

Weaving dreams with Jamdani

SUZIT KUMAR DAS, Faridpur

In Panail village of Faridpur's Alfadanga upazila, 34-year-old Mostafizur Rahman weaves Jamdani sarees -- and with each thread, he weaves hope for a better future.

From his home, he produces sarees using silk, cotton, and zari threads. Each piece sells for Tk 12,000-40,000, depending on the design and quality.

"I could not continue my education beyond the primary level due to poverty. Since childhood, I've been focused on finding ways to earn for my family," he said.

At 16, he left home in 2007 for Rupganj upazila of Narayanganj, the country's Jamdani weaving hub, where he trained under master weavers Haris Mia and Anwar Sardar. He also worked in a local factory for several years.

In 2021, after gaining 14 years of experience, he returned home and set up a small handloom workshop with the help of his wife, Nila Begum. Gradually, he began producing Jamdani sarees and training villagers in weaving.

His 30-by-10-foot tin-roofed workshop is simple but functional, with wire mesh openings for light and air. Inside, six looms stand neatly in rows, each operated by two artisans. From this small space, around 25 high-quality Jamdani sarees are produced every month.

"Unemployment is a big issue in rural Bangladesh," Mostafizur said. "If I can teach the locals this craft, they can earn a living too. However, it's a delicate, time-consuming craft. Many give up midway. Still, I visit nearby villages to find new trainees."

"The real challenge is finding skilled workers. With more weavers,

in monthly profit after expenses.

"Each saree uses about 2,200 to 2,400 strands of silk thread bought from Rajshahi, costing around Tk 2,000," he said.

Customers often visit his home to buy sarees directly or place advance orders ahead of festivals. He also supplies products to the BSCIC Industrial City in Rupganj.



I could easily expand production," he added.

Mostafizur also employs 12 young people from the area.

One of the workers, Mohammad Hossain, 29, said, "I used to work in Rupganj, but when I saw the same facilities here, I joined Mostafizur bhai's factory. I now earn Tk 22,000-25,000 a month."

Mostafizur invested about Tk 5 lakh to establish his workshop, named "Muslim Jamdani Ghar". He now earns Tk 50,000-60,000

Sharmin Yasmin, former upazila nirbahi officer of Alfadanga, said, "I bought several sarees from Mostafizur while I was posted there. His sarees are flawlessly woven."

Tagarband Union Parishad Chairman Mia Asaduzzaman said, "Mostafizur is our pride. His Jamdani sarees have earned widespread appreciation. If authorities provide support, a Jamdani weaving centre could be established here centring him, generating employment among local youths."

DHAKA AIRPORT E-gate to open within days: adviser

UNB, Dhaka

Home Adviser Lt Gen (retd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury



yesterday said the e-gate at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport will be opened within the next two to four days.

"We will open this gate at the airport very soon so that passengers can enter by showing their passports," he said. "We will also start issuing electronic passports for foreign countries by December."

The adviser spoke to the media after attending a meeting of the core committee on law and order at the Secretariat.

When asked whether the e-gate would open this week, Jahangir Alam replied, "Roughly speaking, yes, but I can't say exactly. If the director general of passports were here, he could have given a clearer answer."

Speaking to journalists, the adviser said the meeting also reviewed security and preparations for the upcoming national polls, with emphasis on police training.

"Our officers are being trained to conduct elections efficiently. There is no doubt about their capability. The IGP has already said the force is ready, and I fully support that," he said.



A battery-run rickshaw casually drives beside a bus on the Mouchak-Malibagh Flyover yesterday. Despite such vehicles being banned from using flyovers, drivers openly defy the rule, putting themselves, their passengers, and other vehicles at risk of accidents.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Power generation halted at Barapukuria plant

Technical glitch shuts down all 3 units, causing 200MW shortfall

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Electricity generation at all three units of the Barapukuria Thermal Power Plant in Dinajpur has been suspended due to mechanical failure.

As a result, the national grid has been deprived of about 200MW of electricity, raising fears of load shedding and low voltage across parts of the northern region, said Abu Bakar Siddique, chief engineer of the Barapukuria power plant, yesterday.

According to the chief engineer, power generation at Unit-3 came to a halt on October 16 due to a mechanical glitch. Despite continuous efforts on Friday and Saturday, it could not be restarted, leading to a loss of around

160-170MW of power.

Meanwhile, Unit-1 was shut down around 9:00pm on Sunday following a boiler tube leakage. The unit had been producing 50MW of electricity.

Repairs to fix the leakage are expected to be completed within a week, he added.

Discussions are underway with the Chinese manufacturer for technical support to resume production.

Unit-2, however, has been out of operation since 2020. As a result, power generation at the Barapukuria plant has now come to a complete halt.

The plant has a total production capacity of 525MW -- 125MW each from Unit-1 and Unit-2, and 275MW from Unit-3.

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দরপত্র আহ্বান : মহাপরিচালক, বাংলাদেশ ন্যাশনাল ক্যাডেট কোর অফিস।
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দরপত্র আহ্বানের নম্বর ও তারিখ: স্মারক নং ২৩.০৬.০০০০.০০৩.০৭.০০২.২৫-৫৮ তারিখঃ ১৯ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৫।
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দরপত্র দাখিলের মূল্য প্যাকেজ নং ০৪ এর লট নং ০১ এর জন্য ৩০০০/- (তিন হাজার) টাকা (অফারযোগ্য)। সিডিউলের সাথে দরপত্র আনানক হিসেবে উদ্ধৃত দর ৩% অফারম্যানি পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রফট মহাপরিচালক, বিএনসি অফিসের অনুকূলে দাখিল করতে হবে।
দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় তথ্য অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে বিএনসি অফিসের হতে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। সংগ্রাহক সত্তা যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। উল্লেখ্য যে, ১৪ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৫ খ্রি: তারিখে 'দৈনিক জনকণ্ঠ' এবং 'Daily Post' পত্রিকার প্রকাশিত দরপত্র ব্যতীত বাকি পত্রিকাগুলো।

বিঃ দ্রঃ যদি কোন কারণে নির্ধারিত তারিখে দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়, দরপত্র সিডিউল গ্রহণ এবং দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণ সম্ভব না হয়, তবে পরবর্তী কার্যবিবরণে অন্তর্ভুক্ত হবে।

স্টাফ ক্যাপ্টেন (অর্ডা)
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backed student organisation -- did in the student union elections across universities.

The rally was held by Jamaat as part of the simultaneous movement of eight like-minded parties. Apart from Jamaat, Bangladesh Nezam e-Islam Party, Khelafat Majlish, Jatiya Ganatantrik Party (JAGPA) and Islami Andolon Bangladesh also held similar programmes separately in different places in the capital.

This was their fourth round of simultaneous programmes with five demands, including the issuance of an order to implement the July National Charter and holding a referendum on that order by November.

Rafiqul reiterated their five-point demands and said, "If these demands are not met, Jamaat's movement will continue." Nezam e-Islam Party, Khelafat Majlish and JAGPA held separate

rallies on the road in front of the National Press Club in the afternoon. Activists and leaders of Islami Andolon Bangladesh held a rally at the Baitul Mukarram area.

The parties will hold protest rallies and marches in divisional towns on October 25 and in district towns on October 27.

In their rally, Islami Andolon Secretary General Maulana Yunus Ahmad said, "If attempts are made to return the country to the old order through a rotten election system, the people will resist."

At JAGPA's rally, party vice president and spokesperson Rashed Pradhan demanded the administration must be freed of partisan influence as soon as possible.

Maulana Sakawat Hossain, senior Naib e-Amir of Khelafat Majlish, said there is no value to elections or reforms unless the July Charter has a legal basis.

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They denounced what they described as the authorities' appeasement of anti-peace elements and the administration's muted response, seen by observers as permissive.

They said although the Land Commission was formed 24 years ago to resolve land disputes, it has failed to make meaningful progress.

After the 2016 amendment to the relevant law, a few meetings were held and several decisions were taken, but those remain unimplemented.

Over 26,000 land dispute applications are now pending, they said.

The statement further alleged that no effective steps have been taken to make the commission operational.

The signatories also protested the continuous violence, land grabbing, arson, communal attacks, sexual violence and false cases against indigenous people in the hills.

They said it must be remembered that no

government or influential quarter can evade accountability to the people of the GHT or the rest of the country.

"The July uprising has reaffirmed that message," the statement added.

The signatories include rights activist Sultana Kamal, Nijera Kori coordinator Khushi Kabir, TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman, Naripokkho founder Shireen Huq, Manusher Jonno Foundation Executive Director Shaheen Anam, ALRD Executive Director Shamsul Huda, writer and researcher Pavel Partha, Supreme Court lawyers Subrata Chowdhury and Tobarak Hossain, and BELA Chief Executive Taslima Islam.

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