

## Wheat output target in Jhenidah may fail

From Delwar Kabir

JHENIDAH, Feb 25: Target of wheat cultivation in Jhenidah district was not achieved in current season, it was reported.

According to Agriculture Extension Department (AED) sources, wheat was cultivated on 1,960 hectares of land out of targeted 3,450 hectares in Saikupa thana, on 2,500 hectares out of targeted 2,700 hectares in Jhenidah sadar thana, on 1,355 hectares out of targeted 1,185 hectares in Kaliganj thana, on 1,880 hectares out of targeted 2,250 hectares in Harinakundu thana, on 750 hectares out of 875 hectares in Kotchandpur thana and on 2,705 hectares out of targeted 2,540 hectares in Mohespur thana.

AED sources informed, 'the total target for wheat cultivation was 13,000 hectares and it was cultivated on 11,150 hectares this season.

The sources further said that about 26,000 metric tons of wheat would be produced in the district this season.

It is learnt from the sources that in last season 11,925 hectares of land was brought under wheat farming last year out of targeted 12,600 hectares.

## Power supply crisis continues in Jhenidah Division

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Feb 25: Irregular and insufficient power supply has become a common feature in five electric supply units under Jhenidah Power Distribution Division for last few months, it was gathered. According to sources, Jhenidah Electric Supply unit, Magura Electric Supply unit, Kaliganj Electric Supply unit, Kotchandpur Electric Supply unit and Saikupa Electric Supply units are fed by Jhenidah Electric Supply Distribution Division. 24,078 subscribers have been consuming electricity from the lines. 48,70,500 units of energy is borrowed from the subscribers. 36,23,420 units of energy is being sold. The systems loss is 25.60 per cent, sources said.

Bangladesh Power Development Board (PDB) sources said, billing amount in the distribution division was Taka 99,25,500 per month and in 1995 Taka 1,42,73,929 was collected against the bills. Taka 3,66,41,000 was lying as arrear bill in Jhenidah distribution division.

Sources also said that up to December last year they collected Taka 54,03,508 instead of their billing amount of Taka 37,07,254. Further Taka 1,33,17,000 was pending with some government and domestic subscribers.

According to sources, Taka

3,44,780 is lying with the Ministry of Education, Taka 6,54,795 with the Ministry of Irrigation, Taka 16,53,257 with Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD), Cooperative Departments, Public Health Engineering Departments and Municipality, Taka 6,77,000 with Zila Parishad, Taka 1,26,641 with the Ministry of Health and Family Planning, Taka 65,900 with the Ministry of Defence. Some government offices owe a total of Taka 71,90,276 a bill. In some cases, bills for ten years of more is not being recovered, sources informed.

In Jhenidah Electric Supply (ES) unit 19,06,500 units of energy is supplied and they are selling 14,01,710 units to their 8,706 subscriber. The systems loss here was 26.47 per cent against 30.70 per cent of previous year. They were able to reduce the systems loss by 4.23 per cent, sources said.

In Saikupa ES unit 4,41,800 units of energy was supplied per month and PDB sold 3,30,965 units to their 1,665 subscribers in December 1995. They collected Taka 9,76,000 out of arrear billing amounting to Taka 33,76,000. In this ES unit Taka about 24 lakh is remaining pending.

It was learnt from the sources that they were able to

reduce the systems loss to 25.08 per cent last year from 31.40 per cent previous year (1994).

Sources informed that everyday 10 megawatt to 15 megawatt of power is being supplied to the consumers for their five ES units. But the requirements was at least 28 megawatt. As a result they are compelled to adjust the load everyday.

It was learnt from the sources that the supply is between 10 and 12 megawatt (mw) which has become a common feature creating much inconveniences to the people of all walks of life. The crisis may be more in near future during summer, sources apprehended.

A source who refused to be named told that in Jhenidah and Magura districts some groups of hoodlums are allegedly using power illegally. Some of the PDB employees were manhandled by them in different parts of Jhenidah power distribution division last year. To maintain peaceful atmosphere and ensure regular power supply to their subscribers they filed a number of cases against some subscribers. The mobile teams of PDB detected huge illegal connections, use of electric heaters and disconnected the same, sources said.

## Rahman's dream turns to reality

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Feb 25: Dream may turn to reality if someone tries hard to achieve the desired goal.

It was proved by a small farmer at village Chandpur in Saikupa thana of the district. Alhaj Azizur Rahman, 52, a farmer who was determined to be established as a successful farmer and at last he was able to achieve the goal, by working even harder.

Azizur Rahman has planted at least 200 palm trees around his home and on both sides of Ganges Kobadok canals. He has been planting the trees for last 27 years. Planting trees is one of his hobbies, Rahman said. He informed that he gets Taka between 400 and 500 from each tree if he sells green palm and the figure may double if it is sold ripen.

Talking to this correspondent Rahman said, his next generation may run their family without having any land property or cash if they maintain the palm trees. He said that these palm trees may play key roles to preserve the environment.

Alhaj Azizur Rahman further informed that he had been cultivating garlic, onion, banana and some other crops on commercial basis or about 60 bighas of land. Through trading the commodities he was able to make good profit and purchased truck, bus and tractors.

Rahman said most of the land on which he planted the trees were taken as lease for 99 years. He further said if one can work hard and be sincere in his work success will always be a reward.



An Eid fashion show, first of its kind, was organised in Barisal town recently. — Star photo

## Country boat seized with looted seeds

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Feb 25: Fulchhari thana police recovered a country boat with 115 bags full of mustard seed on board worth about Taka two lakh from Brahmaputra river that was captured by pirates few days back.

On February 10 a businessman, Habibur Rahman of Nayarchar under Dushmari thana in Kurigram district with his companion procured 115 bags of mustard seeds and was proceeding towards Gaibandha on board a country boat. On way the boat was attacked by pirates. The miscreants tied the inmates of boat including boatmen and dropped them to the nearby char-land and later fled towards down stream with the loaded boat.

When the boat reached Fazlupur near Fulchhari thana, a marine patrol police challenged them. Finding no other alternatives the pirates anchored the boat nearby land and fled leaving the boat behind. Police seized the boat and goods on board.

## 15 persons receive injuries centering buying of Phensedyl syrup

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Feb 25: At least 15 persons were injured in a clash following purchase of Phensedyl syrup at Hatgopulpur Bazar in sadar thana of the district recently.

According to reports, two rival groups faced each other with lethal weapons in the afternoon following Phensedyl syrup purchasing from Jahangir Hossain, an alleged trader of the banned item. The clash soon turned into serious fight and about 200 people from villages Hatgopulpur and Tordah participated in the fight.

Reports say, Jahid Hossain, 20, Abul Kalam, 22, Huzur Ali, 23, Shahidul Islam, 22, Saizuddin, 35, Jahangir, 25, and nine others were injured in the clash.

Later police from Hatgopulpur camp managed to control the mob. It was reported.

## Five injured in clash in Gaibandha

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Feb 25: Five persons sustained injuries including two women in a clash which ensued over the issue of taking possession of a disputed plot at Gobindaganj sadar thana recently.

On February 10 a quarrel developed between Alamgir Prodhan of village Chalk Gobinda and Saidur Rahman of village Boalia under Gobindaganj thana on the issue of taking possession of a plot near local Hira Cinema Hall. On the day when one group went to take possession of disputed plot other group resisted the attempt. Consequently there ensued a clash after exchanging hot words. In the incident five persons received injuries. They are Tash Bibi, 70, Asiya Begum, 60, Shahjahan Ali, 42, Basu, 25, Kushi Mia, 45. All the victims were removed to Gobindaganj hospital two of them seriously. A case was filed with Gobindaganj thana.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, (RHD)

Sylhet Road Division Sylhet

Phone No 716339

## Tender Notice

### No 125 of Sylhet Road Division, 1995-96

1. Tender Notice No : 125 of Sylhet Road Division, 1995-96.
2. Name of work : Tender for repairing, carpeting & seal coat work at 11th (p), 12th (p) & 13th (p) KM of Sheola-Beani Bazar-Baraigram Road under Road Division, Sylhet during 1995-96.
3. Charge to : 168 (Maintenance).
4. Estimated approved by : Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Sylhet.
5. Estimated cost : Tk 24,99,018/-
6. Earnest money : Tk 49,981/-
7. Time allowed : 60 (Sixty) days.
8. Name of office where tender will be received : Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Comilla Zone, Comilla/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/Undersigned/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Moulvibazar/Sunamganj & Hobiganj.
9. Name of office where tender documents will be sold : Undersigned/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Moulvibazar/Sunamganj/Hobiganj/Planning & Design Division, Comilla/Planning & Programming Division, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Sylhet/Golapganj/Biswanath & Mechanical, Sylhet.
10. Last date of selling tender : 12-3-96 up to office hours.
11. Last date and time of receiving the tender : 14-3-96 at 12-30 PM.
12. Date and time of opening the tender : 17-3-96 at 12-45 PM.
13. Date of lottery : 20-3-96 at 1-30 PM (If required in office of the undersigned).
14. Eligibility of contractor : Under RHD, Department 'A' to 'C' general category & Sylhet Road Circle 'D' general category contractor.

Md Muzammel Haque  
Executive Engineer (RHD)  
Sylhet Road Division, Sylhet.

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## BCIC International Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিলায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, NGFF Ltd, Fenchuganj, Sylhet invites sealed quotation under two envelope system for supply of following stores on C&F (C) Chittagong basis. Tender documents may be purchased at the following rate each (Non-refundable) from (1) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha, Dhaka (2) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong (3) NGFF Ltd, Fenchuganj, Sylhet on all working days. Tender will be received up to 1100 hrs. on the date mentioned against each and will be opened immediately thereafter in public. No tender documents will be sold on opening day.

Sl No	Tender No	Description of stores	Price of documents	Date of opening
1	NGFF/P-315/EID(INST)/1326	Pneumatic totalizer	Tk 25/- (Taka twenty-five) only	18.3.96
2	NGFF/P-313/MMD/1334	Gasket, Rope packing & calcium silicate pipe etc.	Tk 100/- (Taka one hundred) only	18.3.96

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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

Khulna PWD Division-1

Khulna

## PWD Notice Inviting Tenders

### Tender Notice No 34 (C) 1995-96

1. Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from the eligible Special Class I (one) and Class-I (one) enlisted Sanitary and Plumbing contractors of PWD, and Class II (two) enlisted Sanitary and Plumbing contractors of PWD Zone, Khulna for execution of the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned and the Executive Engineer, PWD Division No II, Khulna/Bagerha/Satkira in their respective offices under Khulna PWD Circle, Khulna up to 12.00 Noon of 4-3-96 and 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.

Sl No	Name of works	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed
1.	Providing Surface (Exposed) GI pipe line for water supply arrangement and replacement of damaged HCI pipe and other essential fittings of ward block of 250-Bed Hospital, Khulna during 1995-96 (Ch to : Constn of 250-Bed Hospital at Khulna.	Tk 3,26,565/-	Tk 6,532/-	45 (Forty-five) days

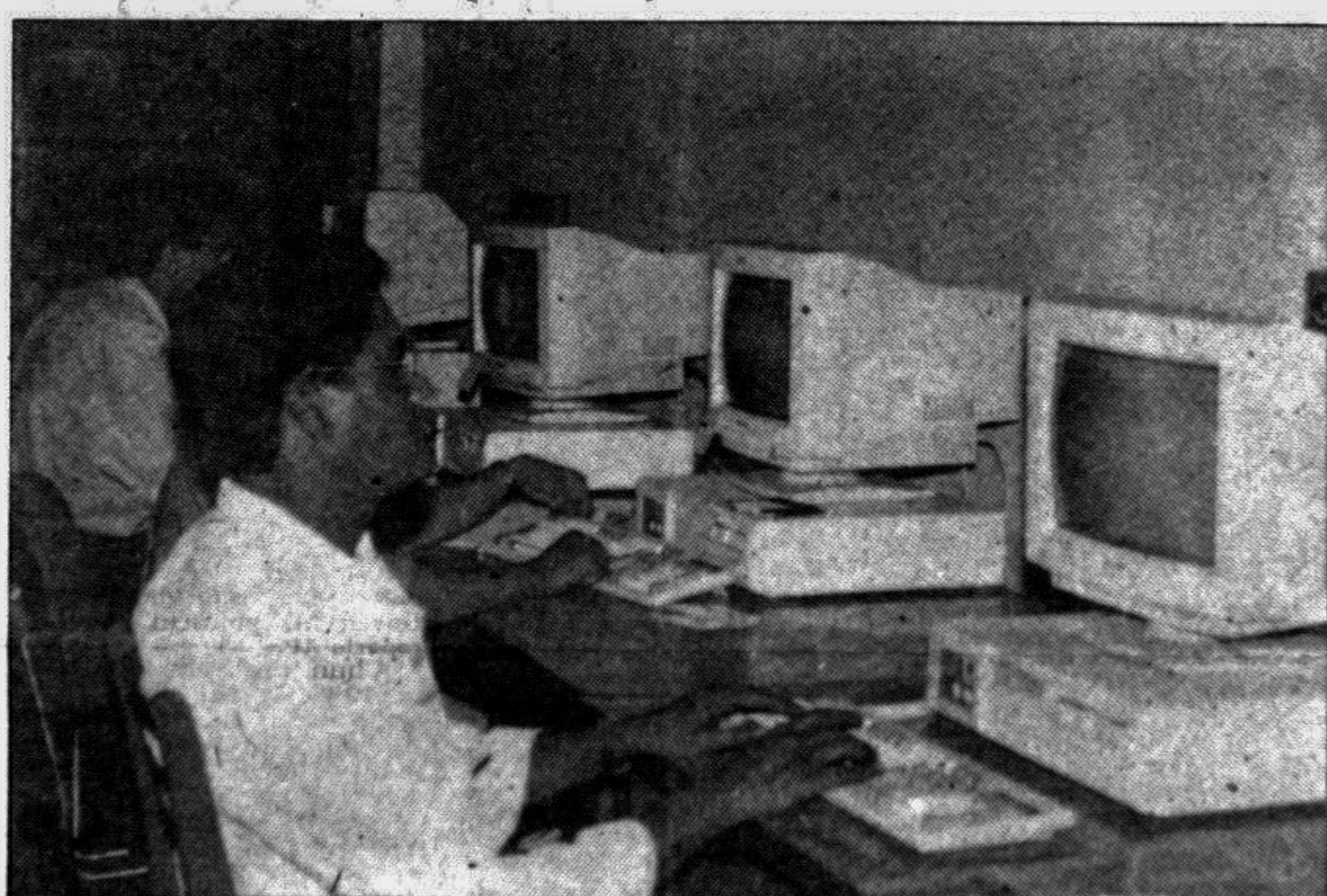
3. Detailed contract documents, consisting of Bangladesh Form No 2911, schedule of items, specification, additional terms and conditions etc can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned and the Executive Engineer, PWD Division No II, Khulna/Bagerha/Satkira during office hours on payment of usual charges (Non-refundable). The tender form may be purchased by the contractor by showing of Registration Book himself or his/her representative on production of authorisation letter bearing the signature of the representative duly attested by the contractor at any working days during office hours up to 3-3-96.
4. At the time of purchasing tender contractors are to show the original VAT certificates obtained from National Board of Revenue (Custom and Excise) and attested copy of VAT certificate will have to be furnished along with the tender schedule, otherwise the tender will be summarily rejected.
5. If the rate is found same in more than one valid lowest tenderer for the above mentioned work then contractor will be selected through lottery to be held in the office chamber of the undersigned on 11-3-96 at 11.30 AM.

Md Matiar Rahman  
Executive Engineer  
Khulna PWD Division No I  
Khulna.

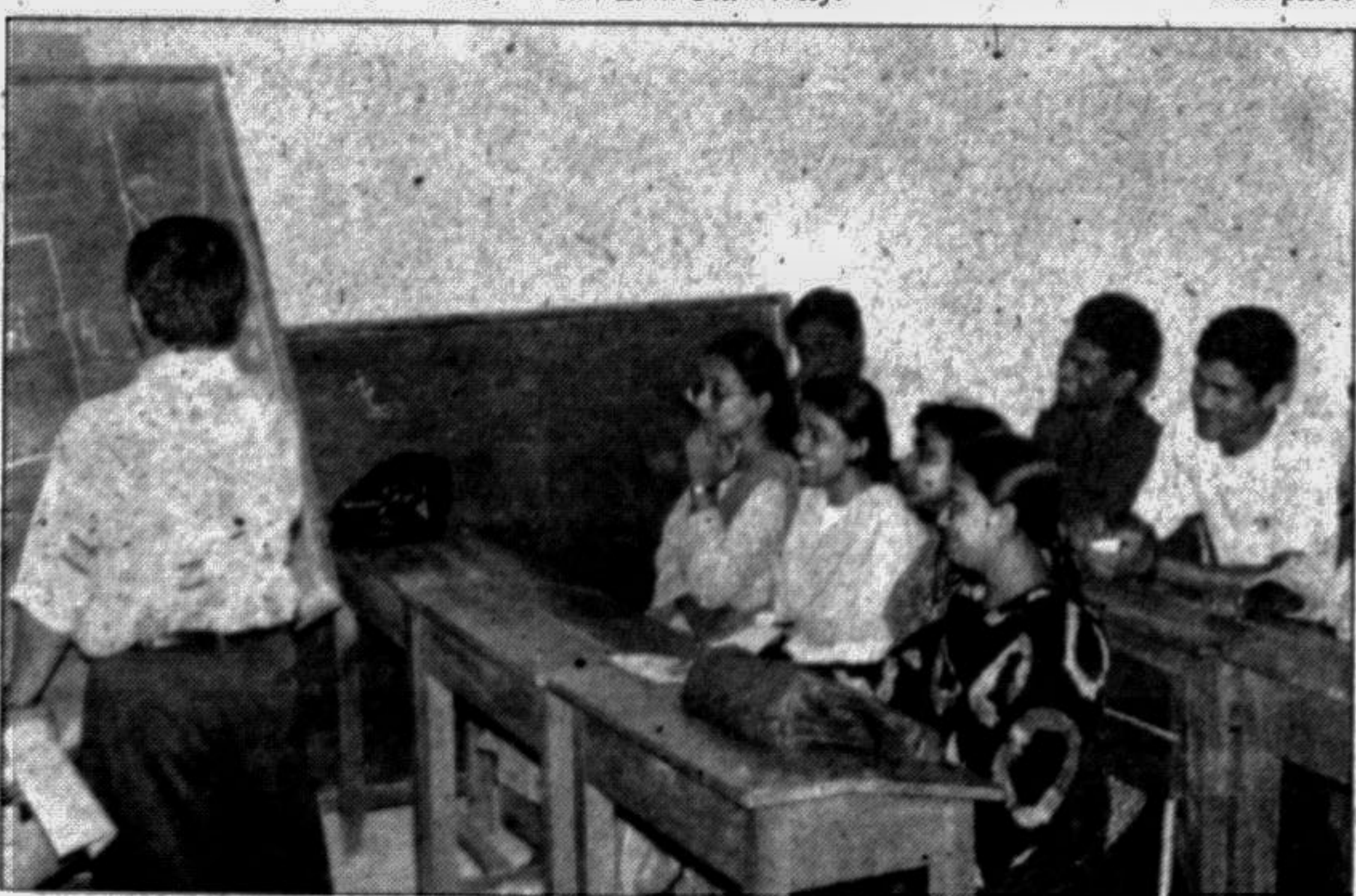
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## RU Computer Science Department : problems and prospects

From Tareq Chowdhury



Inside view of computer Laboratory of Rajshahi University. — Star photo



Students attending a theory class of Computer Science Department at RU. — Star photo

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Feb 25: The Computer Science Department (CSD) of Rajshahi University (RU) has already passed two years of its inception with a number of problems and successes. The CSD started its first Honours Course with 20 students and one computer in a room, next to the RU Computer Centre in the second floor of the first science building. The same room was used as the chairman's office, teachers' sitting chambers and the class room simultaneously. At present, the CSD has turned into a noticeable shape as a separate and distinguished identity by extending its number of students, teachers and courses.

A personal computer (PC) laboratory has been installed for facilitating software training of the students and a separate computer based research laboratory has also been set up for promotion of research activities of the newly born department. One PhD and three MPhil researchers have enrolled their names for the first time in the CSD. Now enrollment of the under-graduate and postgraduate students in the CSD increased to 48. Four teachers are engaged in teaching to enhance students' knowledge on computer science and technology.

The process of the establishment of the Computer Science Department in RU first started in the 81st meeting of the Faculty of Science, held on 14th July, 1988 and the proposal for establishment of the CSD was passed in the resolution No 13 of the meeting. The 282nd meeting of the Syndicate of RU decided to establish the CSD.

The aim of establishing the CSD in RU was to create software engineers and programmers and to provide research facilities in the field of computer science and technology.

Initially, a two-year course leading to the MSc degree in Computer Science was proposed for the session 1990-91. Unfortunately, the above course could not be offered because the department did not admit students in that session.

The department admitted students in its BSc Honours course from the 1993-94 session. There are two batches of honours students in the department and very soon another batch is in the way of admission. Professor Md Abdus

## BCL leader in Sirajganj stabbed

SIRAJGANJ, Feb 25: A BCL leader was seriously injured when some miscreants stabbed him at the town on Friday night, reports UNB.

Police and hospital sources said Arifur Rahman Shipon, a district unit BCL leader, was stabbed in front of Godhuli Cinema Hall at about 8 pm following his altercation with the miscreants. Shipon was trying to resist his attackers who were teasing the girls.

He was rushed to sadar hospital in a critical condition from where he was sent to Dhaka on Saturday evening.

## Gamblers, devotees clash in G'bandha: 12 injured

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Feb 25: Twelve devotees sustained injuries in clash with gamblers during Eid congregation at Jumarasari under Shaghata thana. Condition of four of them stated to be critical.

Sobhan, a scholar, researcher and academician having a Computer Based PhD degree from the Electrical and Electronics Communication Engineering Department from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, is holding the position of the chairman of the CSD from its inception.

Professor Sobhan while talking to The Daily Star regretted for not having sufficient space and accommodation facilities for the class rooms, students laboratories, teacher's chambers, seminar library, store room, workshop etc. Because of fund shortage,

requisite number of computers and other electronic equipment could not be purchased for proper enrichment of the level of learning in the CSD. Professor Sobhan added,

Research works in MPhil and PhD levels are going on in computer generation and recognition of Bangla speech, ii) design, construction and performance testing of computerised PABX, iii) IO card for PC-based instrumentation and iv) computer modelling of high efficiency silicon and gallium arsenide solar cells, under his guidance Professor Sobhan informed this correspondent.

Professor Sobhan expressed his optimistic views about the bright future of this Department. He viewed that the present three-year honours course should be extended to a four year one to cope and compete with the international standards.

To produce huge skilled manpower in this technology the government should take massive programmes in the School and College levels and should also take initiative for publishing text books in Bangla on Computer Science and Technology. Professor Sobhan suggested.

## From Our Correspondent

and Tk 2 lakh 96 thousand for poultry farming. The bank has already started the distribution of the loans to different organisations.

Our Correspondent from Jhenidah adds, Bangladesh Krishi Bank will distribute over Taka 3.36 crore in ten southern districts in current fiscal year.

According to Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) sources, they will distribute Taka 30 lakh in Jhenidah district, Taka over 68 lakh in Jessore district, Taka 15 lakh in Magura district, Taka 16 lakh in Narail

district, Taka 50 lakh in Khulna district, Taka 24.5 lakh in Bagerhat district, Taka 47 lakh in Satkhira district, Taka over 39 lakh in Kushtia district, Taka 20 lakh in Chuadanga district and Taka over 9.5 lakh in Meherpur district.

The loan amount will be distributed as a part of poverty alleviation programme among the farmers, sources said.

Distribution of loan has already been started and it is expected to be completed by June this year.