

### Appeal for help

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Moulvibazar

Three-year-old Laxikanto Paul is suffering from eye cancer. His father Sunil Kumar Paul serves as a head teacher at Kurma Tea Garden Non-Government Primary School for a meagre monthly wage of Tk 1,200. Along with mother Rina Rani Paul, they live in the tea garden under Kamalganj upazila of Moulvibazar.

Doctors recommended the family to take immediate steps to treat Laxikanto, but it could cost around Tk 14 lakh. "It is not possible for us to bear the expenses alone," said Sunil, himself a stroke patient. To add to their woes, Sunil's mother is a cancer patient.

The family has requested all to come forward to save the boy. Financial contribution can be sent to Account Name: Sunil Kumar Paul, A/C no 44351 at Adampur branch of Pubali Bank.

The family can be reached at 01718-344660.



In an uneven contest, a bus and a goods-laden rickshaw jostle for space on the Dhaka-Aricha Highway at Savar's Aminbazar area. Incredibly, they're doing this while moving on the wrong side, posing great risk for everyone around them. This photo was taken on Tuesday.

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## DU alumni to honour Prof Ataharul Islam

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Dhaka University Statistics Department Alumni Association (DUSDA) has decided to award Dr M Ataharul Islam with its highest accolade, "DUSDA Outstanding Leadership Award", said a press release.

Dr Ataharul, a renowned academic, was a former student of Dhaka University's (DU) Department of Statistics. In his four decades of teaching, he has worked at several universities around the world, including University of Hawaii, University of Pennsylvania, University of Alabama and King Saud University.

He also taught at Dhaka University, Chittagong University and East West University. In addition, he has more than 200 research articles in international journals. He also has five books to his credit, all published abroad.

He was a trendsetter in DU's Department of Statistics in terms of research, the press release said.

Apart from his contribution to DU, he has played a significant role in the development of statistics curriculum of many universities, both home and abroad, and policy analysis for various government and non-government organisations and development partners.

DUSDA is set to host a virtual award giving ceremony on November 26, where DU VC Prof M Akhtaruzzaman will serve as chief guest, and ex-JU VC Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed will be special guest.



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hopeful of settling the issue soon. "We've already held the tripartite meeting and asked the project sponsor to provide a detailed analysis of the tariff offered for the project."

Earlier DPDC had unsuccessfully tried to pursue different government agencies, including the Food Directorate, the Shilpakala Academy, the Women and Children Directorate, and the Education Directorate, for using their rooftops for the project, but none agreed.

Officials said DPDC has initiated the move for solar power projects as part of the government plan to generate 10 percent electricity from solar power by 2020 to promote renewable energy across the country. The country's solar power generation still remains below 450 MW, while the total power generation capacity is about 23,000 MW, the officials said.

## Youths awarded

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The champion will get prize money of Tk 20,000. The runner-up and second runner-up will get Tk 15,000 and Tk 10,000, respectively, and certificates as recognitions of their achievement.

Sakib, who developed the idea of Circular, said, "Waste pickers are some of the most neglected and marginalised people of our society. However, they are the warriors who deal with all types of waste. They need support in terms of awareness, capacity building and protective gear. We also want to inform common people who are producing waste and disposing irresponsibly."

Orobi, co-founder of Prarombho, said, "Transgender people have already formed smaller organisations thanks to various charitable initiatives. We want to unite these organisations to train them for SMEs, provide basic education and healthcare, and help them get rehabilitated into society through

employment."

Momin, who is responsible for e-Krishi Clinic, said, "Every year, diseases damage crops and other agricultural products worth crores of taka. Our farmers must walk miles to get advice from agricultural offices. This platform will deliver all kinds of agricultural information and services virtually to our farmers."

Speakers at the webinar also provided important tips and promised support to the young innovators to help materialise their ideas.

Dr Khondaker Golam Moazzem, a research director of Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), commented, "Financing is a big issue to materialise these ideas. We need to determine how these young innovators can get necessary funding, maybe commercially or through venture capital or any other form of international collaboration."

Prof Atiur Rahman of DU said, "I am really impressed by these ideas,

because all of them are extremely related to our daily life and social realities. Our youths should ensure that they are working hard for their ideas in a focused manner. If they do so, I believe many banks and financing institutions will be happy to support their initiatives."

Lawmaker Nahim Razaq said, "I appeal to corporate sectors to support these amazing ideas by delivering mentorship, capacity building and financial assistance. We policymakers will provide all kinds of help they may need from our end."

In her concluding remarks, Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid Bangladesh, said, "We will try to ensure that the participants will continuously get support from the public and private sector. I request policymakers and government representatives to ensure support for research and innovation by mentioning these issues during planning of annual budget or five-year plan."

## Padma Bridge

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installed within this month and the last two would be installed within mid-December," Bridge Division Secretary Belayet Hossain said.

"With the installation of all spans, a major work for the bridge would be completed," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

Replying to a question, he said, "It would take 12 to 14 months to complete all works. It may be opened [for public] in the first half of 2022."

Belayet Hossain said railway stringers and roadway decks are being installed now and some others works including installation of electricity

and gas lines have to be completed before opening the bridge for public.

He said the railway stringers, which went into the Padma due to erosion at a yard, has to be brought from Luxemburg and this is causing some delay.

The current deadline of the project is June 2021 and they have to take approval for extending it, he added.

When works of most development projects was suspended due to the pandemic, Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project work continued.

But it suffered due to a shortage of workers -- Chinese and local -- and poor supply of construction materials since January, said officials involved

with the project.

The project authority was able to bring back pace after Chinese nationals returned to work in May following the end of the two-month shutdown.

However, strong currents in the Padma river started causing problems to that end, they said.

No span could not be installed between June 10 and October 11, due to strong currents, officials said.

Besides, at least 192 railway stringers and 220 roadway decks, supposed to be installed for construction of the bridge, went into the Padma on July 31 due to erosion at a yard.

## PM thanks

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of the 21st century.

The prime minister assured them of continuing all sorts of government assistance to develop the armed forces.

She further said the government has been implementing the reconstitution and modernisation programmes for the three forces in phases, in line with Forces Goal 2030, following the defence policy of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The chiefs expressed their sincere thanks and gratitude to the PM for developing the armed forces in various fields, especially in the last 12 years during Awami League's tenure.

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## Vengeful

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BNP talks about democracy, it stays far away from playing the role needed to strengthen it, he added.

He said BNP takes part in elections to make the polls questionable. BNP talks about democracy but it involves in evil attempts to make elections questionable, he added.

The AL general secretary said BNP is the architect of politics of killing, conspiracy and terrorism in the country. "But, Awami League is a pro-people party. It always stayed with people in the past and will do so in the future," he said.

About BNP's allegation that if anyone criticises the government, he or she disappears, Quader said BNP is spreading their traditional falsehood by making such fabricated and misleading comments. He urged BNP to refrain from presenting such false information.

AL does not fear criticism rather it has the courage to take lessons from constructive criticisms, he added.

Regarding the transport sector, the minister asked all concerned to remain alert so that unskilled drivers cannot drive vehicles. Bus drivers and other staffers must wear their specific uniform, he added.

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