

131 posts of primary school teachers remain vacant

From Our Correspondent
KISHOREGANJ, Dec 28: A total of 131 posts of primary school teachers have been lying vacant for quite a long time hampering education in 13 thanas of Kishoreganj district. According to district Primary Education Office source, out of the vacant posts, 74 are of headmasters and the rest 57 are of assistant teachers. Of the vacant posts, 10 headmasters and 2 assistant teachers are in Kishoreganj sadar thana, seven headmasters are in Karimganj, seven headmasters and 8 assistant teachers are in Pakundia, three headmasters and four

assistant teachers are in Hossainpur, six headmasters and six assistant teachers are in Katiadi, four headmasters and 12 assistant teachers are in Bajtupur, seven headmasters and one assistant teacher are in Kullarchar, three headmasters and four assistant teachers are in Bhairab, one headmaster and four assistant teachers are in Ausagram, three headmasters and four assistant teachers are in Nikli, five headmasters and four assistant teachers are in Mitamin, 12 headmasters and six assistant teachers are in Itra and six headmasters and 2 assistant

Diarrhoea claims seven in Patuakhali

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PATUAKHALI, Dec 28: Diarrhoea has taken a serious turn in Kalapara thana of Patuakhali district. Unofficial sources claimed seven lives and two hundred people have been attacked by the disease in the Kalapara thana during last three weeks. The worst affected areas of the thana are: Mithaganje, Lalua, Dhalashwar and Latachapl unions. The villagers of the affected areas alleged that due to the negligence of the workers of health department, the disease has been spreading fast. The medical teams are hardly found in the affected areas, they further alleged. The scarcity of pure drinking water has been identified as the main reason for the outbreak of diarrhoea in Kalapara thana of the district.

Bidis sold without bandrolls

BARGUNA, Dec 28: The sale of bidis without bandroll in Barguna and Patuakhali districts has been causing heavy loss to the government revenue, says UNB. Informed sources said, many bidi factories in this region which employed hundreds of workers are selling bidis without or with forged bandrolls. Consumption of bidis increased during the recent times due to rise in the prices of different brands of cigarettes. According to existing law, Tk 12 must be paid as excise duty for 1000 bidi sticks in the form of bandrolls. Besides, a section of owners of the bidi factories supply their products to the markets using forged bandrolls. Moreover, the owners who collect the used bandrolls from the retail sellers, do not show the actual production of the factories in papers for evading government duty, it is also alleged.

'Work hard with honesty - success is yours'

To most people Bagerhat is known for the ancient 60-domed stone mosque and the tomb of its builder revered saint Khan Jahan Ali. Today it is equally known for its vibrant economic activities, particularly shrimp culture for worldwide export. The district is well connected by rivers and good new roads. The rural communities are busy in a variety of income generating activities such as pisciculture, poultry, cattle raising, social forestry and transportation. BRDB's RD (Rural Development) 12 project, which is a major poverty alleviation programme for rural Bangladesh, has been making a significant contribution in encouraging the very poor to join the mainstream of economic uplift. Poor women, in particular, are in most cases deprived

addition to his own pond. This season he hopes to earn Tk 45,000 by selling fries from the gher. Yasin Ali is now a solvent person and lives happily with his wife and a child. An almost identical success has been achieved by Kazi Mumtazuddin who joined Rahimabad BSS along with Idris Ali and Yasin Ali in September 1990. He also specialised in shrimp hatchery and earned profits by investing Tk 14,000 that he took as loan from the society over a period of four terms. They have all been very regular in repaying their loans raising their creditworthiness. Kazi now owns the 65 decimal of land and has built a tin-roofed house to live in. He and his wife and two children are now a happy family. Firoza Begum, 35, is now a up income generating businesses. Many members prefer shrimp culture. Field Organisers Nurjahan Begum and Mita Roy take great pride in the achievements of the coop members. The women members are more active than men. Of the total number of 120 coop societies of the thana, 103 are MBSS with 3,409 members and only 17 with 518 members are BSS. By August this year, the thana central coop association disbursed loans worth over two crores of taka. Of this, the lion's share - Tk 16,84,000 - was utilised by 5,597 women members. The rate of loan recovery here is 98 per cent. Karuna Rani Goldar, 26, has a piece of advice for her fellow cooperators: 'Work hard with honesty in a planned way and success is yours'. She has truly earned her competence to tender this advice. Before she joined the Falitta MBSS in Fakirhat thana of Bagerhat district many years ago, she was a miserable person. She did not even have a proper house for herself, her husband Samir Goldar and their two children. They were so poor that they often did not know where the next meal would come from. They wondered how they would ever pay back Tk 3,000 they had borrowed from neighbours just to survive from day to day. Her membership of MBSS marked a turning point in her life. At first it gave her a sense of belonging to a group of equals who enjoyed the strength of being organised under the government-backed RD-12 project. Counselling by a well-educated and well-trained field organiser from the project's thana office gave her wisdom and self-confidence. Slowly her share money and compulsory savings began to accumulate. By January 1990 Karuna took her first loan of Tk 2,000 from the society and started a small poultry of 25 birds. A year later she took a second loan of Tk 3,000 to establish a modest shop to sell sweetmeats made by herself. By May 1992, she set up a shrimp farm on a piece of leased land



Firoza Begum with her baskets
 of this opportunity, because a lack of organisation, skills and financial support. RD-12 meets all these requirements through the cooperative societies, skill development training and credit from a revolving fund. Many men and women of the district have set fine examples of becoming solvent and self-supporting under this programme. Chowdhury Idris Ali, 34, of Rahimabad Bittaheen Samabaya (MBSS) BSS in Bagerhat thana, was a very poor man and used to earn a living by working as a helper to fisherman in the river. After joining the cooperative (coop) society of his village in September 1990, he opted for training in pisciculture. With a loan of Tk 2,000 from the retail sellers, do not show the actual production of the factories in papers for evading government duty, it is also alleged.



Idris Ali hatching fish fries in his pond.
 come generating ventures such as tailoring, cow rearing and growing plantations of papaya and betel leaf, making good use of four loans amounting to a total of Tk 18,000. She has also planted 41 saplings around her house and installed a sanitary latrine for the family. Shipprani is now a respected member of the local community. Falujahan Begum, 40 a member of Jaraniamite Kumra MBSS in Fakirhat thana, was a mother of five children before she joined the society in December 1982. Her husband Husain Ali was a day labourer and his irregular earning of a society and the RD-12's skills training gave her confidence and with loans from the society she concentrated on growing African catfish in a pond and soon found it profitable. She has so far taken three loans amounting to Tk 10,000 and besides pisciculture, has been rearing milch cows and growing betel leaf on two plots of leased land. With a good steady income she and her family are now leading a fairly comfortable life. She makes sure that her children go to school. Jamuna Rani Nath, 46, of Zaria Kahardanga MBSS, Rokeya Begum, 40, and Rashida Begum, 35, of Khazura Jahagata MBSS, have become well-known in Fakirhat thana as equally successful coop members under RD-12's poverty alleviation programme. They have all been assisted by confidence building through organisation, skills training and credit. Each of them chose her own IGAs and showed the managerial ability to earn good profits. The profits have been used to repay the loans and reinvest in expanding their businesses. They are all thankful to the guidance and support received constantly from RD-12's Field Organisers. Like most other successful members they make sure that their children are immunised against the deadly diseases and received good education. Another common feature is that all of them have planted a large number of timber trees around their houses as future insurance against poverty. Muhammad Manzur Qadir, Thana Rural Development Officer of Fakirhat, proudly presents the case studies of these successful members as examples for other coop members to emulate. He says the initial hesitation and much of the social taboos about women venturing into activities outside their doorsteps are overcome mainly because of the examples set by these successful members. Now more and more members, he says, are showing their readiness to accept the challenge and opportunity provided by the RD-12's programme for poverty alleviation. Source: Ideas and Actions A Newsletter for RD-2 Project

Notice Inviting Quotation

1. Quotation Notice No.: 27/94-95.
 2. Name of work: Supplying of spare parts for 110 HP Daf Engine (Model DT 615) under Ferry Maint. Sub-Divn Dhaka.
 3. Earnest money: 2% quoted rate.
 4. Time allowed: 20 (Twenty) days from the date of issue of work order.
 5. Form No.: Bangladesh Form No. 2908.
 6. Eligibility of contractors: Englished 'A to C' General category contractors of RHD, 'D' general category contractors of Mechl Ferry Circle, Dhaka, & 'E' general category contractors of RHD, Ferry Maint Divn, Dhaka.
 7. Name of offices of availability of quotation documents: EE RHD, FMD Dhaka/FCD Dhaka/EE RHD, Ferry Divn Sylhet/& SDE RHD, Ferry Maint Sub-Divn Dhaka. Quotation documents will be available on or before 4.1.95
 8. Name of officers to receive quotation bids: SE RHD, Dhaka Ferry Circle, Dhaka EE RHD, FMD Dhaka/FCD Dhaka/ & EE RHD, Ferry Divn Sylhet.
 9. Date of receipt of Quotation: Up to 12.00 Noon of 5.1.95.
 10. Date & time of opening of bids: 12.30 PM of 5.1.95.
- Md Golam Mowla**
 Executive Engineer, R&H,
 Ferry Maint Divn, Postagola
 Dhaka
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দরপত্র আহবানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা নিম্নবর্ণিত কাজের জন্য গণপূর্ত অধিদপ্তরের অনুমোদিত, আর্থিক যোগ্যতা অনুসারে বৈদ্যুতিক টিকাদারদের নিকট হইতে ২৯১১ নং বাংলাদেশ কর্তৃক দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী/নির্বাচী প্রকৌশলী, গণপূর্ত বিভাগ, বস্ত্র/অসুপূরহাট কর্তৃক স্ব কার্যালয়ে ০৮-০১-৯৫ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত দরপত্র গৃহীত হইবে এবং ঐ দিনই বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকায় আগ্রহী দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকিতে ইচ্ছা করেন। খোলা হইবে।

ক্রমিক নং	কাজের নাম	প্রাকল্পিত ব্যয় টাকা	জামানতের টাকা	যে শ্রেণীর টিকাদার দরপত্র দাখিলের যোগ্য
৪৪টি নতুন জেলা সদর নির্মাণ প্রকল্পের আওতায় কাজের	সিরাঙ্গগঞ্জ ১,০৯,০৭১/-	২৭৮/-	গণপূর্ত অধিদপ্তরের বেধ তালিকাভুক্ত যাত্রিক টিকাদার, গণপূর্ত জোন রাজশাহী ২য় শ্রেণীর বৈদ্যুতিক ও যাত্রিক বাহাদেশ বেধ এবিসি ও বিসি টিকাদারী লাইসেন্স আছে।	

দরপত্র আহবানের সিডিটাল, অতিরিক্ত শর্ত ও নিয়মাবলী এবং দরপত্র ফরম ইত্যাদি নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী/নির্বাচী প্রকৌশলী, গণপূর্ত বিভাগ, বস্ত্র/অসুপূরহাট/উপবিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী, গণপূর্ত উপবিভাগ, সিরাঙ্গগঞ্জ-এর কার্যালয়সমূহে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সেখানে পাওয়া যাইবে এবং টিকাদার নিজে অথবা তারার সত্যায়িত স্বাক্ষরযুক্ত মনোনীত প্রতিনিধি কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত মুদ্রে (অক্ষরতথ্যোগ্য) তালিকাভুক্ত মূল বই এবং এবিসি লাইসেন্স প্রদর্শনপূর্বক ০৭-০১-৯৫ইং তারিখ বিকাল ৫-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত জমা করা যাইবে।

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সওজ সংক্ষিপ্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি (২য় আহবান)

১। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং	৪২/সওজ/ফেব্রি/৯৪-৯৫ইং
২। কাজের নাম	ক্রম লিষ্ট মোতাবেক।
৩। প্রাকল্পিত ব্যয়	ক্রম লিষ্ট মোতাবেক।
৪। বাহানার টাকা	ক্রম লিষ্ট মোতাবেক।
৫। টিকাদারের যোগ্যতা	এ হইতে সি সাধারণ শ্রেণী (সওজ) অধিদপ্তরপ্রদত্ত তালিকাভুক্ত টিকাদারবন্দ। 'ডি' ফেরী সার্কেল, কুলনার 'ই' ফেরী বিভাগ

৬। কাজ সম্পাদনের অনুমোদিত সময়

৭। দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী কর্মকর্তা

৮। দরপত্র প্রাপ্তির স্থানসমূহ

৯। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি সর্বশেষ তারিখ

১০। দরপত্র গ্রহণের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়

১১। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়

ক্রমিক নং	কাজের বিবরণ	প্রাকল্পিত ব্যয় টাকা	বাহানার টাকা
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Sugarcane on 25 acres of land burnt to ashes

From Our Correspondent
GAIBANDHA, Dec 28: Sugarcane on 25 acres of land was burnt to ashes in a mysterious fire incident at Shaha gjanj cane farm of Gobindaganj thana under Rangpur Sugar Mills Limited on December 24 evening. The fire originated between the area of 5th block from unknown source and soon the flame engulfed vast tract of area damaging sugarcane on 25 acres of land. On failing to bring the fire under control local labourer called for Fire Brigade in Gaibandha. The fire however was brought under control after fighting for long two hours. This mysterious fire broke out thrice last year around the same spot in which sugarcane on 60 acres of land were damaged completely.

Chinese envoy visits BARD

Dec 28: Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Bangladesh Zhang Xujiang and Mrs Zhang, along with a team of seventeen officials of the embassy visited the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Comilla on December 15, 1994. They met the senior faculty members of BARD in a session where Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, Director General, gave a brief introduction about BARD's activities. They were apprised about the achievements, existing programmes and future plan of the Academy, says a press release. The Ambassador praised BARD for its significant role played for the rural development of Bangladesh. They visited the physical facilities of BARD including the library. Later on they also visited Mainamati Museum, Archaeological sites and a Village Co-operative Society.

BRAHMANBARIA: A voluntary blood donation camp was organised by the district Unnayan Parishad recently. — Star photo