

News snaps

Tk 9.43 cr Habiganj poura budget
HABIGANJ, June 15: Habiganj Pourasava has announced its development budget of Tk 9.43 crore for the 1997-98 fiscal year, reports UNB.

Seminar on 'development journalism'
COMILLA, June 15: A two-day seminar on 'development journalism' ended here on Saturday with a call for highlighting development endeavours through various media for attaining a sustainable development in the country, reports BSS.

Body recovered
RANGPUR, June 15: Police recovered the unidentified body of a young man lying under the Bural railway bridge in Kaunia thana of the district on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Sewing training course at Valuka
VALUKA (Mymensingh), June 15: State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Prof Dr M Amanullah has said the present government is working hard to achieve the goal of poverty alleviation and change the lot of common people, reports UNB.

18 Branch post offices in bad shape
MADARIPUR, June 15: The branch post offices in the rural areas of Rajoir thana in the district are beset with problems, reports UNB.

Manpower shortage in Microwave Office
NARAIL, June 15: A total of three posts, out of four, have been lying vacant in the microwave office at Narail sadar since its establishment in 1978, reports UNB.

Electrification programme opens
NARSINGDI, June 15: Energy and mineral Lt General (ret'd) Nooruddin Khan said the government is pledge-bound to bring the whole country under electrification network, reports BSS.

Budget aims at poverty alleviation
KISHOREGANJ, June 15: LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman said the proposed budget will play a very effective role in poverty alleviation and development of rural infrastructures, reports BSS.

Pry Edn Week begins in Ctg
CHITTAGONG, June 15: National Primary Education Week began here with a call for creating awareness among the people about the importance of primary education for overall development and progress of the nation, reports BSS.

Re-Tender Notice
বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহারে মিতব্যয়ী হোন
Description of work: 1) Construction of 600 sft 10-unit (five-storey) residential building (Building No-3) with cast-in-situ pile foundation. 2) Construction of 600 sft 10-unit (five-storey) residential building (Building No-5) with cast-in-situ pile foundation. 3) Construction of 1000 sft 6-unit (three-storey) residential building (Building No-5) with foundation. Eligibility of contractor: Power Development Board's & Public Works Department's 'A' class/1st class Civil & Electrical/Civil (should be contract with BC licence-holder firm) enlisted contractor firms. Only those contractors who have completed civil construction work worth minimum Tk 30 (thirty) lakh in time under a single work order of any Govt/Semi-Govt organisation. Experience of cast-in-situ pile construction is necessary for the said work. Past experience certificate from an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent should be submitted with the application to purchase tender. Estimated cost: 1) 48,24,839/67 (Taka forty-eight lakh twenty-four thousand eight hundred thirty-nine & sixty-seven paisa), 2) 48,97,147/17 (Taka forty-eight lakh ninety-seven thousand one hundred forty-seven & seventeen paisa), 3) 44,17,243/55 (Taka forty-four lakh seventeen thousand two hundred forty-three & fifty-five paisa) only. Price of tender: Taka 1) 1,000/- (one thousand), 2) 1,000/- (one thousand), 3) 1000/- (one thousand) only (non-refundable) through Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Deputy Director (Accounts), ZAO, PDB, Siddharganj. Place & date where & when tender will be available: From Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka/Chief Engineer, Power Station Construction Project, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka/Project Director (Addl. Chief Engineer, 210 MW Siddharganj TPS Project/Supervising Engineer, Civil Construction Circle, 210 MW STPS Project/Manager, Agrani Bank, Siddharganj Branch, Siddharganj, Narayanganj up to 03-07-97. Date of receiving & opening tender: 06-07-97 up to 12-00 Noon & on the same day at 12-30 PM. Other terms & conditions of tender and all rules & regulations must be complied with properly.

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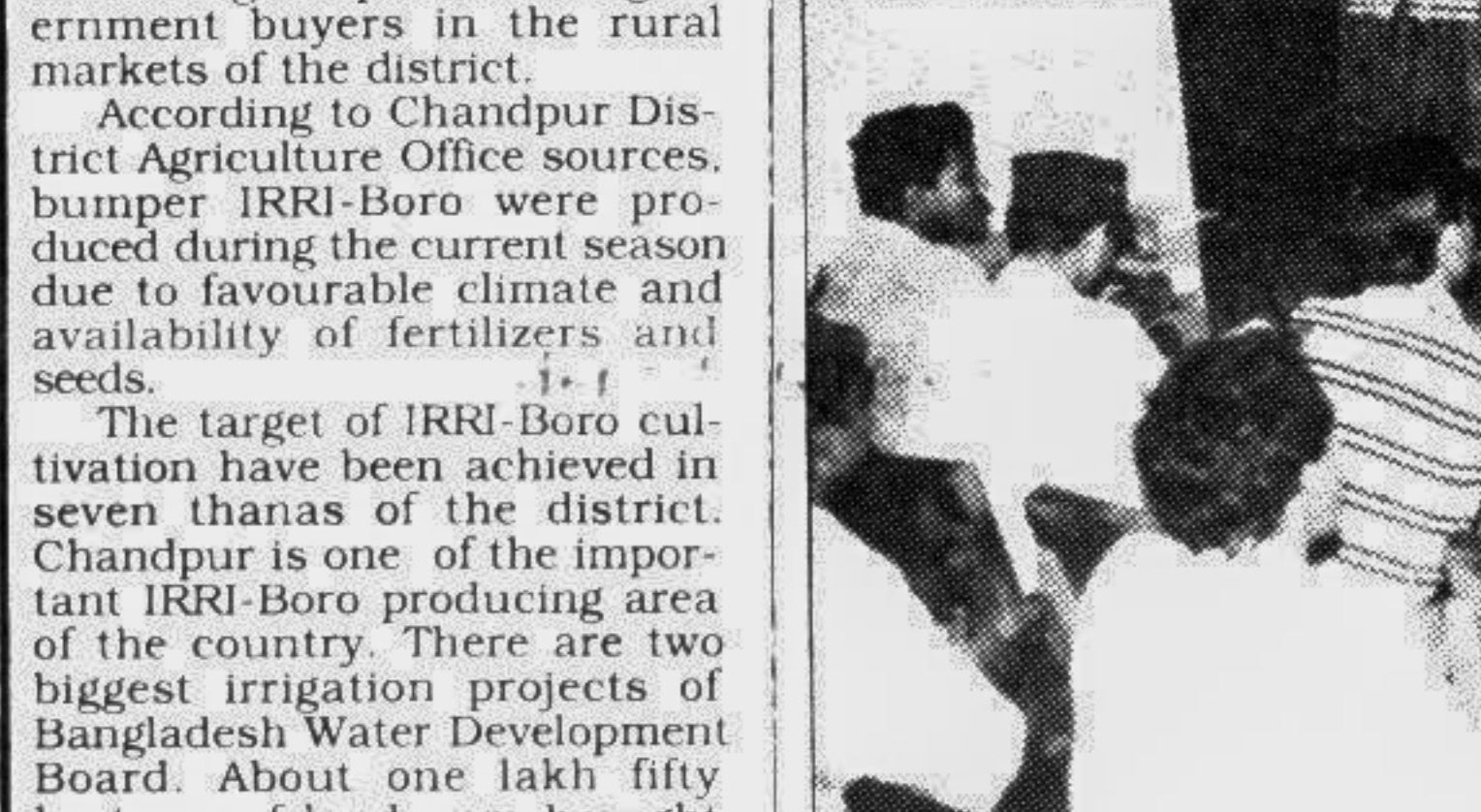
Executive Engineer
210 MW Siddharganj TPS
Biddul/Jana-1528(6)/96-97
DFP-13953-9/6
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AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh): Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr. Shah Muhammed Hussain delivering his speech as chief guest at a five-day training course on Journalism held at the Mymensingh Press Club recently.

Move to privatise 13 sugar mills protested

JAMALPUR, June 15: Several hundred workers of Zeal Bangla Sugar Mills in Dewanganj thana recently staged demonstration, protesting the government move to denationalise the mill, reports UNB. They also observed a six hour rail-road barricade programme. During the barricade programme, traffic on Dewanganj-Islampur-Jamalpur road was disrupted and two mail trains were stranded. In Pakundia thana of Kishoreganj some 3,000 sugar mills workers and sugarcane growers observed a six-hour barricade programme, demanding reopening of Kaliachapra Sugar Mills. The demonstrators brought out processions and held rallies during the programme, protesting the government decision to privatise the mill. The workers also put up barricade on Kishoreganj-Bhairab and Dhaka-Sylhet roads adjacent to the mill area, disrupting communication from 6 am to noon. The Kaliachapra Sugar Mills remained closed as the government laid it off on May 10, 1994. Chandpur farmers deprived again From Our Correspondent CHANDPUR, July 15: The price of newly-harvested IRRI-Boro paddy have gone down due to shortage of private and government buyers in the rural markets of the district. According to Chandpur District Agriculture Office sources, bumper IRRI-Boro were produced during the current season due to favourable climate and availability of fertilizers and seeds. The target of IRRI-Boro cultivation have been achieved in seven thanas of the district. Chandpur is one of the important IRRI-Boro producing area of the country. There are two biggest irrigation projects of Bangladesh Water Development Board. About one lakh fifty hectares of land were brought under IRRI-Boro cultivation in Chandpur and Matlab-Meghna-Dhonagoda irrigation projects. About 80 manaus of paddy were produced in per hectare of land. Due to shortage of buyers in the markets, the poor cultivators are compelled to sell their paddy between Tk 170 to 190 per maund, whereas the production cost of per maund of paddy is more than Tk 250. Meanwhile, a group of middlemen are now very much active in the markets to keep the prices of the paddy at a lower rate. They are acting as the agents of some unscrupulous traders. The agents compelled the cultivators to sell their paddy to the middlemen at a lower price. The frustrated farmers have been waiting with paddy at the mercy of the middlemen. So the farmers are not getting fair prices of their products due to absence of proper buyers. The food department should immediately start procurement drive so that the farmers get fair prices. Otherwise it is apprehended that the farmers and their future cultivation will face a severe setback in the district. Only 10 pc use safe water in household work PATUAKHALI, June 15: Although on an average 80 per cent people of the southern parts of the country are taking drinking water but only 10 per cent are using it in their household purposes, reports UNB. According to sources at Public Health Engineering Directorate and UNICEF, about 80,000 shallow and deep tubewells are now operating for 75 lakh population of six districts of Barisal division providing one tubewell for every 105 people. Among these districts, Patuakhali is leading having 30 per cent achievement in using safe water in household works and 80 per cent in taking pure water. But the situation of Barguna district in the case of household work was only 8 per cent. Another survey revealed that only 50 per cent people of these diarrhoea-prone districts are using ditch and sanitary latrines. Every year, water-borne diseases like diarrhoea, dysentery and cholera break out in these southern districts claiming lives of several hundred people and affecting about 50,000. Official sources, however, expressed satisfaction at the overall development of the situation with the installation of tubewells and ensuring sanitary latrines.



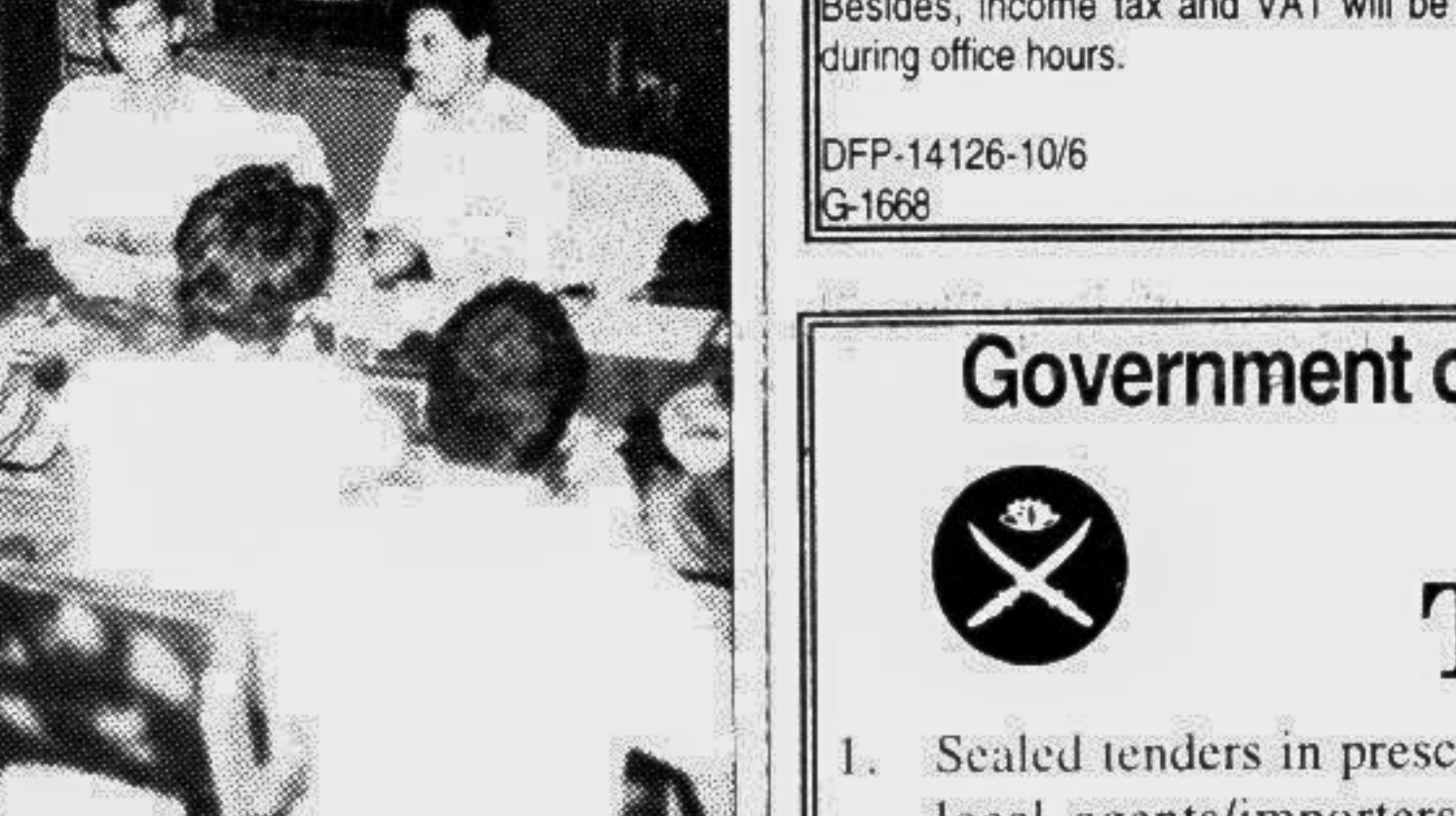
RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: Prof M Farukuzzaman, the newly appointed administrator of Press and Public Relations Office of the university made a courtesy call and exchanged views with the working journalists here at RU Press Club on June 12.

Kushtia Newsletter

From Our Correspondent KUSHTIA, June 15: The Department of Narcotics and Drug Control conducted a raid at Chourhash at the outskirts of the town recently. One Asan was arrested for possessing 22 bottles of phensidyl and two bottles of rectified spirit from there. The Assistant Director of the department, Abdul Jalil led the raid. A case has been filed in this connection. JCD workers' meet The workers' meeting of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) of Kushtia Polytechnic Institute was held recently at its premises. Ashraf Ali, Vice-President of the Institute's Chhatra Sangsad was in the chair. Alhaz Shorabuddin, former MP was the chief guest and M A Shamim Arzoo was present as special guest. Among others, JCD leaders Mahub Murshed Sunon, Shamimul Hasan Apu, Ismail Hossain Murad, Abdul Mueed Bablu, General Secretary, Ashrafal Islam Gama, Emdad Ali Khan, Abu Shahed Ronju and Pro-VP Hamidur Rahman spoke on the occasion. Phensidyl recovered In an anti-smuggling drive, the forces of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR), Mohiskundi Company seized several gunny bags filled up with vegetables from the river Padma near Sonatala hat under Daulatpur thana recently. BDR recovered 500 bottles of phensidyl and 50 bottles of liquor from the bags. The same BDR team in another raid seized sugar, steel materials, bi-cycle parts, salt and pulse worth Taka 50 thousand. The seized goods have been deposited in Bheramara Customs godown. IU female students want more buses Two hundred female students of Islamic University (IU) brought out a protest procession recently on the campus in support of their demand for providing adequate number of buses for them.

Environment Day in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, June 15: World Environment Day was observed here Thursday with renewed pledge to create mass awareness about environmental degradation for building a healthy and pollution-free society, reports BSS. Besides the national programme, different non-governmental and socio-cultural bodies have observed the day through day-long programmes which included holding of rally, exhibition of video and posters, discussion meetings, distribution of saplings and cultural function. The kutcha latrines which are on use in large scale in the pourashava area are causing a serious health hazard for the public. The houseowners in most cases have constructed kutcha latrines beside their dwelling houses creating serious problems in the town. These roadside kutcha latrines create a hell, especially during the rainy season. Most of the roads in the town are narrow. The condition of roads is very pitiable. Cracks and potholes have been developed at many points on the roads. Rain water remain stagnant for hours together on the roads, when it rains. The roadside ditches filled with filths and garbages are not cleared regularly. These places have become safe breeding centres of mosquitoes. The drainage system in the town is not good. Most of the kutcha drains are silted up and the pucca ones remain blocked most of the time of the year. Waterlogging has become a regular feature during the rainy season. Scarcity of pure drinking water in the town is a most vital problem. Only one-fourth drinking water is being supplied by the Water Supply authority. Most of the street lights of the town remain off as no bulbs are fitted there. The town plunges into darkness just after the Sunset. The anti-social elements become active in darkness. The recreational facilities are also meagre in the town. The number of floating people is increasing in the town day by day. The housing problem is another acute problem the town dwellers are facing regularly. The existing number of houses can not cope with the increasing demand. The poura authority should take necessary steps to solve all these problems on an emergency basis, the affected town dwellers opined.



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From Our Correspondent They gheraoed the office of the Transport Administrator of the university, Shajahan Ali. The Transport Administrator was present during the gherao period. He gave a patient hearing and assured of providing more buses for them following discussing with the Vice-Chancellor. It may be mentioned, acute transport problem for the female students of the university has been prevailing for a long time. The authorities concerned did not look into the matter previously. Lighting injures 1 One Jariman Nessa, 40, of village Fulbaria under Mirpur thana was seriously injured when lightning struck her recently. She was immediately rushed to Mirpur Health Complex. Later on she was shifted to Kushtia General Hospital. Donation to PM's Relief Fund Employees and officers of Bheramara Pourashava donated their one day's salary to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for the cyclone victims of the coastal belt recently. The donation amounting Taka 1753 was sent to the capital through Bheramara Sonali Bank. Islamic edn course ends The eight-day Islamic Education Course concluded in Kumarkhali recently. It was held under the auspices of Kushtia Islamic Foundation. The inaugural function was presided over by Syed Aminuddin Ahmed, Deputy Director, Kushtia Islamic Foundation and Nazmus Salehin, Principal, Kushtia Islamia College was the chief guest. The function was also addressed by Abdul Muttalib, Headmaster, Kumarkhali M N High School, Moulana Khabiruddin Imam of Kumarkhali Jame Mosque. The speakers emphasised on the need for such course in checking moral degradation.

Jamalpur people coexist with manifold problems

From Our Correspondent JAMALPUR, June 15: Jamalpur Pourashava is inhabited by about 5 lakh people who coexist with manifold problems. The roads of the town are in a deplorable condition. Faulty drainage system, paucity of pure drinking water, inadequate street lights, bad sanitation and conservancy services, absence of recreational facilities and mosquito menace are some of the problems in the pourashava. The kutcha latrines which are on use in large scale in the pourashava area are causing a serious health hazard for the public. The houseowners in most cases have constructed kutcha latrines beside their dwelling houses creating serious problems in the town. These roadside kutcha latrines create a hell, especially during the rainy season. Most of the roads in the town are narrow. The condition of roads is very pitiable. Cracks and potholes have been developed at many points on the roads. Rain water remain stagnant for hours together on the roads, when it rains. The roadside ditches filled with filths and garbages are not cleared regularly. These places have become safe breeding centres of mosquitoes. The drainage system in the town is not good. Most of the kutcha drains are silted up and the pucca ones remain blocked most of the time of the year. Waterlogging has become a regular feature during the rainy season. Scarcity of pure drinking water in the town is a most vital problem. Only one-fourth drinking water is being supplied by the Water Supply authority. Most of the street lights of the town remain off as no bulbs are fitted there. The town plunges into darkness just after the Sunset. The anti-social elements become active in darkness. The recreational facilities are also meagre in the town. The number of floating people is increasing in the town day by day. The housing problem is another acute problem the town dwellers are facing regularly. The existing number of houses can not cope with the increasing demand. The poura authority should take necessary steps to solve all these problems on an emergency basis, the affected town dwellers opined.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Local Government Engineering Directorate, Kushtia
Memo No: EE/LGED/Kusht/97/1550
Re-Tender Notice No-38/96-97
Tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 under sealed cover are invited from LGED enlisted and all projects prequalified and Zila Parishad enlisted update renewed contractors mentioned against the development work for implementation of the undermentioned project work under Rural Infrastructure Development (development of important road and hat bazars) Project 2nd part under Local Govt. Engineering Directorate, Kushtia.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Bangladesh Ordnance Factories
Ghazipur Cantonment, Ghazipur
Tender Notice
1. Sealed tenders in prescribed form (BOF No. 76) are invited from bonafide manufacturers/local agents/importers/suppliers for supply of materials in local currency to BOF as mentioned below:

Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD
Ferry Division, Barisal
(RHD), Tender Notice
1. Tender Notice No. : 67 of RHD, Ferry Divn, Barisal/1996-97.
2. Name of work : As described below.
3. Eligibility of contractor : 'A to E' general category contractor of RHD, as per financial capacity and territorial jurisdiction.
4. Availability of tender : (1) Executive Engineer, RHD, Mechl Ferry Divn, Barisal/Khulna. (2) Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Ferry Sub-Divn, Barisal (During office hours only. No tender will be sold on the date of receiving tender schedule).
5. Tender receiving officer : (1) Superintendent Engineer, RHD, Mechl Ferry Circle, Khulna. (2) Executive Engineer, RHD, Mechl Ferry Divn, Barisal/Khulna.
6. Last date of selling tender : 22.6.97/8.3.1404 (only office hours).
7. Last date of receiving tender in sealed cover : 23.6.97/9.3.1404 at 12 Noon.
8. Date and time of opening tender : 24.6.97/10.3.1404 at 1 PM.
9. Date and time of lottery (if applicable) : 24.6.97 at 4 PM.