



## 275-year-old temple on verge of ruin

Locals call for urgent conservation

DIPANKAR ROY, *Khulna*

A 275-year-old Jor Bangla temple, located in Khulna city's Maheshwarpasha area, is on the verge of collapse.

Built in 1749 by Gopinath Goswami during the reign of Nawab Alivardi Khan, the temple is a fine example of southern Bengal's architectural heritage.

It features the typical Jor Bangla style, consisting of two traditional "do-chala" village huts with curved roofs and square bases, placed side-by-side.

**WHAT IS JOR BANGLA STYLE**  
The term "Jor Bangla" translates to "twin huts" or "pair of Bengal huts".

"Do-chala" refers to a traditional Bengali hut. The roof is

curved, resembling the thatched roofs of rural Bengal, and is divided into two parts. Each part slopes downwards from a central ridge. In the Jor Bangla style, two of these huts are placed side-by-side. One hut typically functions as a porch.

The other serves as the main shrine or sanctum.

The walls of the temple are adorned with terracotta motifs and carvings depicting scenes from the Ramayana and the Mahabharata.

**YEARS OF NEGLECT**

A recent visit revealed that the temple, built on a three-foot-high platform, faces south and is visible from the road. Part of the front roof has collapsed, but the main structure, including its three

arches and pillars, survives.

The temple was constructed with Jafri bricks and mortar made from lime and brick powder, and features a neo-classical triple-arch style.

Many terracotta plaques that once adorned the temple's walls are lost, though a few remain, depicting war scenes, animals, and floral motifs.

Many locals, like Shyamal Kumar Das, fear the temple may collapse any time.

The descendants of Gopinath Goswami, now lacking the financial means for restoration, hope for intervention from the Department of Archaeology under the Antiquities Act 1968 (amended 1976).

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## Probe body formed over bridge collapse

### Locals allege substandard materials used in construction

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Patuakhali*

A committee has been formed to investigate the incident in which a microbus carrying the bridal party plunged into a canal after an iron-made bridge collapsed, killing at least nine.

The accident occurred at Amtali in Barguna. Amtali Fire Service Station Officer Noor Hossain said there were 13 passengers in the microbus.

Barguna Deputy Commissioner Md Rafiqul Islam formed the six-member probe body, which has been directed to submit a report within the next seven days.

Amtali Police Station Officer-in-Charge Shakhwat Hossain Tapu said an unnatural death case was filed on Saturday night and the bodies were handed over to the families.

Meanwhile, locals alleged that substandard materials were used in the bridge during the construction. They protested in Haldia Bazar area yesterday, demanding punishment for the contractor concerned.

The protestors said the bridge was constructed in 2008. After only five years, it became vulnerable.

Nearly 50,000 people of four villages have to use the bridge as there is no alternative to cross the canal.

According to LGED Amtali Upazila Engineer's office, the then Haldia UP chairman and union Awami League president Shahidul Islam Mridha was the contractor for the construction of this iron bridge with a project cost of Tk 2 crore.

Contacted, Mridha said, "I've constructed the bridge properly. I didn't commit any irregularity in the work." DC Rafiqul Islam said legal action will be taken if any irregularity is found.

## 'WRONG TREATMENT'

### Clinic manager, pathologist held in Mymensingh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Mymensingh*

Seven people were sued over the death of a farmer due to "wrong treatment" at a private clinic in Sherpur's Sreebordi upazila on Saturday afternoon.

The deceased is Maidan Ali, 55, a resident of Mamdamari in the upazila.

Quoting the victim's family members, police said Maidan's family members took him to a Unique Diagnostic Center for operation after being persuaded by brokers.

Shahin Miah, a staffer at the Sreebordi Upazila Health Complex, also works in the private clinic as a part-time staffer.

"After Maidan was admitted to the clinic, Shahin pushed an injection into Maidan's body. After some time, Shahin's condition started deteriorating and he died," said Qayum Khan Siddiqui, officer-in-charge of Sreebordi Police Station, quoting the victim's wife Morsheda Begum.

The victim's son filed a case accusing seven people yesterday, said Jalal Uddin, sub-inspector of the police station. Police have arrested the clinic's manager Jewel Mia and pathologist Tamim Miah. Drives are underway to arrest others, said Jalal.

Contacted, Dr Md Rahat Chowdhury, Sreebordi upazila health and family planning officer, said Shahin is a fourth-class staffer at the government health complex, and he does not have the jurisdiction to push an injection.

## Publish list of loan defaulters in JS

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that Bangladesh is on the verge of transitioning from an underdeveloped country to a middle-income one by 2026.

However, he raised concerns about the budget allocation, noting that operational expenditure is estimated at Tk 5 lakh 6 thousand 971 crores, with 22.1 percent allocated to public administration.

He suggested forming an

administrative committee to evaluate the necessity of so many ministries and departments.

Azad criticised the expenditure on vehicles for ACs and UNOs, questioning the necessity of such expenses when, in neighbouring India, ministers often use personal cars.

He also highlighted the challenges faced by entrepreneurs, including

high interest rates on loans, insufficient electricity and fuel, and increased transport costs, contrasting this with the investment incentives offered by Indian states.

Jatiyo Party MP Masud Uddin Chowdhury also criticised the government's policy on whitening black money, arguing that it discourages honest taxpayers.

"Fifteen percent tax is being imposed to turn

black money into white. It will discourage honest taxpayers and encourage black money holders who do not pay taxes," he said.

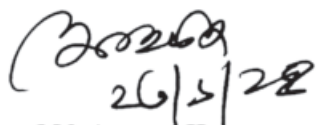
Independent MP from Kishoreganj 2, Suhrah Uddin, however, argued that a 15 percent tax would not incentivise people to disclose black money. He suggested reducing the tax to 5 percent to encourage the declaration of undisclosed income.

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Establishment of Sunamganj Textile Institute (2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised) Project				
BTMC Bhaban (11 <sup>th</sup> Floor), 7-9 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215				
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<b>Invitation for Tender (Goods)</b>				
Sealed Tender is hereby invited as per PPR 2008. Information with terms and conditions are follows:				
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Textiles and Jute		
2	Agency	Department of Textiles		
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Establishment of Sunamganj Textile Institute (2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised) Project, Department of Textiles		
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
5	Invitation for Procurement of Goods	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of <b>Textiles Machineries</b> and Lab Equipment for Institute		
6	Invitation Ref No	T-4/ Textiles Machineries lab/2023-24		
7	Date	June 2024		
8	Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (OTM) (National)		
9	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB		
10	Tender Package No.	GD-1,2		
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12	Tender Publication Date	24 June 2024		
13	Tender Last Selling Date	23 July Up to 4:00 PM		
14	Tender Submission Date and Time	24 July 2024 Time- 12:30 PM		
15	Tender Opening Date and Time	24 July Time- 2:00 PM		
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23	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Mohammad Shakhawat Hossain		
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26	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel -55014054 E-mail: pdsunamgonj@gmail.com		
27	(i) In addition to the original of the Tender, 01 (one) copy shall be submitted. (ii) The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings according to PPA 2006, PPR 2008.			

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36.02.0000.008.037.103.2024	Construction of Drain, Gate, Guard Shade and others.	999842	09-July-2024 17:00
This an online tender, where only e-tender will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no off line/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-tender, registration in the national e-GP system portal ( <a href="https://www.eprocure.gov.bd">https://www.eprocure.gov.bd</a> ) is required. The fees for downloading the e-tender documents from the national e-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks' branches up to as per above table. Further information and guidelines are available in the national e-GP system portal and from e-GP helpdesk ( <a href="mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd">helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd</a> ).			
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