parties - comfort over glamour.

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