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Lalan Shah's 107th anniversary of death

KUSHTIA, Oct 18: A two-day programme to mark the 107th death anniversary of Lalan Shah began here on Thursday at the graveyard of greatest *baul* poet, reports BSS.

The local Lalan Academy has chalked out an elaborate programme which includes sessions of *baul* songs and discussion on the life and philosophy of the mystic poet. Folklore specialists and a large number of *bauls* from different parts of Bangladesh and West Bengal have been participating the programme.

Training for BCS health service cadre

COMILLA, Oct 18: A two-month-long training course on 'special basic for BCS health service cadre' began on October 12 at the Bangladesh Academy of Rural Development (BARD) here, reports BSS.

Thirty-two medical officers of BCS cadre have been participating in the training course organised by the Directorate of Health. The inaugural function of was presided over by Akhtar Hossain, Director General of the BARD.

Girl rescued from hands of miscreants

NARSINGDI, Oct 18: Police rescued a teenaged girl from the hands of miscreants at Narsingdi Rail Station and sent her to the jail custody on Monday, reports UNB.

Police said the orphan Sumi, 15, who does not know her parent's identity, was brought up by driver Quasem at Demra. After the death of the driver, Sumi had been working as a maid servant in the residential quarters of a jute mill official at Demra. Some miscreants contacted Sumi and took her to the Narsingdi Railway Station on the promise of more respectable employment. But soon, their ill-motive became apparent to Sumi who cried out for help attracting attention of the railway police at the station.

Campaign for UP poll begins

MADARIPUR, Oct 18: Campaign for the prospective candidates for the forthcoming Union Parishad (UP) election has begun in the district, reports BSS.

There are 58 unions in four thanas of the district, 5 in sadar thana, 10 in Rajoir, 18 in Shibchar and 15 in Kalkini thana. Great enthusiasm among the people has been noticed with the announcement of the election date.

One shot dead by unknown assailants

BHERAMARA, Oct 18: Abul Farajee, 32, of Bittipara under Kushtia, sadar thana was shot dead by some unknown assailants at Bhawanipur Bazar on Tuesday, reports BSS.

The body of the victim was sent to Kushtia Sadar Hospital for autopsy. A case has been filed with Kushtia police. No arrest has so far been made in this connection.

Smuggled goods worth Tk 20 lakh seized

FENI, Oct 18: Bangladesh Rifles have seized smuggled Indian goods worth about Taka 20 lakh from different parts of the district, reports UNB.

The 2nd Rifles Battalion, in separate drives, recovered contraband items including molasses, sugar, powder milk, saree and spices from Feni-Bypass road and Mandia and Pathan Nagar of Chagalnaiya thana on September 30 and October 5. The seized goods were deposited with the local customs office. Separate cases were filed with the police.

3 killed in Matiranga road accident

MATIRANGA (Khagrachhari), Oct 18: Three persons including two girls were killed in a road accident at Bailyachhari in Matiranga thana of the district recently, reports BSS.

Quoting the version of eyewitness the police said, a furniture-loaded truck, turned turtle while crossing a turning at Bailyachhari in Matiranga thana of the district on Friday evening. The victims were identified as Haradhan Kanti Das, 42, helper of the truck and Bimani Tripura, 12, and Arpona Tripura, 2, the passers-by. Police recovered and seized the truck. The driver managed to flee immediately after the accident. A case was lodged with Matiranga thana police in this connection.

Dead cattle meat on sale

PABNA, Oct 18: Some dishonest butchers have been selling meat of dead cattle at the hat-bazars of the district, according to complaints lodged with the police, reports UNB.

The villagers of Rahulpur bazar in Santhia on October 4 challenged the butchers who fled the bazar to escape the outrage of the mob. The villagers informed the local thana and urged police action against such misdeed. The Santhia thana police said they knew about the incident but no action has yet been taken. The villagers complained that the unscrupulous butchers had also been slaughtering mal-nourished, diseased and unfit for human consumption cattle.

Poll campaign gains momentum at BIT

GAZIPUR, Oct 18: The election campaign of the Central Students' Union and four Hall Unions of BIT in Gazipur is gaining momentum, reports UNB.

Some three panels will compete the election, to be held on October 20. The panels are — Farhad-Amirul panel of Chhatra League, Nayan-Nasar panel of BNP and Masum-Ali panel of Chhatra Shibir.

Crop loss turning rural people poorer in Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Oct 18: The economic condition of rural people in Jamalpur district has been crippled. The reason are poor crop production for the last few consecutive years, lack of industrialisation, decreased crop production due to paucity of seeds, fertilizers, irrigation facilities and persistent drought.

Marginal farmers need agri inpute including bank loan.

The total population of the district is about 18 lakh. Only five per cent are engaged in business and other services while 85 per cent are dependent on agriculture. Poor people who live by cultivation are forced to sell their produce at nominal price.

A recent survey reveals that 65 per cent of village people live below proverty line. They have to sell out their hard earned produce in advance at the rate of Taka 80 to Taka 100 per maund to the local money lenders to maintain their livelihood.

Taking full advantage of the situation, the local money lenders are doing brisk business by granting loan at high rate.

A large number of landless people who lost their work as agricultural labourers are passing days half-fed or sometimes unfed. They are forced to sell their pet animals and utensils for survival. It has been learnt, 50 per cent of poor farmers have already sold their domestic animals.

The conditions of sugarcane growers is worse. They have incurred heavy losses this year due to lack of marketing facilities. About 50 per cent sugarcane produced in the district wasted.

In different *char* areas of Kamalpur district people earn their livelihood by selling sweet potato. But the farmers have been facing problems due to low price of their produce.

Sweet potato is being sold at Tk 50 to 60 per maund now.

A large number of fishermen have become jobless following sharp decline in fish production.

Most of the *beels* and rivers have silted up causing havoc to pisciculture during they dry season.

A huge quantity of rice and wheat have been sanctioned for uplift works under Food for Works Programme (FWP). But massive irregularities and misappropriation are allegedly.

The villagers being forced to sell their poultry birds and other movable property to meet up their exigency.

Natural calamities like flood, cyclone, drought, excessive rainfall and pest attack have been damaging crops almost every year leaving rural poor in distress.

Harmful Indian drugs flood 16 N-dists

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Oct 18: A large quantity of Indian drugs injurious for health is being smuggled inside the country through various routes of border areas in 16 northern districts, according to a survey conducted by a non-government organisation (NGO).

Reports said, harmful Indian drugs are being smuggled every day by a section of drug smugglers. Most of the markets in the northern districts have been flooded with these harmful drugs.

There were allegations, a section of medicine shop owners have been openly patronising the smugglers by procuring Indian drugs. They sell those to the consumers at high prices. Most of the Indian drugs are inferior quality while many others had expired validity dates much ahead. But yet the medicine traders are selling these drugs rampantly by changing its levels across the northern region, it has been alleged.

Mashroom growth of licenceless medicine shop and clinics have grown in the town and rural areas. These medicine traders have been marketing spurious drugs ignoring risk of health hazards of people.

The officials of the health department are allegedly reluctant to take any steps to stop such sorts of the illegal marketings of harmful drugs.

A health source said they are trying to locate the spots from where these illegal drugs are being marketed. But due to man power crisis and lack of cooperation of the administration and other law enforcing agencies, smuggling the illegal Indian drugs cannot be checked, they opined.

Diarrhoea claims 8 lives in Narsingdi

NARSINGDI, Oct 18: Diarrhoea that broke out in Polash and Raipura thanas claimed eight lives and affected over 500 people during the last fortnight, according to unofficial sources, reports UNB.

The worst affected unions are Nilkhya, Birkandi, Bashangari, Charmadhua in Raipur thana and Ghorashal and Danga in Polash thana.

Doctors here said that the disease has broken out in an alarming proportion due to consumption of adulterated food and contaminated drinking water.

District Civil Surgeon office sources confirming four deaths said so far 300 people have been affected by the disease.

Official sources said medical teams have been working round the clock in the affected areas to combat the spread of the disease. The affected people, most of them women and children, are being admitted in the Sadar Hospital and Polash and Raipura thana health complexes.

But local people alleged that no medical team was working at the worst affected Nilkhya, Amirganj, Birkandi, Sreenagar, Charmadhua and Danga unions. They said acute shortage of oral saline packets has been prevailing in the affected areas.

Japanese Ambassador Yoshikazu Kaneko and Dr Neelima Ibrahim, Chairperson of FBAB, at the inauguration of the Multi-purpose women training centre at Panchdona, Narsingdi on Tuesday.

Multi-purpose training centre for women opens at Narsingdi

Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yoshikazu Kaneko inaugurated the "Bhatpara Women Multi-purpose Training Centre" at Panchdona in Narsingdi on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) has constructed the centre at a cost of 68,157 US dollars under the Japanese Grant Assistance for the Grassroots Projects.

This project will make available training materials and equipment to improve family planning, enhance training facilities and raise women literacy.

Speaking on the occasion, the Japanese Ambassador emphasised the need for ensuring maximum utilisation of the centre by providing need-based training of diverse nature to the target people.

The inaugural ceremony was attended, among others, by DC of Narsingdi, FPAB President and renowned educationist Dr Neelima Ibrahim.

Kala-azar breaks out in Thakurgaon

THAKURGAON, Oct 18: Kala-azar has broken out in different villages in Thakurgaon and Panchagar districts. The outbreak is more among the people of boarder villages where cattle lifting is more frequent and people are to live along with their cattles to guard them, reports BSS.

According to relevant sources, more than one hundred people of Baliadanga, Thakurgaon sadar, Pirgonj and Haripur thanas under Thakurgaon district and Atwari thana of Panchagar district have been attacked with the disease.

Many patients come to Thakurgaon Modern Hospital for treatment. Out of these patients the hospital authority admitted 12 seriously ill patients and treated them properly.

An injection called "stebatin" which costs Tk 110 per injection is used for the treatment of the disease which the poor patients cannot procure.

The RMO of Thakurgaon Modern Hospital said that at present 'stebatin' injection is available in the hospital and the patients are being treated properly free of cost.

Wild elephants kill 2 in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Oct 18: Wild elephants trampled a woman and her minor daughter to death Monday at Berajali village of Paindong union under Fatikchhari thana, police said.

The dead were identified as Hosne Ara Begum, 35, and her daughter Shamima Akter, police said.

Besides, 20 other villagers were injured during the attack by wild elephants at the same village Monday night

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Public Works E/M Division-7, Dhaka

Memo No-E/M-7-126/1527 — Dated:-23-9-97/8-6-1404BS

Tender Invitation Notice
No-59/1997-98

Tenders on item rate basis in Bangladesh Form No-2911 under sealed cover are invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted special 1st class/1st class (E/M) contractory firms/electrical sub-station equipment manufacturing firms or local agents of the manufacturing firms having high pressure electrical licence issued by the respective authority, TIN and Value Added Tax registration certificate, for the undermentioned work.

Last date of selling tender : During office hours: 28/10/97
Date & time of receiving tender : During office hours: 29/10/97
Date & time of opening tender : During office hours: 29/10/97

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Amount of earnest money	Time for completion
1)	Supply, installation and commissioning of 1000 KVA Sub-Station machinery for National Institute of Kidney Diseases & Eurology Hospital and Annexe Buildings at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.	—	At 2 per cent of the total quoted price	4 (four) months.

Firms intending to participate in the tender should possess experience of installing & successful commissioning of at least one 500 KVA indoor Sub-Station with 1 year servicing within the past 5 years under a single work order at Govt/Semi-govt/Autonomous organisation.

Past experience certificate of work should be in the prescribed from (available free of cost from this office) issued by the officer (not below the rank of Executive Engineer) of the organisation concerned.

Written permission to purchase tender should be obtained by application with attested copies of the said electrical contractory licence, VAT registration certificate, TIN certificate, past experience certificate & enlistment register/certificate as manufacturer/certificate as local agent etc. to the Additional Chief Engineer (E/M), Public Works Directorate, Purto Bhaban, Dhaka at least 10 (ten) days prior to the last date of selling tender.

The permitted firms can purchase the tender form on payment of Tk 775/= (seven hundred seventy five) only (non-refundable) from the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka, 2nd floor of the 1st 12-Storied, Segunbagicha, Dhaka Executive Engineer, Public Works Eden Building Division/Timber Workshop Division; E/M Workshop Division, Dhaka, Public Works Sub-Division-5 under Public Works Division-4, Purto Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka; Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8, Dhaka on the prescribed date & time. Interested contractors/firm woners/their representatives may attend the opening of tenders.

Earnest money at 2 (two per cent) of the total quoted price should be submitted with the tender through BD/CD/PO/SDR from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-7, Dhaka.

Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at this Division as well as office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, 2nd floor of the 1st 12-Storied, Segunbagicha, Dhaka, Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8, Timber Workshop Division/Workshop Division and Eden Building Division, Dhaka on the said date & time.

Rates which should include price of machinery, Govt taxes, customs duty, insurance, carrying cost etc, all cost & profit inclusive, should be quoted in local currency in figures & words at the designated place of tender schedule & form No. 2911.

The tender receiving authority reserves the right to reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason, and the authority is not bound to accept the lowest or any other tender.

Md. Aminul Huq
Executive Engineer
Public Works E/M Division-7
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka
Phone: 326314

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD
Road Division, Comilla

Notice Inviting Tender

1.	Tender Notice No.	:	31 & 32/EE. of RHD, Road Division, Comilla during the year 1997-98.
2.	Name of work	:	Tender for carpeting & Earth work at different KM of different Road, under Comilla Road Division, during the year 1997-98.
3.	Estimated cost	:	As per Group List.
4.	Earnest money	:	Tk. as per group list in BD/Pay Order in favour of E E RHD, Road Division, Comilla.
5.	Name of offices where tender bids will be received	:	Addl. Chief Engineer, RHD, Comilla Zone, Comilla/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Comilla/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka & office of the undersigned & office of the Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong.
6.	Name of office availability of tender bids	:	Office of the undersigned/E.E. RHD, Road Divn., B'baria/Chandpur/Planning & Design Divn., Comilla/Planning Divn, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka, SDE's office, under this Division & Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong.
7.	Time allowed	:	As per group list from the date of issue of workorder.
8.	Last date of selling of tender bids	:	28-10-97 up to office hours.
9.	Last date of dropping of tender	:	29-10-97.
10.	Date, time & place of opening of tender bids	:	3-11-97 in the office of the E.E. (RHD), Comilla.
11.	Date of lottery	:	5-11-97.
12.	Charge	:	266-C.A/168-RBF.
13.	Eligibility of contractor	:	As per group list.

Group List

Tender Notice No	Group No	Name of work with location	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed	Category of contractor
31/EE(RHD), Road Divn, Comilla	1 (one)	Carpeting work at 1st KM. of Companiganj-Muradnagar-Homna Road.	Tk. 14,20,946/-	Tk. 28,819/-	30 days	A to D Gen. Cat. of RHD Cont.
	2 (two)	-do- -do- 2nd K. M. of -do-	Tk. 11,45,889/-	Tk. 22,918/-	30 days	-do-
	3 (three)	-do- -do- 3rd K. M. of -do-	Tk. 11,45,889/-	Tk. 22,918/-	30 days	-do-
	4 (four)	-do- -do- 4th & 5th (P) K. M. of -do-	Tk. 15,46,917/-	Tk. 30,938/-	30 days	-do-
32/EE(RHD), Road Divn., Comilla	1 (one)	Earth work at 4th, 5th & 6th K.M. of Lalmai-Laksam-Sonaimuri Road	Tk. 7,32,282/-	Tk. 14,646/-	45 days	A to E Gen class of RHD contractors
	2 (two)	-do- -do- 10th & 11th (P) K. M of -do-	Tk. 3,23,839/-	Tk. 6,477/-	30 days	-do-
	3 (three)	-do- -do- at 11th K.M. of Comilla-Majigacha-Palpara-Burichong-B. Para-Mirpur Road.	Tk. 5,58,171/-	Tk. 11,163/-	45 days	-do-
	4 (four)	-do- -do- at 12th K.M. of -do-	Tk. 5,62,484/-	Tk. 11,250/-	45 days	-do-
	5 (five)	-do- -do- at 13th K.M. of -do-	Tk. 4,76,891/-	Tk. 9,538/-	40 days	-do-
	6 (six)	-do- -do- at 8th K.M. of Nimshar-Kangshanagar Road	Tk. 1,69,394/-	Tk.3,388/-	30 days	-do-

N B: Tender above Tk. 10.00 lacs will be received in Divisional Commissioner office, Chittagong & tender above Tk. 5.00 lac will be received in the office of the ACE (RHD), Comilla Zone & SE (RHD) Moni. Evl. Circle, Dhaka.

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Executive Engineer, RHD
Road Division, Comilla

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Office of the Executive Engineer
Facilities Department
Ministry of Education
Narsingdi Zone, 55, Court Road, Bilasdi, Narsingdi

Re-Tender Notice
(3rd Call)

Notice No-11/PSS/Madrasa/Tubewell/FD/Nr Z/97-98 — Dated: 06-10-97/21-06-1404 BS

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 are hereby invited from Facilities Department, Ministry of Education, Dhaka enlisted A-2/A-3 class contractors/contractory firms for installation of 02 (two) tubewells at each of the selected educational institutions under the "Secondary Educational Institution Development & Rehabilitation (Govt. & Private)" and "Private Secondary Educational Institution Renovation & Development" projects. Name of the selected educational institutions with other terms & conditions will be mentioned in the tender document.

A) Detailed description of work:-

Group No.	Name of district	Name of thana	Number of selected educational institution	Estimated cost (Taka)	Amount of earnest money	Time limit
Name of Project :		Secondary Educational Institution Development & Rehabilitation (Govt. & Private).				
01)	Gazipur	Sadar	08 (eight) Nos.	98608/=	2000/=	02 (two) months.
02)	"	Kaliganj	04 (four) Nos.	49304/=	1000/=	02 (two) months.
Name of Project :		Private Seconday Educational Institution Renovation & Development.				
03)	Gazipur	Sadar	02 (two) Nos.	24652/=	500/=	02 (two) months.
04)	"	Kaliganj	02 (two) Nos.	24652/=	500/=	02 (two) months.

B) Estimated cost of 02 (two) tubewells per educational institution : 12,326/= (twelve thousand three hundred twenty-six) only.

C) Price of tender document : Each set of tender document should be purchased on cash payment of Tk 400/= (four hundred) only (non-refundable).

D) Earnest money : Prescribed amount of earnest money for each set group must be submitted with the tender through Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Narsingdi Zone, Narsingdi.

E) Last date & time of selling tender document : 26-10-97 up to 2:00 PM.

F) Last date & time of receiving tender document : 27-10-97 up to 2:00 PM.

G) Date & time of opening tender box : 27-10-97 up to 2:15 PM will be opened in presence of the tenderers (if any present).

H) Offices where tender document will be available from and will be received at : Will be available at the office of the Secretary, Ministry of Education, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
Attention: Senior Assistant Secretary, Section-12 (Development-2), Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Narsingdi/Dhaka/Savar/Narayanganj/Mymensingh/Kishoreganj/Tangail/Faridpur/Madaripur Zone and Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Gazipur District Office during office hours and tenders will be received at the said offices on the prescribed time.

Terms & conditions:

1) Contractors/contractory firms shall have to purchase tender document subject to obtaining permission from the proper authority on production of enlistment registration book renewed for 1997-98.
2) Original copy of Value Added Tax (VAT) registration certificate and up-to-date renewed Income Tax certificate (IT) must be submitted at the time of purchasing tender document and attested photocopies of the said certificates should be attached with the tender at the time of submitting.
3) Rate submitted in the tender by the respective contractors must be written in both figures and words.
4) Tender submitted at rate more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost will be treated as cancelled outright. Original copy of rate analysis must be submitted with the tender for any rate below or 5% (five per cent) above.
5) Only 01 (one) tubewell more should be installed at the educational institutions having 01 (one) existing tubewell and any tubewell should be installed on final decision of the higher authority at educational institutions having 02 (two) existing tubewells.
6) 01 (one) tubewell in front of the institution & 01 (one) in the adjacent area of latrine should be installed. Average depth of tubewell has been kept at 150'-0" which, on demand, may decrease or increase.
7) After supply of materials at site by contractor, that can be used on certificate by head of institution to the effect that it has been taken as per schedule and specification and approved by Divisional Engineer.
8) Final installation of pipe of tubewell should be executed in presence of Sub-Assistant Engineer of the respective thana & the head of the institution and the contractor should obtain joint certificate from both regarding the depth of installed tubewell.
9) The bill amount will be paid to the contractor on submission of certificate from the head of institution to the effect that after installation of tubewell, clear and optimum quantum of water is being supplied.
10) On change/cancellation of the name of educational institution mentioned in the tender document or for any other reason, the contractor/contractory firm can not claim any financial benefit.
11) Those who could not complete earlier allotted work in prescribed time without any specific reason even after expiry of prescribed time limit, will not be sold the tender document of the said works.
12) VAT & IT will be deducted as per govt. rules.
The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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