

News snaps

Victory Day programme

MYMENSINGH, Dec 13: A week-long programme to celebrate "Mymensingh Mukta Dibash," on December 10, and Victory Day began here, reports BSS.

Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak inaugurated the programme at the Muktamanch of Chhotobazar with a call to all for coming forward to build the nation as dreamt by those who fought for independence of the country. The minister said the hopes and aspiration of the people were ignored for 21 years but the present government was trying its best for attaining the goals of development.

Chuadanga Liberation Day observed

CHUADANGA, Dec 13: Chuadanga Liberation Day was observed in a befitting manner on December 7, reports BSS.

In observance of the day the local unit of Muktiyoddha Sangsad held an elaborate programme which included discussion and cultural functions. The discussion was held at Barabazar with Sirajul Islam, Commander, Chuadanga Unit of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad, in the chair. Dr Ashraf Hogue, chief advisor of the advisory council for the south-west war front during the War of Liberation in 1971, was present on the occasion as chief guest. Chuadanga was liberated from the Occupation Army on December 7, 1971.

Advocacy meeting on EPI

MADARIPUR, Dec 13: An advocacy meeting on Expanded Programme of Immunization (EPI) was held at sadar hospital auditorium recently with ADM (gen) Saidul Haq Bhuiyan in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting was attended by the officials of the district administration, health department, teachers, journalists and representatives of NGOs and welfare organisation. They discussed the nature of the deadly diseases attacking children and chalked out programmes for the immunisation of the children.

Tetaia Mashajan Bridge opens

HABIGANJ, Dec 13: The newly-built Tetaia Mashajan bridge on the river Khoai here has been opened for commuters, reports UNB.

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria opened the 125 metre long bridge on the Dhulikhah-Mirpur road here at a simple ceremony recently. Local Government Engineering Department has implemented it at a cost of Tk 1.3 crore. The function was also addressed by Suranjit Sen Gupta MP, Parliamentary Affairs Advisor to the Prime Minister, Enamul Haque Mostafa Shaheed MP, Sultan Mohammad Mansur MP and Dr Musfiq Hossain Chowdhury.

Rally of fishermen

RANGPUR, Dec 13: A rally of fishermen and fish traders was held at Pirganj Thana Parishad premises recently, reports BSS.

Local union parishad chairman Abdus Sadeq presided over the rally. Thana Fishery Officer Azizur Rahman, Thana Agriculture Officer Osman Ghani, Thana Cooperative Officer Nurul Huda Sardar, and President of Haldanga Fishery Cooperative Society Nuruzzaman, among others, spoke on the occasion. The speakers urged that government and private initiatives were essential to attain self-sufficiency in fish production in the country.

Drama workshop ends

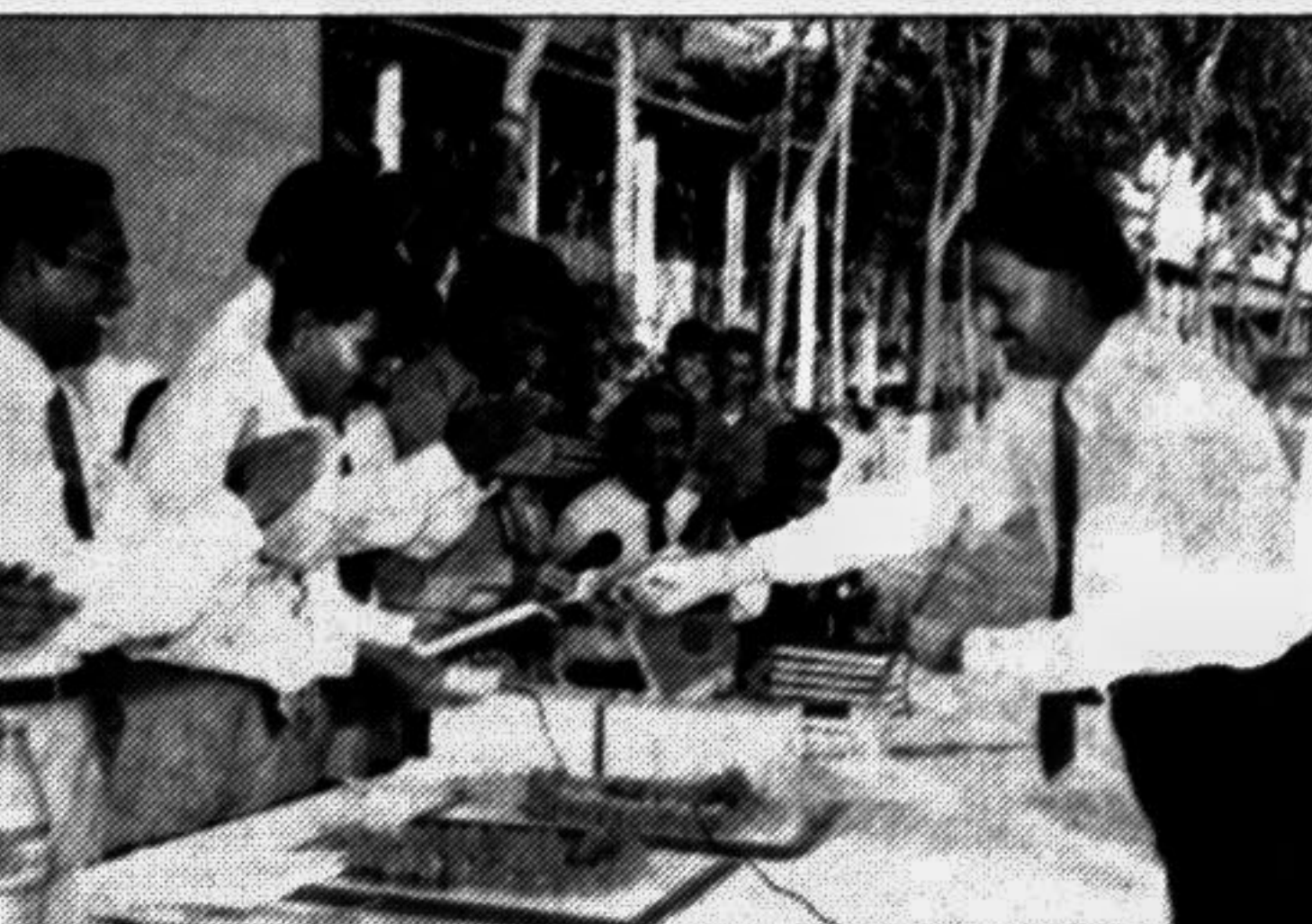
SIRAJGANJ, Dec 13: A one and a half months drama workshop, organised by local Shilpakala Academy, concluded here at the Bhasoni auditorium recently, reports UNB.

Deputy Commissioner AKM Shamsuddin presided over the concluding session while Director General of the Shilpakala Academy Azad Rahman attended as chief guest. The function was also attended, among others, by academy Director SM Mohsin, member M Abdul Majid and Abu Yusuf Suriya. Some 39 trainees took part in the drama workshop.

Seminar on Human Rights

KURIGRAM, Dec 13: A seminar on "Human rights in flourishing of democracy" was held here at the local office of Bangladesh Human Rights Commission on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Organised by the district unit Human Rights Commission, the seminar was presided over by president of the commission and journalist Mujibur Rahman. General secretary of the Commission Prof Lyakat Ali presented the key-note paper in the seminar which was held to mark the 49th anniversary of World Human Rights Day. The speakers called upon the elite of the society to help create mass awareness about human rights. They also urged to repeal the law which negates the human rights for flourishing of democracy.



TANGAIL: Lions Club of Dhaka Glydia recently arranged a blood donation programme followed by tree plantation and illiteracy eradication activities at Nazrul Islam College in Tangail district.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Public Works E/M Division-3, Dhaka

Memo No-3403 Dated: 30/11/97

Tender Invitation Notice No-18/1997-98

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 under sealed cover are invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted special 1st class/E&M Work's 1st class/2nd class contractors having VAT Registration Book for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3, Dhaka and Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka during office hours up to 12:00 Noon of 22/12/97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderers or their representatives (if any). Tender schedule, form and terms & conditions can be purchased on cash payment of Tk 425/- (four hundred twenty-five) only (non-refundable) from the office of Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3, Dhaka and Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka during office hours up to 21/12/97. Earnest money at the rate 2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost for part-1 of the attached schedule and 2% (two per cent) of the price quoted by the contractor for part-2 should be submitted with each tender through Bank Draft/PO/SDR/CD from any scheduled bank in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-3, Dhaka. Contractor himself or his attested letter bearing representative can purchase tender on production of enlistment registration book with necessary papers.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept any or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

S/No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Prescribed time limit for completion of work
1)	Replacement of old condemned internal electrical wiring, fittings, power line with related works of "D" type building nos 2 & 3 of the Government Colony at the contractor, Azimpur, Dhaka (32 flats).	Part-1, Tk 1,75,052/- Part-2, Tk 2,00,000/-	Part-1, 2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost. Part-2, 2% (two per cent) of the quoted price.	2 (two) months from the date of issuing work order.

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GOPALGANJ: A memorial mausoleum has been constructed by the people of the district town to keep everfresh the memory of martyrs who sacrificed their lives for liberation of their motherland. This is the place where Occupation Pakistani Army killed many innocent people of the area.

FFs' determination liberated Gopalganj

From Alimuzzaman Miah

GOPALGANJ, Dec 13: December 14 is a red-letter day in the history of our Liberation War. On this day Gopalganj district (then sub-division) was freed from the Pakistani occupation Army and their collaborators.

During the Liberation War of '71, several fierce battles were fought against the Pakistani Army and their collaborators by the Freedom Fighters in Gopalganj. Among others Hemayetuddin Ahmed, Kamal Shah Badgya, Sihabuddin and Ismat Kadir Gama led the battles.

On April 30, 1971 the Pakistani Army invaded Gopalganj town and burnt many areas of the town, looted away the Gopalganj branch of the then State Bank of Pakistan. On that day Pak occupation force also set ablaze the houses in the village of Manihar under Gopalganj Sadar thana and killed hundreds of men and women including Prof Santosh Kumar Das of the then Quadi-e-Azam Memorial College (presently Bangabandhu Government College).

On May 19, '71, the Freedom Fighters under the leadership of Jalaluddin Ahmed launched an attack on the positions of the Pakistani forces at Gopalganj. The occupation forces and their collaborators fled away. The FFs took away arms and am-

munition from Gopalganj Treasury. They killed the second officer of the sub-division and some other Pakistani collaborators.

Then at the instance of the so-called Peace Committee of Gopalganj, the Pakistani Army again invaded Gopalganj and set ablaze almost all the villages of Gopalganj and killed thousands of innocent people. Thus they carried out the most brutal atrocity and genocide. The Freedom Fighters started to resist them in different face to face battles. The grip of the Pakistani forces gradually weakened since the November.

On October 14, '71, Pakistani Army and their collaborators attacked the position of the Freedom Fighters in the village of Rajapur under Kowtalipara thana. The battle continued for the whole day. The valiant Freedom Fighters under the leadership of Hemayetuddin Ahmed and Kamal Shah Badgya fought a victory. Freedom Fighter Mohammad Ibrahim sacrificed his life and Pakistani Army sustained heavy loss.

The battle for Fukra under Kasiani thana was a remarkable event in the Liberation War of Gopalganj district. In the last part of October '71, there was a battle between the Freedom Fighters and the occupying

Pakistani Army. Captain Sihabuddin led the Freedom Fighters in the battle of Fukra. In the six hours face to face fight Freedom Fighters Bahul of Fukra, Imamuddin Ahmed of Bahirbagh under Kasiani thana and others sacrificed their lives for the cause of liberation of our motherland.

The most heroic battle of Gopalganj district took place on the November 6, '71 in curbing down the Pakistani Army at Bhatipara wireless camp under Kasiani thana. The Freedom Fighters under the joint leadership of Hemayetuddin Ahmed and Ismat Kadir Gama attacked the stronghold of Pakistani Army at the Bhatipara Wireless Camp on the day. The battle continued for 15 hours. The Freedom Fighters faced the Occupation Pak Army valiantly.

On December 9, 1971, the Pak Army fled away from their camp at Gopalganj town and their collaborators, namely, rajakars took position at their stronghold of the district at Gopalpur under Kowtalipara. The stronghold of rajakars at Gopalpur was destroyed on December 14, 1971.

Thus Gopalganj district (then subdivision) was totally freed from the grip of Pakistani Army and their collaborators on the December 14, '71.

December 15 a red letter day for people of Sylhet

From Iqbal Siddiquee

SYLHET, Dec 13: The 15th of December is a red-letter day for the people of Sylhet.

Twenty-six years ago, on this day in 1971 the people of Sylhet, the north-eastern town of the country breathed the fresh air of freedom after nine months armed struggle of Bangalee people against the Pak occupation force and its collaborators. The holy town which bears the memory of great saint Hajrat Shahjalal (RA) was overwhelmed with cheers and sky-touching slogans by thousands of jubilant Freedom Fighters (FFs) and people who just entered into the town after the fall of Pakistan Army.

The people in this region tasted victory just one day ahead of the whole country's victory on the December 16.

It is worth mentioning here, the Freedom Fighters strengthened their guerrilla operation on the Pak Army throughout the country from the beginning of November. It has caused a large scale casualty for them. The Indian Army, the then allied force also extended their help in almost all the areas resulting in major victory for the freedom fighters.

The Indian Army became more offensive and strengthened attack on the occupation Pak Army both on the ground and in the air following declaration of official recognition towards Bangladesh on December 6.

The whole situation took a different turn and the war got momentum and heading towards full victory.

Mukti Bahini, this time with the help of Indian forces began achieving great success on different important and strategic points causing serious casualties to the Occupation Army.

Noakhali Free Day observed

NOAKHALI, Dec 13: Noakhali Free Day was observed in the district on Sunday showing respect to the martyrs of Liberation War, reports UNB.

On the day, December 7, 1971 Noakhali was freed from the Pakistani occupation forces.

National flags were hoisted atop all educational institutions, business houses and residences to mark the day.

The day's programme began with a rally from an open stage in front of Primary Teachers Training Institute.

A reception was also accorded to freedom fighters of the district at the Municipality hall.

Bijoy mela in Comilla

COMILLA, Dec 13: A nine-day long Bijoy Mela has begun on Monday at Comilla Town Hall compound to mark the victory of the Liberation War, reports BSS.

The programmes of the mela include discussion meetings on the War of Liberation, exhibition of photographs, procession and cultural functions.

A colourful procession was brought out on the inaugural day of the mela.

Comilla district was liberated from the Pakistani occupation forces on December 8, 1971.

The Pak Army became extremely worried with the fall of a number of important bases in different sectors.

The Occupation Force in such a situation became more desperate and strengthened its war plan and started serious air attacks throughout the country including the Sylhet region, ignoring all these, however, Mukti Bahini strengthened its strategy of operations and gained a number of successes one after another resulting in the fall of some important bases of the Pak Army. The Pak force in reply continued serious air attacks. Paying no heed to these, a big contingent of Mukti Bahini and Indian Army reached Khadimnagar, at the outskirts, 5 miles off Sylhet town on the same day. By this time, two other groups of Mukti Bahini captured Lamakazi and Jalalpur, to the west and southern side of the town. The Freedom Fighters in fact, trapped the Pak Army totally since there was no scope for movement of the Occupation Army. Only the northern side of the town was then open. But it was also quite unfortunate for Pak Army because this open area is full of hillocks and next to which is Indian border. Due to this reason the Pak Army had no way to retreat that way.

Virtually, the whole situation crippled the well-equipped Occupation force. In the afternoon of the December 13 two valiant Freedom Fighters with an open jeep, started moving towards Sylhet town from Khadimnagar. They fixed a loudspeaker with the vehicle and called the Pak Army to surrender without any resistance. They were repeatedly calling the Occupation force to surrender without any bloodshed. The vehicle was being followed by another jeep with Dewan Farid Gazi, the then Member of National Assembly (MNA) and civilian advisor of the north-eastern region (I) in the Liberation War and Colonel Bagchi of the Indian Army on board. But, all in vain, the Pak Army declined to surrender and put resistance near the Sylhet Government College. The Freedom Fighters became disappointed and went back that day.

The war leaders, on the previous day sat in a meeting at Darbast on Sylhet-Tamabil road to decide the modus operandi for freeing Sylhet town. Colonel Bagchi of Indian Army, Colonel C R Dutta of Mukti Bahini and Dewan Farid Gazi decided to free the town on pressure and avoiding bloodshed.

Peaceful UP elections in Magura, Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Dec 13: Elections in seven union parishads under Shalikhia thana in the district were held peacefully, according to Election Control Room sources.

Seven Unions are Dhaneshwargati, Talkhari, Arpara, Shalikhia, Bunagati and Shatahali. Polling in the above UPs were held on December 1 and 4. It began at 8 am and continued till 4 pm without any break.

In Dhaneshwargati UP, Subodh Kumar Roy elected chairman by securing 4,599 votes. His nearest rival candidate A Razzak got 2,660 votes.

Habibur Rahman, Mijbar Rahman Golam Nabi Molla, Birendra Nath Biswas, Jitendra Nath Mondol, Nishi Kanto Sarkar, Subodh Kumar, A Aziz and Saiful Islam were elected ward members and Roksana Mera, Ibbabati Biswas and Besati Khatun were also elected female members in three reserved seats.

Md Sirajuddin was elected chairman by securing 5149 votes in Talkhari Union Parishad. His nearest rival candidate Hafizur Rahman secured 3,318 votes.

Nine ward members and three female members of reserved seats are: Fakruddin Molla, Lalima, A Rahim, A Rahen, Samsum Rahman, Sher Ali, Amresh Mondol Samad, Biswas and Malek Molla. In reserved seats are: Asaron Bibi, Nurjahan and Putul Rani Chakrabarti.

In Arpara UP, Munsif Israil Hossain was elected chairman by securing 4,237 votes. Anisur Rahman became his nearest candidate getting 3,299 votes.

Abul Kalam Azad, Monir Hossain, Subhash Chandra Biswas, Ohidur Rahman, Shahar Ali Sardar, Khabir Biswas, Kamrul Islam, Majid Molla, Nikhil Mondol were elected ward members and Rokhsana Haq, Nibha Rani and Saida Begam became female members in the reserved seats.

In Gangarampur UP, Akhtarunabi won the chairman post getting 4015 votes. His nearest rival candidate A Halim got 3847 votes.

Mannan Biswas, Monoranjan Singha, Faruk Hossain, Biraj Molla, Shahajahan Ali, Abu Jafar Molla, Gaffar, Jall Molla, Lutfar Rahman were elected ward members, Nilma Sarkar, Hajera Khatun and Jolekha Khatun became female members.

Rejaul Alam became chairman in Shalikhia UP by securing 3232 votes. His nearest rival chairman candidate Amjad Ali Molla got 3214 votes.

Liakat Ali, Oliar Rahman, Jafar Ali, Itar Ali, Lutfar Rahman, Rezaul Islam, Abu Bakar, Naosher Ali were elected ward members in Shalikhia UP.

Marlina Khatun, Ohida Khatun and Rabeya Khatun became female members in reserved seats in the said UP.

In Bunagati UP, Manjur Hasan was elected chairman by securing 3380 votes. His nearest rival chairman candidate was Mojaffar Hossain who secured

2862 votes. Sanjiban Majumder, Bhakto Biswas, A Sattar, Oliar Rahman, Hadan Biswas, Mosharaf Sikdar, Gopal Roy, Ajid Kumar, Kamrul and Alam Shaif became ward members.

Renuka Ghotak, Bakul Rani and Purnima Ghosh were elected female members in reserved seats.

Eleven candidates have contested for the post of chairman in Shatokhali UP. Kamal Hossain was elected chairman by securing 2,480 votes. His nearest rival candidate Najimuddin Shikdar got 2,337 votes in the Shatokhali UP.

Akram Ali Khan, Arab Ali, Delwar Hossain, Said Ali, A Razzak, Amir Hossain, Liakat Hossain, Abu Ohab, Sahidur Rahman were elected ward members.

The female members elected in the said UP are: Mallika Khatun, Habiba Rahman and Aklima Khatun.

Sources said, people including a large number of females and old people cast their respective votes in a peaceful manner.



JAHANGIRNAGAR UNIVERSITY (Savar): Acting Vice-Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Alauddin Ahmed at the solo exhibition of paintings "Shantipurna Prithibi" by Abdul Hamid Bhuiyan, held recently at the Teacher Student Centre (TSC) here.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Public Administration Reform
Commission Building No-01
Room Nos-14, 17, 18 & 21
Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka

Memo No-PARC/Admn-13/97/422 Dated: 01/12/1997

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from reputed traders/dealers/agents for supply of two computers (64 byte) for the Public Administration Reform Commission (under Cabinet Division).

Copy of schedule consisting related terms & conditions can be collected on production of original challan of depositing Tk 200/= (two hundred) only (non-refundable) under head "65 Misc Non Tax Revenue" at Bangladesh Bank, from the Commission Office during office hours up to 18/12/97. Tenders should be submitted in the tender box kept at the office of the Public Administration Reform Commission (Building No-1, Room No-17) within 12:00 Noon of 21/12/97 and will be opened on the same day at 2:00 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any present).

2.5% of the rate quoted in the tender as earnest money should be submitted with the tender through Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the Member-Secretary, Public Administration Reform Commission. Incomplete tender will be treated as cancelled outright. The Commission reserves full right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Senior Assistant Secretary (Administration)
Public Administration Reform Commission

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Local Government Engineering Directorate
District-Sherpur

Memo No LGED/EE/Sher/97/2024 Dated: 30-11-97

Short Tender Notice No 06/97-98

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from up to date renewed LGED enlisted and all projects pre-qualified contractors and Zilla Parishads 1st class A category contractors/contractory firms as per their financial eligibility for implementation of 3 package/group works under low cost Bridge/Culvert construction on Rural Roads Project at Sherpur district under LGED during 1997-98 financial year. Tenders can be purchased at the prescribed price in cash/seen from the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka (tenders of Taka ten lakh or above only)/Project Director, low cost Bridge/Culvert construction on Rural Roads Project, LGED, LGED Building, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207/Executive Engineer, LGED, District Jamalpur/Thana Engineer, LGED, Nalitabari/Nakla Thana, District-Sherpur and office of the undersigned during office hours up to 17-12-97 and the tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the said offices up to 3:00 PM of 18-12-97 and the tenders will be listed in sealed condition after opening the tender boxes of the respective offices on the same day at 3:30 PM in presence of the tenderers/representatives (if any). Tenders collected from different offices will be opened together at the office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Sherpur in presence of the contractors (if any). The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any tender without assigning any reason.

2.50% (two point five zero per cent) of the estimated cost as earnest money should be submitted with the tender through Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned.

Tender with rate more than 5 (five) per cent below the estimated cost will be treated as cancelled outright and terms & conditions, additional terms & conditions of the Form No 2911 will be treated as part of this tender. As this tender notice is short, detailed information and terms & conditions can be known from the office of the undersigned.

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Executive Engineer
Local Government Engineering Directorate
District-Sherpur.

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French envoy opens heart camp

KUSHITIA, Dec 13: Renee Veyret, Ambassador of France in Bangladesh inaugurated a two-day heart camp at a Begum Hamida Siddique Secondary High School premises here on Friday, reports UNB.

The heart camp was organised by Dhaka based Kushtia Zila Samity. Renowned heart surgeon Dr. S. R. Khan, along with few other specialists attended the patients who registered their name to get treatment.

The French ambassador while addressing assured providing help and assistance in conducting such heart camp in future.

She also distributed scholarship among the brilliant students of the school and planted a sapling in the school premises.

Civic reception to Meghalaya Governor

MOULVIBAZAR, Dec 13: The Visiting Governor of the Indian State of Meghalaya MM Jacob has stressed the need for expansion of trade and economic cooperation between Bangladesh and India.

Speaking at a civic reception hosted by Moulvibazar Pourashava on Monday evening, the governor said the volume of trade and commerce would increase a lot if there is political will and infrastructural development.

This will also contribute to eradication of poverty in the two countries.

Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury, Sultan Mohammad Manur, Ahmad MP, Hosne Ara Wahid MP and Moulvibazar Pourashava Chairman Syed Mohsin Ali were present at the function.

CIRDAP workshop

KOTBARI (Comilla), Dec 13: LGED and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman on Tuesday said most of the developing countries suffer from recurring cycle of disasters that cause huge loss in human lives and thwart economic development, reports BSS.

Rahman was addressing the inauguration ceremony of the "regional workshop on sustainable development and disaster reduction" jointly organised by the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and Pacific (CIRDAP), Commonwealth Secretariat and UNDP at the auditorium of Bangladesh Academy of Rural Development (BARU) at Kotbari here.

Discussion on Human Rights Day

SATKHIRA, Dec 13: A discussion meeting to mark the World Human Rights Day organised by the National Lawyers Parishad, Satkhira district unit was held at Satkhira Bar Council auditorium here on Wednesday, reports BSS.

The meeting was presided over by the president of the National Lawyers Parishad of Satkhira district unit Advocate Mansur Ali.