

34 school buildings inaugurated

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Lawmaker of Thakurgaon-1 constituency Ramesh Chandra Sen yesterday inaugurated 34 newly-built academic buildings of different government primary and high schools in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila.

The lawmaker, also presidium member of Bangladesh Awami League (AL), attended the programme as the chief guest and formally inaugurated the newly constructed buildings through video conferencing at the upazila parishad conference room.

During the programme, the lawmaker also laid foundation of six more academic buildings for different high schools.

Of the buildings, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) implemented the project for 22 different primary school building at a cost of Tk 18 crore, while Education Engineering Department constructed 12 high school buildings spending Tk 16 crore.

While addressing the inaugural session, the lawmaker said present government has taken initiative to bring all the children under primary education.

The government is also conscious about stopping the dropout rates from primary to high school level, he said.

PATUAKHALI TRIPLE MURDER Prime accused arrested after 3yrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Police arrested the prime accused in connecting with a case for killing three of a family in Galachipa upazila of the district 3 years back.

The law enforcers detained Shahid, son of Idris Mollah, from Dhaka's Savar area on October 10 and produced him before a court the following day, seeking 10 days remanded, Patuakhali Superintendent of Police (SP) Moinul Hasan told the reporters at a briefing at his office yesterday.

On night of August 1 in 2017, unidentified criminals killed Delwar Mollah, 65, his wife Parveen Begum, 65, and their adopted daughter Kazoli Akhter, 15, at their house.

The following morning, police recovered their bodies and sent those to Patuakhali General Hospital for autopsy.

During primary interrogation, Shahid confessed his involvement in the murders.

Woman killed, 2 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A housewife was killed by her husband and in-laws allegedly over family feud in Kaharol upazila of the district on Sunday.

The deceased, Rupali Rani Roy, 30, was wife of Bishuram Roy of Chirakutipara village in the upazila.

Quoting locals and victim's family members, police said there had been a family feud between Rupali and her in-laws.

As a sequel, at one stage of altercation on Sunday, Rupali's in-laws beat her mercilessly and then strangled her to death. Being informed by locals, police went to the spot and detained Bishuram's parents Jiten Chandra Roy and Subola Rani Roy from their house.



With hopes higher than before, hundreds of senior citizen and widow aspirants throng the premises of Balipara Union Parishad, in Pirojpur's Indurkani upazila, to enlist their candidacy for social security allowances of the government. The photo was taken last month.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

GOVT SOCIAL SECURITY ALLOWANCE

Online verification shines hope on 30 thousand aspirants in 6 upazilas

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Those days of eligible aspirants watching their much-needed social security allowances being pocketed by the rich and the powerful might be over soon.

Under a new initiative taken by the Ministry of Social Welfare, the national identity (NID) database of the Election Commission (EC) is now being used to verify identification of individuals seeking to receive government social security allowances in 112 poverty-stricken upazilas across the country.

Marred by irregularities and false claim, the old age, widow and differently abled (physically or mentally) allowances under social security programmes of the government are usually allocated only a fraction of funds required for a large number of recipients.

The new digital enrolment process is being undertaken by the ministry with the objective to ensure maximum coverage for eligible recipients in at least the 112 out of total 492 upazilas in the country.

In Pirojpur, the new enrolment process has been rolled out in six of its seven upazilas. Mathbaria upazila and Pirojpur municipality are being kept out of the process.

Field workers of Department of Social Services (DSS) in the six upazilas -- Nazirpur, Kaukhali, Indurkani, Bhandaria, Nesarabad and Sadar -- already made house visits to guide aspirants about documents and data required during the enlistment process.

The new process might help enrol around 30,000 genuine applicants in the six upazilas, said AKM Akteruzzaman Talukder, deputy director (DD) of DSS district office in Pirojpur.

But, like it has always been, individuals who are solvent or are already receiving at least one allowance from any ministry of the government will not be eligible to apply for any of the allowances, he added.

The digital verification process has come as a blessing for many allowance aspirants who so far failed to get any government allowance due to corruption and

favouritism by local public representatives, who had previously been tasked with the enrolment process of the allowances.

Abdul Aziz, a senior citizen in Balipara village of Indurkani upazila, said despite years of relentless communication with a member of the local union parishad, the public representative did not enlist him as a recipient of the government's old age allowance.

But finally, he was able to start the process of enlistment by turning in the photocopy of his NID card recently, the elderly man said with much enthusiasm.

The elderly population usually do not have any source of income and the government allowance would be an immense support for them, said Altaf Hossain, an old age allowance aspirant in the same village.

Kabir Hossain, chairman of Balipara union in Indurkani upazila, said local public representatives had to turn down many of the eligible candidates as the allowance allocation had been limited before.

Aside from all the advantages, the new digital verification process has its limitations too. A good number of eligible aspirants might get rejected due to erroneous information, such as date of birth, on their NID cards.

Octogenarian Abdur Rahman Miah, a boatman from Southkhali char in Indurkani, is among many of the old age allowance aspirants whose application was rejected during initial manual screening of documents by DSS workers.

"My real age is 82, but according to my NID card, I'm only 32 years old -- the same age as my grandson!" lamented the man.

When this correspondent drew attention of Akteruzzaman, the DD of Pirojpur DSS, on the problem being faced by Abdur Rahman, the DD said their enlistment is conducted only through online verification of the NID database and before applying for the allowances, erroneous information on any NID card has to be corrected at the EC only.

Traders happy as Shapla Beel abuzz with tourists

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Lal Shapla Beel is abuzz with tourists, much to the happiness of local traders. The 15-km-long wetland, where thousands of water lilies of pink colour are in bloom for five months every year, is located in Satla union under Uzirpur upazila and Bagdha union under Agailjhara upazila of Barishal district.

Locals are very happy that tourism business in the scenic area has increased. They have demanded construction of a bungalow in the area and renovation of 10-km-long Ujirpur-Satla road.

The traders said the road has been lying in such awful state for the last three years. When the road was in good condition before 2017, around 2000 people from different parts of the country came to visit here every day during the tourist season but the number of visitors has now decreased by more than 50 percent due to awful condition of the road.

They added that apart from this, the tourists almost stopped visiting Lal Shapla Beel at the beginning of coronavirus. The tourism business in the area was hit hard by the pandemic then.

But their income has increased slightly for the last two months as tourists from Barishal and other adjoining districts started coming to visit the picturesque spot again, said some restaurant traders.

At present, around 1000 tourists come here every day, said boatmen in



Two women on a small boat pluck lilies in Shapla Beel at Satla of Barishal's Uzirpur upazila.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

the area.

Taslim, a local college student, said the beautiful Shapla Beel is actually vast plain land that remains under rainwater from June to October every year. Locals cannot grow anything here during this period. At the time, they depend on the wetland for their livelihood. They actually work as boatmen during the season.

Boatman Enamul, 42, said every day around 100 people came to visit the wetland at the beginning of the tourist season due to coronavirus outbreak. But at present, a number of tourists on boats come here throughout the day to enjoy the beauty of water lilies. Lilies are now in bloom in the beel.

He now earns around Tk 500 daily by rowing boat, said Enamul.

A tourist has to spend about Tk 500 to enjoy the beauty of water lilies in the beel per day, said Bipul Das, chairman of Bagdha union parishad, adding that Tk 1.50 crore is spent here per month during the tourist season.

Local people have also urged for better infrastructures at the tourist spot.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) SM Ajiar Rahman said various steps will be taken to make the scenic area more attractive for visitors.

They have already sent proposals to the tourism corporation to make Shapla Beel more attractive and tourist-friendly, said the DC.



Students, teachers and employees of Moulana Bhasani Science and Technology University bring out a procession at the university campus yesterday on the occasion of 21st founding anniversary of the institution.

PHOTO: STAR

Man held with fake currency

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Police detained a man and seized huge Indian fake currency from Pukuria area in Shibganj upazila of the district early yesterday.

The arrestee, Abdul Basit, 28, son of Golam Nabi, is a resident of Kansat village.

Acting on a tip-off, a police team, intercepted a Sonamasjid bound auto-rickshaw around 4:30am and arrested Basit along with 21.3 lakh Indian fake currency.



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Proposal No. ISDSD(SERVICES)-12(82)/2020

Date: 11 October 2020

Invitation for Tenders

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1	Ministry/Division	Not applicable.	
2	Agency	Not applicable.	
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Bank.	
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.	
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.	
6	Invitation for	The Procurement of Warranty, Maintenance and Related Services of Storage and Tape Library for Bangladesh Bank.	
7	Invitation Ref. No.	ISDSD(SERVICES)-12(82)/2020	
8	Date	11 October 2020.	
KEY INFORMATION			
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method.	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10	Budget and source of funds	Own source.	
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)		
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)		
14	Tender Package No.	ISDSD(SERVICES)-12(82)/2020	
15	Tender package name	Warranty, Maintenance and Related Services of Storage and Tape Library for Bangladesh Bank.	
	Date		Time
16	Tender publication date	11 October 2020	
17	Tender last selling date	Not applicable.	
	Date		Time
18	Tender closing date and time	01 November 2020	03:00pm
19	Tender opening date and time	01 November 2020	03:15pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address	
No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents			
-Receiving tender document		BB eTender System (etender.bb.org.bd) and one hard copy document.	
-Opening tender document		Information Systems Development and Support Department (ISDSD), Bangladesh Bank, 28th Floor, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka.	
21	Place/date/time of Pre-tender meeting (optional)	None.	
	Date		Time
	Not applicable		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
22	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	Tenderers having 5 years overall business experience and minimum specific experience as Supplier in supply of Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC)/Delivery of Goods with AMC of at least ONE active of running contract of similar nature, complexity and methods/technology completed over a period of five (5) years. Evidence of work order, support continuing certificate mentioning amount, item list, date etc. are required.	
23	Brief description of goods	Warranty, Maintenance and Related Services of Storage and Tape Library for Bangladesh Bank.	
24	Brief description of related services	Three years warranty service.	
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	Not applicable.	
	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location
	1	Information Technology Items	ISDSD
			Tender security amount (Tk)
			20,00,000/-
			Completion time in weeks/months
			03 years from the start date of Warranty, Maintenance and Related Services upon contract.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
26	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Amir Hossain Pathan.	
27	Designation of official inviting tender	Systems Manager.	
28	Address of official inviting tender	Information Systems Development and Support Department, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka.	
29	Contact details of official inviting tender	9530101	amir.pathan@bb.org.bd
30	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.		

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