

Demand for clay utensils on the rise

PARTHA CHAKRABORTTY, Bagerhat

After years of oblivion amid a growing market for cheap plastic alternatives, clayware is again experiencing a rise in demand and popularity as it is utilitarian, eco-friendly, and culturally significant.

In many hotels, motels, resorts and other tourism and festival-centric scopes across the country, a trend of using clay utensils has surged in recent times, especially in Bagerhat and Pirojpur.

"Ahead of Durga Puja, Pahela Baishakh, Ratha Yatra, and other religious and cultural festivities, the demand for clay utensils has been rising in recent years," said Govinda Paul, a clayware maker from Kathipara village under Morrelganj of Bagerhat.

"Also, many local eateries have opted for using clay plates for serving their customers, buying a lot of 100 plates for Tk 2,000. Some households are now using clay rice pots with lid, a traditional utensil for cooking rice that went out of demand following surge of aluminium ones over the past few decades," he added.

Govinda Paul said clay utensils such



as plates, glasses, bowls, rice and juice pots, as well as other items such as tree planters and paddy silos, made by artisans in Bagerhat and Pirojpur are now being transported to Dhaka and other districts.

Fellow artisans Anand Paul and Gouranga Paul echoed him, emphasising that the growing demand has been making

a positive impact on their livelihoods.

Md Mamunur Rashid, deputy manager of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation in Bagerhat, said the government and different organisations are interested in fostering the cultural resurgence in use of clayware, alongside recognising its economic and environmental benefits.

"We have plans to provide support to local artisans to promote this industry," he said.

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taken against those who get involved in corruption. I don't care what blame will be given to the government," she said.

"No more corruption will be tolerated," she said.

Hasina said the government wants to build a corruption-free society apart from paying attention to enhancing the quality and skills of government officials.

She asked every ministry to enhance monitoring of its subordinate offices, including the field-level ones, to ensure good governance. "The top-level [of the administration] is very good. Some problems occur at the bottom," she added.

Hasina asked the government officials not to be nervous or worried after seeing anything in the newspapers.

"There is nothing for you to be nervous or embarrassed about seeing what is written in the newspapers. Rather, you should check if there is any authenticity to it [the news]. If it has no authenticity, dump it straight into the dustbin, and you don't even need to read it," she said.

Students bleed as BCL violence

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Asked, Dhaka Additional Superintendent of Police (Crime and Operation) Abdullah Hil Kafi said, "We are at the spot. We are trying to normalise the situation."

In Chattogram, BCL members attacked quota reform movement activists in the Sholashahar Railway Station area, resulting in at least three students being injured.

Earlier, BCL activists seized the key to the CU shuttle train and halted it at 2:30pm. BCL members then detained Talat Mahmud, assistant convener of the quota reform movement in Chattogram, beat him, and forcibly took him to the proctor's office.

Eyewitnesses said when the protesters started for the proctor's office in a procession, they were attacked by BCL activists in front of the Shaheed Minar.

Enamul Haque, assistant proctor of CU, said, "BCL activists took Talat to the proctor's office. Upon receiving information, Talat's fellow activists also came to the office. We drove out both groups after counselling. Talat is now safely in our custody."

Later, when the quota reform movement activists started a rally at Sholashahar Railway Station, a clash ensued between BCL activists and them

around 3:30pm, said eyewitnesses.

At least 20 JnU students were injured after they participated in the demo held in Dhaka University area. The injured students are currently receiving treatment at DMCH.

Junayed Islam, a JnU student, said, "We were peacefully conducting our protest when Chhatra League activists attacked us with weapons and sticks. At least 20 of my friends were injured." Meanwhile, at least four students of Eden College were allegedly beaten up by BCL activists during the protest programme at 11:30pm.

On RU campus, at least four RU students were injured, after they came under BCL attack.

According to the victims, RU BCL leaders and activists launched a sudden attack on them at 6:20pm and ordered them to go back to their halls.

Nasim, an injured student, said, "BCL men started beating us and ordered us to return to the halls. Eventually, I ran away from the scene."

Earlier, RU BCL President Mostafizur Rahman Babu warned that no concession would be given if anyone called themselves a Razakar. "If any Jamaat-Shibir member raises any slogans by the name of Razakar, then RU BCL will not make any concessions," he said.

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carry the national flag of Bangladesh abandoning the spirit of Liberation War, freedom fighters and the ideals of independence, they said.

The statement also said, "We hope that they will realise their mistake and will act to realise their demands in a democratic manner."

Prof Anupom Sen, Syed Hasan Imam, Ferdousi Mazumder, Shujao Shyam, Sarwar Ali, Abed Khan, Col (ret'd) Sajjad Ali, Mamunur Rashid, Mofidul Haque, Shyamoli Nasrin Chowdhury, Nasir Uddin Yousuff, Prof Kamrul Hasan Khan, Prof Shafi Ahmed, Prof Mamtazuddin Patwari, M Hamid, Raisul Islam Asad, Golam Kuddus, Shaymol Dutt, Lucky Enam, Sara Zaker, Shimul Yousuf, were among the signatories.

MALAYSIA DEBACLE

Recruiting agencies asked to refund money by July 18

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment yesterday submitted a probe report to the High Court, saying that the ministry has ordered the recruiting agencies concerned to settle all debts and credits of intending Bangladeshi workers, who could not be sent to Malaysia even after they paid the required money.

Around 17,700 job seekers were not able to reach Malaysia. A hundred recruiting agencies have also been issued show cause notices, asking them to give explanations about their failures by July 18.

The ministry placed the report through Deputy Attorney General Tushar Kanti Roy before the HC bench of Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice SM Masud Hossain Dolon.

On June 30, the HC wanted to learn what steps have been taken against the mismanagement that led to Bangladeshi jobseekers failing to reach Malaysia before the deadline of May 31 this year.

Take steps to stop cutting of hills in Sylhet: High Court


STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to take necessary steps to stop cutting of hills and hillocks in Sylhet and thus protect natural ecosystem and lives, properties and livelihoods of people living in the district.

In response to a writ petition, the court ordered the government to take legal action against those liable for cutting hills or hillocks.

At the same time, the HC ordered the local officials concerned including the deputy commissioner and superintendent of police of Sylhet to arrange continuous monitoring in hill and hillock areas in Sylhet so that no one can cut, destroy or damage those and to submit compliance reports to the court in every six months.

The HC bench of Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice SM Masud Hossain Dolon issued the order.



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Pre-bid conference (Virtual)	Date and time: 17 July 2024 at 11:00 hrs BST

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<https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/239886>

Bids to be submitted:
Bids should be submitted as per the guidance in section 2.6 of the ITB document via the URL below:
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Bid submission deadline: Wednesday, 31 July 2023 – 14:00 hrs. (BST) Bangladesh time.
Kindly note that no hard copy is acceptable. The offer will be acceptable who submits only in the above link.



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New housing project

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Mazumdar, an urban planner and executive member of the Forum for Planned Chattogram.

Lack of study before taking on housing projects has been the reason behind CDA's failures, he alleged.

Asked why CDA is taking up a new project

despite having failed to complete previous ones yet, Kazi Hasan Bin Shams, CDA's spokesman and chief engineer, dodged the question, saying no concrete development has been made regarding the new project yet.

He declined to elaborate further, saying he was busy.

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costs in 1997, which increased to 68 percent in 2020, according to National Health Accounts.

Out-of-pocket health expenditures rose to 73 percent in 2021, according to the Global Health Expenditure Database.

Presenting the research findings, Abdur Razzak Sarkar, research fellow at BIDS, said, "Due to the increase in medical costs, many families who live below the poverty line often become destitute. Many are deprived of health care due to lack of money."

Health Minister Samanta Lal Sen said, "We are working on government-based health insurance. We will launch it soon, though it will take time." When the health insurance is introduced, out-of-pocket expenses will also be reduced, he added.

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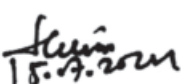
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Re-Tender CORRIGENDUM NOTICE No. 01

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Last date of selling	: 13/08/2024 till 16.00pm instead of 21/07/2024 16.00pm
Last date of submission	: 14/08/2024 till 13.00pm instead of 22/07/2024 13.00pm
Date of opening	: 14/08/2024 till 16.00pm instead of 22/07/2024 16.00pm
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