

National

PBS-1 in Natore

Transformers, wires worth
Taka 1.45 crore stolen

From Our Correspondent

NATURE, Dec 26: The journey of Natore Pally Biddut Samittee-1 (NPBS-1) have been facing problems due to stealing of the transformers and wires.

The NPBS-1 has started its 'no loss, no gain' basis journey here in 1981 with a view to earn revenue by selling electricity. It has constructed 1317 kilometres of electricity lines and provided electricity to about 25 thousand consumers since its inception. The samittee is continuing their 'electricity distribution' programme in Shingra, Bagatipara and sadar thanas of Natore district and Puthia and Bagmara thanas of Rajshahi district through the two sub-centres of 15 MVA power plant.

The samittee has increased the electricity selling by 59,000 KWH during this year. It also has collected over Taka 5.46 crore including some arrear bills of the previous years.

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The samittee has introduced service from one point programme to ensure rapid and easier service for their consumers. They have served at least 4,532 consumers under the programme this year.

About 92 village-advisors and 21 village-electricians were given training by the NPBS-1 for increasing the skill in conducting the samittee activities fairly.

However, the samittee may still incur a loss as a result of stealing transformers and wires and of the arrear bills.

Thousands of consumers of the samittee have not paid their electricity bills amounting to Taka about 1.30 crore. Of the total amount, about Taka

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All of these reports were revealed at the 12th annual member meeting of the samittee, held at the samittee premises on December 24.

94. Azir Uddin Ahmed, DC, Natore attended the meeting as the chief guest while Md Nuruzzaman Sarkar, President of NPBS-1 presided over the meeting. Among others, Manzurur Rahman, general manager of the samittee, Omar Ali and Alek Uddin also addressed the meeting.

About two thousand consumers of the samittee and local elite were present at the meeting.

Smuggled Indian goods
flood Sirajganj markets

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 26: Smuggled Indian goods have flooded the village markets of Sirajganj district.

It is gathered that the rural markets have been flooded with Indian smuggled goods. Jamtoil railway station in Kamar Kanda thana is the main unloading and transit point of smuggled goods. Cotton yarn printed saree, blouse piece, dyes, sugar, spicess, onion, cosmetics, razor blades and many more items are available everywhere in the rural markets.

It is observed that smuggled goods from Chapainawabganj, Rajshahi and Ishardi are brought by local and inter-city trains routes and unloaded at Jamtoil Railway station. An influential quarter is reportedly involved in this evil business and the network is very wide.

Smuggled goods are sold openly in the weekly hats and rural markets. The law-enforcing agencies allegedly key mysterious silence about open market-

Fish disease
breaks out
in Narail

NARAIL, Dec 26: Fish diseases have broken out in an alarming proportion in all thanas of the district causing concern among the fishermen and consumers, reports UNB.

Demand for the fish has decreased in the local markets due to the outbreak of the disease known as ulcerative syndrome, according to local fisheries officials.



CHANDPUR: Dr ATM Shamsul Huda, Managing Director, Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB), addressing the field workers of Chandpur. — Star photo



The Chairperson of Serve the People is disbursing loan among the villagers of Asroy Adorsha Gram of Rajapur thana in Jhalakati district. — Star photo

An example worth following

From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, Dec 26: Noor Bakht, once an empty pocket man, is now boldly established in the society like a brave soldier, with his head held high, setting an example for others to follow his noble path.

Bakht is fifth among five sons of late Ishaque Ali of village Taluk Kaloa of Kanthalbari union under Kurigram sadar thana. Noor Bakht inherited only 70 decimals of paternal property at his young age. With his wife, son and daughters, he could hardly maintain his livelihood in those days of his life. He was helpless and found himself in the darkness of poverty. The soon became a day labourer. Noor Bakht was facing defeat in the hands of destiny time and again.

At last, he decided to form a nursery in that small piece of land he inherited. He erected a thatched cottage in a corner of

the piece of land to reside with his wife, son and daughters and started the nursery. He himself worked all day long and employed his wife and children too, in the nursery. At last, fortune showed up.

In 1984, when it was the initial stage of his career in nursery, he had only fifty varieties of plants, with a total quantity of 2,500 of samplings only. At present Noor Bakht has as many as 141 varieties of fruit and non-fruit bearing plants, with a total quantity of about 3 lakh.

in his own land. His own land

has been extended to 2.5 acres,

and his annual income has in-

creased to Taka 75,000. His

four other brothers also work in his nursery, which is by far, the

biggest of its type in Kurigram

district. Such a tremendous

progress by an individual initia-

tive is definitely something fab-

ulous.

Noor Bakht is now a master in the world of art and culture of nursery in this region of rural Bangladesh. Taking him as an example of success, as many as 42 other enthusiastic individuals have taken this profession of nursery in the district. But the most successful man in this line is again Noor Bakht, who has not yet asked for any benefit from the government in any form.

On December 6, 1993, his nursery activities appeared on a BTV programme, but that did not attract the attention of the concerned department of the government, he regretted.

In an interview with this correspondent, Noor Bakht said that he has great pleasure on this profession. He wishes to help develop the present government afforestation programme until the end of his life, it is his dedication, he added.



Noor Bakht nursing the plants in his nursery at Kathalbari. — Star photo

Government of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD
Comilla Road Divn., Comilla

Notice Inviting Tender

1. Tender Notice : 83/E.E. RHD. Road Divn., Comilla of 1994-95.
No:
2. Name of work : Construction of brick masonry abutments for erecting 100'-0" baily bridge No.7/1 on 7th KM of Companyong-Muradnagar-Homra Road under Comilla Road Divn. during the year 1994-95 (Ch. to 266 CA Dev.)
Tk 6,56,100/-
Tk 13,122/- in BD/TC/Prati-rakha Sanchaya Patras/5-years Bangladesh Sanchaya Patras in favour of EE, RHD. Road Divn. Comilla.
3. Estimated cost : Addl. Chief Engineer, RHD, Comilla Zone/ Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Comilla/ Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (R&E), Dhaka & Office of the undersigned.
4. Earnest money : Office of the undersigned E.E., RHD. Road Divn. B. Baria/ Noakhali/Chandpur/Lakshmi-pur/Planning & Design, Comilla/ Planning Divn. (R&E), Dhaka & SDE's office under this Divn.
5. Name of office where tender bids will be received : 45 (Forty five) days from the date of issue of work order.
3.1.95 during office hours
6. Name of office of availability of tender bids : At 12.30 PM of 4.1.95.
7. Time allowed : At 12.45 PM of 4.1.95.
8. Last date of selling tender bids : At 12.45 PM of 4.1.95.
9. Last date of receipt of tender bids : At 12.30 PM of 4.1.95.
10. Date & time of opening tender bids : At 12.45 PM of 4.1.95.
11. Eligibility of contractor : 'A' to 'D' in special Category Contractor of RHD.

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Executive Engineer, RHD
Road Divn., Comilla

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Food
Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka

No MOF/Sec.10/Import-6/94/416 Dated 24-12-1994

International Tender Notice for Import of Wheat Under EEP

Tenders in sealed cover are invited from bonafide traders for supply of about 100,000 Metric Tons of wheat in cash. The offer to be under Export Enhancement Programme (EEP) as provided by USDA, USA. The particulars of tenders are furnished below:

- a. Quantity : 100,000 MT (5% more or less at Buyer's option).
The quantity may increased or decreased depending the situation.
- b. Basis : FOB Stowed and Trimmed and C&F (with lightage on owner's account) basis.
- c. Mode of Payment : Cash through L/C.
- d. Port of delivery : Chittagong and/or Mongla.
- e. Quality, class, grade & specification : Details given in the Tender Schedule.
- f. Country of origin : USA.
- g. Crop year : 1994 latest crop.
- h. Packing : Bulk.
- i. Date of shipment : By 15th February, 1995.
- j. Port of loading : Name of loading port/ports to be mentioned.
- k. Time and date of closing : 11:00 hrs BST on 7-1-95.
- l. Time and date of opening : 11:15 AM on the same day.
- m. Validity of offer : Up to 17:00 hrs BST on 10-1-95 to be kept.
2. Offers in sealed cover addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Food, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh must be submitted by intending tenderers in the tender box to be kept in the office chamber (Room No 118, Building No. 4, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka) of Deputy Secretary (Procurement), Ministry of Food by 11:00 AM on 7-1-95. The tenders will be opened on the same day at 11:15 AM in the Conference Room of Ministry of Food (Room No. 104, Building No. 4, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka). Tenderers or their representatives may attend the same. The offer of tender must be accompanied by earnest money in the form of Bank Guarantee or Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the Secretary, Ministry of Food, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh equivalent to 1% (One per cent) of the total C&F price of the entire quantity offered. Further, on acceptance of tender a performance guarantee equivalent to 5% (Five per cent) of the value of the entire quantity shall have to be furnished within two days from the date of Letter of Intent.
3. Tender Schedule containing instructions may be obtained during office hours of working days upto 5-1-95 from the undersigned by paying Tk 5,000 (Taka Five thousand) by Pay Order/Bank Draft drawn in favour of the Secretary, Ministry of Food, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Instructions contained in these documents should be carefully read and adhered to. These documents should also be submitted along with the offer being signed and sealed on each page.
4. Invitation of tenders does not in any way bind the Govt to make any purchase from any intending supplier. Ministry of Food reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason and also to reduce or divide the quantity among different suppliers.

Shamsul Islam

Assistant Secretary

Ministry of Food

Phone : 23511-19/3035

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AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh): Professor Dr. Muhammad Hossain, Principal Investigator, "Lathyrus and Lathyrism Project" of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) showing a new foreign scientific equipment "Waters HPLC Complete System" received from the Belgium government to the Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Shah Muhammad Farouk at its installation ceremony at the Bio-Chemistry Department.

— BAU photo

Frequent power failure in Madaripur

MADARIPUR, Dec. 26: Frequent power failure in the district has been causing suffering to the domestic consumers as well as hampering production in mills and factories, reports UNB.

Domestic and commercial consumers time and again urged the local Power Development officials to take measures to stop erratic power supply. But no action has yet been taken.

Local people alleged that some corrupt PDB officials are engaged in giving unauthorised connections in exchange of money.

They said most of the areas of the thana and district headquarters plunge into darkness just after sunset causing suffering to the consumers particularly the students. Educational institutions, markets and commercial enterprises are also affected by frequent power disruption.



SIRAJGANJ: Smuggled Indian sugar and spices in jute bags are being transported from Jamtoil Railway Station for marketing in rural areas. — Star photo



BPDB's Local Re-Tender Notice

বিদ্যুৎ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করন

Local sealed Tender is hereby invited by the Bangladesh Power Development Board for procurement of Lead Acid Industrial Battery for Thakurgaon Diesel Power Station. The source of financing will be Local Currency.

Sl. No.	Tender No. and Date	Name of Stores	Cost of Tender	Submission of Documents	Opening of T/Dt. & Time	Tender Dt. & Time
1.	Pur-411/94 dt 14/12/94	Lead Acid Industrial Batteries for Thakurgaon Diesel Power Station (Local)	Tk. 300.00	09-01-95 11-00 A.M.	09-01-95 11-30 AM	

A complete set of Tender Document including detailed specifications, terms & conditions may be sold to the interested eligible bidders against a written application to the undersigned on payment of Taka (Non-refundable) mentioned above against each tender in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order favouring Director of Purchase, PDB, Dhaka. The bidding documents will be available from 20/12/1994 to 04/01/1995.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the Prescribed Bid Format @ 2% of the Total Bid Price from a Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in accordance with instructions to the Bidders. Tender will be received up to 11:00 A.M. and will be opened at 11:30 AM on opening date of the Tender in presence of the Bidders or their representatives, if any.

No Tender Document shall be sent by post nor sold from 5/1/1995 to 9/1/1995 and No Telex/Fax Offer will be acceptable.

Director of Purchase
PDB, Dhaka