



HYUNDAI
CARS THAT MAKE SENSE

Mannan says

Steps underway to implement Rooppur N-power plant

State Minister for Science and Technology Prof M A Mannan has said that the government approved the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant and was taking necessary steps to execute it, reports BSS.

The minister categorically mentioned that the present government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia approved the project and 'ordered the concerned authorities to go ahead to explore the possible source of financial and technical assistance to execute the project', a press release said.

The minister was addressing a reception accorded to him Monday night by the members of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission Scientific Association (BAE-SA) at the auditorium of IPGMR. The function was also held in honour of the outgoing and incoming secretary of the ministry of science and technology Dr. Muzaffar Khan Alamgir and Kazi Mohammad Monjure Mowla, respectively.

Dr. Alamgir appreciated the efforts of scientists for their activities and the new secretary Mowla asked BAEC scientists to carry out their work so that the common people are benefited.

Presided over by Dr M A Karim, President of the Association, the function was also addressed by BAEC Chairman Eng. M A Quaiyum and Eng. Md. Monjurul Haque, General Secretary BAE-SA.

Workshop on consumer tracking today

A two-day workshop on 'Consumer Tracking: A User-Friendly Approach to Marketing Research' will begin at the ICCDRB Training Centre in the city from today.

MRK Consultants is holding the workshop, says a press release.

BSRS resumes term lending today

Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha (BSRS), the state-run industrial credit corporation, resumes its term lending today (Wednesday) after facing a decade-long embargo on providing loans to new projects, reports UNB.

The resumption of lending by the BSRS, heavily burdened with outstanding, is expected to fill in a vacuum in long-term industrial investment, officials said.

Authorities recently allowed BSRS to sanction long-term industrial loans, lifting the embargo imposed in mid-1980s under an accord between the government and some development partners.

The accord signed in March 1985 reduced the activities of BSRS into providing financial assistance only for balancing, modernisation, replacement and expansion (BMRE) of the industrial units in its portfolio.

After prolonged debates on whether the Sangstha will be privatised or act as a full-fledged development finance institution (DFI), the government decided to allow the public sector lender to resume its activities as DFI.

The government provided Tk 1,750 million as credit to the Sangstha in 1994 for its reorganisation. In January this year, the Cabinet gave a go-ahead signal to BSRS to act as a full-fledged development finance institution.

According to officials, the poor performance of the Sangstha, particularly in case of recovery, prompted the government to put an embargo on its lending activities.

As the Sangstha showed signs of improvement in its recovery performance and sanction of loans for BMRE and rehabilitation of sick units in last two fiscal years, the government abandoned its privatisation move and lifted the embargo.

The BSRS recovered a total of Tk 522 million from

its financed projects in fiscal 1994-95.

The recovery in 1994-95 increased by Tk 180 million or 55 per cent over the previous year (1993-94). The amount was 130 per cent higher than the average annual recovery of three preceding financial years (1990-93).

But recovery still remains a problem for the Sangstha that provided loans of Tk 4,187.18 million, including Tk 1,242.13 million in foreign exchange, to 303 industrial projects till June this year.

Although BSRS recovered an amount of Tk 6,039 million up to June 1995, its total outstanding amounted to around Tk 10,000 million, creating a heavy pressure on its new lending capability.

During 1994-95 fiscal, the Sangstha approved rescheduling and restructuring of 41 industrial units, including 28 sick units, in order to make them financially viable and operationally profitable.

The Sangstha approved rescheduling and restructuring of 28 industrial units, including 14 sick industries, in 1993-94, according to official statistics.

The amount of loan sanctioned by BSRS grew by 47 per cent in 1994-95 over the previous year.

As it has fully repaid all previous loan obligations, BSRS has no outstanding debt obligations to the donors and no overdue to the government.

The Sangstha has also paid an amount of Tk 1,534.91 million to the government as income tax and contribute Tk 111.68 million to national exchequer from its profit.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman will inaugurate the new lending activities and lay the foundation stone of a 20-storied building for BSRS head office at Kawran Bazar today.

ADB suggests SAARC countries' cooperation in energy sector

Resident Representative of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Bhanuphol Horayangura has advocated stronger regional cooperation in the energy sector for the benefit of SAARC countries, reports UNB.

Tremendous scopes exist for exchange of hydro power and gas among the countries of the region, Horayangura said at a luncheon meeting of the Foreign Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) at a local hotel yesterday.

Referring to an on-going cooperation move by some South East Asian countries, including China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam, the ADB executive was critical of slow progress in regional ties in South Asia. "SAARC has not really gone far", he said.

FICCI President Mahub Jamil conducted the meeting attended by representatives from different foreign companies.

Turning to Bangladesh, the ADB representative said a distorted international image had been critical for the country holding back the inflow of foreign private investment.

"Dhaka seriously suffers from bad image. Not everything being perceived outside about the country is true. It's a good place to work and to live in. Lot of things have changed over the years but image remains basically the same," said Horayangura, a frequent visitor to Bangladesh since the mid 1970s.

UK rail workers call off strike

LONDON, July 25: British rail workers called off a series of strike days on Monday accepting a deal that would cut their work hours while conceding management-imposed pay increase limits, reports AP.

ASLEF, The Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, said it accepted that British Rail could not afford more than a three per cent pay increase.

The union's general secretary, Lew Adams, said British Rail's offer to reduce the work week two hours to 37 hours by May 1997 would be the equivalent of a five per cent wage increase, in any case.

Referring to a poor 175 million US dollars of foreign direct investment in Bangladesh in 1993, he observed image was a major reason.

The ADB official urged foreign companies operating here to promote Bangladesh's image in their countries. "You (foreign companies) have a major role to play."

Horayangura said ADB was also making effort to help Bangladesh recover from bad image by collaborating with its effort for policy reforms.

The ADB representative made a positive appraisal of Bangladesh's progress towards a private sector led economy. He particularly referred to privatization of agricultural inputs and

progress in railway restructuring.

Horayangura, however, was critical of the functioning of the power sector where, he said, system loss was running at 40 per cent and unrealised revenue amounted to seven months' bill.

Saying that ADB was promoting private sector participation in power sector, he said the bank was investing 50 million US dollars in a 80 MW power plant in Mymensingh.

Another funding proposal, also amounting 50 million dollars, for a 300 MW generation plant in Meghna Ghat by a private company is under consideration, he said.

Talking about ADB's participation in development of road infrastructure,

Horayangura said business climate in Bangladesh would significantly improve with the completion of Jamuna bridge. "There will be more business opportunities in the country being unified by the bridge", he said.

ADB, the Manila-based multilateral funding institution, has so far provided Bangladesh with five billion US dollars in soft term development loan during its 24 years of operation here. In addition, the bank has provided some 100 million dollars of grant as technical assistance.

ADB loans are interest-free while a nominal one per cent service charge is levied. Repayment period is 40-year plus a 10 per cent grace period.



Bhanuphol Horayangura, Resident Representative of ADB, speaking at the regular monthly luncheon meeting of the Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce & Industry at Sonargaon Hotel in the city yesterday. Mahub Jamil, President, FICCI and the chamber Secretary Jahangir Bin Alam are also seen in the picture.

Body to develop tourism human resources

A National Tourism Human Resources Development Committee of Bangladesh comprising public and private sector representatives has been formed with the Joint Secretary Sk Akram Ali as its chairman, says a press release.

The committee held its inaugural meeting at the Hotel and Tourism Training Institute in the city on Sunday. It will monitor and guide the activities of the South Asia Integrated Tourism Human Resource Development Project. This recently launched regional project is supported by the Commission of the European Union to the tune of 10 million US dollars.

This is a three-year project formulated by the public and private sectors of the tourism industry in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The project focuses on upgrading the capacity of human resources in tourism.

The project aims at training trainers in various hotel and travel trade specialisation throughout the South

Mymensingh Poura budget announced

MYMENSINGH, July 25: Mymensingh Pouroshava announced Taka 10 crore budget recently, reports BSS.

The main revenue incomes have been shown from own collection Taka five crore and fifty-six lakh, government grant for development Taka 45 lakh and grant from Asian Development Bank (project grant) Taka three crore and twelve lakh.

On the other hand, the main expenditure had been shown for development and project implementation. The main sources of revenue income are holding and land tax, lease out of hat-bazar, professional tax, advertisement and licence fee on vehicles.

The main heads of expenditure includes — general establishment, health and sanitation, sewerage, education, tree plantation, construction and repair of roads and culverts, improvement of hat-bazar, construction of bus terminal, slum development, secondary town infrastructural development etc.

Asian stock markets close mixed

HONG KONG, July 25: Asian stock markets closed mixed Tuesday, with share prices plunging in Tokyo after three days of advances, reports AP.

Tokyo's 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average fell 443.10 points, or 2.67 per cent, closing at 16,148.40. On Monday, the index had risen 2.41 points, or 0.01 per cent.

The Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first section was, down 22.60 points, or 1.71 per cent, to 1,299.86. It had gained 4.22 points, or 0.32 per cent, on Monday.

Traders said share prices fell because of the US dollar's continued weakness against the Japanese yen.

The perception that the Japanese government was not doing enough to support the economy and discouraging statistics announced by the government's Economic Planning Board also contributed to the decline.

Meanwhile, the dollar was quoted at 87.50 yen in late trading, down 0.38 yen from late Monday in Tokyo but above 87.45 yen late Monday in New York.

Share prices also tumbled in Taiwan, with brokers saying investors were worried about rising tensions with China because of Chinese missile tests in the East China Sea.

The Taipei exchange's Weighted Price Index fell 139.70 points, or 2.7 per cent, to 4,994.70. It was the first time that the index had slipped below 5,000 points in two and a half years.

HONG KONG: Share prices closed solidly higher on bargain-hunting. The Hang Seng Index, the market's key indicator of blue chips, rose 71.06 points, or 0.8 per cent, closing at 9,359.10. On Monday, the index had slumped 122 points.

MANILA: Share prices closed generally mixed following Monday's declines. The Philippines' PSE index

Federal Insurance enhances wages

Annual prize distribution ceremony-1994 of Federal Insurance Company was held on Monday at the auditorium of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry, with Chairman (Acting) of the company Alhaj Ahmed Shafi in the chair, says a press release.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the company, Ahmed Shafi declared enhancement of employees' salary by 15 per cent-20 per cent on basic with effect from June 1, '95 and introduction of new pay scale and service rules of the company with effect from August 1, 1995.

Vice Chairman Alhaj Rafiqul Anwar, directors Alhaj Md Abdul Khaleque, Eng Afzar Uddin Ahmad, Enamul Hoq and Acting Chief Executive A K M Sarwardy Chowdhury, Senior Vice President Kamaruddin Bhuiyan, Abdul Gani Chowdhury and Assistant Vice President Md Nasruddin also spoke at the function.

(সংজ্ঞা), সংক্ষিপ্ত দরপত্র আহবান বিজ্ঞপ্তি

- (২য় আহবান)
- ১। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-১১৭/সংজ্ঞা, ফেরীঘাট/১৯-১৫ইং.
 - ২। কাজের নাম : ১৯৯৪-৯৫ইং অর্থ বৎসরে (সংজ্ঞা), ফেরী বিভাগ, খুলনার অধীন জেলাখনা ফেরীঘাটের রপসা-৩ (ইউটি-২ ইমগ্রুড) ০০৪/৮৮) ফেরীর তলা অর্থিক সেবামন্ডের জন্য প্রয়োজনীয় মালামাল সরবরাহ ও সংযোজন কাজ।
খাত : ১৬৮-সড়ক, সেতু ও খেয়া।
 - ৩। প্রাক্কলিত ব্যয় : টাঃ ১,০৭,৬৯৯/-
 - ৪। বায়নার টাকা : টাঃ ২,৭৫৪/-
 - ৫। কাজ সম্পাদনের জন্য নির্ধারিত সময় : কার্যদেয় জারীর তারিখ হইতে ৫ (পাঁচ) দিন।
 - ৬। ঠিকাদানের যোগা : 'এ' হইতে 'সি' সাধারণ শ্রেণী (সংজ্ঞা), অধিদপ্তর/ধান তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদার।
'ই' সাধারণ শ্রেণী (সংজ্ঞা), ফেরী সার্কেল, খুলনার তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদার।
'ডি' সাধারণ শ্রেণী (সংজ্ঞা), ফেরী বিভাগ, খুলনার তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদার।
 - ৭। দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী কর্মকর্তা : তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী (সংজ্ঞা), ফেরী সার্কেল, সড়ক ভবন, খেয়া, খুলনা/নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সংজ্ঞা, ফেরী বিভাগ, খুলনা/বরিশাল।
 - ৮। দরপত্র প্রাক্কলিত হইতে নির্ধারিত প্রকৌশলী, সংজ্ঞা, ফেরী বিভাগ, শিরোমণি, খুলনা/উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী, সংজ্ঞা, ফেরী উপ-বিভাগ, বেঙ্গীপেট, খুলনা।
 - ৯। দরপত্র ফরমের সর্বশেষ তারিখ : ০৬-০৮-১৫ইউ/২২-০৮-১৯০২ইং।
 - ১০। দরপত্র গ্রহণের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময় : ০৭-০৮-১৫ইউ/২০-০৮-১৯০২ইং, ১২.৩০ মিঃ পর্যন্ত।
 - ১১। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময় : ০৯-০৮-১৫ইউ/২৫-০৮-১৯০২ইং, ১২.০০ মিঃ।
- মোঃ জহির
নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সংজ্ঞা, অর্থিক
ফেরী বিভাগ, শিরোমণি, খুলনা।

Shrimp fry traders facing problem in Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR, July 25: Shrimp fry traders of the district have been facing serious problem in selling their item as the truck owners and workers were resisting transportation through microbus, reports UNB.

It was known that the traders preferred microbus for fast transportation of the fries. But the truck-owners have been demanding that they will carry the item.

The traders said they could not collect sufficient fries for hiring a truck and it requires much time. Moreover, a huge number of fries damaged during transportation by truck causing heavy loss to them.

On the other hand, transportation through microbus consumes less time and its cost is also comparatively low, they said.

Due to the impasse, the price of shrimp fries has sharply fallen. A huge quantity of shrimp fries remained unsold daily due to the transportation problem.

The district is surplus in shrimp fries and every day 15 to 20 lakh shrimp fries are being sold here.

Knowledgeable sources said it is still continues the shrimp cultivation in other districts will be greatly hampered.

Socio-economic dev programme completed in Bandarban

BANDARBAN, July 25: A massive socio-economic development programme for the tribal people has been completed under the Friendship activities of the district Sena Region, reports UNB.

Under the programme, Taka 2.86 lakh was distributed recently among the fire-victims of 285 tribal families at Roanghchari thana for their rehabilitation.

A programme of disbursing of Taka 61,000 has also been taken to give financial support to the tribals of Lulain Para, Antahapara and Headmanpara for rearing cattleheads.

Local tribal leaders, Mouza Headmen, Union Parishad Chairmen of the district have appreciated the development initiatives under the Friendship activities of the Sena Region.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
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কক্সবাজার সড়ক বিভাগ
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কনসালট্যান্ট নিয়োগের সংশোধনী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

কোটেশন নং-২ (দুই) নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী (সংজ্ঞা), কক্সবাজার সড়ক বিভাগ ১৯৯৫-৯৬ইং

কাজের নাম : সড়ক ও জনপথ অধিদপ্তরের কক্সবাজার "হাইওয়ে রেট হাউস নির্মাণ কাজের" পরিকল্পনা প্রণয়নের উপদেষ্টা নিয়োগ।

এতদ্বারা সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, অ্যাফিস স্মারক নং ২২০৩ তারিখ ১০-৭-৯৫ইং মোতাবেক আহবানকৃত কনসালট্যান্ট নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তির জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত সংশোধনী জারী করা হইল।

প্রকৃত খ্যাতিমান ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/আর্কিটেকচারাল ফার্মসমূহের নিকট হইতে পূর্ব অভিজ্ঞতা, নির্ভরযোগ্য অন্যান্য কাজে প্রবাসিত তাহাদের নিজস্ব প্যাডে উপরোক্তিত কাজের জন্য প্রিলিমিনারী প্রান এবং প্রাক্কলিত ব্যয় উল্লেখকরণসহ সীলমোহরকৃত অফার আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

অফার প্রদানকারী সংস্থাকে প্রায় ১০০০ বর্গমিটার দালানের জন্য নিম্নলিখিত বিবরণীর উপর আইটেমওয়ারী দর প্রদান করিতে হইবে।

- ১। কার্যসূচীর সার্ভে
- ২। প্রান এলিভেশন
- ৩। আর্কিটেকচারাল ডিজাইনসহ মডেল
- ৪। ষ্টাকচারাল ডিজাইন
- ৫। বিদ্যুৎ ও যান্ত্রিক
- ৬। পানি সরবরাহ ও পয় নিষ্কাশন কাজের ডিজাইন
- ৭। শীতাতপ নিয়ন্ত্রণ ব্যবস্থা
- ৮। কাজ চলাকালীন সময়ে অসারকী কি (প্রাক্কলিত ব্যয়ের শতকরা হারে কমান ও অংকে উল্লেখ করিতে হইবে।)
- ৯। ফার্মিচারের ডিজাইন।

কাজ সম্পর্কে বিস্তারিত বিবরণ নিঃপঃ (সংজ্ঞা), কক্সবাজার সড়ক বিভাগের নিকট হইতে যোগাযোগপূর্বক জানা যাইবে। উল্লেখ্য যে, বাস্তব কাজের প্রয়োজনে দালানের আয়তন ১০০০ বর্গমিটার থেকে হ্রাস বৃদ্ধি হইতে পারে এবং সেক্ষেত্রে আনুপাতিক হারে টাকার পরিমাণও হ্রাস বৃদ্ধি হইবে, যা বাস্তবতা সংস্থাকে মানিরা হইতে হইবে।

অফার গ্রহণের সময়, তারিখ ও স্থান এবং অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী অপরিবর্তিত থাকিবে। সড়ক ও জনপথ কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন অফার গ্রহণ বা ব্যতিক্রম ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। ইহা অফারদাতা সংস্থা কর্তৃক যথাযথ বন্ধপূর্বক অফারের সহিত দাখিল করিতে হইবে। এই সংশোধনী কনসালট্যান্ট নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তির অবিচ্ছেদ্য অংশ হিসাবে গণ্য হইবে।

মোঃ আবদুল মুকতার
নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী (সংজ্ঞা)
কক্সবাজার সড়ক বিভাগ।

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ফি-১১০২-২১/৭
ফি-১১০০



Federal Insurance Company held its 'annual prize distribution ceremony-1994' at the DCCI auditorium on Monday.