

Natore govt college yet to open honours course

NATORE, Mar 5: Honours course has not so far been introduced at Natore Nawab Sirajuddoula Government College even after two years of the announcement by the Prime Minister, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia gave the announcement at a public meeting during her visit here on January 21, 1992.

Education Minister Barister Zamir Uddin Sircar at a function at the college on February 20 also assured the students that honours course will be introduced from 1991-92 session.

The college authority sent an application to the Education Secretary on May 28, 1994 with proposals for introducing honours course in 12 subjects.

The proposed subjects are: Bangla, political science economics, Islamic history, philosophy, botany, zoology, chemistry, physics, mathematics accounting and management.

To implement the proposal, 53 posts including 11 posts of Professors, five posts of Associate Professors, 16 posts of Assistant Professors and 21 Lecturers posts will have to be filled up in the college.

Besides, for the introduction of honours course, new subjects like geography, sociology, history and psychology will have to be opened for pass and subsidiary courses.

Local leaders have urged the government to take immediate steps to introduce honours course in the college to give the local students opportunity for higher education.

15 lakh children deprived of pry edn in N dists

NATORE, Mar 5: About 15 lakh children of 10,362 villages in 123 thanas of 16 northern districts are deprived of primary education for want of schools and necessary motivation, reports UNB.

According to a recent survey conducted by the Social Welfare Department, there are no schools in 301 villages in Natore, 295 villages in Rajshahi, 587 villages in Chapai Nawabganj, 762 villages in Naogaon, 118 villages in Pabna, 626 villages in Sirajganj, 325 villages in Dinajpur, 605 villages in Rangpur, 247 villages in Gaibandha, 120 villages in Joypurhat, 475 villages in

Bogra, 885 villages in Thakurgaon, 421 villages in Panchagarh, 185 villages in Kurigram, 73 villages in Lalmonirhat and 197 villages in Nilphamari districts.

According to official sources, in the beginning of the last academic session, a total of 33.67 lakh children took admission in different primary schools of the northern districts. Of them, about 25 per cent children left schools due to acute poverty and carelessness of guardians.

According to local people, the poverty stricken families generally become less interested to send their children

to schools. Instead they engage them in different petty works like domestic servants, cowboys, labourers and rickshaw-pullers for earning a livelihood.

Moreover, the implementation of compulsory primary education programme is facing a serious setback due to shortage of schools in a good number of villages and increasing dropouts from the schools due to abject poverty.

Local elite called upon the government to establish schools at remote areas of the districts for the implementation of education for all programme by the year 2000.

LGED completes 591 projects in Barisal

BARISAL, Mar 5: The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has completed the construction of 591 projects in Barisal district at a cost of about Tk 23 crore, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the projects were financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Of the total, about Taka 16 crore was spent for the construction and re-construction of 486 government and non-government registered primary schools and about Tk 7 crore for the development and reconstruction of 105 roads, bridges and culverts.

The projects included the re-construction of 311 primary schools, ten bridges, one RCC culvert, construction of 13 iron bridges, one HBB road, development of 44 roads, repair of one bridge, 23 iron bridges and 175 primary schools, the source added.

LGED has already distributed high-low benches to 63 primary schools at a cost of about Tk 54 lakh and steel almirah to 59 primary schools involving an expenditure of about Tk 3 lakh, the source said.

New pry school for 1200 children in Comilla

HOMNA (Comilla), Mar 5: Construction work of a primary school with modern facilities in Homna thana of Comilla district is expected to be completed by the end of this month, reports UNB.

Under the supervision of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the two storied school is being constructed under the Model Rural Development Project (MRDP) at a cost of Tk 1.5 crore.

The school will have 12 classrooms, one hall room, two office rooms and water purifying system with single desk for each student.

After the inauguration of the school, some 1,200 children will be provided with education free of cost, said an official handout.

Price hike of food grains in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 5: The increasing trend of price hike of food grains in the district was continuing compounding the suffering of the low-income people, reports UNB.

Local people said that the price of coarse rice has increased by Tk 2 to three per kg during the last week while atta by Tk 1 to Tk 1.50 per kg.

A kilogram of rice is being sold at Tk 13 and atta at Tk 10 at different hats and bazzars of the district. Local people alleged that the supply of food-grains abruptly declined in the last few weeks causing sharp rise in the price.

Hailstorm damages crops on 15 hectares in Natore

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Mar 5: To thousands of people in Gurudaspur, Baraigram, and Natore Sadar thana of the district, this year's Eid-ul-Fitr has not bring joy and happiness. They are mostly farmers and daylabour-

ers. A severe hailstorm that swept over the district a week before Eid have crushed their hope. The storm have damaged all the crops and rendered a number of people homeless.

According to the Agri-

culture Extension Department (AED), standing crops on 15 hectares of land of the three thanas have been damaged. The crops are: garlic, sugarcane, wheat, mustard, watermelon, onion, khesari, masur and others. The buds of mango, banana, and papaw have also been affected severely.

The sources said the amount of loss may exceed Taka 30 crore.

This correspondent, while visiting Laxmipur-Kholabaria, Halsa, Kandail, Ibrahimpur unions of the Sadar thana; Goari, Jonail and Nagar unions of Baraigram thana and Chapila and Dharbarisa unions of Gurudaspur thana, noticed that Rabi crops were razed to the ground by the hailstorm that also uprooted many trees.

One Mamtaz Mian of Ibrahimpur told this correspondent that he cultivated garlic on five bighas of land, wheat on three bighas of land and sugarcane on two bighas of land, but all the crops are damaged.

Mamtaz maintain his 10-member family with the earnings from this land and he has not extra income-source.

He said, "In this situation he had nothing to do except depending upon God."

Khorshed Ali of Kandail village, Habibur Rahman of Goari village and others are facing the same situation.

However, no relief goods have supplied yet to the affected areas of 12 unions of the 3 thanas of the district till February 28.

Meanwhile, president and general secretary of the district BNP, Shirajul Islam and Ruhul Kuddus Talukdar respectively in a press conference on February 28 urged the authorities concerned and different NGOs to take immediate steps to help the people of the three thanas of Natore district.



A papaw garden destroyed by the hailstorm

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The affected people who were rendered homeless by the storm.

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Dacoits loot goods worth Tk 4 lakh from boats

MANIKGANJ, Mar 5: Armed dacoits swooped on three mechanised boats and two trawlers travelling to and from Aricha ghat and looted goods worth Tk four lakh during the Eid holidays, police said Saturday, reports UNB.

They said a gang of 12 men armed with cut-rifles and sharp weapons attacked a boat in the Jamuna river near Alakdia Char in Shibhalaya thana

on Thursday morning. The dacoits who came by another engine boat injured eight people who tried to resist them and decamped with the booty worth about Tk 1.5 lakh.

Two trawlers carrying rice, onion, garlic and cattlehead from Aricha were attacked by pirates near Char Shibhalaya in Pabna district on the same day. A similar attack was made on a

boat at the same place Saturday. The pirates decamped with about 40 bags of rice, onion, garlic, and cows worth about Tk 1.5 lakh.

On the Eid day, a band of miscreants looted valuable worth Tk one lakh from a Nagarbari-bound boat from Aricha. Two people were injured in the attack near Nagarbari ghat.

RHD Notice Inviting Tender

1. Tender Notice : 35/SRD/1994-95.
2. Name of work : Tender for launching China Bailey Bridge at 18th KM (18/1 Bridge) of Pagla-Jagannathpur Road under Sunamganj Road Division during the year 1994-95 (Ch. to Dev.)
3. Estimated cost : Tk 2,65,254/-
4. Earnest money : Tk 5,310/-
5. Time allowed : 40 (forty) days from the date of issue of work order.
6. Eligibility of contractor : "A" to "D" Special category of RHD.
7. Name of Offices of availability of tender documents : Undersigned/Executive Engineer (RHD) Road Division, Sylhet/M. Bazar/Habiganj/Planning & Design, Comilla/Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD) Sunamganj/Chattak/Mechanical.
8. Name of Officer to receive tender : Undersigned/Superintending Engineer (RHD), Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet.
9. Last date of selling tender : At 5:00 PM of 14-03-95.
10. Last date of receiving tender : At 12:30 PM of 15-03-95.
11. Date & time : At 12:45 PM of 15-03-95, opening tender

Engr. Md. Abdul Matin Molla
Executive Engineer (RHD)
Sunamganj Road Division.

Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Noakhali Notice Inviting Tenders No. 68 of 1994-95

Sealed tenders in BD Form No 2911 are hereby invited from the enlisted approved special class-I, class-II & III (Civil) contractors of PWD for the undermentioned work & will be received by the undersigned as well as the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Comilla/B. Baria/Chandpur/Lakshmipur/Feni up to 12:00 Noon of 12-3-95 & will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the contractors who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

1. Name of work : Special repairs to the District Judge Court Building (Two storied) at Majidee, Dist. Noakhali during the year 1994-95. Chargeable to the 132 CW Repairs.
2. Estimated cost : Tk 3,13,745/00
3. Earnest money : Tk 6,275/00
4. Time for completion is 45 (Forty-five) days.
5. Contract documents consisting of BD Form No 2911, Schedule of items, Tender Notice, additional terms & conditions etc. can be seen & purchased up to 11-3-95 from the office of the undersigned as well as the Executive Engr. PWD Division, Comilla/B. Baria/Chandpur/Lakshmipur/Feni during the office hours on all working days on payment of usual charges.
- 5(a) Tender schedule will be corrected as per approved estimate.
- 5(b) If more than one No. contractor stood lowest quoting same rate, then the lottery for the same will be held on 20/3/95 at 12:00 Noon in the office of the undersigned in presence of tenderer (if any).

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Ground water level receding fast in N dist

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 5: Ground water level is receding fast in 16 northern districts, including Sirajganj hampering irrigation network in the current season, reports UNB.

According to various sources, due to unprecedented pressure on ground water created by the unilateral withdrawal of waters at Farakka a large number of deep and shallow tubewells and low-lift pumps have been rendered inoperative during the current dry season due to gradual fall in ground water.

According to the local farmers, the inadequate irrigation water, which is lifted somehow, is also being misused in the region due to its unscientific application hampering production in the region. In some areas water level has gone down up to 80 feet and famous Chalan Beel of northern region has gone dry.

The water is being brought to the crop fields in distant areas through kutchha drains and almost half the water is being consumed by the drain before reaching to the targeted area.

Experts said the wastage can be checked only by constructing low cost pucca drains which Bogra Palli Unnayan Academy evolved two years back.

The loss of crops due to unprecedented fall in ground water in the region has been estimated by the experts at Tk 200 crore.

The fish resources of the area have also been affected by the adverse effect of the Farakka, they said.

Property worth Tk 2 lakh gutted From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Mar 5: A devastating fire that broke out at Rampur village under Nachhira gram thana of the district destroyed property worth about Taka two lakh last month.

The fire originated from a kitchen room and engulfed the area soon. Three tin-shed houses, 3 thatched houses, huge quantity of paddy and rice were burnt to ashes.

Three goats and 200 poultry birds were also burnt. The villagers brought the fire under control after struggling over two hours.

Scarcity of fertiliser hits cultivation in Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Mar 5: The production target of IRRI-Boro paddy and other seasonal crops may not be achieved in the northern region including greater Jamalpur district this year due to crisis of fertiliser and price hike in the region.

Farmers in the region are buying urea, TSP, gypsum and other fertilisers at an exorbitant prices.

According to fertiliser traders urea from Jamuna Fertiliser factory is being sold at Taka 270 to Tk 290 per bag in the market while government has fixed the rate at Tk 186.50 per bag.

Urea which is used by the farmers at large scale home increased by Taka 80 to 105 per bag.

The farmers at the region alleged that they find the 50

kg-fertiliser bag weighs less by two or three kgs even after paying such high prices.

Local traders of the region said that they had nothing to do regarding weight of fertiliser bags. They said that they sell the bags what they get from the agents.

Sources informed this correspondent that there was adequate stock of fertilisers in godowns at the agents and dealers in the region. At least 50 thousands tons of urea have been supplied to the region so far, they also added.

Taking the opportunity of the high demand of fertilisers during the season of IRRI-Boro cultivation, the unscrupulous traders earn a lot of money selling fertiliser at an exorbitant price.

Agriculturists opined that

scarcity and irregular supply of different kinds of fertilisers appear to be designed every year at the peak period of the season.

This problem could be overcome by privatising marketing of fertilisers, they suggested. Earlier, when the sale of fertilisers was controlled by the BADC, such artificial scarcity could seldom occur, farmers said.

The government has opened seven sale centres of urea fertilisers at every thana headquarters in Jamalpur district for proper distribution of fertilizer.

The government recently formed fertilizer distribution committee in every thana of the district headed by Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO).



Jamalpur The food for work programme started here recently and the work is progressing fast.

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Office of the Executive Engineer
Facilities Department, Ministry of Education
Noakhali Zone, Noakhali

Tender Notice

Notice No. 38/Furniture/ADB/College/FD/NZ/94-95

Dated: 22/2/1995

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No. 2908 from the Enlisted Contractors/Firms of Facilities Department of Category A-1 and also from the bonafide furniture manufacturers for supply of furniture to selected Non Govt. Intermediate Colleges under Higher Secondary Education Project (ADB Loan No. 1123-Ban(SF)).

Particulars of works:						
Group No	Name of District	Name of Thana	Name of Institution	Estimated Amount (Tk)	Earnest Money (Tk)	Completion Time (In month)
1.	Noakhali	Sadar	Badherhat A M College		@ 2% (Three)	
	Noakhali	Begumganj	Jalal Uddin College		(two per months)	
	Feni	Parshuram	Hazi Munir Ahmed College		cent) of	
	Laxmipur	Ramgati	Ramgati Ahmadiya College		quoted amount	

Tender documents may be purchased from the office of the undersigned and from the office of the Director, Facilities Department, Shikha Bhaban, Dhaka and also from the office of the Executive Engineer, under Chittagong Circle and concerned district Assistant Engineer's office on all working days during office hours up to 14.3.95 on cash payment (Non-refundable) of Tk 750/- (Tk Seven hundred fifty) only for each set of Tender documents against each group of work.

Tender will be received in the above mentioned offices on 15/3/95 up to 12:00 Noon and will be opened on the same date at 12:15 hours in presence of the tenderer/tenderers, if there be any.

Drawing and Relevant Papers:

Drawing and other relevant papers may be seen from the concerned offices on all working days during office hours.

Earnest Money:

Each tender must accompany a Bank Draft/ Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh for the amount as mentioned against respective work as Earnest Money in favour of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Noakhali Zone, Noakhali.

Instructions:

- a) Insertion of any additional clause in the tender by the tenderer will render his tender summarily rejected.
- b) The tenderer will quote itemwise rate both in figure and in words.
- c) The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bid at any time prior to award of contract without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- d) The successful tenderer/tenderers after manufacturing the furniture shall deliver the same to selected Non Govt. Intermediate College(s).
- e) At the time of executing the formal agreement the tenderer/tenderers shall have to submit a performance guarantee equivalent to 8% (eight per cent) of the estimated amount from any scheduled bank in favour of The Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Noakhali Zone. The performance guarantee will be returned after satisfactory completion of work.
- f) The successful tenderers on issue of letter of intent will be required to execute a formal agreement in triplicate with the concerned Zonal Executive Engineer on tender document on cash payment of Tk 750/- (Taka seven hundred fifty) only (Non-refundable) for each set of document.
- g) For the contractor, other than enlisted contractors of this Department, tender documents may be obtained on showing the following documents.
 - i. Up to date Trade Licence of the firm.
 - ii. Up to date Income Tax payment certificate.
 - iii. VAT Registration certificate.
 - iv. Work order and completion certificate (duly attested by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer) for supplying of furniture amounting to Tk 2.00 (two) lacs in a single work order under any Government/Semi-Government Organization.

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Executive Engineer
Facilities Department
Noakhali Zone, Noakhali.