

# Women are being encouraged to break the age-old social barriers

CHITTAGONG, Dec 20: Involvement of rural women in education, as well as socio-economic activities, has increased to a great extent in the recent past in Bangladesh, reports BSS.

Young women are coming out of the four walls of their houses seeking employment or work to subsidise their family income. Large number of girls are going to schools.

Farmer Abdul Malek of village Digarpan Khali under Chakaria thana of Cox's Bazar recently told this correspondent that he had three daughters, of whom the eldest had passed the SSC examination while others were still in school. "My eldest daughter Shamima Akhtar has applied for the post of a primary school teacher and I am sure, she would get the job."

Muhammad Ali, a small shopkeeper of village Dulahazra of the same district,

said, "I have four daughters and all are attending school. The eldest one is a student of class nine. I hope to give them education upto college level."

The influence of the country's first woman Prime Minister, Begum Khaleda Zia, on the womenfolk is quite evident. Seeing a woman as their national leader, the rural women are inspired to come out of their houses and take part in socio-economic activities or even to take leadership. Increased facilities for women education, employment, income generating work, deterrent punishment for violation of women rights, etc, have encouraged the women folk to break the age-old social barriers.

Another remarkable feature in this respect is that men have changed their attitude towards women and parents are now quite eager to educate their daughters and wives side

by side their sons. Parents and husbands now allow their daughters and wives to take part in socio-economic and cultural activities.

The government and Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) have been actively helping women to involve them in income-generating activities by advancing small loans while efforts are there to give them primary education. Social Service Directorate, Grameen Bank and NGOs are in the field to assist the womenfolk in the rural areas. Women are now engaged in production of handicrafts, fish culture, dairy and poultry farms, etc. Family welfare workers can be seen at the door-step of the rural houses.

Tasadduk Hussain of village Kakra is proud of his two daughters who have already passed BA. One of his daughters is a VDP leader while another is employed by an NGO,

drawing a salary of Taka 6000 per month.

Family planning field worker Ratna Das of Narsingdi, who came to Cox's Bazar recently in connection with a workshop on population control, said that she did not face adverse situation while performing her duty and propagating family planning methods in the rural areas.

Ryochi Suzuki, Senior Programme Officer of a Japanese organisation for international cooperation in Family Planning who was in Cox's Bazar recently told the workshop that Bangladeshi women were increasingly enjoying basic rights and participating in socio-economic activities.

Development of women in the country in the light of Beijing women's conference is evident, he added. He further said that his organisation was encouraged to extend more assistance for women development.

## Unidentified man killed in road accident

KISHOREGANJ, Dec 20: An unidentified young man was killed in a road accident near Charaipara in Katiadi thana on Kishoreganj-Bhairab road on Monday last, reports UNB.

The accident occurred while a Dhaka bound passenger bus collided head on with a truck at the point. The victim aged about 30, passenger of the bus, died on the spot.

## Arms making materials recovered, 3 held

KHULNA, Dec 20: Police recovered one cut-rifle and some arms-making materials from a house at Harintana area in the city on December 12 last, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the house and recovered the rifle, one cocktail, three bombs, several ammunition and arms-making materials.

Police also arrested Milan, 20, Abdur Rab, 22, and Mukti Mahmud, 21, from the spot.

## Diarrhoea claims two lives

COMILLA, Dec 20: Diarrhoea claimed lives of two members of a family and attacked another member of Shaktola area of the town on Wednesday last, reports UNB.

According to hospital sources, two sons — Alauddin 13 and Alamgir 25 — and a daughter Tahmina Begum, 15, of Mukhlisar Rahman were admitted to Sadar hospital on Tuesday last.

On the following day, Alauddin and Tahmina died in the hospital.

## Two killed in road accidents

MANIKGANJ, Dec 20: Two people, including a school boy, were killed in separate road accidents on Dhaka-Aricha highway today, reports UNB.

Police said Humayun Kabir, 7, was critically injured when a speedy truck knocked him down as he tried to cross the road in front of Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute in Dhamral at about 1 pm.

Kabir was rushed to Ganoshashta Kendra where he succumbed to his injuries soon after admission.

In another incident, an unidentified youngman died on the spot when a truck hit his auto-rickshaw near Kalia bus stand at about 6 am.

The truck drivers, however, managed to escape with their vehicles.



SYLHET: The British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Peter J Fowler inaugurating the 'Tower Hamlet Ward' in the Lions Shishu Hospital in Sylhet on Thursday last.

## British High Commissioner addressing function Contributions of Bangladeshis living in UK gradually increasing

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Dec 20: British High Commissioner in Bangladesh Peter J Fowler said, bilateral relations between Bangladesh and UK was strengthening further day by day. He noted that both the countries would play effective roles in developing the economy of each other in near future.

He was addressing as chief guest at the inaugural function of 'Tower Hamlet Ward' in the Lions Shishu Hospital in Sylhet town on Thursday last.

The function was also addressed among others by Wali Tosor Uddin, JP Honorary Consul-General of Bangladesh to Scotland, Lion District Governor Sheikh Kabir Hossain, Lion Mahibur Rahman while President, Sylhet Lions Club M Shahjaman Chowdhury Bahar presided. Michael Worsely, Head Teacher of Broadway School also spoke on the occasion while Dr Shamimur Rahman conducted it.

The British High Commissioner also said that the Bangladeshis living in the UK had been playing a laudable role in developing the national economy. Their contributions are increasing day by day, he added.

Fowler said, Bangladesh had already started entering into the era of prosperity and has a bright future. Britain would be a partner of Bangladesh towards its further development, he added.

It may be stated here that Tower Hamlet Borough Council of UK donated an amount of British Sterling 14,000 for establishment of the said ward in the Lions Shishu Hospital run by Lions Club of Sylhet. There are 30 beds in the hospital. Besides there is arrangement for free treatment facilities for mothers and children.

## R&H Department to construct 504.55 m long Gorai Bridge

PATUAKHALI, Dec 20: Roads and Highways (R&H) Department has taken up a project to construct the 504.55 metre long PC Garder Bridge (Gorai Bridge) on the river Gorai during the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

An eight km long approach road will also be constructed on Rajbari-Pangsha-Kushitia road under Kushtia Road Division under the project.

Official sources said, Tk 12,96,21,558 has been sanctioned for the project.

The work on the project will start soon which will take 42 months to be completed.

## National Science and Technology Week '95 ends

COMILLA, Dec 20: The 19th National Science and Technology Week '95 concluded ceremonially at Comilla Government Victoria College here on Saturday last, reports UNB.

Chairman of Comilla Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board Prof Mohammad Abdul Majid attended the programme as chief guest with Principal of Victoria University - College Prof Dr Azizur Rahman in the chair.

The chief guest later distributed prizes among the winners of the science-fair arranged on the occasion of the science week.

The function was also addressed by some elite including Prof Sudhir Kumar Chakrabarti, Prof Mostaq Ahmed and Prof Ismail Hossain.

## Stock of fertilizer at Nawapara not sufficient

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Dec 20: Crisis of fertilizers have become acute in the district. Sources said that crisis of fertilizer bags including TSP (Tripple Super Phosphate) SSP (Single Super Phosphate) and MOP (Murate of Potash) is mounting resulting in the price hike in every market of all districts under Khulna Division.

According to sources TSP sells at Tk 580, SSP Tk 310 and MOP Tk 345 per bag each weighing 50 kilogram against landing cost of Tk 425, Tk 235 and Tk 310 per 50 kg bag respectively.

When contacted some fertilizer dealers of Kushtia said, dealers of Nawapara, main supply depot in Jessore district has a very scanty stock of the materials and they are not in a position to meet the demands of this vast area during the next season of IRRJ-boro.

The traders expressed that government should advise the banks to allow low margin in opening L/C (Letter of Credit) to the importers and allow other facilities on priority basis to avert the crisis. Failure to build up sufficient stock of fertilizer and ensures its proper distribution among the farmers in rural areas at fair price may repeat the same fate as it happened last season which led to many casualties, the local traders added.

When contacted the leaders in this business at Nawapara told this correspondent that latest government policy in distributing urea produced in the country through their appointed dealers, bypassing actual or genuine private fertilizer traders will not be fruitful.

## BKB to disburse about Tk 7 crore in Magura

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Dec 20: Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) has taken a massive programme to distribute about Tk seven crore as loan for Boro cultivation in 10 districts of Khulna Division in current financial year, it was learnt.

According to the sources, BKB will distribute Taka 50 lakh in Magura district, Taka one crore in Jhenidah district, Taka one crore 50 lakh in Jessore district, Taka 75 lakh in Narail district, Taka 85 lakh in Satkhira district, Taka 50 lakh in Kushtia district, Taka 75 lakh in Chuadanga district, Taka 50 lakh in Meherpur district, Taka 25 lakh in Bagerhat district and Taka 25 lakh in Khulna district among the Boro paddy cultivators.

Sources said, Taka 50 lakh will be given among the Boro cultivators of four thanas in Magura district as loan.

The distribution of loan has already begun and will continue till March next, it was also learnt.

## Mysteries of most suicide cases remain buried

JHENIDAH, Dec 20: At least 627 persons committed suicide in last 10 months in six thanas of the district and ninety per cent of the suicidal cases were mysterious, police source disclosed.

According to reports, 174 persons in Jhenidah sadar thana, 71 persons in Hari-nakundu thana, 160 persons in Sailkupa thana, 108 persons in Kaliganj thana, 79 persons in Kotchandpur thana and 35 persons in Mohespur thana of the district committed suicide during last 10 months.

Family troubles and conjugal conflict, poverty, dowry, failure in love affairs were some of the reasons liable for the incidents, said a source of police department.

According to the source, a few years back as records show that only married women were the victims of the suicide. But during last few years old persons, unmarried girls and boys specially the teenagers have been committing suicide following even a negligible matter.

A police officer said that he had investi-

## 9-day eye camp concludes in Comilla

COMILLA, Dec 20: A 9-day eye camp, organised by the Old Victorians on the occasion of Comilla Free Day, concluded here on December 16 last at the Victoria Government College auditorium, reports UNB.

Commerce Secretary and Old Victorian AH Molazzel Karim was the chief guest at the concluding ceremony which was presided over by Old Victorian Nuruzzaman.

The function was addressed, among others, by business adviser Shahid Ullah, Deputy Commissioner Comilla KM Nurul Huda, and Principal of Victoria University College Prof Azizur Rahman.

**কুইজ প্রতিযোগিতা**

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এখানে কাটুন

১। ভয়েস অব আমেরিকা'র সদর দপ্তর কোথায়?  
উত্তর: [ ] ক. ওয়াশিংটন ডিসি [ ] খ. নিউ ইয়র্ক [ ] গ. ডালাস [ ] ঘ. হলিউড

২। মুক্তবাস্ট্রে মেট অল রাজ্যের সংখ্যা কত?  
উত্তর: [ ] ক. ৪৯টি [ ] খ. ৫০টি [ ] গ. ৫১টি [ ] ঘ. ৫২টি

৩। ভয়েস অব আমেরিকা'র বাংলা বিভাগ কোন অনুষ্ঠানে শ্রোতাদের চিঠিপত্রের জবাব দেয়?  
উত্তর: [ ] ক. গিজালী [ ] খ. বন্ধন [ ] গ. মিতালী [ ] ঘ. পত্র-মিতা

৪। বিল ব্লিনটন মুক্তবাস্ট্রের কততম প্রেসিডেন্ট?  
উত্তর: [ ] ক. ৩২তম [ ] খ. ৩৬তম [ ] গ. ৩৯তম [ ] ঘ. ৪২তম

৫। ভয়েস অব আমেরিকা'র বাংলা বিভাগের সাত্বা অধিবেশন প্রতিদিন কখন আরম্ভ হয়?  
উত্তর: [ ] ক. রাত ৯-০০ টায় [ ] খ. রাত ৯-৩০ টায় [ ] গ. রাত ১০-০০ টায় [ ] ঘ. রাত ১০-৩০ টায়

প্রতিযোগীর নাম: \_\_\_\_\_

পিতার নাম: \_\_\_\_\_

বর্তমান ঠিকানা: \_\_\_\_\_

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**নিয়মাবলী**

**আয়োজকঃ**

**ঢাকা জেলা ভয়েস অব আমেরিকা (ডিওএ) ফ্যান ক্লাব**

প্রথম, দ্বিতীয় এবং তৃতীয় পুরস্কার যথাক্রমে ৫ টাকা-হংকং-ঢাকা, ঢাকা-করাচী-ঢাকা এবং ঢাকা-কাঠমন্ডু-ঢাকা বিমান টিকেট। এই পুরস্কার প্রদান করা হবে বিমান বাংলাদেশ এয়ারলাইন্স-এর সৌজন্যে।

**প্রতিযোগিতার নিয়মাবলী:**

১। ডিওএ'র শ্রোতা এবং ফ্যান ক্লাব সদস্যসহ বাংলাদেশে অবস্থানকারী যে কোন ব্যক্তি এই প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেন।

২। প্রতিযোগীদেরকে চারটি উত্তরের মধ্যে সঠিক উত্তরটির বাম পাশে চিহ্ন দিতে হবে।

৩। ঢাকা'র মার্কিন দূতাবাসের কর্মীবৃন্দ, তাদের পরিবারবর্গ এবং ঢাকা জেলা ডিওএ ফ্যান ক্লাবের কর্মকর্তাবৃন্দ এবং তাদের পরিবারবর্গের কেউ এই প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেন না।

৪। পূর্ণকৃত ফর্মটি ফটোকপি গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়। ঢাকা জেলা ভয়েস অব আমেরিকা ফ্যান ক্লাব, ১৬/১, নয়াপল্টন, ঢাকা-১০০০ এই ঠিকানায় আপামি ১৫ই জানুয়ারী, ১৯৯৬ তারিখের মধ্যে ডাকযোগে পৌঁছাতে হবে (সেরাসরি গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়)।

৫। প্রাথমিকভাবে নির্বাচিতদের নামের তালিকা আগামী ২৫ শে জানুয়ারী, ১৯৯৬ তারিখে এই পত্রিকায় প্রকাশিত হবে এবং ডাকযোগেও জানান হবে। পুরস্কার বিতরণের তারিখ এবং স্থানও তখন জানিয়ে দেয়া হবে। একই ব্যক্তি একাধিক কুপন পাঠাতে পারবেন। একাধিক সঠিক উত্তরদাতার ক্ষেত্রে লটারীর মাধ্যমে বিজয়ী নির্ধারণ করা হবে।

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Secretary, Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat, Dhaka, invites applications for the following post:

**107.BPSCS/SR-4/ IR-67/94**

**Pay** : Taka-1725-105-2460-EB-115-3725/- plus other benefits/allowances as admissible under the rules.

**Qualification** : Bachelor Degree from a recognised University and 5 (five) years practical experience in household works from a renowned institution. Diploma in Hotel Management and Catering will be preferred.

**Age** : Between 21 and 35 years on 1st December, 1995.

Women candidature is not admissible for the post.

**Closing date** : **28th January, 1996/15th Magh, 1402.**

**General Important Informations**

1. Upper age limits are also relaxable for freedom fighter candidates up to 32 years for the post for which the maximum age is less than 32 years. A released/retired Non-Commissioned armed forces personnel will get the benefit of age relaxation for Government jobs up to a maximum period the person has actually served the armed forces subject to condition that a released/retired Non-Commissioned Armed Forces personnel who has attained the age of superannuation will not be eligible for recruitment to Civil posts.

2. Adhoc appointees (if any) against the posts will be eligible to apply only if at the time of entry into services as adhoc appointees they were within the prescribed age limits and had the requisite qualification according to recruitment rules.

3. Adhoc appointees against the posts mentioned in the advertisement and persons already in Government service or in the service of a local authority should submit their original applications together with treasury chalan or Bank Draft/Pay Order and necessary certificates direct to the specified office of the Commission's Secretariat so as to reach on or before the closing date mentioned in the advertisement. Another copy should be simultaneously submitted through the Department.

4. **Domicile** : A citizen and permanent resident of Bangladesh or domiciled therein (vide instructions in the application form).

5. Selection of candidate will be made as per existing Government Orders regarding reservation of quotas for merit and for freedom fighter and women candidates, etc.

6. **Fees** : Each application must be accompanied with a Treasury Chalan under the Head "65-Miscellaneous Non-Tax Revenue" "Miscellaneous Examination Fee" or a Bank Draft/Pay Order from Sonali Bank in favour of the Secretary, Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat for Tk 25/- (vide instructions in the application form).

7. Application form can be obtained on payment of Tk 5/- from the office of —

(i) The Secretary, Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat, Old Airport Building, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215; or

ii) The Assistant Director, Zonal Office, Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat, Plot No 49, Panchlaih Residential Area, Chittagong; or

iii) The Assistant Director, Zonal Office, Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat, Plot No B-494, Paramedical Road, Lakshimpur, Rajshahi; or

iv) The Assistant Director, Zonal Office, Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat, 37, Khalishpur Housing Estate, PO Muzgunni, Khulna.

Application forms can be submitted to any one of the above offices.

8. No application will be entertained unless it is in the prescribed printed form of the Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat and unless it reaches the above office of the Commission Secretariat during the office hours on or before the closing date.

9. Candidates must submit attested copies of the following certificates along with their applications without which their candidature will not be considered:

a) **For proof of age**: Original Certificate of SSC/Matriculation/Equivalent Examination. Provisional Certificate or Admit Card or Testimonial will not be accepted for this purpose.

b) **For proof of educational qualification**: Original Certificate issued by the Board or University. In case the Board or University fails to issue the original Certificate, Provisional Certificate issued by the Board or University may be accepted. For proof of educational qualification Marksheets issued by the University may also be accepted on condition that the Original/ Provisional certificates shall have to be submitted before interview.

c) **In the case of Freedom Fighters**: Certificate signed by the Chairman, Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad and countersigned by the Chief Advisor of the Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad the Hon'ble President of Bangladesh.

d) **In the case of Tribal**: Certificate issued by the appropriate authority.

10. Applications which are not supported by attested copies of Certificates of Board/University/Institute and other documentary evidence regarding age, educational qualification, experience, etc will not be entertained.

11. Canvassing in any form will disqualify a candidate.

12. The Commission will consider all applications received and interview the eligible candidates after holding scrutiny examination, if necessary.

13. Unless the Commission otherwise decides, candidates will be interviewed at their own Divisional Headquarters but candidates of other Divisions may be interviewed at Dhaka if they indicate their choice in their applications.

**Rafi Ahmed Chowdhury**  
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Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat

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