

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 at primary schools, replacing the 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 – is 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-year-old 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.



Visiting the school recently, this correspondent found 38 children from five neighbouring villages attending 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 each student.”

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

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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 (EASE), 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 YPSA.

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 EASE 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

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day official visit after her visit to Karachi, Pakistan. Yesterday, she visited the US Embassy, met the embassy and consulate staff, and observed consular operations.

After the meeting with Alam, the US embassy wrote on X (former twitter) that the US study and travel 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



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US Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Rena Bitter at a meeting with acting Foreign Secretary Khurshed Alam at the ministry yesterday.

Secretary, Rear Admiral (Retd.) Md. Khurshed Alam.”

“Her trip underscores our deep and sustained commitment to the Department of State.

protection of US citizens overseas and the facilitation of legitimate travel and immigration to the United States,” according to the US Department of State.

A promising

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Hearing the news, his family from Cumilla's Debidwar upazila rushed 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 the college.

Tonu used to live in a mess in Narsingdi Sadar 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 autopsy following their request.

Charges pressed

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so further investigation was needed to identify the real culprits behind the attack, he said.

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

Mozahid Azmi Tanna was named in the first

charge sheet.

But, in the supplementary charge sheet, the investigator appealed to the court to relieve Mozahid Azmi Tanna from the charges as he died on October 5, 2021.

Contacted yesterday, Badiul Alam said, “I think the real perpetrators have been identified through a proper investigation. It will help establish justice.”

Possible game changer

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lounge, a cantina, a duty-free shop and boarding bridges, according to CAAB.

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 40,00,000 passengers annually.

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 passengers.

HSIA's two terminals currently handle around

150 flights of 30 airlines while serving about 25,000 to 30,000 passengers daily.

Currently, passengers undergo manual security checks at HSLA. 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, the third terminal will provide seamless travel transitions to the passengers to and from the airport, Caab officials said.

The on-going construction of underground tunnels 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,

and food courts will cater to passengers' needs and comfort.

Designed by renowned architect Rohani Baharin, the new terminal's 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 TIMING

OCTOBER 2

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-45	12-45	4-15	5-53	7-30
JAMAAT 5-20	1-15	4-30	5-56	8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

2 more accused

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“Following the feud, they first abducted Shibli on August 28 and took him to a remote hilly area in Kaokhali upazila of Rangamati. On August 29, they dismembered and skinned the body to hide his identity and buried the pieces.”

“After the murder, they phoned Shibli's father and realised Tk 2 lakh as

ransom on September 1 in Bandarban. When Shibli was not returned even after paying ransom, his parents lodged the complaint,” the Rab official said.

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

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e-Tender Notice

Ref: No. DMPI/Govle-GP/2023-24/611 Date: 01/10/2023

e-Tenders are invited through e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by Principal, Dhaka Mohila Polytechnic Institute under the Directorate of Technical Education for the procurement of following package which will be available at e-GP website (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) from date and time as follows:

Sl No.	Tender/ proposal ID	Tender description	Publishing date and time	Opening/ closing date and time
1	881779	Goods Supply of Furniture	03-Oct-2023 10.00.00	18-Oct-2023 11.30.00
2	879186	Goods Supply of Educational and Learning Aides	03-Oct-2023 10.00.00	18-Oct-2023 11.00.00
3	879185	Goods Supply of Engineering and other Equipment for Electrical Animation Lab	02-Oct-2023 10.00.00	23-Oct-2023 12.00.00
4	879184	Goods Supply of Engineering and other Equipment for Network Lab	02-Oct-2023 10.00.00	23-Oct-2023 11.30.00
5	879182	Goods Supply of Engineering and other Equipment for Computer Radiography Lab	02-Oct-2023 10.00.00	23-Oct-2023 11.00.00
6	879181	Goods Supply of Engineering and other Equipment for Electrical High Voltage and Testing Lab	04-Oct-2023 10.00.00	26-Oct-2023 12.00.00
7	879180	Goods Supply of Engineering and other Equipment for Digital Electronics & Robotics Lab	04-Oct-2023 10.00.00	26-Oct-2023 11.15.00
8	879179	Supply of Raw Materials	02-Oct-2023 10.00.00	16-Oct-2023 11.15.00
9	879095	Supply of Computer Accessories	02-Oct-2023 10.00.00	16-Oct-2023 11.00.00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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সংবিধিবদ্ধ নোটিশ

বাংলাদেশ সুপ্রীম কোর্ট, হাইকোর্ট বিভাগ, ঢাকা।

(বিধিবদ্ধ মূল অধিক্ষেত্র)

কোম্পানী ম্যাটার নং-৪৫০/২০২৩

১৯৯৪ সনের কোম্পানী আইনের ৮১(২) তত্বে ৮৫(৩) ধারা মোতাবেক আবেদনপত্র।

রফিকুল আনোয়ার-----আবেদনকারী।

-বনাম-

গ্লোবাল ব্র্যান্ড (প্রাই) লিঃ এবং অপর একজন।-----বিবাদীগণ।

সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, আবেদনকারী ১৯৯৪ সনের কোম্পানী আইনের ৮১(২) তত্বে ৮৫(৩) ধারা মোতাবেক বাংলাদেশ সুপ্রীম কোর্ট, হাইকোর্ট বিভাগে গ্লোবাল ব্র্যান্ড (প্রাই) লিঃ-এর ২০২২ পঞ্জিকা বর্ষের বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা অনুষ্ঠানের বিলম্ব মওক্কেফ ও জরিমানা থেকে অব্যাহতির জন্য এক দরখাস্ত দাখিল করেন। উক্ত দরখাস্ত মাননীয় বিচারপতি জনাব মোঃ রিয়াজ উদ্দিন খান কর্তৃক ১৮/০৯/২০২৩ ইং তারিখের আদেশে গৃহীত হয় এবং বিজ্ঞি প্রকাশের তারিখ হইতে ২ সপ্তাহের মধ্যে এক্সিজেটিউ-ইন-কমপ্রায়েস দাখিলের জন্য নির্দেশনা প্রদান করা হয়। উক্ত বিষয়ে যদি কাহারও কোন প্রকার আপত্তি থাকে, তবে তিনি নিজে অথবা আইনজীবীর মাধ্যমে আদালতে হাজির হইতে পারেন। আবেদনের কপি প্রয়োজনীয় খরচ প্রদান পূর্বক নিম্ন স্বাক্ষরকারীর নিকট হইতে পাওয়া যাইবে।

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THE SECURITY PRINTING CORPORATION (BANGLADESH) LTD.
GAZIPUR-1703

Local e-Tender for supply of 150 Metric Tons Biri Bandroll Paper.

Local e-Tender is invited in The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd.(SPCBL)'s e-Tender site (<https://spcbletender.bb.org.bd>) for procurement of the following item for SPCBL as per e-Tender schedule. Necessary information is given below:

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Name of Item.	Date of Publish	Last Date & time for submission of e-Tender	Date & time for Opening of e-tender
01	05/2023-2024	Biri Bandroll Paper	02/10/2023	31/10/2023 upto 11.00 AM	31/10/2023 at 11.15 AM

For more details, Please visit/Contact the followings:

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Invitation for Open Tender

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Public Administration	V
2	Agency	National Academy for Planning and Development	V
3	Procuring entity name	National Academy for Planning and Development	
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present	
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka	V
6	Invitation for	Procurement of physical service	V
7	Invitation Ref No.	05.88.0000.005.11.037.07-656	
8	Date	01.10.2023	
9	Procurement method	OTM	V
10	Budget and source of funds		V
11	Development partners (if applicable)	GOB	V
12	Project/program code (if applicable)		
13	Project name (if applicable)		
14	Tender Package No.		
15	Tender package name	Procuring for Security Services (Non-Consulting)	
16	Tender publication date	02.10.2023	V
17	Tender last selling date	21.10.2023 (4:00pm)	V
18	Tender closing date and time	22.10.2023 12:00pm	V
19	Tender opening date and time	22.10.2023 12:30pm	V
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address NAPD, 3/A, Nilkhet, Dhaka-1205 (3rd Floor)	
21	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	
22	Eligibility of tenderer	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 per the table prescribed by the manpower supplied. 5. Educational qualification of all manpower supplied, attested copy of certificate of concerned educational institution and attested copy of citizenship certificate with permanent address. 6. 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 representative must be submitted along with the original copy. 7. Original copy of Schedule Purchase Receipt. 8. Tk.50,000.00 (fifty thousand) refundable Pay Order/Bank Guarantee in favor of the Director General, National Academy of Planning and Development (NAPD) along with tender document/ proposal.	
23	Brief description of services	Procuring for Security Services (Non-Consulting).	
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk. 1,000.00 (one thousand) (non-refundable).	
	Package No.	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)
	Security Services	3/1, Nilkhet, Dhaka	50,000.00
			Completion time in weeks/months
			Three (3) weeks
30	Name of official inviting tender	Engr. Md. Abdur Rashid.	
31	Designation of official inviting tender	Director (Admin & Finance).	
32	Address of official inviting tender	3/A, Nilkhet, Dhaka-1205.	
33	Contact details of official inviting tender	02-223365351	
34	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings.		

GD-1510 (Details of Procuring Entity/Authorized Officer)