

## From decay to display

150-year-old printing press relocated to Mymensingh Museum



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The remains of a printing press, believed to be around 150 years old, were relocated to the Mymensingh Museum on Saturday after being abandoned for decades near the city's Mrittunjoy School.

Sabina Yeasmin, field officer at the Department of Archaeology (Dhaka and Mymensingh Division), said the relocation was carried out with the support of law enforcers as per instructions from higher authorities.

"This century-old artefact will be preserved and displayed for visitors," said Sabina, who also serves as custodian of the museum.

Earlier in August, members of the Antiquities Preservation Committee, a local group of researchers and cultural activists, discovered the decaying press exposed to the elements, with many of its parts missing.

Committee member Abdul Kader Chowdhury claimed the machine dates back about 150 years.

Archaeology researcher Swapon Dhar traced its history to 1875, when Sherpur zamindar Harchandra Roy Chowdhury brought the press to Mymensingh. Later, several literary figures, including Girish Chandra

Roy Chowdhury, Sreekantha Sen, Sreenath Roy, Horikishore Ray, and Upendra Kishore Ray, became involved in operating it for publishing literary works.

In 1947, the press was used by Anath Bandhu Guha, founder of Mrittunjoy School. Soon afterward, it was handed over to Maulana Shamsul Huda Panchbaghi, a noted Islamic scholar, reformer, and political leader from Gafargaon upazila.

The press remained active even after Bangladesh's independence, printing political leaflets and posters.

Citing historical records, Rezaul Karim Aslam, a collector of ancient musical instruments, said the press was manufactured by HS Cropper and Co, a UK-based firm founded by Henry Smith Cropper. The company produced such models between 1866 and 1892. A nameplate on the press bears the inscription PATENT 2403, matching a patent registered in 1867.

On August 25, the preservation committee formally appealed to the Department of Archaeology to protect the press.

The issue drew wider attention after The Daily Star published a report headlined "150-year-old printing press left to decay" on August 29.



SUZID DAS, Faridpur

The authorities of Goalanda municipality in Rajbari have been dumping waste along the Dhaka-Khulna Highway at Padmar Mor for years, causing suffering for locals.

The municipality, established in 2000, is constructing a waste management plant. In the meantime, garbage is being dumped in the open, including household and medical waste from private hospitals and clinics.

Sources said the plant is being built on 100 decimals of land in Goalanda's Notun Para area under the supervision of the Department of Public Health Engineering at a cost of Tk 6 crore.

During a recent visit, this correspondent saw municipal three-wheelers and vans dumping garbage on the roadside along the Dhaka-Khulna Highway at Padmar Mor. People passing the area covered their faces with cloth or hands, while some waste had already spilled onto the highway.

Rashid Sheikh, a tea stall owner at Padmar Mor, said, "It's difficult to run the shop when bad smell comes



from the garbage. No one wants to stay here."

Nazmul Khan added, "We suffer the most as we need to go to the upazila headquarters using this road. During rain, the piles of garbage spread onto the road, forcing vehicles and pedestrians to pass through it."

Nur Mohammad, a teacher at Goalanda Government Technical School and College, said students struggle to pass through on their way to school.

Md Rajos Khan, executive engineer of Roads and Highways in Rajbari, said, "The municipality did not take

permission to dump garbage on our land. I raised the matter at a district coordination meeting. The municipal authorities said they would remove the waste soon."

Shohidul Islam, engineer of the Department of Public Health Engineering, said 95 percent of the plant work has been completed, with rain delaying the rest.

Contacted, Goalanda UNO and acting municipal administrator Nahidur Rahman said, "I will instruct those responsible to quickly remove the waste from the side of the highway."

## BNP doubts EC

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prevent a free election," Rizvi said.

He said the commission had assured them it was considering all aspects, prioritising transparency, and making the necessary preparations for a free election. The commission was also aware of the remarks made by some political parties regarding the proportional representation (PR) system, he said.

"We believe that at this moment, it is not possible to implement the PR system. Our leaders have already informed the Election Commission about this in detail. The commission is carrying out its duties in line with its constitutional responsibility," Rizvi added.

The BNP leader said their discussion mainly focused on "Vision 2030", which includes a pledge regarding voting rights for expatriate Bangladeshis. Condemning the attack on Gono Odhikar Parishad chief Nurul Haque Nur, he said, "We demand an impartial investigation into the incident and appropriate action against those responsible."

## Our promises can't match their money

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playing field for independent candidates.

"Union elections under different panels reduce the scope for electing candidates based on merit and other activities," he added.

Samir Faiyaz, an independent candidate for assistant general secretary, said panels are spending heavily on social media promotion, which ordinary students cannot match.

He urged the Election Commission to regulate campaign budgets to ensure transparency.

Ariful Islam, an independent vice president

candidate, said he would not spend more than Tk 509, of which around Tk 300 has been spent. "Printing 10-15 thousand handbills and leaflets as a student is a crime, in my view," he said.

"Those spending enormous sums will likely recover the money through tenders, extortion, and embezzlement. Students should choose their representatives based on qualifications and merit."

Ahmed Hasan Jony, an independent vice president candidate at Hazi Muhammad Muhsin Hall union, said independent

candidates inevitably fall behind politically backed candidates. "I managed to print leaflets, and three days later the official campaign started," he said.

Jony said he borrowed money from friends, relatives, and his small tuition salary to cover expenses.

"Politically backed candidates easily raise funds from their party and senior leaders, while I struggle to support volunteers on my campaign," he added.

Tanveer Barea Hamim, vying for general secretary

from a JCD-backed panel, said the party only provided leaflets; all other expenses were borne by the candidates themselves.

He said independent candidates adhered to the same practices, including hanging banners and festoons, and said there was no difference between candidates in terms of campus campaigning.

SM Farhad, contesting the general secretary post from the Islami Chhatra Shibir-backed panel, said, "We do not even take our meals properly. Offering meals does not help in getting

votes. Our seniors cover minimal leaflet printing costs. We have not organised any campus programmes. Differences only exist in online campaigns."

Contacted, Code of Conduct Taskforce head Prof Dr Golam Rabbani, who is investigating complaints regarding election code violations, said, "We have not received any complaints regarding providing meals to voters or making expensive online content. If we do receive complaints with evidence, we will analyse them and take necessary action."

## Every day, we've to step out taking

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political groups. They have exploited gaps in law enforcement and, to serve their own interests, have created unrest in Bangladesh in various ways," she added.

Referring to the people's uprising as an expression of public anger, she said, "A year has now passed. This should be a time for peace and reconstruction. Such actions cannot be allowed to continue any longer."

Regarding the situation involving DU Professor Sheikh Hafizur Rahman, she said, "When we see a colleague being humiliated by a group while trying to express

his opinion, and our university administration remains completely silent, we realise there

and the current one."

Referring to the attack on Nur, she added, "After this incident, the home




is hardly any difference between the self-serving administration of the past

adviser has no moral ground to remain in office."

Mosahida Sultana, associate professor of the Accounting Department, said, "The uprising was a people's movement, where women and students actively participated. But within a year, the situation has changed. Interest groups are taking advantage of the situation; students are becoming apolitical."

Professor Kamrul Hasan Mamun of the Department of Physics, Professor Kazi Maruful Islam of the Development Studies Department, and Associate Professor Tahmina Khanam of the Department of Management also spoke at the rally.



### বাংলাদেশ শিপিং কর্পোরেশন

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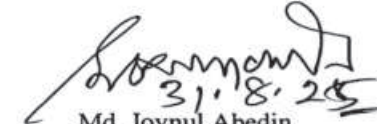
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