

# News snaps

## Training course on modern farming

**MANIKGANJ, Feb 14:** A 3-day long training on 'modern cultivation and preserving nutrition of vegetables' concluded here at the Shibalaya Thana Parishad auditorium on February 5, reports BSS.

A total of 60 farmers and 30 women of Shibalaya thana took part in the training which was divided into three groups.

The training included preparation of land, methods of production, sowing seeds, plantation and care of them, cultivation and preservation of vegetables and techniques of cooking. District and thana level officials of agriculture department conducted the training programme. The Agriculture Extension Department organised the training.

## New UP Chairmen take oath

**MUNSHIGANJ, Feb 14:** The newly-elected union parishad chairmen and members of five thanas of the district have taken oath of office at separate ceremonies held in Tangbari, Sirajdikhan, Louhajang, Sreenagar and Sadar Thana Nirbahi Office premises this week, reports BSS.

The UP chairmen and members-elect of Gazaria thana will be administered oath of office soon, it is learnt.

The oath-taking ceremony of UP office-bearers of Munshiganj sadar thana was held at TNO office auditorium on Monday with Deputy Commissioner of Munshiganj Nikunja Behari Nath in the chair. Besides government officials, district Awami League president and former MP Mohiuddin Ahmed and district Awami League secretary Lutfar Rahman and newly-elected chairman of Adhara Union Parishad spoke on the occasion.

## Meeting of landless people

**PATUAKHALI, Feb 14:** A meeting of the local landless people was held here recently. Tofazzal Hossain presided over the meeting, reports BSS.

Kazi Alamgir Hossain, president of the district Sramik League attended the meeting as the chief guest while Md Mobaraz Uddin Miah, cooperative officer, sadar thana was present as the special guest. Among others, Abul Hashem Howlader, Rustum Ali Darvesh, Md Chand Miah, Abdul Jabbar Miah and Fatema Begum spoke in the meeting. The speakers demanded distribution of khas land for the rehabilitation of the landless and shelterless people. Severe erosion of different rivers in the region rendered hundreds of people homeless and distressed over the last 10-year in the district.

## 519 uplift projects implemented

**KISHOREGANJ, Feb 14:** Five hundred and nineteen projects at an allocation of 1902 tonnes of wheat were implemented in the 13 thanas and three pourashavas of the district during the 1996-97 fiscal year, reports BSS.

District relief and disaster management department under Test Relief Programme of the government implemented the projects. The projects included repair and renovation of different roads and road-cum-embankments, earth work in different educational and religious institutions and construction of various culverts. The 13 thanas are: Kishoreganj sadar, Karimganj, Tarail, Pakundia, Hossainpur, Katiadi, Bajitpur, Kuliarchar, Bhairab, Nikli, Itna, Austogram and Mithaman.

## Massive IRRI-Boro farming scheme

**RANGPUR, Feb 14:** Some 3,04,700 hectares of land have been brought under IRRI-Boro cultivation during the current season in eight districts of North Bengal, reports UNB.

Sources in Agriculture Extension Department said the districts are Rangpur, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Gaibandha, Nilphamari, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon and Panchagarh. About 8,65,900 metric tons of paddy are expected to be produced in these districts, the sources said. District-wise break-up of the land brought under the programme is: Rangpur — 57,450 hectares, Gaibandha — 61,350 hectares, Kurigram — 45,000 hectares, Lalmonirhat — 25,300 hectares, Nilphamari — 27,300 hectares, Dinajpur — 54,000 hectares, Thakurgaon — 25,200 hectares, and Panchagarh — 9,100 hectares. BADC has already made arrangement for distribution of seeds and other necessary inputs among the farmers at fair prices to make the programme a success.

## Wheat sanctioned for FW programme

**CHUADANGA, Feb 14:** The government has sanctioned 821 metric tons of wheat under Food-for-Works Programme (FWP) for implementing 800 small schemes in the four thanas of Chuadanga district in the current financial year, reports BSS.

According to an official source, of the total wheat 192 metric tons has been sanctioned for implementing 190 schemes in Chuadanga sadar thana, 265 metric tons for implementing 268 schemes in Alamganga thana, 219 metric tons for implementing 200 schemes in Damurhuda thana.

## Students deprived of free books

**MAGURA, Feb 14:** About 54,000 students of primary schools in the district are being deprived of free book distribution programme in the current academic year, reports UNB.

According to district Primary Education Officer, over 1.29 lakh students are studying in the 262 government and 64 non-government primary schools in the district. But the education department allocated only 74,920 sets of books for free distribution among the students. As a result, 54,134 students are going to be deprived of getting the free books. Meanwhile, the guardians of the deprived students expressed concern for their children as the classes have already been started in different schools.

## Lions Club distributes warm clothes

**RANGPUR, Feb 14:** Rangpur Lions Club distributed 4,320 pieces of warm clothes among the cold-wave stricken people of various places in Rangpur, Nilphamari and Kurigram districts recently, reports BSS.

The places are — Mithapukur thana and Moslem Uddin Girls School in Rangpur district, Jaldhaka Kaimaree High School in Nilphamari district and Bangasonarhat High School under Bhurangamari thana in Kurigram district. Rangpur Lions Club president advocate Dipok Kumar Shaha, Dr Nazmul Islam, Dr Magfara Munir, Dr Humayra Khanam, advocate Abdur Rasid Chowdhury and Dr Nuruzzaman were present during distribution.

## Unemployment rate up

**KUSHTIA, Feb 14:** The number of literate unemployed youth is increasing alarmingly in the district, reports UNB.

Officials said the number of unemployed but literate youths in the district is about 10,000. Most of them hold bachelor's or post graduation degree. A large number of unemployed youths are found crowding near the notice boards of different offices and newspaper stalls in search of jobs. A number of youths are reportedly addicted to drugs out of frustration. Smuggling is also on rise involving the unemployed youths. Besides there is no adequate facility for recreation in the district.

# Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

(পানির অপচয় বন্ধ করুন।। ম্যানহোলের ঢাকনা চুরি রোধ করুন।)

Tenders are invited from bonafide manufacturers of machine made RCC pipes in Bangladesh for supply of machine made 450, 600, 750 mm dia (with collar), 900 mm dia (bell & spigot joint), 1050 & 1200 mm dia (tong & groove joint) under Dhaka Integrated Flood Protection Project (Drainage Component) at an allotted cost of Tk 21,67,544/-. Tenders will be received up to 12:00 Noon of 25.2.98 and opened on the same day at 2:00 pm in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives.

Tender schedule will be available at the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka & all MODS Zone offices of Dhaka WASA. Other detailed description will be available at the office of the undersigned.

Address: Segunbagicha, Dhaka  
WASA PI-32/98  
DFP-2589-8/2  
G-242

**Executive Engineer**  
Drainage Division-1  
Dhaka WASA

## Rotary Int'l president visits Mymensingh projects

**MYMENSINGH, Feb 14:** Rotary International President Rin Glen W Kinross recently visited his pilot projects for integrated farming development in Bangladesh in Kanthal, Bailor, Trishal, Mymensingh, reports BSS.

The project, funded by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is run by the Rotary Club of Mymensingh district 3280 and International-Cosponsor District 9600, Brisbane, Australia.

Bangladesh Agricultural University and the Department of Livestock Services, government of Bangladesh provided technical assistance.

Rtn Kinross was accompanied by his wife Rotary First Lady Heather Kinross, the Rotary International Director Edgar Heather and Raphael Hetchanova.

The district governor Rtn, M Jamal Uddin, president, Rotary Club of Mymensingh Rtn Abul Hasanaat and past president Rtn A H M Khalequzzaman were also present on the occasion.

The project, known as 3H Pilot Projects, started working for livestock and poultry development in 1988 at Kanthal union under Trishal thana of Mymensingh where the new 'Integrated Farming Development Project' has been working since 1995.

Besides the livestock and poultry development, the project has taken up programmes on fish-farming, vegetable gardening, agro-forestry, use of mechanised cultivation and small and large scale irrigation, use of solar power, micro-credit loans, use of sanitary latrine and tubewells, women and child immunization and farmers training.

## BDR-BSF flag meeting held

**From RU Correspondent**

**RAJSHAHI, Feb 14:** A flag meeting between Battalion Commanders of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and Border Security Force (BSF) of India was held on Thursday noon at Kharchaka border area.

The meeting was held following last Tuesday's incident which took place at Kharchaka boarder area under Gadagari thana of Rajshahi district. The incident has left 3 Bangladeshi nationals injured by BSF firing.

The flag meeting was headed by Lt Col Jaimul Abedin from BDR side while S Yarov of 11 battalion commander of BSF of India. Both the side have decided to hold a high level flag meeting to curb recurrent border trouble in Rajshahi border in recent days.

## Rice price marks downward trend in Patuakhali

**From Staff Correspondent**

**BARISAL, Feb 14:** Price of rice marked down trend almost in every thana areas of Patuakhali district as the Food Department started selling of rice at Tk 12 per kilogram through 2 OMS centres in the district headquarter and 2 each in 5 thana sadars of the district.

According to the office of the Food Controller, now storing condition is satisfactory. There are 2,900 m tons of rice and 5,300m tons of wheat in different foodgodowns in the district. Price of rice came down to Tk 14 at the lowest against Tk 19 per kg earlier. OMS centres rate is Tk 12 per kg. OMS dealers are yet to be selected in Patuakhali.

## Attack on IU bus

**From Our Correspondent**

**JHENIDAH, Feb 14:** The students carrying bus of Islamic University (IU) was attacked two times by unknown miscreants on Thursday night, according to IU sources.

Some unknown miscreants opened fire on a bus near Arapour bus stand in Jhenidah town at about 8 pm. At this incident a glass of the bus was damaged. When the bus arrived near Garaganj bus stand another group of miscreants threw bricks on the same bus. Two students were injured. Some students informed.

Police witnessed the affected vehicle. The cause behind the attack could not be known. Panic has been prevailing among IU students.

## 2 alleged terrorists killed

**JESSORE, Feb 14:** Unknown assailants killed two alleged terrorists at the outskirts of the town on Friday night, reports UNB.

Police and witnesses said, a band of gunmen attacked Asaduzzaman Asad and his companion Salam at a field behind the Jhumjhum BDR camp when they were returning from an arbitration meeting at the local colony at about 11 pm. The miscreants fired a dozen of bullets on the two men. Then cut their throats.

Police said Asad, 38, of Sultantpur in Sadar thana, and Salam, 35, of Sheikhati village were known terrorists in the locality.

Asad allegedly maintained a group called 'Asad Bahini' and resorted to terrorism in the area.

They were also accused of a number of cases including murder, rape, dacoity and snatching.



SYLHET: Dewan Farid Gazi, MP, speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural function of second international regional seminar on 'Sylhet: History and Heritage' organised by Bangladesh History Association on February 11 at Sylhet auditorium. — Star photo

# Ban on molasses production in sugar mills areas ignored

**From Our Correspondent**

**RANGPUR, Feb 14:** Molasses are being produced in large scale in the sugar mills zone areas across the northern districts violating government prohibition. The product is being smuggled into the Indian markets rampantly, according to the informations pouring here from different corners of the zone.

Everyday hundreds of maunds of molasses are being smuggled out to India territory through the border routes of Rangpur, Dinajpur, Lalmonirhat, Nilphamari, Panchagarh, Kurigram, Jalpurhat, Rajshahi and other neighbouring areas. An well organised gang of miscreants having their route level salaries are engaged in massive smuggling of molasses. Just after sun-set smugglers become active to carry molasses on cart and head-load towards the border belts. Indian smuggling agents take delivery of the goods in exchange of Indian sugar or other goods.

The mills authorities alleged that a section of traders are almost openly using power crushers to produce molasses across the sugar mills zones. They are doing so defying anti-Molasses

Producing Act. Law enforcing agency, supposed to crackdown on the violators, allegedly are quite reluctant to execute the government order to this effect.

A high police official who spoke on condition of anonymity said, the police force are always patrolling across the sugar mills zones and so far seized a good number of power crushers and started cases against the owners and users of crushers. But still the use of crushers and production of molasses could not be curbed down, he added. He further pointed out, the traders of the crushers are generally used to produce molasses at night under the cover of darkness since the police patrol parties hardly dare to go at night to remote places to seize the crushers risking life.

The farmers alleged that the mills authorities are paying them Taka 37.50 per maund of sugar cane at the mills gates while the molasses producers are purchasing sugar cane from them at Taka 40 per maund. Moreover the molasses producers themselves cut and carry the sugar cane from the land of the farmers at their own costs giving a great relief of financial

involvement of the farmers, at least Taka 7 per maund on an average.

Traders are selling molasses to the Indian parties at Taka 400 to Taka 425 per maund while the Indian smugglers are supplying sugar to the Bangladesh parties at Taka 16 to Taka 20 per kg.

There are informations that, due to rampant smuggling the local markets all over the northern region are flooded with Indian sugar. Indian sugar is being sold to the consumers at a cheap price at the rate of Taka 25 to Taka 28 per kg while the locally produced sugar which is available in the markets are sold between Taka 30 and Taka 32 per kg and as such the common consumers are procuring Indian sugar at cheap rates, it is gathered.

The experienced circles have expressed apprehension that large-scale smuggling of Indian sugar inside the country will create a bad impact on the marketing of sugar produced by the sugar mills of the country.

## Tk 4.50 cr revenue shortfall

# Barisal pourashava likely to miss ADB grant

**From Staff Correspondent**

**BARISAL, Feb 14:** Possibility of receiving 20 crore taka ADB grant under midtown infrastructure development project-2 for Barisal pourashava is becoming almost uncertain as the pourashava authority has fail to achieve the outstanding tax realising target.

So far 27 crore taka ADB grant will be given in five installments for implementation of various development projects. Earlier, two crore taka has been given to Barisal pourashava during 96-97 and 5 crore taka has been allocated for 97-98 fiscal year. But problem may arise for the allocation of next 20 crore taka as a huge amount of Poura taxes still remained unrealised.

Following one of the condition ADB asked the pourashava authority to realise 75 per cent

pending taxes of previous years and 70 per cent of this fiscal year. But the Poura authority has miserably failed to achieve the target in last two years. Percentage of realisation of pending taxes is not more than 36 per cent, pourashava sources said.

So far nearly 4.50 crores taka still remained as outstanding taxes with 35 government and non government organisations. Of this huge dues, 28 lakh taka is lying with Deputy Commissioner's office while Tk 11 lakh with SP's office, Tk 36 lakh with medical college hospital, 76 lakh taka with medical college, Tk 44 lakh with BM College, 24 lakh with TTC, 7 lakh taka with sadar hospital and the rest amounts with others.

# Potato farmers of Chandpur deprived

**From Our Correspondent**

**CHANDPUR, Feb 14:** Potato farmers are being deprived of fair price of their product due to fall in price in the local markets.

The farmers have complained high cost of seeds, fertilisers and other necessary inputs have already enhanced the cost of production, but they are now being forced to sell the crop at a very low price due to huge

supply in the market.

At present potato is being sold at Tk 4 per kg in the town and at Tk 3 per kg in the rural areas.

Farmers said, most of them are burdened with bank loans. They have already lost their interest in cultivating cash crop like potato, jute and paddy due to high production cost.

# Private tuition becomes a commercial practice

**KUSHTIA, Feb 14:** Private tuition has become a commercial practice in the town and other thana headquarters hampering education in the classrooms, reports UNB.

Local guardians alleged that most of the teachers in both the government and non-government schools and colleges are engaged in private tuition to earn extra money.

They said the teachers hardly concentrate to teach the students sincerely in the classrooms compelling them to opt for private tuition.

The students finding it difficult to understand their lessons properly, engage the teachers as private tutors for intense study and good results in the examinations.

Private tuition has become extra business for the teachers, said local people, adding that sometimes the students cannot secure good marks in their examinations if they do not engage private tutors.

The teachers who teach science subjects, English and accounting in the schools and colleges arrange private coaching in batches before and after the school hours. Private tuition is also being practiced in degree

levels for securing good results. Some students who study science said they go for private tuition because it has become impossible to secure expected marks in practical examinations without any extra coaching from the teachers concerned.

## 3 tribal bodies welcome arms surrender to PM

**KHAGRACHHARI, Feb 14:** Three tribal organisations of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) welcomed the surrender of arms and ammunition by the former Shanabahnin to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina under the leadership of PCJSS chief Jyotirindra Bodhiproy Lama alias Shantu Lama on February 10, reports BSS.

The three organisations — Pahari Chhatra Parishad, Pahari Gano Parishad and Hill Women's Federation in a joint statement said that the Janasanghati Samity is implementing the historic peace accord in a proper manner.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Office of the Executive Engineer  
Comilla Public Works Division

# Tender Invitation Notice

No 104/1997-98

1. Tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 under sealed cover are invited from Public Works Department enlisted special 1st class & class building contractors, Chittagong Public Works Zone enlisted 2nd class building contractors & 1st Comilla Public Works Circle enlisted 3rd class building contractors for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received by the undersigned & Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Chandpur/Noakhali/B'baria/Feni/Lakshipur up to 12:00 Noon of 25-2-98 & the tenders will be opened on the same day at 12-15 minutes in presence of the tenderers so willing. Each tender under sealed cover superscribing the name of work should be deposited in the tender box kept at the respective offices. No contractor/contractory firm without VAT registration and TIN can purchase the tender.

A) Name of work : Construction of Thana Bhaban of Nangakot Thana in Comilla district. (Subhead : Land development work of remaining portion). Financial year 97-98.

B) Estimated cost : Tk 4,16,788/-.

C) Earnest money : Tk 8,400/-.

D) Time for : 90 (ninety) days.

completion of work from the date of work order

2. Tender schedule can be seen & purchased up to 24-2-98.

3. Schedule of item of tender and terms & conditions can be seen & purchased on payment of Tk 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable) for tender per set Tk 25/- (twenty-five) only (non-refundable) for each Bangladesh Form No 2911 & Tk 25/- (twenty-five) only (non-refundable) for each drawing from the office of the undersigned & Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Chandpur/Noakhali/B'baria/Feni/Lakshipur and offices of all Sub-Divisional Engineers under this office during office hours.

If more than one tender with the same rate is received, then the tender will be settled through lottery on 2-3-98 at 11-30 am at the office chamber of Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Comilla in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

**Md Akhtarul Alam**

Executive Engineer

Comilla Public Works

Division, Comilla

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Bangladesh Ordnance Factory

Gazipur Cantonment, Gazipur

# Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in prescribed form (BOF No-76) are invited in foreign currency from bonafide manufacturers/local agents/importers/suppliers for purchasing the undermentioned goods for Bangladesh Ordnance Factory.

Sl No	Tender No & date	Name of goods	Amount	Price of per set tender
A)	BOF/119/Cap/D/Purchase Dt 13.1.1998	Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Lathe Machine.	1 (one) No.	Taka 500/- (Non-refundable)

2. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the Factory Purchase Office and Directorate General of Defence Purchase, Ministry of Defence, New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 up to 11:00 hours of 25th Falgoun 1404BS/09th March 1998 and will be opened at the BOF's Purchase Office at 1300 hours of the next workday in presence of the tenderers or their representatives (if any).

3. Tender Form consisting terms & conditions will be available at the above mentioned price from the Factory Purchase Office and by the representative of BOF at the Directorate General of Defence Purchase, Ministry of Defence, New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM up to 24th Falgoun 1404BS/08 March 1998. No Form will be sold on the date of opening tender.

4. The Bangladesh Ordnance Factory authorities reserve the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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**Manager Implements**

for Commandant

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

Facilities Department, Kurigram Zone

Kurigram

# Tender Notice

No. EE/FD/KZ/97-98/08

Dated: 05.02.98

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from Facilities Department enlisted contractors for the undermentioned works under 'Revenue' head during 1997-98 financial year.

Gr No.	Name of institution	Name of work	Estimated cost	Time limit for completion of work	Earnest money	Class of contractor
01.	Kurigram Vocational Training Institute	Construction of 1,00,000/- boundary wall	30 (thirty) days	2,000/-	A-2	
02.	Lalmonirhat Vocational Training Institute	Construction of 75,000/- boundary wall	30 (thirty) days	1,500/-	A-2	

A. Last date of purchasing : 25.02.98 (up to office hours).

tender document

B. Last date & time of : 26.02.98 up to 1-00 PM.

receiving tender document

C. Date & time of opening : 26.02.98 at 1-30 PM.

tender document

D. Offices where tender document will be available and received at : Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Kurigram/Rangpur/Dinajpur/Panchagarh/Bogra/Pabna/Naogaon/Rajshahi Zone office & Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Lalmonirhat District Office.

E. Earnest money : Bank Draft/Pay Order for the amount mentioned in column 6 from any nationalised/scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Kurigram Zone, Kurigram should be deposited with the tender.

F. Price per set of tender : Tk 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable).

**Terms & Conditions:**

- Contractors must produce their (1) respective 1997-98 licence renewal registration book, (2) attested two copy of VAT & (3) TIN certificates prior to purchasing tender document and submit with the tender, otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled.
- If the quoted price is more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost, the tender will be treated as cancelled outright.
- The rate quoted should be written in words & figures, there should not be any striking off, erasing, overwriting in quoting rate. Tender with erasing-overwriting-fluiding will be treated as cancelled forthwith.
- Income Tax & VAT will be deducted from the bill of the contractor at usual rate.
- Form 'A' attached to the tender document must be filled in. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled.

All other information and terms & conditions regarding the tender will be available in the tender document. The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

**Md. Harunur Rashid**

Executive Engineer

Facilities Department

Kurigram Zone, Kurigram

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