

## **Boshot Bari : Riverside homestay retreat rekindles rural charm in Munshiganj**

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Dhaka : In the quiet village of Baroi Para, tucked away in Malkhanagar of Munshiganj's Sirajdikhan upazila, a new kind of rural escape is taking shape. Boshot Bari-a boutique-style homestay surrounded by lush gardens and caressed by the gentle currents of a nearby river, is redefining what it means to vacation in Bangladesh.

### **Scenic escape, an hour from Dhaka**

One of Boshot Bari's greatest charms is its proximity to Dhaka. Located just an hour's drive (around 40-45 km) from the capital, the journey takes you through the Dhaka-Mawa Expressway and into the heart of Munshiganj's serene countryside.

### **Return to simplicity**

Set against the backdrop of Munshiganj's green heartland, Boshot Bari blends comfort with authenticity. The property features a thoughtfully designed villa.

Verdant lawns and flower gardens greet guests upon arrival, while shaded balconies and locally crafted interiors create a serene setting for reflection or family bonding.

"It's like visiting your ancestral village-only with better plumbing and curated sunsets," jokingly said a guest named Md Abdullah al Kafi, while talking to The Bangladesh Monitor, during a weekend stay.



## **Life by river**

What sets Boshot Bari apart is its direct access to a scenic riverside.

Here, the soft ripples invite guests on leisurely boat rides, offering views of paddy fields, village life, and birds soaring under open skies. Whether it is dawn's golden light or dusk's pastel hues, the river serves as both entertainment and meditation.

### **Taste of Munshiganj**

Food at Boshot Bari is not an afterthought-it is a highlight. Guests are treated to home-cooked local cuisine, prepared with seasonal ingredients and a village-style flair. Traditional dishes like ilish bhuna, shutki bharta, and freshly harvested vegetables reflect both the culinary heritage and warmth of rural Bangladesh.

### **Homestay with heart**

Unlike resorts or hotels, Boshot Bari operates with the ethos of a homestay-hospitality rooted in community. Run by locals and involving village residents, the initiative provides employment opportunities while encouraging cultural exchange between hosts and guests.

### **Slow travel, sustainable future**

In a time of fast-paced vacations and crowded tourist hotspots, Boshot Bari appeals to those seeking something quieter, more meaningful. Its model aligns with the growing trend of eco-conscious and community-based travel, offering urban dwellers and international visitors alike a way to experience rural life with respect and authenticity, said Tutul Ahmed, who leads the Boshot Bari homestay tourism project, while talking to The Bangladesh Monitor.