

# 'Stop smoking'

Education Minister Bari-ter Jamiruddin Strar Saturday laid emphasis on creating mass awareness to promote smoking-free environment, reports BSS.

The minister was speaking as chief guest at the publication ceremony of a book entitled "Tobacco-smoking"

Opinion — Questions-Answers published by anti-smoking organisation "Adunik."

Presided over by Dr Khondaker, the function was also addressed by State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum among others, National Prof Nurul Islam, Khan Ataur Rahman, Prof Abu Zafar and journalist Rahat Khan took part in the discussion.

The minister said the government considered inclusion of smoking in the curriculum of education to make our children aware of harmful effects of smoking and prevent them from the habit. He said that strong will of a person was sufficient to give up smoking which causes so many diseases.

Barrister Jamiruddin said that the people of the developed countries had already given up smoking at a high rate. But there was little progress in our country in this regard, he regretted.

## Iranian envoy meets Mustafiz

The special envoy of Iranian President Hashem Rafsanjani and Deputy Foreign Minister of Iran Monucheir Mottaki Saturday called on Foreign Minister A S M Mustafizur Rahman, reports BSS.

They discussed various matters related to Bangladesh. During the discussion, they also reviewed issues related to the forthcoming OIC summit scheduled to be held at Dhaka in early December.



The Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in parliament Sheikh Hasina addressing a rally of Jubo League in city on Saturday. Story on Page 1.

## Acquisition of private land protested

Thousands of affected people of Dholaikhal have protested acquisition of private land in the area as per an ordinance promulgated by the Ershad regime, reports UNB.

Several thousand inhabitants of the area held a protest meeting in front of the Gandaria Community Centre on Friday, urging the government to rescind the acquisition order of 1982, said a press release Saturday.

Speakers in the meeting, presided over by Hasibul Hassan, said despite availability of sufficient khas land, including the area along the Dholaikhal canal, the Dhaka City Corporation had recently initiated implementation of a

## Yunus Khan leaves for Pakistan

State Minister for Education Mohammad Yunus Khan left for Pakistan Saturday at the head of Bangladesh delegation to the fifth meeting of the COMSTECH due to commence in Islamabad from tomorrow (Nov 11), reports UNB.

The other member of the delegation is Prof Nurul Islam, Director, Institute of Appropriate Technology of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).

Acting High Commissioner of Pakistan Abbas Zaidi saw off the delegation at the Zia International Airport.

The three-day COMSTECH meeting in Islamabad is being attended by all the member states of OIC.

# Land in Bangladesh losing fertility, says Minister

Minister for Forest and Environment, Fisheries and Livestock Abdulla Al-Noman Saturday said Bangladesh had always responded positively towards the international approaches for checking environmental degradation all over the world, reports BSS.

Inaugurating a day-long workshop on "Environment and development: NGO initiative" at the BARC auditorium in Dhaka in the morning, the Minister said the scale and pace of global environmental degradation were very rapid in the recent decades.

Termining awareness about environmental pollution comparatively a modern concept, he said destruction of forests, desertification of vast lands, pollution of waters, emission of toxic gas and other problems were responsible for shrinking resource potentials and environmental degradation.

Chaired by Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Sayed Hasan Ahmad, the inaugural function was also addressed, among others, by Prof Mohammad Ibrahim, Convener of the workshop, Ms

Christiane Sporell, Assistant Resident Representative of the UNDP, Mohammad Shahidul Alam, Director General of NGO Affairs Bureau and Ms Hosne Ara Begum, Executive Director of Thangamara Mohlia Sabuj Sangha, Bogra.

Abdulla Al-Noman said the very existence of the earth was in danger due to the Green House effect, ozone layer depletion, global warming and the rise in sea level.

About Bangladesh, he said the situation was critical due to mounting pressure on its environment as forest was depleting, land losing its fertility and water resources endangered by pollution. "In addition to these, poverty, population explosion, illiteracy and diseases along with floods, cyclone and draughts are compounding the situation in Bangladesh," he said.

Another report adds: Eminent environment scientist and Professor of Dhaka University S Z Haider stressed the need for considerable research on the patterns of energy needs, awareness of envi-

ronmental pollutions through mass education and use of various media as well as development of technology for early warning systems of natural calamities, reports BSS.

He was addressing a lecture on "Green House gases and environmental impacts" held at the auditorium of the German Cultural Centre in Dhaka.

The lecture was sponsored jointly by the Alumni Association of German Universities in Bangladesh and the Institute.

Presided over by Prof M Strajul Islam, the function was addressed, among others, by the Director of the Institute Mrs Hannelore Lechner, Dr Afab Uddin Ahmed, Secretary of the Association and Prof S D Chowdhury, Ex-Vice Chancellor of Mymensingh Agriculture University.

Prof S D Chowdhury recommended the research activities in Bangladesh to offset the hazards of man-made and natural pollutions particularly for protection of the coastal region and offshore islands of Bangladesh from sea level.

## Concern over law and order

Four political parties Saturday expressed concern at the deterioration of law and order in the educational institutions and called upon all concerned to come forward unitedly to stop the growing campus violence, reports BSS.

Presided over by CPB leader Nurul Islam Nahid, the meeting, held at the CPB office, was attended by the representatives of Communist Party, National Awami Party,

Samyabadi Dal and Gano Azadi Dal.

The meeting discussed threedraw joint approaches of the four political parties toward various national problems.

The meeting was attended, among others, by Pankaj Bhattacharjee, Kamal Hyder, Murshed Ali, Nuh Alam Lenin, Dilip Barua, Abdur Rouf, Alhaj Abdus Samad and Nurul Ameen.

## 2 Indian fishing boats held

KHULNA, Nov 9: BNS Shaheed Farid, a gunboat of Bangladesh Navy, during a routine anti-smuggling and fishery protection patrol on Friday apprehended two Indian mechanised fishing boats with 15 maunds of fish off Fairway Buoy and arrested all the 24 crew members of the boats, reports BSS.

The impounded vessels, Rupali and Maa Kamala Maa, along with fishes were nabbed while they were engaged in catching fish well inside the territorial waters of Bangladesh without any lawful authority, an ISRP press release said in Dhaka Saturday.

## Col Farooq's father dead

Syed Ataur Rahman, father of Freedom Party Chairman Col (Rtd) Syed Farooq Rehman died Saturday at his DOHS, Banani residence. He was 73, reports UNB.

Syed Ataur, a retired Major in the army died of diabetic and old age ailment at around 1-15 in the afternoon.

He left behind his only son Col (Rtd) Farooq and daughter Yasmin Rahman, first woman pilot of wide-bodied aircraft in Asia.

Mrs Khairunnessa, a retired teacher of Anandamoyee Girls' School, Armanitola, died in Dhaka on November 6. She was 72, reports BSS.

Mrs Khairunnessa had been associated with teaching for over 40 years. She was laid to rest at Banani graveyard on November 8.

She leaves behind two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives, well-wishers and students to mourn her death.

Her eldest son is Farooq Uz Zaman, Head of Operations of Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank and a former news caster of Bangladesh Television.

## Cancellation of the Tender Notice

The notice inviting tenders in respect of appointing travel agent in Bangladesh Power Development Board published in "The Bangladesh Observer," "The Sangbad" and "The Daily Star" on 21.10.91, 22.10.91 and 25.10.91 respectively is hereby cancelled.

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DFF (BA) 9068-6/11  
G-854  
Secretary,  
Power Dev. Board, Dhaka

## BCIC International Tender

General Manager, NGFF, Fenchuganj, Sylhet invites sealed quotation under two envelope system for supply of (1) Thermowell, pressure Gauge etc. against Tender Enquiry No. NGFF/P-201/EIP/D/705 dated 26.10.91 and (2) for S. S. Valves etc. against Tender No. NGFF/P-211/MMD/706 dated 26.10.91 on C&F (C) Chittagong basis under any suitable Foreign credit. Each set of Tender schedule may be purchased at Tk. 50/- (Taka fifty) and Tk. 25/- (Taka twenty five) respectively from (1) BCIC, Head Office, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (2) BCIC, Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong (3) NGFF Ltd, Fenchuganj, Sylhet. Tender will be received up to 11.00 A.M. on 9.12.91 and will be opened (Technical offer) immediately there after in public. No tender document will be sold on opening day.

BCIC 999-2/11  
DFF (BA) 8973-4/11  
G-851

## Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, (RHD), Construction Road Divn. I, Allenbury, Tajgaon, Dhaka Auction Notice

No. IOC-1 of 1991-92

It is hereby notified for general information and all concerned that different kinds of scrap materials like M.S. angle, joist and M.S. rod etc. lying at different place at Joydebpur-Mirzapur (approx. quantity 14.00 tons) under Road Sub-Divn. III, Joydebpur, Gazipur will be sold on public auction. "As it is where it is" basis on 14-11-91 at 12-00 Noon at Office compound of Dhaka Constn. Road Divn.I, Allenbury, Tejgaon, Dhaka.

Intending bidders are requested to be present in due time and place. Intending bidders will have to deposit Tk.8,000/- (Taka eight thousand) only in B.D. or cash in favour. of the Ex. Engr. (RHD), Road Divn.I, Dhaka as security at least 1(one) hour before the start of the auction. None will be allowed to participate in the auction without security deposit.

The details of the scrap materials can be seen at site after discussion with the Sub-Divisional Engr. (RHD), Road Sub-Divn.III, Joydebpur on all working days during office hours except holidays.

DFF(G)12841-4/11  
G-850  
Executive Engineer (RHD)  
Constn, Road Divn.I,Dhaka

## Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board Office of the Director Procurement, Telephone Exchange Building, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

No.DP/L-43/IT/91-92/Part-1/4 Dated, Dhaka the 18.07.98BS 03.11.91AD

## Local Tender Notice

Sub: Supply, installation and commissioning work on turnkey basis of 20+200, 20+200 and 10+100 lines digital PABX at Mirpur, Momenshahi and Jalalabad Bangladesh Army Cantonments respectively.

Sealed tenders in prescribed form are hereby invited from the established business organization dealing in digital PABX for supply, installation and commissioning on turnkey basis of the items mentioned in the subject above.

Tender will be received on 22-08-98 BS/07-12-91AD and will be opened on the same day in presence of the tenderers, if any.

The intending tenderers shall have to apply to the undersigned in their printed letter pad for purchasing the tender, schedule. On submission of the application at reception counter of Telephone Exchange Building, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, the tender schedule may be purchased on cash payment of Taka 500/= (Taka five hundred) only (Non-refundable) from 8-30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on all working days. Information about earnest money and other terms and conditions are available in the tender schedule. No tender schedule will be sold on the opening day of the tender.

The authority is not bound to accept the lowest tender and reserves the right to accept any or to reject all the tenders or to waive any irregularity of a tender in the interest of B. T & T Board, without assigning any reason whatsoever.

DFF(BA) 9008-4/11 Dy. Director (Local Procurement) G-853 Telephone No-815041

## Dateline Chittagong

# Plan to irrigate 1 lakh acres in Chakaria in cold storage

CHITTAGONG, Nov 9: Communications Minister Oli Ahmed said here last night that voluntary social organisations could play a vital role in alleviating sufferings of the less fortunate people of society, reports BSS.

Socio-cultural organisations with missionary zeal can accomplish welfare activities aimed at improving the condition of the poorer section of the people, he added.

Speaking as the chief guest at the biennial conference of Chakaria Upazila Samity in Chittagong city at Nasrabad, he said government would support the efforts of the voluntary organisations in accomplishing welfare activities aimed at improving the condition of the less fortunate people of society.

Presided over by samity President Azizur Rahman, ex-MP, the conference was also addressed by Enamul Huq Manju, MP, samity adviser Nurul Ahmad and General Secretary Alhaj Anwar Hussain, Prof Shamsheer Uddin Ahmad, Vice President of the samity, presented the welcome address.

Oli Ahmad commended the efforts of Chakaria Upazila Samity which had awarded scholarship to some meritorious students from the area and distributed relief materials among the cyclone and tidal surge affected people. He said, we would extend cooperation to you in your endeavour to accomplish welfare activities.

The Communications Minister said the government had taken up a massive road reconstruction programme and that all important roads in Cox's Bazar area would be reconstructed during the next two to three years.

Regarding the taking up of a master-plan for Matamuhri river irrigation, he said he would take up the matter with the relevant authority.

About one lakh acres can be irrigated by constructing four cross dams and sluice gates on the river Matamuhri at Chakaria and a plan to this effect has been prepared by concerned officials. The irrigation project cannot be implemented for shortage of fund.

Another report adds: Communications Minister Oli Ahmed said here today that there was no place of commu-

nalism in the soil of Bangladesh.

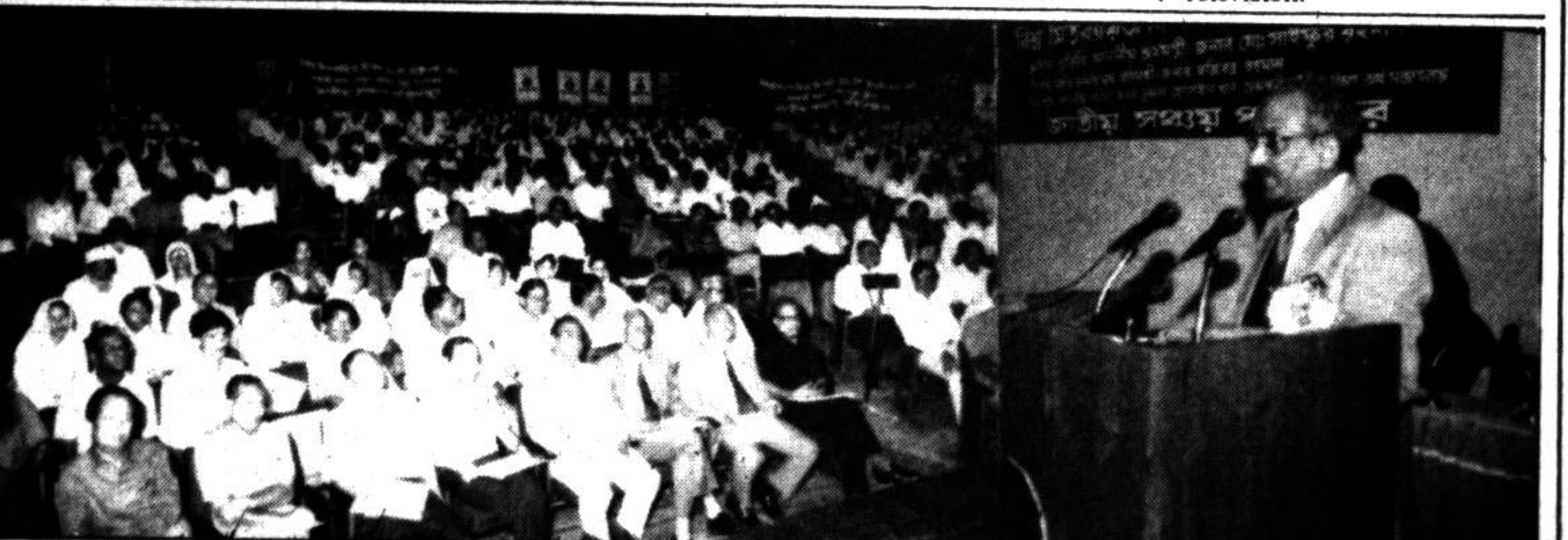
Emergence of democracy in the country has opened a bright prospect for the people of all religions to celebrate their respective religious activities.

The minister was addressing a Katin Chibar Dan (Yellow Robe Giving Ceremony) at Eneyat Bazar Buddhist temple as the chief guest.

Organised by Bangladesh Buddha Samity, the function was presided over by head of the supreme sanga council, venerable Shilalanker Mohathero.

It was addressed, among others, by samity president Rakkhal Chandra Barua, Tarana Sen Barua, Dr. DP Barua, Prof Ranjan Barua, Beni Madhab Barua, Vahanable Paragnabangsha Thero, Charnasen Mohasthabir, Badal Barua and Pjush Barua.

Stressing the importance of Buddhists in national and international fields specially in transition of democracy in the country, the minister said the Buddhist community would play its role in building up of a self-reliant nation.



Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman speaking as chief guest at a function organised by the Directorate of National Savings at Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) auditorium recently.

# HERE and THERE

## Polytechnic teachers' ultimatum

Teachers of all Polytechnic Institutes of the country abstained from doing their duties from 10 am to noon on Saturday to realise their 10-point demand.

Addressing the rallies at the institutes, the teachers called upon the government to meet the demands by November 23.

The teachers also said, if the demands were not met by the dead-line, they would close the institute for an indefinite period and the government would be responsible for its consequences.

They also called upon the teachers of the institute to make the programmes a success.

## Ganatantrik Sramik League

Ganatantrik Sramik League held a rally at Demra on Friday demanding pay rise for the workers, and expressing concern over the continued violence at the educational institutions.

Presided over by Abdul Mannan, the rally was addressed, by among others, Abdus Sattar Pathan, Delwar Hossain, Ali Hossain, Abdur Rashid, Abbas Uddin and Raisuddin.

They also demanded to run the mills of the public sector by making it profitable.

## Garments Workers Federation

Bangladesh Garments Workers Federation on Saturday laid a siege around the office of the Garments Owners Association at Kawranbazar and asked for accepting its demands.

The workers held a rally there with Federation President Khurshid Alam in the chair and later handed over a memorandum to the Owners Association President Mosharraf Hossain.

The rally was also addressed, among others, by Khorshad Alam, Mobarak Hossain, Syeda Selina Shely, Jaheda Begum, Abu Taleb, Mozaffar Hossain and Mahbuba Akhter.

## Azimpur Dwellers Assoc

An anti-terrorism rally was held at Azimpur seeking cooperation for maintaining law and order situation in the area adjoining Dhaka University campus.

The rally was presided over by General Secretary of Dhaka University Residential Area Welfare Association at Azimpur, Ruhul Amin and was addressed by among others Abdul Malek and Mohammad Ali.

They said that the Azimpur dwellers became hostages in the hands of some terrorists who were creating panic in the area frequently.

They also expressed concern over the inaction of the personnel of law-enforcing agencies, said a press release.

## Democratic League

Democratic League held a discussion meeting at its Nayapaltn Central Office in memory of Shaheed Noor Hossain who was killed in police firing during a Dhaka siege

## Plea to promote govt college teachers

A delegation of BCS General Education Association, led by General Secretary Prof Abu Yusuf and Treasurer Dr Golam Rasul Miah called on Education Secretary Mostafizur Rahman, an association press release said, reports BSS.

During the meeting, the delegation members urged the Education Secretary to take steps for filling up the vacant posts of all Assistant Professors by promoting lecturers.

They resented that the promotion of lecturers has remained suspended for a long time.

The Education Secretary gave a patient hearing to the teachers and assure them of sympathetic consideration.

## programme on November 10 in 1987.

Presided over by Oli Ahad, the meeting was addressed by among others, Advocate Mahbulul Huq, Faruq Ahmed Bhuiyan, Saifuddin Ahmed and Abdus Sattar Pathan.

## BSEHR

The investigation training course of Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) was inaugurated on Saturday at its Bjoy Nagar central office.

Sigma Huda, Secretary General of the Organisation, inaugurated the course.

## JSD (Rab)

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Rab) on Saturday demanded immediate release of the former opposition leader in the Parliament and JSD chief ASM Abdur Rab.

His political Secretary M Shahidullah Farazi in a statement said that Rab have been suffering from cervical spondilitis which needs urgent treatment.

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## Tk 1.7 cr rural infrastructure uplift projects undertaken

Government has undertaken 15 rural infrastructure development projects at the cost of Tk 1.7 crore to be implemented by next five years, reports UNB.

The programme being implemented with the donor agencies SIDA, DANIDA, NORAD, EEC, World Bank and Asian Development Bank, covering projects on rural development, physical planning, and housing and construction of primary school buildings.

Local Government Engineering Bureau will implement the projects.

This was stated at a divisional conference of engineers and technical staff of the Local Government Engineering Bureau (LGEB) held in the city. Inaugurating the conference LGED and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder said the programmes aimed at ensuring people's participation and involvement in local level planning and outlining development priorities.

The programmes' success depends on pragmatic planning, timely completion of projects by ensuring optimum utilisation of resources, maintaining quality standards and strict adherence to accountability, the Minister said.

## Tender Notice

Tender No. SHB/MD /GL/7/91/330 dated 30/10/1991/ is invited from the 'C' & 'D' class contractors of PDB for (1) Cleaning of Residential Area store yard power house etc. (2) Maint of school field of Shahjibazar Power Station, PDB, Habiganj at an estimated amount of Tk 47,437/50 & 49, 842/00 only. Detail schedule/ Tender documents is obtainable at a cost of Tk 20/= (Twenty each) only with prior permission from the office of the undersigned till 27/11/1991 and tender will be received at 12-00 Noon of 26/11/1991.

## Dy Manager Shahjibazar Power Station, PDB, Habiganj.

Biddut/Jan-479(3)91-92  
DFF (BA) 8943-3/11  
G-847

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Stores Division, Chittagong

গৃহস্থালীর সকল কাজে হস্তচালিত নলকূপের পানি ব্যবহার করুন

## TENDER AMENDMENT NOTICE

It is notified for information of all concerned that due to unavoidable reasons the Tender invited vide the office Memo No 1982(SO) dt 20-10-91 for carrying of goods from Chittagong Stores to different district stores will be received on 14-11-91 up to 12-00 Noon instead of 4-11-91 at the offices of Executive Engineer, Stores Division, Chittagong/Dhaka/Khulna/Natore and opened on 17-11-91 at 10-00 A.M. instead of 9-11-91, at the office of the Superintending Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Stores Circle, Dhaka before the tenderers or their representatives (if any) present. Other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged. This tender amendment notice will be treated as integral part of the tender and should be attached with each tender.

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