

23 get Acumen fellowship



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Acumen Academy has selected 23 Bangladeshi change-makers as fellows for the inaugural group of Acumen Fellowship Program, says a press release. Offered concurrently in Bangladesh, East and West Africa, India, Colombia, Spain and Malaysia, the fellowship is a year-long leadership development programme for emerging leaders who are building solutions to tackle problems centring poverty and social justice. Acumen Academy Bangladesh will run the fellowship annually. Some 230 applicants were assessed through a three-stage application process that included written applications, video submissions and a selection conference. Forty-two shortlisted candidates

were invited to the selection conference on November 29 last year, where 38 distinguished panelists assessed them. From there, 23 were finally selected. The fellows represent diverse cultural, geographic and socioeconomic backgrounds and work in multiple sectors with the commitment to end poverty and injustice. They will continue their jobs during the fellowship, while taking part in seminars and engaging in online content. Founded in 2001, Acumen has been named one of Fast Company's Top 10 Most Innovative Not-for-Profit Companies in 2015 and Acumen Founder and CEO Jacqueline Novogratz was named one of Forbes 100 Greatest Living Business Minds. [Read the full report, including details of the fellowship awardees, in our web version.]

Investigate

FROM PAGE 3 training facilities to increase investigation capacity of Criminal Investigation Department, they added. Police officials also requested to recruit female sub-inspectors and establishing child desks in all 692 police stations. As some officials demanded acquiring land for police establishments, the IGP said it is hard to get land in main cities and suggested searching for land on city outskirts. Javed Patwary said police have a lot of achievements and asked everyone to remain careful so that their accolades are not tainted by any member. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina already gave assurance to fulfil the demands placed in the police week and also thanked officials for playing a role in ensuring security, he said. During the police week, officials placed around two dozen demands in front of the prime minister, home minister and cabinet secretary.

ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON KARNAPHULI Human chain demands demolition in one month

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg A human chain formed by Jolashoy-Joladhar Rakkha Committee yesterday issued an ultimatum of one month to knock down illegal structures set up on the banks of Karnaphuli River. Dozens of social and cultural organisations participated in the programme organised in Bridge Ghata area of Firingi Bazar, adjacent to Karnaphuli area. Rehena Begum Ranu, convener of Jolashoy-Joladhar Rakkha Committee of Chattogram, said the Karnaphuli is making a significant contribution to country's total GDP while the authorities concerned are failing to save this highly important river. She criticised the decision of Chattogram District Administration and Chattogram Port Authority for halting their drive to rid Karnaphuli of grabbers in February last year. "Pollution keeps increasing, grabbing goes on unabated, and port authority is even leasing out river portions on a commercial basis, which narrowed down the width of the river," she said, adding Chattogram Port Authority must restart the demolition drive within one month. She said they would call for tougher movement if the authorities concerned do not restart the eviction drive. Azad Talukdar, editor of online daily Ekushey Patrika, moderated the human chain. Aliur Rahman, convener of Karnaphuli Rakkha Andolon, said Chattogram Port "illegally leased out" a large part of the Karnaphuli. "Authorities who were supposed to save the river, are only hurting it now," he said. Hasan Murad Biplob, a councillor; Mohammad Mohsin, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station in the city; and Noman Ullah Bahar, president of SDG Youth Forum, were present, among others, at the programme.

Tk 3 per kg!

Govt rice depot in-charge caught red-handed while taking bribe STAFF CORRESPONDENT No matter what the quality of rice was, millers had to pay Tk 3 for per kilogramme as bribe to Ilias Hossain, in-charge of the Local Supply Depot in Khulna. The matter came to light after Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) caught Ilias red-handed while taking Tk 1 lakh bribe from one Kamruzzaman yesterday. "Millers were upset. They could not make any profit due to the bribe," said Kamruzzaman, proprietor of MA Zaman Auto Rice and Processing Mills in Dumuria. ACC Assistant Director Shawon Miah later filed a case against Ilias. Kamruzzaman said he collected 900 tonnes of Boro paddy last year and supplied it to the Dumuria depot after processing. But till date, he did not receive any money against his supply. "To approve the bill, Ilias demanded Tk 7.5 lakh and asked for Tk 1 lakh in advance on Thursday," he said. The miller informed the ACC integrated district office in Khulna about the matter. An ACC team took position near the depot, and one of them accompanied Kamruzzaman inside the office and witnessed the transaction. As soon as the money changed hands, the team detained Ilias and seized Tk 1 lakh. Ilias was produced before a district judge's court that sent him to jail, said the assistant director.

'Protect children from social media addiction'

Saima Wazed urges parents

Bss, Dhaka

Saima Wazed Hossain, chairperson of Bangladesh National Advisory Committee for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders, yesterday called upon guardians to remain alert so that their children cannot get addicted to social media. She made the call while presenting the keynote paper at an inter-ministerial views-exchange meeting on "National Mental Health Strategic Plan 2020-2030" at the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) office in the capital. Health and Family Welfare Minister Zahid Maleque attended the function as chief guest, with DGHS Director General Prof Abul Kalam Azad in the chair. Saima, chief advisor of National Mental Health Strategic Plan Working Group, said social media can be used for raising awareness among people on various issues, averting its adverse effects. She stressed on social evaluation of children suffering from autism and neurodevelopment disorders. Speaking on the occasion, the health minister said children are being affected by different mental disorders, and excessive use of social media is mostly responsible for these. He also urged guardians to be conscious about natural psychological growth of children. Health Services Division Secretary Md Asadul Islam, Directorate General of Family Planning Director General Quazi AKM Mohiul Islam and World Health Organization Representative to Bangladesh Dr Bardan Jung Rana were present on the occasion, among others.

A patch-up

FROM PAGE 3 badly burned in 15 days [from December 15-31] after the power line was inaugurated. Contacted, Md Mizanur Rahman, deputy commissioner of Mymensingh, said they are working with Palli Bidyut authorities to make the forest a haven for wildlife. "We have started treating the injured monkeys by feeding them medicines inside banana," he added.

LEGAL NOTICE SERVED Meanwhile, a legal notice was served on authorities concerned of the government to remove the electrical power lines. People for Animal Welfare (PAW) Foundation, a voluntary organisation working for animal rights, served the notice on January 8. Supreme Court Advocate Barrister Shihab Uddin Khan, on behalf of PAW Foundation, served the notice demanding removal of the power lines within 24 hours of receiving it. Secretaries to the ministry of power and ministry of environment; chief conservator of forests; chairman and superintending engineer of BREF; UNO of Phulbaria; deputy general manager of Palli Bidyut Samity's Phulbaria zonal office; divisional forest officer, range officer, and beat officer of Santoshpur under were made respondents to the legal notice. The notice also urged the forest department to ensure treatment and rehabilitation of the injured monkeys.

Laurer Garh excavation begins

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Months after being declared a protected archaeological site, the excavation of historic "Laurer Garh" in Sunamganj began yesterday morning. Abdul Ahad, deputy commissioner of Sunamganj, inaugurated the excavation, to be conducted by the Department of Archaeology. Marking the event, a programme was also held on the field of Halhalia Government Primary School. Laurer Garh, also known as Halhalia Haoli or Rajbari, sprawls over 30 acres of land in Halhalia and Brahangaon village under Tahirpur upazila. It is considered by historians an important landmark of several long-lost kingdoms of greater Sylhet region. Ruins of a fort, palace and other structures have been visible in the area for a long time. On September 25 last year, the cultural affairs ministry declared the area a protected archaeological



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site under the Antiquity Act 1968 (Amendment Ordinance 1976), said Dr Ataur Rahman, regional director of the archaeology department. Starting on November 14, 2018, the archaeology department continued the excavation for three months, he said. This year, a team of nine excavators including Dr Rahman will conduct the work. The archaeology department is also planning to set up an open-air museum at the site, said Dr Rahman. According to veteran historian Achyut Charan Choudhury's book, "Srihatter Tibritto", Laurer Garh fort and Rajbari was part of "Kamrup Kingdom", which used to be ruled by King Bhagadatta.

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