

NILPHAMARI MEDICAL COLLEGE

# Students suffer for want of permanent campus

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

Nilphamari Medical College, that was established two years ago, is yet to get its permanent campus to run the academic and administrative activities.

The medical college is now running its activities on three-storey extension building of Nilphamari Diabetic Association beside Nilphamari-Domar road at Palashbari village in Sadar upazila as the construction work of the permanent infrastructure at the college is still under process.

“The authorities have given us to use the building without rent,” said Dr Md Rabiul Islam Shah, principal of the college.

A total of 50 students from the national merit list got admitted to the medical college for second time in January this year but the college is yet to get its permanent campus, he said.

At the end of 2018, the prime minister had given final recommendation to set up five new medical colleges in Nilphamari, Chandpur, Naogaon, Netrakona and Magura.

After the announcement, the health ministry started functioning of Nilphamari Medical College by admitting 50 students. The first batch of students is now promoted to second year.

Initially, the government appointed 12 teachers, including the principal, and a few officials besides allocating some furniture, practical instruments, projector and 800 books for library, said the accountant of the medical college.

Primarily, the medical college started its academic activities on the ground floor of the 250-bed Sadar Hospital in the district town, said principal Rabiul Islam, adding, that later

Nilphamari Diabetic Association, a local voluntary organisation, gave them to use its three-storey extension building without rent.

The second floor of the building is being used as a male students’ hostel while local guest house of Danish-Bangladesh Leprosy Mission as girls’ hostel, he said.

“At initial stage, the authorities of Palashbari Degree College and Palashbari Girls’ School also provided us benches and tables to run classes,” said the principal.

Mujibul Huque Chowdhury Shahin, secretary of Nilphamari Diabetic Association, said “We have allowed Nilphamari Medical College to use our extension building free of cost until its new infrastructure is constructed.”

Civil Surgeon Ranjit Kumar Barman said when the first batch of students will be promoted to third year in 2021, the students will be given opportunity to attend practical classes in 250-bed modernised hospital.

Second-year student Md Imran Hossain said “We are suffering for want of a well-equipped laboratory but we are very happy to see our teachers’ sincere effort.”

Deputy Commissioner Hafizur Rahman Chowdhury said process is on to acquire 30 acres land near the present temporary campus to construct permanent infrastructure.

Director General of the Directorate General of Health Services Dr Abul Kalam Azad said health directorate in collaboration with respective departments will soon submit a development project proposal to the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecne) for approval.



Nilphamari Medical College runs its academic and administrative activities on three-storey extension building of Nilphamari Diabetic Association in Sadar upazila.

PHOTO: STAR

## Building roads

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Shisalanga uses high-density polyethylene (HDPE), a thick plastic typically used for milk bottles. A local recycling plant turns it into pellets, which are heated to 190 degrees Celsius until they dissolve and are mixed with additives. They replace six percent of the asphalt’s bitumen binder, so every ton of asphalt contains roughly 118 to 128 bottles.

Shisalanga says fewer toxic emissions are produced than during traditional processes and says its compound is more durable and water resistant than conventional asphalt, withstanding temperatures as high as 70 degrees Celsius (158F) and as low as 22 below zero (-7.6F).

The cost is similar to existing methods, but Shisalanga believes there will be a financial saving as its roads are expected to last longer than the national average of 20 years.

“The results are spectacular,” says general manager Deane Koekemoer. “The performance is phenomenal.”

Unlike in Europe, for example, where recyclable plastic is often collected directly from homes, in South Africa,

70 percent is sourced from landfill. The plastic will only be taken from landfill if there is somewhere for it to go -- such as into roads. Shisalanga says that by turning bottles into roads it is creating a new market for waste plastic, allowing its recycling plant partner to take more out of the nation’s dumps.

Kit Ducasse, control technician at the KZN Department of Transport -- which commissioned the plastic repaving -- is “impressed” with the road and has now commissioned a highway on-ramp in addition to the first road. “It’s working so well,” he says. “Time will tell, but what I’ve seen is great news.”

Shisalanga has applied to the South Africa National Roads Agency (SANRAL) to lay 200 tons of plastic tarmac on the country’s main N3 highway between Durban and Johannesburg and is awaiting approval for the project.

If it meets the agency’s requirements, the technology could be rolled out across the nation. Since SANRAL’s standards are so high, Shisalanga hopes it would then be able to meet the strictest regulations across the world.

# Aminur’s cost-effective ‘mobile’ duck farm pays off

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Aminur Rahman of Gachhpara Kamrangaon village in Tangail’s Delduar upazila has found a more profitable way of duck rearing, which requires him to shift the birds to a different place twice or thrice a year, depending on availability of water in waterbodies.

He started the farm with a thousand ducks around a year ago at a waterbody near his father-in-law’s house at Shikderbari village in the upazila.

“When the waterbody dried up after a couple of months, I shifted the ducks to a beel (waterbody) near my village home at Kamrangaon in Fazilhati union. A few days ago, I shifted those to the Dhaleswari river at adjacent Elasin union,” he said.

About a decade ago, Aminur, then engaged in wheat business, started buying a duck almost every day. The number of the birds later rose to 165 and Aminur realized that duck rearing would be a profitable business.

However, he closed his business and went to Saudi Arabia with a job. He returned after a couple of years as the income there was not satisfactory.

He later went to Singapore and worked there for a few years.

Over a year ago, Aminur returned to the country with a plan to start duck farming on a large scale.

He bought 1000 Jinding and Khaki Campbell varieties of duck chicks for Tk 35,000 and started rearing those at Shikderbari. Beside the waterbody, he made a makeshift structure, where he stayed and kept feed and vaccines for the ducks.



“Within four months, the ducks started giving eggs. I get 300 to 350 eggs from my ducks every day and sell it for at least Tk 1000 per hundred to local wholesalers,” he said.

“I have got around Tk 5 lakh by selling eggs in the last five months while I had to spend Tk 2 lakh during the period for running the trade,” he said.

“As my ducks eat natural foods from waterbodies, I don’t have to spend much for buying other feed, usually made with wheat dust, chaff and paddy, for them,” he said, adding that the price of his 1000 ducks is Tk 3 lakh.

Aminur’s wife Bipul Begum said she helps her husband in rearing the ducks. “I have received training on duck rearing for 38 days in two

phases from the livestock department. I can provide primary treatment to the ducks of the farm,” she said.

“Now our family is running better than when my husband lived abroad for earning,” she added.

It will be easier for people, especially unemployed youths to engage in profitable duck farming if the livestock department provides them necessary training and arrange free vaccinations for ducks, Aminur said.

Appreciating Aminur’s ‘mobile’ duck farm, Dr Mohammad Ali, a veterinary surgeon of livestock department in Delduar upazila, said, “The department provides vaccinations, treatment facilities and suggestions for duck farms at the rate fixed by the government.”

## Five held for raping girl on stranded vessel

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came out of it which made them conduct a raid, he said.

Later, they handed over the girl and the arrestees to police, the contingent commander said.

The victim, a garment worker in Dhaka, told police that she had an affair with one of the accused Soheli Rana, said Milon Kumar Ghosh, officer-in-charge of Bhola’s Dakkhin Aicha Police Station.

Recently, the girl came to her village home in Bhola as her mother fell sick and asked for some money from Soheli for her mother’s treatment.

In response, Soheli asked her to meet at Dakkhin Aicha area to take the amount.

As she went there on Saturday afternoon,

Soheli and two of his friends took the girl to a remote coconut garden in Char Kukri Mukri and gang-raped her.

Later, they arranged a trawler with the help of two other friends and forced the girl to board the vessel where she was subjected to a gang-rape once again.

In mid-river, the trawler’s propeller got tangled with a fishing net and it got stuck, the OC said.

The five accused were produced before a court last evening, while the girl was sent to the hospital for medical tests, the OC added.

Meanwhile, in Narayanganj, police yesterday arrested three people in a case filed over gang-raping a woman in Raupganj upazila on Wednesday.

The arrestees are Sahar Ali, 30, Rakib alias

Rocky, 35, and his wife Farzana Begum, 25. All of them are residents of the same upazila.

Police said the victim and Farzana were friends.

On the day of the incident, Farzana took the woman to one of her relatives’ house in Masumabad area in the upazila where Rakib, Sahar Ali and another male person were present, said Azhar Ali, inspector of Bhulta police outpost under Rupganj Police Station.

At one stage, Farzana left the scene as part of their plan and the three gang-raped the woman, the inspector said.

The victim filed a case against the four yesterday morning.

Our Jhalakathi and Narayanganj correspondents contributed to this report.

## Charge framing set for March 3

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prosecution, the ACC in May last year launched an enquiry into alleged accumulation of illegal wealth by Mizan, who came into the spotlight after a marital scandal.

He was later withdrawn as additional commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

The commission assigned Basir to carry out the enquiry. Basir took Tk 40 lakh bribe from Mizan in two instalments -- on January 15 and February 25 last year -- with promises of exonerating Mizan of the charges.

Mizan told media that Basir took bribe from him. He produced audio clips of conversation

between them.

Basir was arrested in the capital’s Mirpur area on July 22 last year.

Meanwhile, the same court yesterday accepted charges against DIG Mizan, his wife Sohelia Anar Ratna, and two sub-inspectors of Dhaka’s Kotwali Police Station Mahbubur Rahman and Mahmudul Hasan, also Mizan’s nephew, in another corruption case.

The court issued arrest warrants against Sohelia and Mahbub as they have been shown fugitives in the charge sheet.

Police have been asked to submit a report on the execution of the arrest warrants on March 3.

## Their dreams turned into despair

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rammed into them around 4:00pm.

Jashim Uddin identified the bodies.

Alam’s death puts his family in uncertainty because he was the lone breadwinner.

“How will I repay the loans?” lamented Alam’s widow, Nasima.

Liakat’s wife Shirin Begum said he went to Oman around five years ago. Father of an eight-year-old son, Liakat used to send home Tk 5,000 each month for his family.

He dreamt of returning home and taking his ailing mother to the doctor, she said.

Shirin said she last talked to her husband two days before the crash.

His death left his mother Banesha shell-

shocked. Liakat’s son Taif, a fourth-grader, said “My father promised to come home soon.”

At Sabur’s village, the weeping of his wife and children could be heard yards away from his home.

Sabur had gone abroad around four years ago after selling a part of his homestead.

His wife Achia Begum had to move in with her sister with her two daughters and son after he left.

Achia said her husband wanted to build a house of their own after coming back. “That dream will never come true,” she said.

Their eldest daughter, Sadia, an 8th grader, said she and her father spoke on the morning of the fateful day.

Sadia said continuing her studies will now be

difficult due to poverty.

Kulaura Upazila Nirbahi Officer ATM Farhad Chowdhury said the administration will extend its support to the families.

## NY to London

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The flight-tracking platform estimates that the average time it takes a plane to fly between London and New York is six hours and 13 minutes.

Flightradar24 announced the news of the record-breaking flight on its Twitter account, writing: “If we’re not mistaken, BA now retakes the fastest subsonic NY-London crossing from Norwegian.”

### বাংলাদেশ টেলিযোগাযোগ নিয়ন্ত্রণ কমিশন

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#### VSAT লাইসেন্স বাতিল সংক্রান্ত জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বাংলাদেশ টেলিযোগাযোগ নিয়ন্ত্রণ কমিশন (ব্রিটিশরািসি) হতে ইস্যুকৃত VSAT লাইসেন্স এর শর্তানুযায়ী ভিসাট লাইসেন্সধারী সংস্থা/প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের অনুকূলে ইস্যুকৃত লাইসেন্স নবায়নের লক্ষ্যে প্রতি বছর সংশ্লিষ্ট আবেদন বিটিআরসি ব্যবসার জন্ম প্রদানের বিধান রয়েছে। নিম্নবর্ণিত ভিসাট লাইসেন্সধারী সংস্থা/প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহে যথাসময়ে তাদের লাইসেন্স নবায়নের আবেদন কমিশনে জমা প্রদান করেনি। ভিসাট লাইসেন্স বহর বহর নবায়ন তদিক্ত হওয়ার উক্ত সংস্থা/প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের অনুকূলে ইস্যুকৃত ভিসাট লাইসেন্সের কোন বৈধতা নেই বিধায় VSAT সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল প্রকার কার্যক্রমে অন্তর্ভুক্তিতে বহরর জন্য নির্দেশনা প্রদান করা হলো।

বর্তীতাবধায়, নিম্নবর্ণিত VSAT লাইসেন্সধারী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের অনুকূলে ইস্যুকৃত VSAT লাইসেন্সের কোন বৈধতা না থাকায় করিশনের অনুমোদনক্রমে উহা এতদ্বারা বাতিল করা হলো। সূত্রাং উক্ত লাইসেন্সসমূহের অধীনে কার্যক্রম অবৈধ এবং বাংলাদেশ টেলিযোগাযোগ নিয়ন্ত্রণ আইন, ২০০১ এর অধীন শাস্তিযোগ্য অপরাধ।

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staying in a hotel near the bus stop and did not have valid documents for staying in India, the SSP said, adding the seven hail from Dhaka.

“For some time, they were in the business of selling fish oil. No criminal cases have been filed against them but they have been booked under the Foreigners Act for illegally staying in India,” Pradeep added.

The arrested were identified as Mamoon Sheikh, Milan Sheikh, Aslam Sheikh, Falan Sheikh, Sijer Sheikh, Mukul Sheikh and Monu Vaid, police said.

In the last few years, several Bangladeshis have been held in Uttar Pradesh for staying without valid travel documents.

In May last year, the Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terror Squad (ATS) arrested six Bangladeshis from Agra for allegedly preparing fake passports.

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#### নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের ২০১৩ সনের ৪৭ নং আইন দ্বারা প্রতিষ্ঠিত বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমান মেরিটাইম ইউনিভার্সিটি, বাংলাদেশ-এর জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত পদসমূহে নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট হইতে আবেদনপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে:

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২.	উপ-সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (ইলেক্ট্রিক্যাল)- ০১ জন	১৬,০০০-৩৮,৬৪০/- (গ্রেড-১০)	৩০ বছর	
৩.	গ্রাফিক ডিজাইনার- ০১ জন	১৬,০০০-৩৮,৬৪০/- (গ্রেড-১০)	৩০ বছর	
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১১.	লেকিনট্র/ট্রান্স- ০১ জন	৮২৫০-২০০১০/- (গ্রেড-২০)	৩০ বছর	

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