

Officials asked to work sincerely

Agriculture Minister Major General M. Majid, U.I. Haque (Rtd) Friday called upon the officials to work sincerely for making the country self-reliant in food production within the shortest possible time, reports UNB.

Addressing them at the local circuit house at Gopalganj, he said agriculture sector earned sixty percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and required utmost attention.

Govt urged to keep admin neutral in UP elections

Patriotic Democratic Front (PDF) on Friday called upon the government to take necessary steps for the peaceful holding of the coming Union Council elections, reports BSS.

In a meeting of the Central Committee, PDF also called upon the Government to keep the administration and government machinery neutral in this regard.

Presided over by PDF Convener Pankaj Bhattacharya, the meeting was attended by Saifuddin Manik, Dilip Barua and Aliyah Abdus Samad.

Supporting the demands of the Samik Karmachari Otkya Parishad (SKOP), the meeting called upon the Government to solve the problems through discussion with the SKOP.

for further development. "Honesty, dedication and hard work can make a country self-reliant," he said urging the officials to be dedicated in their work for boosting up agricultural output.

Law and Justice Minister Mirza Gholam Hafez who also addressed the meeting urged the officials to maintain congenial atmosphere in the ensuing Union Parishad election to make it fair and free.

Referring to the law and order situation he said that the present government was determined to ensure law and justice in all spheres of life.

BCU literary contest

Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) has organised a literary competition on the occasion of its 22nd Dhaka City unit conference.

The competition will be held in school and college level. The items for the school level students are poetry and story writing while for the college students, poetry and essay on "the role of the administration and the student community in resisting terrorism."

The writings are suggested to send to the BCU central office by January 5.



President Abdul Rahman Biswas addressing the inaugural session of the Second World Homeopathic Congress on Cancer at a local hotel in the city.

Temporary camp for treatment of diarrhoea at Narshingdi

A temporary medical camp with adequate medical supplies has been set up at Charnagardi Bazar under Palash Thana of Narshingdi district for the treatment of the diarrhoeal patients of Jinardi Union, reports BSS.

Meanwhile, an emergency medical team comprising doctors from primary health care unit of Mahakhali and Palash Thana health complex visited the affected areas on Thursday and treated the patients with saline and antibiotics.

Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khan, MP accompanied the emergency medical team in the diarrhoeal area, a press release signed by him said on Friday.

The newly set up medical camp will remain open round the clock for a week and work for checking further spread of the disease in the area, the press release said.

Dr. Moyeen Khan expressed his sympathy to the members of the bereaved families of three victims who died of the disease, the press release said.

Govt firm to fulfil hopes of people

Food Minister M. Shamsul Islam on Friday said the welfare-oriented social organisations were contributing largely to the infra-structural development of the country, reports BSS.

He was speaking as the chief guest at a function at Ramshing Primary School premises in Munshiganj in observance of the Victory Day. The function also marked the tenth anniversary of Ramshing Social Welfare Association.

Presided over by Md. Shahidullah Shaikh, Chairman of the Ramshing Social Welfare Association, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Secretary General of Vikrampur Association Md. Shahjahan and Deputy Commissioner of Munshiganj district.

The minister said, the government was determined to fulfil the hopes and aspirations of the people. "The development programmes of the country would be implemented easily with the mass participation," he said.

He called upon the people of all walks of life to render their cooperation to help build the country a prosperous.

Develop homeopathy for better health : Biswas

President Abdul Rahman Biswas on Friday called for developing homeopathy as complementary to other branches of medicines to ensure better health for the people, reports BSS.

Inaugurating a two-day second world homeopathic congress on cancer at Hotel Sheraton the President said what was important for the doctors of different system of treatment was to render health services to the mankind.

Organised by the International Federation of Homeopathic Physicians (IFHP) the inaugural session of the congress was presided over by Dr. Abdul Mannan. It was also addressed by Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare Sirajul Haque, Health and Family Welfare Secretary M. Mokammel Haque, National Professor Dr. Nurul Islam, Inspector General of Police Enamul Haque, WHO representative in Dhaka Dr. AN. Abey-sundere, Dr. RK. Gosh Mondol and Dr. Sanjoy Banerjee, President and Secretary-General of IFHP respectively. Dr. Kelly Cull of Australia and founder president of Ahsania Mission Cancer Centre Mohammad Salimullah.

More than 500 delegates from home and abroad are participating in the conference.

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looked into "because we need more and more trained and qualified physicians for the fulfilment of our commitment to health for all by the year 2000."

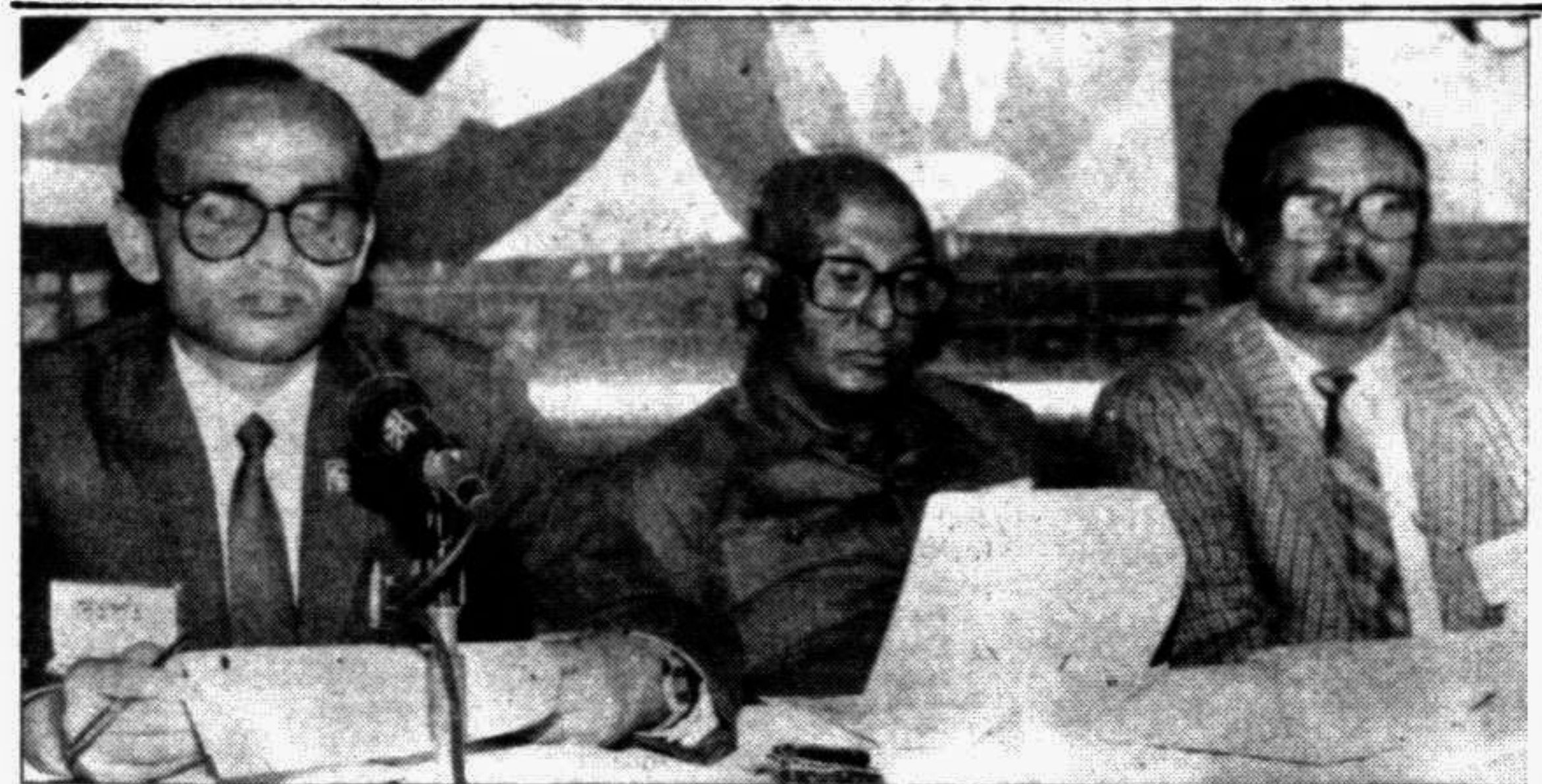
The President was happy to note that the University of Dhaka recognised the BIMS degree course in homeopathy and gave special affiliation to the homeo degree colleges of the country.

President Biswas referred to the subjects of deliberations in the congress and said the homeopathy physicians were quite alive to the challenges of the present age because of the awesome appearance of some new diseases posing threat to healthy human life.

He expressed the hope that participants in the congress both from home and abroad would assimilate their thoughts and ideas during deliberations and the wisdom and sagacity would culminate in the bringing about something tangibly fruitful for the humanity.

Speaking on the occasion Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare said the government would extend all possible cooperation for the development of homeopathic medical science in the country.

National Professor Dr. Nurul Islam urged the government to provide all the modern hospitals in the country with homeo research facilities.



Roads and Highways Diploma Engineers' Association President Mridha Nazrul Islam speaking at the association's 9th council session in the city on Friday.

What's on today

Janata Dal confce

The conference of the Lalbagh Thana unit of Bangladesh Janata Dal will be held today (Saturday) at the Azampur Community centre at 5-30 pm.

Janata Dal chairman KM Obaidur Rahman will attend the function as chief guest while Vice Chairman SM Alim will be the special guest. Central leaders of the organisation will speak at the conference.

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote will organise a function today (Saturday) at 4 pm at the Shilpakala Academy to mark the Victory Day.

The programme includes discussion and cultural soiree. Justice Kemaluddin Hossain, Dr. Mazharul Islam, M. Akhter Mukul, Prof. Panna Kaiser will take part among others in the discussion while eminent cultural figures will participate in the soiree.

Community Development Library

The Community Development Library will organise a two-day function beginning today (Saturday) on the occasion of the Victory Day.

The programme which takes place at the library auditorium includes discussion, film show, photographic exhibition and display of the documents of the Liberation War.

Macro economic management course

A course on "Macro economic management" will be held today (Saturday) at 3 pm at the conference hall of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI).

Finance Minister will inaugurate the course jointly organised by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh.

JEB seminar

A seminar on "Industry-university inter-action programme : A BCIC-BUET case study", organised by the chemical Engineering Division of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, will be held today (Saturday) at 5-30 pm at the JEB seminar hall.

National book fair

The 13th national book fair begins tomorrow (Sunday). Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia will open the 14-day fair at the Osmani Memorial Hall at 5 pm.

A total of 68 publishing houses, agencies and foreign missions will take part in the fair.

Need for healthy society stressed

By Staff Correspondent
M. A. Mohaimen, a prominent politician and intellectual stressed the need for a progressive and healthy society for flourishing of art and culture.

Speaking on Friday at the founding anniversary of Joar Shahara Surer Alo Sangeet Academy and the reception to Ustad Abed Ali and Sohrab Hussain, he said that culture could not flourish if poverty and injustice prevailed in the society. He further said, cultures witnessed their prime time in every society when there were economic emancipation.

Presided over by Advocate Mafzur Rahman the function was also addressed by the acting editor of Dainik Dinkal, Syed Zafar and journalist Mozammel Majumder.

Plea to take care of distressed rural children

Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Minister Tariqul Islam urged the affluent section of society to take care of the distressed rural children and extend their all-out cooperation to them so that they become worthy citizens of the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing an award giving ceremony of Children's National Mousumi Competition '91 under the auspices of the Bangladesh Shishu Academy in city on Wednesday.

HERE and THERE

Muktijoddha Sangshad

Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangshad on Friday asked its upazila command to send the names of poor, helpless, homeless and unemployed freedom fighters residing in village and upazilas by January 20.

Chairman of the Sangshad Abdul Ahad Chowdhury and Secretary General Abdul Aziz Bir Pratik in a joint statement also asked all the unemployed freedom fighters to arrive at the capital by March 11 and to stay till getting jobs.

Pen-pals Club

The International Pen-pals Club Friday held a discussion in observance of the Victory Day.

Presided over by the President of the Club, Mahbubuddin Chowdhury, the discussants recalled the supreme sacrifices made by the valiant sons of the soil during the Liberation War.

The meeting also renewed its pledge to safeguard the independence and sovereignty of the country.

BSD rally at Jatrabari

The Demra unit of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) Friday held a rally near the Road Circle at Jatrabari.

Presided over by Golam Sarwar, the meeting was addressed by the convener of BSD Khalequzzaman, Golam

Mahmud, Abdur Razzak, Mostafa Faruk and Bazlar Rashid Peroz.

Speaking at the rally, the BSD convener alleged that the ruling party has failed to implement the pledges made during the anti-autocracy movement.

Expressing grave concern over the deteriorating law and order situation Khalequzzaman said that the government also failed to take up programmes aiming at ameliorating the sufferings of the common people.

Manobik meeting

A meeting of the Manobik, an anti-drug organisation, to form the Metropolitan unit of the body was held Thursday afternoon at Mirpur Ideal High School.

Presided over by Md. Yeazul Islam, the meeting was addressed by Md. Rafiqul Islam Milon, Mohammad Nazryl, Monir, Khalil and Ibrahim.

JU Film appreciation course ends

A certificate awarding ceremony of a course on film appreciation was held on Thursday at Jahangirnagar University.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Kazi Saleh Ahmed gave away certificates among the 47 participants at the course.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Ahmed said such course on film appreciation would help develop creative faculty of the students and enable them to learn the techniques of film making.

Dateline Chittagong

Buddhists urged to work for welfare

CHITTAGONG, Dec 20: A national conference of the Buddhist community today called for a consensus among all Buddhist socio-cultural organisations to work out a common strategy for the welfare of the community, reports BSS.

The conference, held here under the auspices of "Bangladesh Social Reformation Movement" was presided over by Ven. Satya Priya Mohathero, an eminent Buddhist religious leader. Mr. D. P. Barua, Managing Director and Chief Editor of BSS, who is also Secretary General of Bangladesh Chapter of Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace (ABCP), attended the conference as the chief guest.

In his speech Mr. D. P. Barua called upon the Buddhists to involve themselves with the mainstream of the national life at this important period of the country's march on the path of democracy.

He stressed the need for setting up a Department of Buddhist Study at Chittagong University for research on ancient Buddhist culture and heritage of Bangladesh in view of this region's past and present role in the resurgence of Buddhism.

The conference was addressed, among others, by leaders of various Buddhist organisations including Sajjan Talukdar, Dulal Kanti Barua, Prof. Shishir Barua, Dr. Prabhat Chandra Barua, Khagendra Lal Mutsuddi, Binode Barua, Indu Barua, Shilabrata Barua and Ashoke Chowdhury.

The conference was largely attended by delegates. It passed a number of resolutions aimed at reforming the Buddhist society on Buddhist religious and cultural values.

Earlier, a delegate's session was held under the presidency of Mrs. Jarna Barua, convener of the conference committee.

BNP Ctg South Dist confce tomorrow

CHITTAGONG, Dec 20: BNP Chittagong South District will hold its annual conference on Sunday, reports BSS.

The conference, to be held at Hulan Sah Nur College auditorium of Patiya here will be attended by Joint General Secretary of the party Abdul Matin Chowdhury as the chief guest and the Central Standing Committee member Dr. AFM Yusuf will remain present while Chittagong City Mayor Mir M. Nasiruddin will inaugurate it, a party press release on Friday said.

Organised by the Rangamati Youths Society, the fair was inaugurated by freedom fighter and Chairman of the Local Government Parishad of the hill district Goulam Dewan.

Thousands of people from all walks of life are visiting the stalls in the fair daily.

The Society has also arranged cultural functions to mark the occasion.

Chittagong Film Exhibitors' Assoc goes on strike

CHITTAGONG, Dec 20: Chittagong Film Exhibitors' Association went on an indefinite strike from today protesting a decision of the Bangladesh Film Distributors Association for a hundred percent payment in advance, reports UNB.

President of the exhibitors' association, Shahed Asgar Chowdhury said that the distributors association, without any prior discussion with them, issued a letter on December 18 asking for hundred percent advance payment instead of the existing 20 percent.

He also alleged that the distributors were trying to realise arrears bills by enforcing the new decision.

Eighteen cinema halls of the port city out of 19, excluding Isanani Complex, abstained from screening movies today to the sudden disappointment of a huge number of viewers.

The association informed that the government would incur a loss of about one lakh taka daily if the strike continued.

Foreign cigarette worth Tk 4.5 lakh seized

CHITTAGONG, Dec 20: Customs personnel today seized 815 master cartons of contraband foreign cigarette and one colour television worth about Taka 4.5 lakh from Patenga, here, reports BSS.

Acting on a tip-off, the customs personnel unearthed an underground 'godown' and seized the items.

None was arrested. 7 shops, 3 houses gutted in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Dec 20: Seven shops and three dwelling houses were gutted by fire at Momin Road here today, reports BSS.

Firefighters extinguished the fire, which reportedly originated from an electric short circuit.

The extent of damage could not be immediately ascertained.

Workshop on debate

The first national workshop on debating concluded in the capital recently.

A total of 267 debaters from the educational institutions across the country took part in the four-day workshop organised by the Notre Dame Debating Club under the auspices of Bangladesh Debate Federation.

Tender Notice

No 05/1991-92

Sealed tender is invited for Re-sectioning of embankment in polder No 1 and 2 at Satla-Bagda project under IDA Aided FDR'88 during the year 1991-92. The Reaches are divided into 20(Twenty) groups and the amount varies from Tk 2,89,693.00 to 8,72,225.00. The time for completion of works is 90 (Ninety) days only.

The tender will be received up to 12-00 hours on 24.12.91 and opened on the same date at 12-30 hours.

Enlisted "B", "C" and "D" class contractors of BWDB during 1991-92 only are eligible for submitting the tenders.

Tender documents and detailed information will be available during banking and office hours up to 23.12.91 in the Sonali Bank, Bagura Road, Barisal/Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Motijheel, Dhaka/Sonali Bank, Post Office Road, Perojpur in the office of the Executive Engineer, Patuakhali O&M Division, Patuakhali/Gournadi, W.D. Sub-Division, Gournadi/Jhalakati, W.D. Sub-Division-IX, WDB, Jhalakati @ Tk 400/- only per set (Not refundable).

The tender will be received by the Executive Engineer, Barisal W.D. Division-II(Satla-Bagda), WDB, Rajarhat, Perojpur. The Executive Engineer, Jhalakati W.D. Division, WDB, Barisal, the Executive Engineer, Patuakhali O&M Division, WDB, Patuakhali, the Executive Engineer, Dhaka O&M Division-II, WDB, Dhaka, the Sub-Divisional Engineer, Gournadi W.D. Sub-Division, Gournadi and Sub-Divisional Engineer, Jhalakati W.D. Sub-Division-IX, WDB, Jhalakati. The tender of "B" class contractor to be dropped at Dhaka which will be received by the Superintending Engineer, Dhaka O&M Circle, WDB, Dhaka simultaneously.

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Intending tenderers may inspect the wireless machines at Telecom workshop of Transmission Division of Titas Gas, Demra Office everyday from 10-00 AM to 12-00 Noon.

Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the company's head office up to 12-00 Noon on 08-01-92 and opened on the same day at 12-30 P.M. in presence (if any) of the tenderers. Earnest Money at the rate 2% of the quoted amount should be submitted with the tender.

Tenderers should submit bank solvency certificate, Income Tax clearance certificate for 1990-91, Trade Licence, past experience certificate, licence issued by T&T Board and original copy of tender purchase receipt with the tender.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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