

Let there be light!

Pratik Theatre making a difference in lives of tea workers for 35 years

MINTU DESHWARA, back from Habiganj

This is the story of a group, but more than that, it's the story of the man behind it.

Sunil Biswas was born in a family of tea workers in Habiganj's Chunarughat upazila's Deondi garden in 1965. Education was a luxury in a family like his, where his parents earned a daily wage of Tk 11.25 each after a full day of work.

He, however, continued his studies alongside helping his parents in the garden and went on to become one of the very few graduates from his community.

With education, came awareness. His surroundings and the perils of his community include extreme poverty, oppression, illiteracy and addiction. Losing some of his close relatives to alcohol addiction was a point he realised he needed a voice against all of it.

That is when he started a theatre group. Drama and education, he says, "are the only weapons that we have in our fight against extreme poverty."

Thus, the journey of Pratik Theatre started on April 14, 1986. This year, they will be celebrating their 36th anniversary with a two-day festival starting from today.



Pratik Theatre has been active in Habiganj's tea gardens for 35 years, raising awareness of the tea community's issues and helping many members get over addiction. The community will be remembering the fallen of the May 20, 1921 revolution, for which they have also set up an installation.

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The beginning was humble. The group had only 13-15 members initially, and all the expenses were carried out by Sunil from the little amount that he could save.

"The group now has over 70 members, working selflessly and

relentlessly," said Sunil, the founding president of Pratik Theatre.

The theatre has changed many lives ever since, apart from contributing to a collective change. Sorfullo Mal, a 57-year-old tea worker is one prominent example of that.

Sorfullo got addicted to alcohol at a very young age and later got involved in the alcohol trade. He also became negligent towards his family when alcohol addiction got the better of him.

Twenty years ago, it was a drama that made way for self-realisation for him. He became a member of the group and is currently one of the senior members. His college-going daughter is a member as well.

Sorfullo Mal is now sober for 20 years.

Many others like Pancham Bauri (52), Chandan Mahali (60) and Onila Urang (52) echoed the same.

Tofazzal Sohel, former organising secretary of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation's Sylhet chapter, said, "Sunil is working with more enthusiasm than ever to bring a meaningful and sustainable impact in his community."

"Many are following Sunil's example. He is an asset to the community," said Mamunur Rashid, prominent actor, director and playwright.

THE FAILED REVOLUTION

Meanwhile, tea workers will observe Tea Workers Day today like every year.

On May 20, 1921, around 30,000 tea labourers in Sylhet started a march towards Chandpur Meghna Ghat, when the then Assamese police opened fire on the protestors, killing many of them.

Sunil has narrated the incident on multiple shows in many places, including Dhaka.

Tea workers have also set up an installation named "Mulluk Bhaskorjo" -- portraying the revolt -- in Deondi tea garden.

Form separate land commission for them

Say speakers on plainland indigenous people

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The government needs to strengthen its efforts to improve livelihood of the country's indigenous community people living in the plainland, said speakers at a roundtable yesterday.

They said like indigenous community people of the hills, indigenous people in the plain are also facing various forms of discrimination including those related to land ownership.

Indigenous Peoples Development Services (IPDS) and Islamic Relief Bangladesh (IRB) jointly organised the roundtable on "Leave No One Behind: Inclusion of Plain Land Ethnic Minorities in achieving SDG 2030" at the capital's The Daily Star Centre.

Rashed Khan Menon, lawmaker and chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Welfare Ministry, said if Bangladesh wants to be a role model in achieving SDGs then it must include ethnic minorities in the agenda.

"The problem is political and it has to be resolved from that perspective."

Prof Mesbah Kamal of Dhaka University's history department said due to gradual landlessness, indigenous people of the plain are now facing challenges to ensure food security.

Presenting a keynote paper, IPDS President and an indigenous community leader Sanjeeb Drong said the government has its commitment to form a separate land commission for indigenous community people of the plain.

Prof Shuchita Sharmin of DU's development studies department said findings of an on-going study on indigenous community people of plain in five districts suggest 9.25 percent of those already belonging to poor group have become poorer amid the pandemic.



Drama and education are the only weapons that we have in our fight against extreme poverty.

Sunil Biswas
Founding President of Pratik Theatre



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Invitation for Tender (works)

Corrigendum for e-Tender Notice No. 43/2021-2022

Due to unavoidable circumstances, e-tender notice No. 43/2021-22 will be change as follows, all other terms and conditions will be remain unchanged.

LS	Field name	Tender ID No.	Old value	New Value
1	Document last selling date & time	683939	18/05/2022 16:00	25/05/2022 16:00
2	Meeting end date & time		10/05/2022 16:00	24/05/2022 16:00
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4	Opening date & time		19/05/2022 16:00	26/05/2022 16:00
5	Last date & time for tender/proposal security submission		19/05/2022 14:00	26/05/2022 14:00

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e-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No: 12/e-GP/EED/Sir/5974/2021-22.

Date: 18.05.2022.

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the following works.

Tender ID	Lot/Package Location (Name of Institution)	Procurement Method	Document Last Selling Date & Time	Document Closing/Opening Date & Time
700161	Construction work of Boundary wall at Raidolotpur High School, Kamarkhand, Sirajganj. (FY-2020-21)	LTM (NCT)	06-Jun-2022 16:00	07-Jun-2022 11:00
700162	Vertical Extension (2nd floor -01 Class Room) for existing academic Building in/c Electrical at Matia Malipara High School, Tarash, Sirajganj. (FY-2020-21)	LTM (NCT)	06-Jun-2022 16:00	07-Jun-2022 11:00
700163	Repair and Renovation works at Blichalon bangobandhu Adorsho High School, Tarash, Sirajganj. (FY-2020-21)	LTM (NCT)	06-Jun-2022 16:00	07-Jun-2022 11:00
700164	Repair and Renovation work for existing structure and re-construction for semi pucca building at Tahira Haque Science School, Tarash, Sirajganj. (FY-2020-21)	LTM (NCT)	06-Jun-2022 16:00	07-Jun-2022 11:00
700165	Repair and Renovation work for existing structure and re-construction for Toilet block at Laila Mizan School and College, Raiganj, Sirajganj. (FY-2020-21)	LTM (NCT)	06-Jun-2022 16:00	07-Jun-2022 11:00
700166	Construction work of Boundary wall at Fulzor Degree College, Raiganj, Sirajganj. (FY-2020-21)	LTM (NCT)	06-Jun-2022 16:00	07-Jun-2022 11:00
700167	Repair and Renovation works at Teennandina Rashidiya High School, Raiganj, Sirajganj. (FY-2020-21)	LTM (NCT)	06-Jun-2022 16:00	07-Jun-2022 11:00
700168	Construction work of Boundary wall and Main gate work at Chandaikona High School, Raiganj, Sirajganj. (FY-2020-21)	LTM (NCT)	06-Jun-2022 16:00	07-Jun-2022 11:00
700169	Repair and Renovation works at Mohanpur K.M Institute, ullapara, Sirajganj. (FY-2019-20)	LTM (NCT)	06-Jun-2022 16:00	07-Jun-2022 11:00
700170	Repair and Renovation works at Udhunia Manikjan High School, Ullapara, Sirajganj. (FY-2019-20)	LTM (NCT)	06-Jun-2022 16:00	07-Jun-2022 11:00
700171	Construction of CGI Roofing House and Repair and Renovation work at Dolotpur High School, Belkuchi, Sirajganj. (FY-2020-21)	LTM (NCT)	06-Jun-2022 16:00	07-Jun-2022 11:00
700172	Construction work of Boundary wall , gate and other renovation work at Tamai High School, Belkuchi, Sirajganj. (FY-2020-21)	LTM (NCT)	06-Jun-2022 16:00	07-Jun-2022 11:00

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Tender ID No- 697485	Supplying Fruits and vegetables (Package-1)	18-May-2022 at 22:00 Hr 12-Jun-2022 at 17:00 Hr	13-Jun-2022 at 14:00 Hr
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Tender ID No- 700340	Supplying Grocery Items (Package-3)	18-May-2022 at 22:00 Hr 12-Jun-2022 at 17:00 Hr	13-Jun-2022 at 14:00 Hr
Tender ID No- 700345	Supplying Grocery Items (Package-4)	18-May-2022 at 22:00 Hr 12-Jun-2022 at 17:00 Hr	13-Jun-2022 at 14:00 Hr
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Tender ID No-700348	Supplying Fishes (Package-6)	18-May-2022 at 22:00 Hr 12-Jun-2022 at 17:00 Hr	13-Jun-2022 at 14:00 Hr
Tender ID No- 700349	Supplying Bakery Items (Package-7)	18-May-2022 at 22:00 Hr 12-Jun-2022 at 17:00 Hr	13-Jun-2022 at 14:00 Hr
Tender ID No- 700351	Washing and ironing Clothes and other materials at BKSP	18-May-2022 at 22:00 Hr 12-Jun-2022 at 17:00 Hr	13-Jun-2022 at 14:00 Hr

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