

DNCC drive frees up Manik Mia Avenue bicycle lane

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Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) conducted a drive against illegal food stands, installations, and parking on the Manik Mia Avenue bicycle lane yesterday.

During the drive -- led by DNCC Executive Magistrate Md Masud Hossain -- illegal installations, food stands, and parking on both sides of Manik Mia Avenue bicycle lane were evicted.

Two cars were fined Tk 2,500 for illegal parking on one of the capital's second dedicated bicycle lanes. In addition, around 100 makeshift shops were removed and five people were fined Tk 600 for not wearing surgical masks.

Bangladeshi bicyclists have long been calling for separate lanes for them. The country's first such lane was inaugurated in Agargaon in October 2019.



Almost all of the footpath and even parts of the main road in front of the capital's Baitul Mukarram has become a haven for hawkers, makeshift stores and illegal parking, especially for motorbikes. The photo was taken recently.

Ensure adequate equipment at all public hospitals

Legal notice served on govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court lawyer yesterday served a legal notice on the government, asking it to arrange for necessary number of medical equipment at public hospitals across the country in 15 days in order to accurately diagnose diseases and provide proper treatment to patients.

Lawyer Md JR Khan Robin sent the legal notice to the authorities concerned of the government. It also requests them to take necessary steps to repair faulty equipment in hospitals within 15 days.

The legal notice was sent to the secretaries to the ministries of health and home, director general of the directorate of health services, and director of central medical stores depot. In the notice, the lawyer says he will move a writ petition before the High Court for necessary orders if they do not take steps to this effect.

In the legal notice, JR Khan Robin said the state is responsible for ensuring people's right to health and life under the constitution. However, some public hospitals are reportedly facing shortage of medical equipment and many equipment are lying ineffective, although the government has allocated budget for this purpose, he added in the legal notice.

Noted citizens

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against the spirit of the Liberation War of 1971.

On December 21, during a protest rally against vandalism of sculptures of Bangabandhu and Bagha Latin in Kushtia, SP Tanvir reportedly warned vested groups to restrain from raising questions about Bangladesh's independence.

The eminent citizens who gave the joint statement are: Sarwar Ali, Ramendu Majumdar, Abdus Selim, Mamunur Rashid, Mofidul Hoque, Shahriar Kabir, Muntassir Mamoon, Nasiruddin Yousuff, Golam Kuddus, Hasan Arif, and Ahkamullah.

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"We don't have sufficient warm clothes," said Tahera Bewa (58), a widow at Char Gobordhan of Teesta River bed in Aditmari, Lalmonirhat.

A rickshaw-puller Shafiqul Islam (50) from Jatrapur village in Kurigram Sadar upazila, said, "I can't go out of home to pull rickshaw amid severe cold. If I do so, I would not get passengers."

Contacted, Lalmonirhat Deputy Commissioner Md Abu Jafor said they were distributing warm clothes among the cold-hit people in remote and char areas.

In Nilphamari, poor were seen trying to keep off the cold by setting fire to waste polythene, tyre and dry leaves.

Due to severe cold, late blight fungus attacks potato fields compelling many farmers to harvest immature vegetables to minimise further loss. "I have harvested immature potato of one bigha of land this year," said Shakir Hossen, a farmer from Ranachandi village.

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Apart from this, particulars of around 400 juveniles have so far been incorporated in the Juvenile Digital Database. All sorts of public services such as police clearance certificate, online GD and 999 national emergency services from RMP were simplified through the new Hello RMP app.

At yesterday's event, the IGP said no more members involved in illicit trading and trafficking of drugs will remain in the police force.

"We have started taking drastic action against those who will be found guilty," he said. Besides, members involved in tarnishing image of the force will not go unpunished.

Later, the IGP took part in a views-exchange meeting with members of the force from different units in the region.

RMP Commissioner Abu Kalam Siddique, Deputy Inspector General of Police Abdul Baten and other high officials were present on the occasion.

Deradicalisation

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or get close to them, they will be arrested. Later, the team will work for "incapacitate" that person's activity, he said.

The unit will then work for disengagement so that the person does not meet or communicate with his/her associates, said the ADG, adding that during this period, the special unit will tackle the issue with patience and perseverance.

Rab will also work for rehabilitation of these people following successful deradicalisation. A person will receive financial support or job, whatever they need, for social integration.

According to sources, seven militants surrendered to Rab after the deadly café attack in 2016. Rab brought those militants into normal life through counselling under the government's rehabilitation project. As the pilot project saw success, Rab is now working to give it a permanent shape, said officials.

Col Tofail Mostafa said they are working towards a more holistic approach. "People across the country will be able to avail the service after we launch it successfully," he added.

The specialised units -- anti-terrorism unit and counter terrorism and transnational crime unit -- are also working for deradicalisation and rehabilitated many youths through counselling and group meetings with guardians, according to officials.

Saiful Islam, deputy commissioner of CTCI, told The Daily Star yesterday that they have initiated such process last year. The unit already rehabilitated eight persons as a part of deradicalisation, he added.

Mohammad Aslam Khan, special superintendent of ATU, said they too have similar rehabilitation process. But it is now halted due to the pandemic, he added.

The special superintendent said they have a plan to give the deradicalization process an institutional shape in the coming days and are working towards it.

Women farmers

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provided agricultural services require the ownership of lands (for loans), which most of the marginalised women cannot access.

In terms of land ownership, it was found that in Sunamganj and Dinajpur, none of the respondents has any agricultural land of their own.

Of the 197 respondents of the four districts, only 30 women were found having the access to farmer's card, which means the majority of women in agriculture are not only deprived from access to a wide range of agricultural services, but there is also a failure in the policy level to give women farmers the due recognition they deserve.

Besides, a substantive number of women who have the farmer's ID are presumed to hail from women-led households, the qualitative data suggested.

Rowshan Jahan Moni, deputy executive director of ALRD presented the Bangladesh perspective of international conventions and covenants and said, although

Bangladesh ratified many international conventions along with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the core of CEDAW— article 2 and 16 (1) (c), marriage, divorce and inheritance rights of women — is still reserved, with the government's excuse being "the ground is not ready".

Vidya Bhushan Rawat, founder director of Social Development Foundation, Delhi; Kalpana Karki, CSRC Nepal, and Chet Charya, director of Star Kampuchea of Cambodia presented the land and property ownership situations of women in India, Nepal and Cambodia.

Dr Nazneen Ahmed, senior research fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies said, "While we are advocating for land rights, we also have to demand the other supporting environment that will help women to move forward."

She also shared her experience of researching on the situation of women of the southern belt of Bangladesh, who were able to buy

their land from their agricultural activities, with the support of an insurance company and some local NGOs that link them with the market and value chain, she said.

Dinesh Desai, Director MARAC, Ahmedabad, India, said around 90 percent of women in Bangladesh and India are working as unpaid workers in the agriculture sector and we need to push forward their identity.

ALRD chair Khushi Kabir, also the coordinator of Nijera Kori, chaired the webinar.

"The recognition of women farmers is important, not just legally or in paper or policy, but with proper implementation," she said.

"While we are working on having a separate bank for women, we should ensure that existing banks have a separate facility for women farmers and rural women producers to give them the required financing for agricultural production," suggested Khushi Kabir.

Mirgul Amanaliev, Asia Regional Coordinator, ILC-Asia and Samsul Huda, executive director, ALRD, also spoke at the programme.

35th Death Anniversary



The 35th Death Anniversary of Late Rahimullah Choudhury, a renowned industrialist of the country and former Member, National Assembly (M.N.A.), is being observed on the 28th December, 2020 both at his village home in Matubhuiya, Feni and in Dhaka by The Insaniyat Society, an N.G.O. founded by him for the education and welfare of the destitute in the society.

We request all his relatives, friends and well wishers to pray for his departed soul.

Family Members of Late Rahimullah Choudhury

Anisul Hoque's

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Each print run of the novel comprised of 2,000 copies, Somoy Prokashon told The Daily Star.

Anisul Hoque has personally signed all copies of the 100th print run, which comes in a special edition with new cover art and book size. Each copy is priced at Tk 600.

Recounting the genesis of the novel, Nasiruddin Yousuff said, "Through Anisul Hoque's writing, the novel captured the true essence of the liberation war. It also reflected how one wants to see a mother, her compassion and her ability to motivate and inspire. As a result, I believe readers have been able to take ownership of the book over the years."

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Virtual courts

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Pointing out the painful jail life of Bangabandhu, Hasina said her government has taken all necessary steps to modernise the jails and turn those into centres for changing mentality and behaviour of the convicted persons.

She said members of a jailed person's family have no fault but they suffer due to the imprisonment of their near and dear ones.

Keeping this in mind, the government has brought necessary changes to the jails of the country and is providing training to the imprisoned so that they can earn money for the family working in jail, she said.

About fire stations, the prime minister said her government is constructing fire stations in every upazila and fire stations have already been constructed in 457 upazilas.

In this regard, she directed the authorities concerned to build fire stations even in union level, if necessary, to ensure safety of people.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan also spoke on the occasion from Fire Service and Civil Defence Department at Kazi Alauddin Road in Dhaka.

জয়িতা ফাউন্ডেশনের সক্ষমতা বিনির্মাণ প্রকল্প

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আবেদনপত্র আহ্বান

মহিলা ও শিশু বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়ের নিয়ন্ত্রনাধীন জয়িতা ফাউন্ডেশনের সক্ষমতা বিনির্মাণ প্রকল্পের আওতায়ে নিম্নোক্ত বিষয়ের উপর প্রশিক্ষণ প্রদানের জন্য নিবন্ধিত নারী উন্নয়ন সমিতি/সেচ্ছাসেবী মহিলা সমিতি/কোনরূপ সংগঠনের নারী সদস্যদের বা নারী উদ্যোক্তাদের নিকট হতে আবেদনপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

১। প্রশিক্ষণের বিবরণ:

ক্র. নং	প্রশিক্ষণের নাম	শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা	প্রশিক্ষণের মেয়াদ	প্রশিক্ষণের ধরণ	প্রশিক্ষণ প্রদানের স্থান
১	কার ড্রাইভিং	ন্যূনতম এসএসসি	৩০ দিন (সপ্তাহে ৫ দিন)	ফেস টু ফেস	বিআরটিসি ট্রেনিং সেন্টার, মিরপুর।
২	ডে-কেয়ার (চাইল্ড কেয়ার)	ন্যূনতম এসএসসি	১৫ দিন (দিনে ৩ ঘণ্টা)	অনলাইন (প্রতি ব্যাচে ২০ জন)	আর্লি চাইল্ডহুড ডেভেলপমেন্ট ডিপার্টমেন্ট, বিআইডি, ব্র্যাক।

২। প্রশিক্ষার্থীদের প্রদেয় সুবিধাসমূহ:

ক) জয়িতা ফাউন্ডেশনের সক্ষমতা বিনির্মাণ প্রকল্প হতে নির্বাচিত প্রশিক্ষার্থীদের প্রশিক্ষণ ফি প্রদান করা হবে।

খ) ব্র্যাক ইন্সটিটিউট অব এডুকেশনাল ডেভেলপমেন্ট (বিআইডি) এর আর্লি চাইল্ডহুড ডেভেলপমেন্ট ডিপার্টমেন্ট এর নিজস্ব

/অতিথি প্রশিক্ষকদের দ্বারা ডে-কেয়ার (চাইল্ড কেয়ার) প্রশিক্ষণ প্রদান করা হবে।

গ) প্রশিক্ষার্থীগণ বাংলাদেশের যে কোন স্থান হতে অনলাইনে সংযুক্ত হয়ে ডে-কেয়ার(চাইল্ড কেয়ার) প্রশিক্ষণ গ্রহণ করতে পারবেন।

ঘ) ব্র্যাক ইন্সটিটিউট অব এডুকেশনাল ডেভেলপমেন্ট কর্তৃক ডে কেয়ার(চাইল্ড কেয়ার) প্রশিক্ষণের সনদ প্রদান করা হবে।

ঙ) ডে-কেয়ার (চাইল্ড কেয়ার) প্রশিক্ষণের সমাপনী ও সনদ বিতরণ অনুষ্ঠান ব্র্যাক এর ঢাকায় বিএলসিতে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

চ) কার ড্রাইভিং প্রশিক্ষণের জন্য প্রশিক্ষার্থীদের ঢাকায় অবস্থান করতে হবে। তবে থাকা খাওয়ার ব্যয়ভার প্রশিক্ষার্থীগণ বহন করবেন।

ছ) বিআরটিসি ট্রেনিং সেন্টার, মিরপুর, ঢাকা হতে কার ড্রাইভিং প্রশিক্ষণ ও প্রশিক্ষণের সনদ প্রদান করা হবে।

৩। আবেদনের শর্তাবলী:

ক) আবেদনকারীদের বয়স ৩১ ডিসেম্বর ২০২০ তারিখে ১৮-৪৫ বছরের মধ্যে হতে হবে।

খ) আবেদনপত্রের সাথে শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সনদপত্র/মার্কশিট, জন্ম নিবন্ধন সনদ, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র, সমিতির নিবন্ধন সনদ ও ৩

কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।

গ) চাকুরীরত, সংক্রামক রোগে আক্রান্ত অথবা অন্তঃসত্ত্বা মহিলাদের আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নাই।

ঘ) আবেদনকারীকে নিজের নাম, পিতা/স্বামীর নাম, মাতার নাম, বর্তমান ও স্থায়ী ঠিকানা, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা, বৈবাহিক অবস্থা, ধর্ম, জন্ম

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ঙ) আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ: ১৭/০১/২০২১ তারিখ বেলা: ৫.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।

চ) বিস্তারিত জানার জন্য মোবাইল নম্বর: ০১৫৫২৪২৫৭৬০, ০১৭১৫৭১২০৬৯, ০১৩৮৬১২১৬১ তে যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে।

৪। প্রশিক্ষণের জন্য আবেদনকারীকে অবহিতকরণ:

সকল শর্ত পূরণকারী আবেদনকারীদেরকে প্রশিক্ষণের সময়কাল ডাকযোগে/ই-মেইলে জানিয়ে দেয়া হবে।

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