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LGED implementing uplift projects

MANIKGANJ, Feb 3: Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) is implementing 17 development projects under maintenance of rural infrastructural programme in the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

The implementation of the project cost of Taka one crore in the seven thanas of the district. The thanas are Manikganj, sadar, Harirampur, Shibalya, Ghior, Daulatpur, Saturia and Singair. The programme includes reconstruction and maintenance of bridges and culverts in the rural areas of the district. The schemes have generated employment opportunities to a large number of rural people. The communication system of rural areas will be developed much after completion of the projects in June next.

Pray school building opens

RANGAMATI, Feb 3: The newly constructed building of Uchchhara-Alutilla Municipal Primary School was inaugurated on Monday in an informal ceremony, reports BSS.

The school was established at a cost of Taka six lakh to reach the light of literacy among dependents of the down-trodden people of inaccessible areas of the district. Ching Keu Roza, chairman of the Local Government Council of Rangamati Hill District inaugurated the school building as the chief guest. Rangamati Municipality financed the construction cost. Moni Swapani Dewan, chairman of Rangamati Municipality was among others, present in the function.

Property worth Tk 1.5 lakh gutted

CIMILLA, Feb 3: Property worth about Tk 1.5 lakh were gutted in separate fire incidents in the town on Monday and Sunday night, reports UNB.

Witnesses said a fire, originating from the house of one Abdul Mia, burnt down four houses. Two other fire incidents occurred at the house of one Harun Mia in the town and at the power house of 5 No signal battalion of Comilla cantonment, police said.

Village doctors' meeting

MEHERPUR, Feb 3: A meeting of the Meherpur District Village Doctors' Welfare Association was held last week at Amjupi Union Parishad Health Centre under Meherpur sadar thana, reports BSS.

The meeting was also attended by district and thana level health officers. Various problems of the village doctors were discussed, among other things, in the meeting.

New model village to be set up

CHUADANGA, Feb 3: The government will establish a new "model village" at Chitla under Damurhuda thana of Chuadanga district in the current fiscal, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the government has sanctioned Taka 10.02 lakh for construction of the tin-shed houses for 90 landless families. Tk 1.62.214 has also been sanctioned for construction of a community centre in the model village. Nine model villages have already been established in the district for 245 landless families.

2 killed in Khulna road accidents

KHULNA, Feb 3: Two people were killed in separate accidents at two thanas of the district, police said on Sunday, reports UNB.

Batiaghata police said Sohrab Hossain, 55, was crushed under the wheels of a Pabna-bound bus from Satkhira in front of Meteorological office near Khulna University at about 8 am on the Eid day. The victim, identified as an activist of day labourers union, met the tragic end while returning home from the construction site of Khulna University. In another accident, an unidentified woman, 40, was killed when hit by a bus coming from Jessore on Khulna-Jessore highway near Damodar Primary School in Footlala thana on Wednesday.

Housewife strangulated to death

SAVAR, Feb 3: A housewife was allegedly strangulated to death by her husband Sunday night at Tekpara in Savar municipality, reports UNB.

Police identified the victim as Mohorjan, 30, wife of Tofazzal from Dhamrai thana. Local people said Tofazzal along with his wife rented a house of Abdul Matin in the area about five months back. The couple had been leading an unhappy life due to family trouble. They said they found the door of the couple shut late in the morning on Monday and informed the police. Police later recovered the body from the house and sent it to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Treatment facilities to leprosy patients

MOULIBIBAZAR, Feb 3: Health Education and Economic Development (HEED) Bangladesh, a non-government organisation, has been providing treatment facilities to the leprosy patients in Sylhet division, reports BSS.

HEED is rendering the humanitarian service through its 10 regional and 23 unit offices in Sylhet division. The organisation has set up 150 leprosy clinics in Sylhet region with the co-operation of different thana health complexes of the government. HEED has also been implementing a project to rehabilitate disabled leprosy patients. 250 disabled leprosy patients have already been rehabilitated through HEED's shelter-based and community-based programmes.

288 new tubewells installed in Madaripur

MADARIPUR, Feb 3: The Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) installed 288 new tubewells in all the four thanas of Madaripur district in the fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to an official source, of the total 177 were deep tubewells and 111 shallow tubewells. At least two lakh people of the district were benefited after the installation of the tubewells, an official source said.

Liton's killers yet to be arrested

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Feb 3: Jhenidah police could not arrest the killers of Liton.

Liton, 25, a student of local college was shot dead by armed miscreants near his house at Cahagabannager under Jhenidah thana over payment of money when he tried to disperse the rivals at 7pm on January 15.

Death condoled

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Feb 3: A meeting was held on the district judge court Bhaban premises on January 2 to condole the death of Advocate Asir Uddin.

District and Sessions Judge MA Shaludur Rahman presided over the function while judges and lawyers spoke on the occasion. The speakers recalled the contribution of late advocate Asir Uddin and expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family. Advocate Asir Uddin died here at the age of 60 at his residence in the town on December 30.

IU hall named after Bangabandhu

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Feb 3: Authority of Islamic University (IU) has decided to name 4th residential hall (3rd for male students) and 5th residential hall (2nd for female students) now under construction as Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall and Begum Fazilatun Nessa Hall.

This was decided in a Syndicate meeting of the university held on December 31 with Kaayesuddin Vice-Chancellor in chair. The other three halls existing now are named as Ziaur Rahman Hall, Begum Khaleda Zia Hall and Saddam Hossain Hall. The decision has been hailed in Kushtia by different section of the people.

4 shops gutted at Karatia

From Our Correspondent

TANGAIL, Feb 3: A total of 4 shops were completely gutted in a devastating fire at Karatia Bazar in Tangail thana of the district recently.

The blaze, originating from an electric short circuit in a shop of Tipnotti at late night spread fast and engulfed the adjacent shops, fire brigade and local people said. Firemen extinguished the flame after fighting for about 30 minutes. Damaged 4 shops are Gabed Traders, Polash Traders, and Sobor Ali's Tin Selling Shops. The extent of damage of property was estimated at Taka 10 lakh, shopkeepers said.

Acid thrown on girl students

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Feb 3: Two girl students received acid burn injuries at village Bhulachang under Nabinagar thana of the district recently.

Informed sources said, Dolly Rani, 14, and Pranti Pal, 13, students of class seven of Bhulachang Girls' High School were injured while some miscreants threw acid on them with the help of injection syringe through a hole of a house at night. As a result, their bodies and faces were badly burnt. Consequently, they were shifted to local Nabinagar thana health complex. A case was filed with Nabinagar thana police station. In this connection, Nabinagar thana police arrested two alleged persons namely Delwar Hussain and Pranatosh Deb Nath.



JHENIDAH: Mustafa Manwar, ex-Director General, BTV, Dr Abul Ahsan Chowdhury, Associate Professor of Islamic University, Mohammad Aminur Rasul, Deputy Commissioner, Jhenidah and Fahmida Manjur, grand daughter of Poet Golam Mustafa speaking on the occasion of birth centenary Poet Golam Mustafa held at the birth place of the poet at village Manaharpur under Sailkupur thana in the district.

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UNICEF-aided uplift project of CHTDB progressing fast

RANGAMATI, Feb 3: The second phase of the UNICEF-aided development project undertaken by Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board (CHTDB) is progressing fast with the spontaneous response of the targeted people, CHTDB sources said on Monday, reports BSS.

The CHTDB 34.84 crore project is aimed at improving the socio-economic condition of the people in command area through checking malnutrition of children and mothers, child mortality and water-borne diseases as well as rendering formal and non-formal education in the inaccessible places.

Abdul Quddus, vice-chairman of the CHTDB told at his office that 4,103 inaccessible hamlets within 158 mauzas of 10 thanas in the hill district of Rangamati, 1,320 villages of 120 mauzas in eight thanas of Kha-

three hill districts of Rangmati, Khagrachari and Bandarban had been brought under the network of the second phase of the project. It will be implemented during 1996-2000 to bring about a positive change in the lifestyle of the people living in the inaccessible areas of the CHT region through developing their socio-economic condition following the successful completion of its first phase.

While detailing Quddus said 4,103 trained village workers under the direct supervision of 93 officials, trained at home and abroad, have been working with a missionary zeal in the 1,738 inaccessible hamlets within 158 mauzas of 10 thanas in the hill district of Rangamati, 1,320 villages of 120 mauzas in eight thanas of Kha-

grachari hill district while a total of 1,045 villages of 95 mauzas in seven thanas of the hill district of Bandarban.

A total of 4,028 village centres have already been constructed at a cost of Taka 7,60,27,000, to train the village workers and monitor the project activities, the VC said.

Four residential schools have been set up to accommodate 700 students in Shualok, Ruma and Alikadam of Bandarban district and Razasthal in Rangamati hill district at a cost of Taka 12,10 crore. Quddus said.

A total of 4,103 horticulture and 4,103 fruit gardens in the project areas have been developed at a cost of Taka 1,13,49,000, he said.

Massive IRRI-Boro farming programme in Tangail dist

From Our Correspondent

TANGAIL, Feb 3: A total of 13,180.75 hectares of land in 11 thanas of the district have been brought under IRRI-Boro cultivation programme with a production target of 3,55,511 metric tonnes of rice in the current Robi season.

Agriculture Extension Department (AED) said of the total production target, 3,38,454 metric tonnes of u/fshi paddy is targeted to be produced in

Pilferage of electric wire in Gaibandha

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Feb 3: Nearly one hundred acres of cultivable land at Konarpura under Gaibandha sadar thana will remain fallow in this current IRRI-Boro cultivation season as about 350 metres of electric wire were stolen by miscreants.

Local peasants of Konarpura area set up three units of electrically driven irrigation pumps for cultivation of IRRI-Boro crops on about one hundred acres of land. Some organised gangs of miscreants took away about 350 metres of electric wire from concerning poles a few months back, the value of aforementioned wire was estimated at Taka six thousand three hundred.

Since the lifting of wire from poles power connection in the areas remained snapped. Till to date the stolen wires are not being replaced by the local power distribution department despite repeated appeals.

The cultivation of IRRI-Boro has been going on in the area, but local farmers could not prepare their crop fields for want of water supply. The farmers of this area generally cultivate IRRI-Boro crops earlier just to avoid nor'wester and hail storm which naturally hit during harvesting period.

Record number of killing in S-W dists in January

JESSORE, Feb 3: The number of killings in the country's south-western districts, stronghold of different extremists groups, has broken the previous record in January last with 49 lives claimed in the clashes, reports BSS.

The districts are: Jessor, Jhenidah, Chuadanga, Kushtia, Meherpur, Satkhira, Bagerhat and Khulna.

Police told that the number of killings in one month was never higher than that of the last January. The highest number of killings during the last five years, as per report in the newspapers, was recorded in August last year. In that month 44 people lost their lives in clashes among different armed groups and with law enforcement agencies.

But, the sources said, the number of killings recorded in the police registrar is much less than the incidents reported in the newspapers.

The extremists groups frequently lock in clashes among each other over the supremacy in the region and with the police and other law enforcement agencies resulting in indiscriminate killing of people.

During the last January, the highest 13 people were killed in Jhenidah as police failed to take adequate measures to bring the situation under control.

Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) Invitation for Bids

Date: Loan No.: 1505-BAN(SF)
Ninth Power Project
Contract No.: 5/29/22

1. People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of emergency works for Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) under Greater Dhaka Power Distribution Project.

Phase-IV and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for supply and installation of 33KV Underground Cables. Bidding is open to the bidders from eligible source countries of the Asian Development Bank.

2. The Dhaka Electric Supply Authority ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for supply and installation of 33KV Underground Cables.

3. Bidders may obtain further information from, and inspect and acquire the bidding documents, at the office of the i) Project Director, Greater Dhaka Power Distribution Project, DESA, House No. 47, Road No. 135, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212, Telephone # 880-2-885234 ii) Director, Procurement and Stores Management, DESA, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000, Biddut Bhaban, Telephone # 880-2-9567258 iii) Secretary, DESA, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000, Telephone # 880-2-9556194, Telex # 642416 EWBA BJ and Fax # 880-2-9563520, during office hours.

4. A complete set of Bidding Document may be purchased by interested eligible bidders on submission of written application to the above offices and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk 5,000.00 only or equivalent amount in US\$ in the form of Bank Draft or Pay Order in favour of Director (Finance and Accounts), DESA.

5. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of minimum 2 per cent of total bid price or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency and must be delivered to the office of Secretary, DESA, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000 at or before 12:00 hours on 08-04-1998. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders representatives who choose to attend.

6. In the comparison of bids, the employer will grant a margin of preference to eligible goods manufactured in the Employer's country in accordance with the procedures outlined in the bidding documents.

Secretary

Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA)
1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000
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Subscribers owe Tk 1cr to Jamalpur PBS

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Feb 3: Rural Electrification Program (REP) in the district is facing serious setback due to non-payment of outstanding bills, stealing of transformers and cables.

Electric power supply has become a regular feature in the district paralysing life.

Officials of Palli Bidyut Samity (PBS) said, the total amount of outstanding bill now stands at Taka one crore. Though the existing rate of collection is 80 per cent, but the outstanding huge amount is hampering the expansion work of the samity.

The samity collected a huge amount from 90 per cent subscribers during the last fiscal year.

Among the subscribers 27 per cent are residential, 15 per cent industrial, 20 per cent deep tubewell, 4 per cent charitable institutions.

The sources said, frequent stealing of transformers are also causing serious problems. The samity lost many transformers, most of them from the irrigation schemes. Cable worth Tk 16 lakh have also been stolen.

RHD Notice Inviting Tender

1. Tender Notice No	233/Mkg of 1997-98.

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