

MUJIB 100: Magnificent art of Bangabandhu in Bangkok

Red heart in the middle of a red-green canvas. In the middle of that heart is the face of Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. This extraordinary painting of Bangabandhu, created by Bangladeshi artist Ronnie Ahmed, is now on display at the famous Art and Antiques Gallery on the banks of the Chao Phraya River in Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. The exhibition of this painting, titled *Mujib 100 in Bangkok*, started from 18 March. The Art and Antiques Gallery, known as the heart of Thailand's art culture, regularly hosts exhibitions by world-renowned painters.

Anisul Haque Chowdhury Shohag, Managing Director of Mermaid Eco-Tourism Limited, has taken this initiative to highlight the Father of the Nation abroad on the occasion of Bangabandhu's birth centenary.

Shohag said, "Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is our greatest leader. He wanted to conquer everything with love. We want to spread the message of the love of our father of the nation all over the world."

Rad Hossain, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Mermaid Eco-Tourism Limited, has collaborated with Shohag in this exhibition of Bangabandhu's paintings at The Art and Antiques Gallery in Bangkok.

KFC opens new outlet in Dhanmondi 5

KFC Bangladesh, run by Transcom Foods Limited — a subsidiary of Bangladesh's leading business group Transcom — has recently opened its 23rd outlet at Dhanmondi Road No. 5 in the capital.

Amit Dev Thapa, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Transcom Foods Limited, along with Dr Md Enamur Rahman, State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief, inaugurated the launching ceremony on Wednesday, 10 March. Tasty KFC meals were distributed among the street children of 'Mojar School' who were invited as well.

KFC is an international restaurant chain in Bangladesh, having commenced operations with its flagship outlet in Gulshan 1 from 2006. From the beginning, KFC Bangladesh is maintaining high standard of food safety and hygiene.

Among others Muradul Mustakin, Head of Marketing and Sheikh Zahir Ahmad, Operations Manager — KFC, along with key officials were also present at the ceremony.

Honouring women entrepreneurs

Based on the theme of Women's Day 2021 — "Women Leadership in pandemic, building a new world of equality," Ujjwala honoured seven women entrepreneurs who have started or are doing good business during the time of crisis period in pandemic. The first part of the award ceremony was held on 9 March where five women entrepreneurs were honoured. In the second phase of the programme, two women entrepreneurs have been honoured.

The chief guest at the programme was renowned musician, journalist, television presenter, Director of BRAC's Gender, justice and diversity and prevention of violence against women initiative's department Nobonita Chowdhury.

Afroza Parveen, Managing Director of Ujjwala, facilitated the overall programme to discuss the success stories of the bright, bold women entrepreneurs.

"We are seeing many role models that we did not even imagine 10 years ago; we hope women will move forward in this way" — was the statement from the chief guest; she praised the courageous steps of the two struggling brave women entrepreneurs — Asma Rahman and Samira Tunaj.

Ujjwala, in the four years of its operations in Bangladesh, has been at the forefront of facilitating and supporting Beauty and Grooming (B&G) professionals so that they can take their rightful place in society with pride and dignity. As a non-profit organization, Ujjwala is working tirelessly for the skills and economic development of the underprivileged and vulnerable people to make them self-reliant. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/UjjwalaBD>



RANYAFUL

The story of Ranyaful

In Chakma literature, Ranyaful refers to a kind of wildflower that grows without much care in the mountains. In Rangamati, a production house has started its journey under the name 'Rannayful', to reintroduce and revive the ethnic crafts through their products.

Tajimi Chakma, a young and educated woman, came up with this unique idea to start her own production house and eventually launched the Ranyaful Facebook page on 2 July, 2019. The two siblings, Tajimi Chakma and Igimi Chakma are the owners of Ranyaful production house.

"Our journey began with the urge to do something using our free time. Ranyaful production house is running through a Facebook page as we do not have any outlet, as we are still struggling to establish our business," shares Igimi Chakma.

During the Covid-19 period, the platform for indigenous small women entrepreneurs "Sabangee" which means 'colleagues who work together equally,' gave us a great opportunity to interact with many clients. The Sabangee platform works with indigenous women entrepreneurs from both the hill districts and other parts of the country.

As the raw material are Dhaka-centric, we did not stop working, but came all this way to give our best for our beloved production house. "Basically, our focus is to design and produce handmade clothing. The main purpose of this is to enhance our own traditional designs through hand painting," says Tajimi. Ranyaful is an artistic production house set to provide ethnic attires with artistic paintings.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/Ranyaful>



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ARIES (MAR. 21-APR. 20)

Secret enemies may lead you astray. Make a fresh start. Opportunities for romance are present. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



TAURUS (APR. 21-MAY 21)

Family responsibilities are mounting. Confusion can result from miscommunicating. You are extremely passionate this week. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN. 21)

Things at home may be rocky. Don't overspend on luxury. Don't make mountains out of molehills. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



CANCER (JUN. 22-JUL. 22)

Get yourself back on track. Limitations will be depressing. Learn new skills. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



LEO (JUL. 23-AUG. 22)

Your high energy will attract others. Beware of misunderstandings. Catch up on overdue correspondence. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEP. 23)

Visit loved ones. Don't fall into the trap. Work into home improvements. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



LIBRA (SEP. 24-OCT. 23)

Shopping could be very costly. Don't mix work and home responsibilities. Stop those bad habits. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

Cut off those who can't support themselves. Don't overspend on luxuries. Make changes at home. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

You need an outlet. Don't let anyone force you into anything. Avoid making personal mistakes. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

You will be emotional this week. Don't hurt someone's feelings. Don't turn down offers. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

Meet deadlines at work. Don't ignore anyone's needs. You are best to be discreet. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.



PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)

Money will slip through your fingers. Read between the lines when signing contracts. Overindulgent people will cause disruptions. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.