

Celebrating love, togetherness

Monipuri villages to observe Rash Mela today

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

Monipuri villages in Madhabpur and Adampur of Moulvibazar's Kamalganj upazila have taken a festive look as their major religious festival, Rash Mela, is right around the corner.

The festival will kick off on Tuesday, and last minute preparations are currently underway.

Vignettes of Sri Krishna's life will be performed by local youths at Jormandaps (Monipuri temples) during the three-day festival.

Sonaton Hamom, a resident of Madhabpur Monipuri village, said Rash Purnima is the biggest religious festival of Monipuri people.

"It's celebrated on the full moon, in the Bengali month of Kartik," he told The Daily Star.

Rash-dance is performed on the day of Rash Purnima, which is considered an expression of love and affection.

Radha-Krishna are collectively known within Hinduism as the combined forms of feminine as well as the masculine realities of God, and are universally considered as symbols of love, said Hamom.

Therefore, love is the recurring theme of the week in Monipuri villages. The community is lighting up and decorating

their temples, household and shops accordingly.

The celebrations aren't only limited to the Monipuri community. Thousands of people, irrespective of caste, creed, and religion, take part in the celebrations every year.

Madhabpur Jour Mandap, the district's most famous Monipuri temple, will host their 180th Rash festival this year, according to the temple authorities.

An organisation called Manipuri Mahalila Sangha organises the celebrations in Madhabpur every year.

During a recent visit, this correspondent saw Subarna Rani Singha dancing with her co-performers in a temple, hoping to steal the show today.

"We learn the Rash dance from childhood. We have to do a lot of training for this."

"I've been practicing day and night for the last 20 days for this festival," she further said.

Dhirendra Kumar Singh, a local dance teacher, said Rash-dance and Rakhal-dance are being practiced in three temples in Madhabpur.

Shyam Singh, general secretary of Madhabpur Monipuri Maharash Seba Sangha, said all preparations have been completed to celebrate the festival.



Dressed in traditional attire, Monipuri performers practice "Rash dance" in Madhabpur Tea Garden at Moulvibazar yesterday.

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"During his time with the syndicate, Belayet received Tk 35 lakh from Sumi as commission for collecting people and handing them over to the group," said ADC Tohidul.

Once a person falls into the criminals' trap, they pay the agents Tk 9.5 lakh for going abroad.

The group deposits this money in different bank accounts given by Sumi, he said.

"We have got details of at least hundreds of bank accounts and mobile financial service (MFS) accounts, in which

the arrested agents had deposited money," said the official.

Investigators have found that these account holders' family members are now living abroad, many of them in Italy.

"Besides Italy, we have come to know that these transactions have also been made in Libya."

The syndicate mainly remains active during winter, as the Mediterranean Sea remains calm during this time.

"We are now making a list of the agents in Bangladesh to arrest them and to know how many people have been trapped so far," ADC Tohidul further said.

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statements and set today to decide on the case.

Dhaka north unit AL's vice-president Kader Khan, former VP Jasim Uddin, former general secretary Mir Mosharraf Hossain and joint GS Amzad Hossain are among the accused.

In the complaint, Tabith mentioned that at 7:00pm on September 17, a large number of leaders and activists took part in a programme on one side of Kamal Ataturk Avenue in Banani, organised by the Dhaka Metropolitan North unit of BNP.

The event was arranged

to protest the price hike of essentials and fuel, and the death of its activists during the recent protests in Bhola and Narayanganj. Over 200-300 leaders and activists of AL, Chhatra League and Jubo League marched on the other side of the road.

They attacked Tabith and others during the speech of the chief guest of the programme, Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain.

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of the office."

He then asked the audience whether they agreed with him. The audience replied, "Yes."

Fakhrul then said, "Let's move forward with this vow." Explaining the importance of National Revolution and Solidarity Day, the BNP leader said, "Our leader Ziaur Rahman within just four years united the entire nation and restored democracy, cancelling the one party system."

BNP standing committee member Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain also spoke.

BNP leaders and activists paid homage to their party founder Ziaur Rahman yesterday, marking what they term "National Revolution and Solidarity Day". However, Awami League and its front organisations consider it as the day of "killing of freedom fighters".

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between Bangladesh and Libya to be traditional and friendly, while expressing belief that the cooperation would be further enhanced in the future for the benefit of people of both countries.

Shahriar Alam proposed collaborating in the food-security area, in the backdrop of the current global food crisis.

Alam said Bangladesh and Libya can celebrate the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations jointly.

The ambassador said Libya would like to employ Bangladeshi doctors, nurses, technicians and engineers in Libya. He proposed forming a joint commission to review aspects of bilateral relations. He also said Libya welcomes Bangladeshi students at their universities to pursue their studies.

Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board (BREB)

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

The People's Republic of Bangladesh

PROJECT: Modernization and Capacity Enhancement of BREB Network (MCEP); (Dhaka & Mymensingh Division) Project under Electricity Distribution Modernization Program of the World Bank.

IDA CREDIT NO.7021-BD & TF0B7437

IFB Title: Procurement of Underground cable, Conductor & Guy Accessories and Connector.

Package Number: MCEP/BREB/DMD-UG-G-10, MCEP/BREB/DMD-CG-G-11, MCEP/BREB/DMD-Co-G-13

Reference Number: 27.12.0000.224.04.001.22-37, Date: 06-11-2022.

1. The Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Modernization and Capacity Enhancement of BREB Network (MCEP); (Dhaka & Mymensingh Division) Project, BREB under Electricity Distribution Modernization Program of the World Bank of IDA, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contracts for procurement of Underground cable, Conductor & Guy Accessories and Connector.

2. The Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders. Goods to be delivered in designated project sites within Bangladesh as follows:

Items	Package (ICB) No.	Lot No.	Brief Description of Goods	Bid Security	Quantity (Nos.)	Delivery Location	Delivery Period
Underground cable	MCEP/BREB/DMD-UG-G-10	Lot-1	Underground cable, 11KV	US\$ 95,000 or equivalent.	57.50 Km.	As per Delivery Schedule.	1 st 50% = 20 Weeks 2 nd 50% = 28 Weeks from the date of contract signing
Underground cable		Lot-2	Underground cable, 33 KV	US\$ 175,000 or equivalent.	83.00 Km.		
Conductor & Guy Accessories	MCEP/BREB/DMD-CG-G-11	Lot-1	Conductor & Guy Accessories	US\$ 65,000 or equivalent.	Lot	As per Delivery Schedule.	1 st 50% = 20 Weeks 2 nd 50% = 28 Weeks from the date of contract signing
Connector		Lot-1	Connector, H-type	US\$ 22,000 or equivalent.	Lot		
		Lot-2	Connector, Automatic type	US\$ 30,000 or equivalent.	Lot		

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from The Project Director (e-mail: pdmcepdm@gmail.com) and inspect the bidding documents during office hours (Except Friday & Saturday) at the address given below. Bidding Document is also available at BREB website i.e. <http://www.reb.gov.bd>. However, the web version of the bidding document is for information purpose only.

4. The Pre-Bid meeting shall be held at Brig Gen. Sabihuddin Ahmed Hall (Auditorium, 1st floor) on 28-11-2022 at 11.00 hours local time (GMT+6 hours).

5. Eligibility and Qualifications requirements are provided in the Bid Document. A margin of preference for certain goods manufactured domestically "shall" be applied.

6. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of equivalent US\$ 100. The method of payment will be Bank Draft or Pay Order in favor of Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board, Dhaka. For overseas delivery, the bidder may obtain the bidding document by instructing any international courier service to collect the same from Office of the Project Director, MCEP, DMD Project, Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board, 6th Floor, Training Academy Building, Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh.

7. Bidding Document last selling Date on 28-12-2022 at 16.00 Hours local time (GMT+6 hours). Bids must be delivered to the address stated at the end of this invitation on or before 29-12-2022 at 12:00 Noon local time (GMT+6 hours). Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the Brig Gen. Sabihuddin Ahmed Hall (Auditorium), 1st floor, Head Office Building, BREB, Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh on 29-12-2022 at 12:30 Hours local time (GMT+6 hours).

8. Bidders participating in multiple Lots shall submit Bid security for each Lot separately.



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