Man killed in road accident

Our Correspondent, Bagerhat

A man was killed in a road accident in Bagerhat yesterday. The deceased in Sunil Shil (60), said police.

The incident took place around noon when Sunil was on his way home on a bicycle. When he reached Lakhpur area of Fakirhat upazila, a speeding pickup hit him on Khulna-Bagerhat highway, said police quoting witnesses.

Mohammad Rabiul Islam, officer-in-charge of Katakhali Highway Police Station, said on information, they rushed to the spot and recovered the body. "We are trying to identify the vehicle and its driver," the OC added.

Another 385

FROM PAGE 3 in 68 jails across the country, against a capacity of 41,244, posing a high risk of coronavirus transmission inside the prisons.

At least 13 prison guards have also tested positive. Contacted, a prisons official told The Daily Star last night that 385 inmates were released from different jails across the country.



With a fund comprised of donations from Bank Asia's officials, the organisation bought six reaper machines and distributed them among farmers from Rajshahi and Naogaon last Thursday at Mondumala of Rajshahi. Each machine can harvest crops in about half a hectare of land within an hour. Bank Asia aims to support farmers during this crisis as there is a shortage of labour, said a press release. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Help is

family, so I can't provide relief or financial assistance," he

"Then I figured I have two things to help the people with

-- my blood and my bike," he explained. "So, I decided to donate blood, and use my bike to carry patients to hospitals and people in trouble to their

"I proclaimed my wish on Facebook on April 4," he said. "From then on, many people call me every day, and I

try to help them as best as I can." Like Srijon, many received Kamrujjaman's service in the

One of them, Abdul Mannan, a resident of Fatikchhari upazila, couldn't have reached home on Friday if he didn't notice Kamrujjaman standing beside his motorbike at the

city's Oxygen intersection. "I was so frustrated; I didn't know what to do. But then I noticed Kamrujjaman," said Mannan.

"I approached him, and he rushed me to my home in Fatikchhari," said the thankful youth.

"Many ask me to carry their valuables, including cash and documents, to their relatives in villages. I feel humbled to be of service," Kamrujjaman said.

"When I started, my family was worried about my safety, as carrying people on my bike without wearing proper safety gear is risky," he said.

"Fortunately, after getting to know about my activities, Officer-in-Charge of Pahartali Police Station Mainur Rahman gifted me a set of personal protective equipment,

Contacted, OC Mainur said what Kamrujjaman was doing is very noble.

"By taking patients to hospitals, Kamrujjaman is putting himself at risk... But he took that well into account and is still helping others, for humanity's sake."

"This can be a great example for others," the police

Kamrujjaman said it's the duty of every person to stand by others in difficult times. "If we all care for others, our society will surely become more empathetic and

Traffic cop beats Covid-19 in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

After beating Covid-19, a traffic constable of Chattogram Metropolitan Police (CMP) was released from Chattogram General Hospital yesterday.

Constable Chakma was diagnosed with Covid-19 on April 19 and was admitted to the hospital's isolation unit, said CMP sources. He is attached with Traffic North Division.

Arun is the first Covid-19 patient of CMP who recovered the contagious disease. said Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC, Relation) Public Abu Bakkar Siddique.

Md Shahidullah, deputy commissioner (DC) of Traffic North Division, said he had been undergoing treatment at the hospital for 14 days and was released after finally testing negative.

Arun was accorded a floral reception from CMP Commissioner Mahabubor Rahaman and other senior CMP officials after he arrived at Dampara CMP Police Lines around 1pm.

Commissioner Mahabubor said Arun's recovery will strengthen and motivate other Covid-19 patients to beat the virus.

'Work as a servant of the people'

that it will be the policy of his government to ensure that the gains of independence go to the toiling masses and freedom fighters.

The government has already taken decisions to reform the administration system and set up a pay commission to improve the situation of lower-level government employees, informs the prime minister. The administrative reform commission will suggest ways to reduce the existing wide disparity among different levels of government employees.

CONGRESS DELEGATION CALLS

ON BANGABANDHU A three-member delegation of Indian National Congress, headed by General Secretary of the Party Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma, calls on Bangabandhu today at his official residence. The delegation hands over some books and a handicraft to the prime minister. They discuss various issues relating to the mutual interest of the two

neighbouring countries. **CONSUMERS CORPORATION**

WILL BE FORMED The government is planning to set up News, Dainik Bangla and Purbodesh.

Consumers Corporation to ensure proper distribution of essential everyday goods, informs Bangabandhu at the meeting of secretariat employees. The government is trying its best to improve the distribution system of these daily necessities, adds the prime minister. Three fair-price shops will be opened soon in each union and city. The government is also planning to set up permanent fair-price shops all over the country. Bangabandhu further says that the government is preparing a list of smugglers and black marketers and they will be dealt with strongly.

SUPPORT FOR MARTYRED TEACHERS' FAMILIES

The government has taken a decision to provide all kind of support including oneoff cash assistance, jobs and free education for family members of the martyred teachers of private educational institutions. Under this scheme, the family of a degree college teacher will receive Tk 10,000 while a school teacher family will get Tk 3,000. SOURCES: May 5, 1972 issues of Ittefaq, The Bangladesh Observer, Azad, Morning

'Drug dealer'

declared him dead around 4:00am, said the OC. Three policemen, including sub-inspector Jasim Uddin and ASI Emran Ali, were also injured during the "gunfight", he claimed.

Police also claimed to have recovered two firearms, 15 rounds of cartridge and 400 yaba pills from the spot.

The Daily Star, however, could not independently verify the police claims.

Govt suspends

FROM PAGE 12 Leaders of Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh (HAAB) said people were not interested in getting registered for performing this year's hajj due to the coronavirus outbreak.

The hajj aspirants have serious doubts whether hajj will be held this year," M Shahadat Hossain Taslim, president of HAAB, a platform of private hajj tour operators, told this correspondent.

Both the ministry and the HAAB said the pilgrims will get back their money paid for registration if hajj is not held this year because of the coronavirus pandemic.

On April 16, the religious affairs ministry extended the deadline for hajj registration for the fourth time till April 30. The registration began on March 2 and was supposed to end on March 15.

On April 1, the Saudi government urged different countries to delay hajj plans due to the pandemic.

Hajj flights are scheduled to start on June 23.

Europe pledges to raise

The article says: "We are building on the commitment by G20 leaders to develop a massive and coordinated response to the virus. We are supporting the call to action that the World Health Organization and other global health actors have made together.

"If we can develop a vaccine that is produced by the world, for the whole world, this will be a unique global public good of the 21st century. Together with our partners, we commit to making it available, accessible and affordable to all."

MORE LOCKDOWN EASING

Europe yesterday prepared for a further cautious easing of coronavirus restrictions following signs the pandemic may be slowing, after Spaniards flocked to the streets to jog, cycle and rollerskate for the first time after 48 days of confinement.

More than 244,000 people have been killed and 3.4 million infected worldwide by the virus, which has left

half of humanity under some form of lockdown and pushed the global economy towards its worst downturn since the Great Depression.

After a two-month lockdown in Italy -- with the second-highest number of virus deaths in the world -- people will be allowed to stroll in parks and visit relatives today. Restaurants can open for takeaway and wholesale stores can resume business. And in Hungary, some stores

and museums, outdoor spaces of restaurants and hotels, beaches and baths can reopen from today but restrictions will remain in the capital Budapest, which has recorded about 70 percent of the

Germany will also continue its easing at the start of the week, with schools in some areas expected to reopen, while Slovenia and Poland will allow some businesses and public spaces to operate again.

France has said it will partially lift its lockdown on May 11, reports AFP.

Hundreds

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nine workers were yet to get their dues as they were absent.

He added that the workers did not get their overtime bill only for the months of February and

Meanwhile, some 2,592 out of 7,602 factories were opened across the country yesterday.

Of the opened factories, 1,074 are BGMEA members, 314 BKMEA members, 153 Bangladesh Textile Mills Association members, and 289 Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority members. Some 975 were opened in other categories, industrial police said.

Some 537 factories were opened n Dhaka, 960 in Gazipur, 651 in Chattogram, 446 in Narayanganj, 107 in Mymensingh, and 104 in Khulna, the industrial police

Our Gazipur correspondent contributed to this report.

Scientists create glowing flowers

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photons per minute, according to the researchers who create it. That is far brighter than any previous example, as well as producing more of a steady glow.

The researchers managed to create the plants after realising that the bioluminescence of some mushrooms is metabolically similar to the natural processes found in plants. That allowed researchers to take that DNA from the mushroom and move it into the plants, allowing them to glow with a light borrowed from the mushroom.

Previous attempts to do the same have run into problems because it was difficult to use the glow from bacteria. Usually, the bacterial parts taken from more simple organisms do not work when transferred into more complex ones.

The breakthrough came when researchers

found the parts of a mushroom that allow for biolumiscence. That meant that they were able to define the mechanism inside of an advanced multicellular organism for the first time, and discovered that it would work particularly well in plants. Mushrooms are not closely related to

plants. But researchers discovered that the organic molecule at the centre of the light emission from such mushrooms is also required when plants make cells walls, giving the scientists their opening to get it

By dropping the DNA from the mushroom into the plants, they were able to create examples that glowed ten times as bright, the researchers claim. They are so bright that light could be seen coming from leaves, stems, roots, and flowers and captured using a normal smartphone camera, they claim.

Be ready to live

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"prepared in terms of hospitals and kits". "We are suggesting to the Union government that all containment zones should remain sealed. Rest they can start terming as green zones. Shops can be opened on an odd-even basis. Even after complete lifting of lockdown, if a few cases increase, we are prepared to handle that as well," Kejriwal told reporters.

Private offices, Kejriwal said, can open but only 33 percent of the work force will be allowed. Sectors like IT hardware manufacturing, essential

manufacturing units can continue. Besides, e-commerce activities for essential goods, IT services and call centres, warehouses and private security services can also continue, he said.

While major market areas like The reason, he said, is that Delhi is Connaught Place and Khan Market will remain shut, shops there providing essential services can remain open, the chief minister said. Stationery shops, standalone and neighbourhood shops and residential lanes shops for both essential and non-essential services can be open.

> Also, self-employed people, like technicians, plumbers, electricians and household helps, will be allowed to begin work.

While public transport will stay shut, private vehicles - four-wheelers and two-wheelers – can ply. Four-wheelers can carry two people and a driver and only one person on two wheelers.

Weddings will be allowed with 50 people in attendance, funerals with 20

Citing reasons for the government's decisions, Keiriwal said turning all of Delhi into a red zone gives rise to "two very big problems". "First -- there is job loss among the

masses. Traders and industries have been hugely affected with the closure of shops. People who have lost jobs are leaving the city. Many more want to leave. Delhi will not be able to bear this for too long," he said.

Secondly, because of the lockdown, the government is not able to get any revenue. "How will we pay salaries? How will the government function? Every year, in April we used to make at least Rs 3,500 crore revenue, this year, we have made only Rs 300 crore revenue. We can't pay salaries with this money," he added.

Primary dropouts can increase

Fashiullah said there were chances that some students might be dropping out. "But the number would not be large as these students are staying home and not engaging in any kind of work," he said.

"We are working to resolve the issues as soon as possible," he added. NO STIPEND FOR SIX MONTHS Talking to The Daily Star, many

students and their guardians said they

had not been getting any stipends for the past six months. Asked, officials said the project was aimed at increasing the enrolment and attendance rates and reduce the

dropout rate among primary students. In order to qualify for the stipend, selected students must have 85 percent monthly attendance. They also need to take up all school examinations and attain a minimum of 33 percent

marks in exams for each subject. Each student fulfilling these criteria gets Tk 100 per month as a single beneficiary in a family. Similarly, two children from the same family receive Tk 200 per month, whereas in case of three and four children from the same family, the stipend money is Tk 250

and Tk 300 per month respectively. The government disburses the stipend money directly to the mothers of the students through mobile banking services, four times in a year in April, July, October and January.

About 1.37 crore students receive the benefit and they are not getting the stipend form October, said Yusuf Ali, project director of primary stipend project's third phase.

December and we sent a proposal on extending the project till June 2021, which is awaiting approval at Ecnec. And amid all these, coronavirus hit Bangladesh, which caused the extension work to halt," he said.

"That is why we couldn't disburse money for two installments."

On Wednesday, the planning ministry sent a summary report to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her approval to extend the third phase of the stipend project, Yusuf said.

He also said once they got the approval from the PM, they would be able to disburse money for the October installment in a day or two. But they will need at least 10 to 15 days to disburse the money for the

April installment. The government now spends Tk 1,200 to Tk 1,400 crore each year to provide stipends to students of government primary schools.

SCHOOL FEEDING PROG STUCK Officials said in order to ensure

nutrition, reduce hunger and dropout rate and increase attendance in the classroom, the government was carrying out school feeding programme in 104 upazilas under the poverty-prone region.

Under one programme, the government gives packets of fortified biscuits, each weighing 75 grams, to nearly 3 million children at about 15,800 primary schools in those 104 upazilas.

The government is also serving hot "Tenure of our project ended in cooked meal and high protein biscuits to another one lakh students of 700 primary schools, every alternate day.

"But all the activities are now suspended due to the school closure," Deputy Project Director of School Feeding Programme Mohammed Sohel Hasan said.

Due to the coronavirus situation, all the educational institutions have been closed on March 17. The government then extended the closure till May 5.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on April 27 said all educational institutions would remain closed till September if the situation caused by the coronavirus outbreak did not

Against this backdrop, the project officials sent a letter on April 25 to DPE director general requesting him to take step to reach 50 packets of biscuits in one go to each student in the project area through upazila nirbahi officers and upazila primary education officers.

On one hand, the expiry dates of many biscuits are approaching end and on the other, students are being deprived of nutrition as the schools are closed, said the letter. Project officials said they have at

least 7,212 tonnes of biscuits in stock. Fashiullah said they have received the letter. "We will reach the biscuits to the home of each student. While distributing the biscuits, we will follow the health guidelines and maintain social distancing," he said.

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