Age-old wisdom in modern times

Bagerhat school preserving tradition by imparting lessons on palm leaves

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

In the past, children used to be introduced to education at informal learning institutions known as "pathshala". They would be taught alphabets and numbers by pandits (local mentors), practicing those on dried palmyra palm leaves (taal-pata) with bamboo pens (qalam) and ink.

It was the traditional education system of this region.

Over the course of time came the use of slates and chalk, and then blackboards primary schools, replacing traditional pathshala and the practice of using taal-pata and ink for early schooling of

children. However, one institution in Bagerhat – Dumuria Dakshinpara Shishu Shiksha Niketan -still continuing this tradition to introduce children to education.

In fact, it has been doing this for the last 18 years, functioning exactly

how old-schools did in the past. In the remote Dumuria village under Chitalmari upazila, 75-yearold Pandit Kalipada Bachar has been running the school with the help of villagers, teaching toddlers the basics -- alphabets, numerals, moral lessons -- providing them with palmyra palm leaves, bamboo pens and ink for writing.



school recently, this correspondent found from

children five neighbouring attending villages Pandit Kalipada's school.

Shanti Lata Mondal, a parent, said, "Pandit Kalipada Bachar teaches children very well. He trains them to write on palm leaves with bamboo pens, prepares children for primary school and charges only Tk 150 per month for

Speaking to this newspaper, Kalipada Bachar said, "Practicing on palm leaves helps the children

write with better handwriting." However, the school has been continuing amid an array of problems, including lack of fresh water and electricity connection, and waterlogging.

"The school runs from 9:00am till 1:00pm. Since there is no electricity connection, children have to suffer a lot in extreme heat during summer," he said.

"Besides, there is no arrangement for fresh drinking water and toilets. During high tide, river water inundates the school field," said Tumpa Biswas, another parent.

Sanjit Roy, secretary of the school, said, "This school was established in 2005 with the help of locals. Currently, there are 38 students learning here. The school is running amid numerous problems. We urgently need to construct an access road to the school."

Mohammad Khalid Hossain, deputy commissioner of Bagerhat, said, "The school has retained our century-old traditional education system, which is a praiseworthy effort. I will take steps to help them if they come to me with an application regarding the problems they face."

Empowering victims of gender-based violence

Local org helping women become self-reliant in Ramu, Chakaria

TAHIRA SHAMSI UTSA

Anandi*, a 23-year-old homemaker from Ramu, faced gender-based violence as soon as her in-laws learned that she was pregnant with a girl child.

"My in-laws see girls as a huge burden, so I was sent back home to

live with my poor parents," she said. Tahmina*, a 25-year-old from the same village, was also subjected to GBV. "My in-laws were extremely conservative and my husband often verbally abused me as soon as I wanted to go outside," she said.

Anandi and Tahmina are among many such victims of GBV. Their struggles are further elevated due to a lack of a steady income source.

According to a World Bank study,

the number of women who lost jobs during the pandemic is 42 percent higher than men in Ramu.

Aiming to ensure sustainable income for women in Cox's Bazar, the International Rescue Committee initiated Economic and Social Empowerment (EA\$E), a year-long project, in July last year.

Under the initiative, Young Power in Social Action (YPSA), a local organisation, with aid from USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, is working to mitigate mistreatment against women, by empowering them to become self-reliant in 14 unions of Ramu and Chakaria.

So far, it has empowered 57,360 people in the past year, by providing them with skill-based training.

Participants attended 16 free training sessions and men from selected families also benefited, said Saptarshi Barua, upazila manager of

Nusrat*, team leader of Nakshi Kantha training group, said, "We now dream of opening our own sales centre following the training."

Shamsher Uddin Mustafa, project coordinator of YPSA, said, "Society cannot move forward leaving women vulnerable. We are working to make them self-reliant."

"Clients of EA\$E are now more skilled, empowered, conscious, and resilient," said Rebecca Oketcho, programme deputy director at IRC.

*Identities are protected with pseudonyms.

No talks held on visa

"We had no discussion on the new visa policy [of the US]. She assured that the US embassy would complete the visa process for Bangladeshi students and other visa applicants in six months," Alam told reporters after the meeting vesterday afternoon.

Bitter arrived in Dhaka on Saturday on a twoday official visit after her visit to Karachi, Pakistan. Yesterday, she visited the US Embassy, met the embassy and consulate and observed

consular operations. After the meeting with Alam, the US embassy wrote on X (former twitter) that the US study and travel FROM PAGE 3

are booming. "Increased interest in student visas, consular

assistance to American citizens, and US efforts to reduce visa interview wait times were some of the topics discussed by Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Rena Bitter and Acting Foreign Secretary, Rear Admiral (Retd.) Md. Khurshed Alam."

"Her trip underscores our deep and sustained commitment protection of US citizens overseas and the facilitation of legitimate travel and immigration to the United States," according to the US Department of State.

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A dream cut short

to Narsingdi town and took the body to their village home for burial.

"He was supposed to go home after completing the practical exam," said Sadikul Islam, a lecturer of

Tonu used to live in a

upazila, and the college was located a kilometre away.

Kartik Chandra Roy in-charge of Narsingdi Railway Police Outpost, said the body was handed over to family without an following their autopsy request



A notebook, some papers and a pair of shoes of Tonu were recovered from the spot.

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Charges pressed

so further investigation was needed to identify the real supplementary

culprits behind the attack,

On January 20, 2021. IO Md Abdur Rouf, a DB Tanna from the charges inspector, submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka against nine accused, excluding

Mozahid Azmi Tanna

But, sheet, the investigator appealed to the court to relieve Mozahid Azmi as he died on October 5,

2 more accused

"Following the feud, they first abducted Shibli on Shibli was not returned

phoned Shibli's father and realised Tk 2 lakh as

charge

yesterdav. Contacted Badiul Alam said, "I think the real perpetrators have been identified through a proper investigation. It will

was named in the first help establish justice."

August 28 and took him to a remote hilly area his parents lodged the in Kaokhali upazila of Rangamati. On August 29, they dismembered and defleshed the body to hide his identity and buried the pieces."

ransom on September 1 in Bandarban. When even after paying ransom, complaint,"

official said.

On September 12, angry locals in Raozan snatched away Umi Ching Marma, the prime accused in the grisly murder, from police passengers. "After the murder, they custody after his arrest and beat him to death.

A possible game changer

lounge, a cantina, a dutyfree shop and boarding bridges, according to

There are two rapid exit taxiways, covering 41,500 square metres, to allow an aircraft to leave the runway quickly after landing so that it can be used by other aircraft for take-off or

landing. A large lounge for transit passengers in the new terminal will serve the passengers will

A corridor to connect the new terminal with two old ones will be constructed in the second phase of the project.

There will be a hall and six channels for customs for passengers arriving from other countries.

The terminal will have a 3,650-square-metre area dedicated to serve VIP

HSIA's two terminals currently handle around

150 flights of 30 airlines and food courts will cater while serving about 25,000 to 30,000 passengers daily. comfort.

Currently, passengers undergo manual security checks at HSIA. However, this practice is set to be changed in future with entirely automated security checks, eliminating the need for physical contact during the screening process right up until the passengers are

aboard the plane. Once fully operational, third terminal provide seamless travel transitions to the passengers to and from the airport, Caab officials said.

The on-going construction tunnels underground and flyovers, with effortless access to ground transportation, including metro rail and Dhaka elevated expressway, will significantly enhance travel

convenience, they added. Airline lounges, dayrooms, movie lounges, play-zone for children, to passengers' needs and

Designed by renowned architect Rohani Baharin, terminal's new construction work began in December 2019 at a cost of Tk 21,398 crore.

Japan International Cooperation Agency is providing Tk 16,141 crore as loan while the rest Tk 5,257 crore is provided by the Bangladesh government.

Japan is going to get the ground handling job of the third terminal.

The construction work is being done by Japan's Mitsubishi, Fujita and South Korea's Samsung.

PRAYER OCTOBER 2



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(Rashid Ahmed) General Manager(Local Purchase & Sales) In-Charge Phone: 02996695103 GD- 1506 Invitation for Open Tender

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Public Administration National Academy for Planning and Developmen Ministry/Division Agency National Academy for Planning and Development Not used at present Procuring entity name Procuring entity code Procuring entity district Procurement of V <select> ٧ Invitation for physical service Invitation Ref No. 05.88.0000.005.11.037.07-656 Date 01.10.2023 KEY INFORMATION 9 Procurement method FUNDING INFORMATION OTM Budget and source of funds V PARTICULAR INFORMATION Project/program code (if applicable) Project name (if applicable) 14 15 Tender Package No. Tender package name Procuring for Security Services (Non-Consulting) Tender last selling date 21.10.2023 (4:00pm) Time 22.10.2023 Tender closing date and time Tender opening date and time Name & address of the office(s) 22.10.2023 12:30pm -Selling tender document (principal) NAPD, 3/A, Nilkhet, Dhaka-1205 (3rd Floor) Selling tender document (others) No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents NAPD, 3/A, Nilkhet, Dhaka-1205 (3rd Floor) NAPD, 3/A, Nilkhet, Dhaka-1205 Receiving tender document Opening tender document INFORMATION FOR TENDERER Eligibility of tender Documents to be attached with tender documents: 1. Up-to-date trade license, VAT registration certificate, income tax payment certificate. 2. Documents relating to the period of establishment of the participating establishment, registration certificate after establishment of the company, management qualification and logistic capacity 3. Must have minimum 05 (five) years of experience in providing manpower in Government/Private organizations and submit self-attested documents. It is mandatory to have minimum 03 (three) years work certificate in any government institution. 4. Completed and signed CV and 02 (two) copies of each passport size

attested photograph, attested copy of National Identity Card (NID) as

5. Educational qualification of all manpower supplied, attested copy of certificate of concerned educational institution and attested copy of

A total of 06 (six) copies (Indexed) of the tender documents signed by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO/MD) of the tenderer or his authorized

favor of the Director General, National Academy of Planning and

Tender security

amount (Tk)

(Details of Procuring Entity/Authorized Officer

Completion time in

weeks/months

Three (3) weeks

representative must be submitted along with the original copy. Original copy of Schedule Purchase Receipt. Tk.50,000.00 (fifty thousand) refundable Pay Order/Bank Guarantee in

Development (NAPD) along with tender document/ proposal.

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3/1, Nilkhet, Dhaka

Engr. Md. Abdur Rashid.

3/A. Nilkhet, Dhaka-1205

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34 The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings.

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		Supply of Furniture	10.00.00	11.30.00
2	879186	Goods	03-Oct-2023	18-Oct-2023
		Supply of Educational and Learning Aides	10.00.00	11.00.00
3	879185	Goods	02-Oct-2023	23-Oct-2023
1		Supply of Engineering and other Equipment for	10.00.00	12.00.00
		Electrical Animation Lab		
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		Network Lab		
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