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Facilities deptt takes up 10 schemes

CHUADANGA, May 8: The Facilities Department of the Ministry of Education has taken up 10 schemes for implementation in all four thanas of Chuadanga district in the current financial year at a cost of Taka 70,98,912, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the undertaken schemes include construction of new buildings of two high schools in the district for the introduction of vocational education course there, three class rooms of a non-govt high school and first floor of two government primary schools and repairing of the buildings of two government colleges, one government boy's high school, one government girls' high school and local vocational training institute.

Freak of nature

BOGRA, May 8: A housewife named Faima gave birth to a still-born girl child at the Mohammad Ali Hospital in the district on Friday, reports UNB.

The new born baby's eyes, nose and lips were set with her shoulder but other organs were normal. The delivery of the baby was done under the supervision of Dr Gulshan Ara. The weight of the baby was seven pounds and her mother is well. Faima is a wife of farmer Tozam Hossain of Pirob village in Shibganj thana.

Nor'wester damages standing crops

NAOGAON, May 8: Standing IRRI-Boro crops on several hundred acres of land were damaged in the nor'wester that swept over the district on Friday, reports UNB.

The 20-minute storm that lashed over Sadar, Raninagar, Mohadevpur and Manda thanas also damaged other crops including wheat and Mug pulse, unofficial sources said. Earlier on Thursday, another tornado also damaged over 50 thatched houses and several primary schools and madrasas in the district. Two people including a child were injured in the house collapse. The extent of damage was estimated at about Tk 20 lakh.



AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh): State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Satish Chandra Roy and Vice-Chancellor of BAU Prof Muhammad Hussain speaking as chief guest and special guest at a fresher's reception arranged recently by Animal Husbandry Faculty Students Association in the faculty gallery.

Work on embankments not progressing in Sunamganj

Standing Boro crops threatened

From Iqbal Siddique

SYLHET, May 8: Standing Boro crops on several thousand hectares of land in Sunamganj district have been threatened due to non-completion of reconstruction work of embankments in different haors.

Hilly floods at any time may inundate Boro crop. Thousands of farmers have been passing their days in great anxiety. The situation was created due to failure in completion of reconstruction of the cross embankments on time. This is due to the negligence of people involved in execution of the projects.

It may be stated here, Boro crops worth Taka 900 crore were damaged badly during the last 9 years in the vast haor areas of the district. But the authorities have failed to complete the reconstruction work of the embankments in different thanas of the district.

The total numbers of haors in the district are 52. The Water Development Board (WEB) took a programme to reconstruct 105 kilometres of embankment in 25 haors with a view to saving crops on over 5000 hectares this year with an estimated expenditure of Taka 2 crore 47 lakh. Though the work was scheduled to be completed by the December last, it is yet to be completed.

Thousands of poor and marginal farmers and leaders

of Left Front including the 11-party Alliance gheraoed the Deputy Commissioner's office. They handed over a memorandum demanding immediate steps to complete the work with a view to saving crops. In the memorandum, they alleged, part of the huge amount, sanctioned by the government, has been grabbed by the authority concerned. Due to improper execution, the embankments fail to save huge Boro crops from early floods. Thousands of poor farmers have been facing hardship due to colossal loss every year.

Boro paddy has been cultivated on 1,38,665 hectares of land this year.

Standing crops on different haors including 25 haors will be worth Taka 300 crore. Crops have remained unprotected.

Every year a good number of project chairmen try to show some works on the embankments. Moreover, siltation is also creating stagnation of water on the canals and several haors. It is decreasing the water preservation capacity, in all these water bodies. Due to this reason, after heavy rain or early flood, water inundates the huge croplands on different haors.

A number of leading people also alleged, a section of Water

Development Board officials in connivance with the project committees, resume works on the embankments just before the start of the monsoon season, almost every year, intentionally.

There remains a chance of washing out of earth from the embankments. Besides, due to the monsoon field measurement of earth work also become impossible as most of the haors and croplands go under water.

According to an official

statistics, a total of 3 lakh 64 thousand one hundred tonnes of paddy is produced in the district every year when no calamity occurs. But, the existing embankments in haors can not ensure safety of crops from early flood.

Paddy worth about a total of Taka 873 crore 30 lakh were damaged by the natural calamities during the last 9 years in Sunamganj district only, said an official source. It includes, crops worth Taka 21 crore 17 lakh in the year 1988-89, Taka 124 crore 62 lakh 60 thousand in 89-90, Taka 44 crore 74 lakh 61 thousand in the year 1990-91, Taka 125 crore in 1991-92, Taka 80 crore 4 lakh in 1992-93, Taka 125 crore in 1993-94, Taka 120 crore in 1994-95 and Taka 87 crore in the years of 1995-96 and 1996-97.

Padma boat tragedy:

Death toll now 11

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, May 8: The death toll in the Padma boat capsizing incident near Yusupur of Charchhat thana is now 11. A total of 40 passengers remain missing. The incident occurred in the early morning on Saturday.

Eyewitness and police sources said, a boat carrying cattle and about 100 passengers capsized in the river Padma due to storm just after a few minutes of departure from Yusupur ferrighat. It was heading towards Charchhat. About 40 passengers managed to swim at the bank, but more than 40 passengers are still missing.

Three more dead bodies have been recovered from the chars of Bagha and Charchhat thana. They have been identified as Akkas, 35, of village Sree Khandi, Bishu Maji, 30, of the village Salpara, Santosh, 28, of village Muktarpur, Patan, 26, of village Jaipur, of Charchhat thana and Sadan, 28, of village Dighal Kandi, Nasiruddin, 18, Nur Mohammad, 22, of village Durlarpur and Rupban, 25, of village Kasba of Pathia thana. Three more bodies were recovered on Tuesday but their identities are yet to be ascertained.

21 held in Khulna

KHULNA, May 8: Police is a special drive in the city arrested 21 people and recovered contrabands including phenisidyl and local and foreign liquor on Monday, reports UNB.

Trauma hospital to be

set up in Barisal

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, May 8: Nine trauma hospitals will be set up in the country soon.

The hospitals will provide immediate medicare service to the patients of road accident.

This type of hospitals are available in many developing countries like India, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and some other countries in the world.

According to the Health Directorate, such trauma hospitals will be set up in each division. Three other hospitals will be set up beside busy and important highways in the country.

The hospital for Barisal division is scheduled to be set up beside Dhaka-Barisal highway at Barisal under Gourjhara, Abul Hasnat Abdullah, Chief Whip in Parliament recently selected the place of the hospital. This 20-bed hospital

will be provided with most modern medical equipment, X-ray machine, blood bank, ambulance, ECG machine including operation theatre and all time treatment facilities. For resident physicians there will be dormitories. The entire project will be implemented by Public Works Department (PWD). The design layout is yet to be completed. Zulfiquar Haider, Superintending Engineer of PWD here disclosed this to correspondent.

Dr Aftabuddin Ahmed, Civil Surgeon, Barisal said, European Union may provide financial assistance for the project. Construction work of the hospital will start soon. Number of accidental deaths will be reduced after setting up of the hospital, he hoped.

Minister urges agri scientists

Provide IPM training to farmers

GAZIPUR, May 8: Post and Telecommunication, Housing and Works Minister Mohammad Nasim on Wednesday said the country's agricultural scientists can play a pioneering role in increasing food production at low cost through providing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) training to the farmers, reports BSS.

Mohammad Nasim said the farmers who are always active in revamping the country's economy have a poor knowledge about the latest pest management practices. The IPM schools have to be reached quickly to the farmers across the country so that they (farmers) can contribute to increasing food production more by using IPM techniques.

The minister was addressing a function organised for exchanging experiences of the IPM field workers and farmers at Gazipur Telecom Staff College.

Chaired by director of plant protection wing Mohammad Delwar Hossain, the function was addressed by Danish Charge d'Affaires Finn Thilsted, Member of Barind Development Authority Baduzzaman Badsha, chairman of Gazipur Pourashava A K M Mozammel Hossain, agriculturist Giasuddin Ahmed and for-

mer expert Hein Bijnmakers.

The minister said all pests are not harmful for crops. There are some friendly pests who destroy the harmful pests. He said adding the experienced persons have to come forward to make farmers aware of protection provided by friendly pests.

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The minister called upon the farmer community to keep up their strong role to increase food production for attaining self-sufficiency.

Office of the Chairman, Tangail Paurashava Paurashava Office

Tangail

Tender Notice for Local Competitive Bidding for:-

i. Construction of production tubewells (6 Nos).

Contract No. TAN-M-PTW-01 under ADB Loan No. 1264 BAN (SF)

ii. Construction of an Iron Removal Plant and an Overhead Storage Tank and related works.

Contract No. TAN-M-IRP/OHT-01 under ADB Loan No. 1264 BAN (SF)

iii. Construction of 1 No. Iron Removal Plant and Supply and Installation of Mechanical & Electrical Items.

Contract No. TAN-M-IRP-02 under ADB Loan No. 1264 BAN (SF)

Memo No. 651

Dated: 4.5.98

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Loan No. 1264 BAN (SF) from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in various currencies towards the cost of Second Water Supply and Sanitation Project (9 Towns—Water Supply and Sanitation Project). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this credit will be applied to eligible payments for the above works under Water Supply Expansion Programme.

2. The Chairman, Tangail Paurashava now wishes to invite sealed bids from the pre-qualified bidders for the execution of the above referenced works.

3. Bid documents with detailed specifications, terms and conditions and other papers may be purchased by the interested eligible bidders on submission of a written application and upon a cash payment of a non-refundable fee of Taka 1000.00 (Taka one thousand) only from the office of: (1) The Chairman, Tangail Paurashava; (ii) Project Director, DPHE, Second Water Supply & Sanitation Project, House 8/D, Road 14 (New), Dhanmondi-1209, Dhaka; (iii) Deputy Commissioner, Tangail or (iv) Executive Engineer, DPHE, Tangail on all working days during normal office hours till 01.06.1998.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the offices indicated above and inspect the bid documents during the office hours.

5. The following procedure for receiving and opening of bids shall apply:

The bid document must be duly completed in 2 sets (One original and one copy) and delivered as follows:

— The original and a copy of the bidding document accompanied by a security of 2% (two per cent) of the bid price (as per Clause 15.2 of Section 1: Instructions to Bidders) in favour of the Chairman must be delivered either via mail or in person to any of the above offices on or before 12:00 Noon on 8.6.98. No bid will be considered for acceptance following expiry of the aforementioned date and time. The original money receipt for purchasing the documents must be attached of the bidding document.

— After the closing date, the unopened bid documents received by Project Director, Deputy Commissioner, Tangail and Executive Engineer, DPHE, will be sent to the office of the Chairman.

— Within two days of receiving these documents, the bids will be publicly opened at the office of the Chairman in presence of those representatives of the bidders who like to attend. The representatives must obtain the scheduled opening date and time from the Chairman's office.

6. The Chairman will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by the bidders in connection with the preparation and delivery of bids.

7. The Chairman reserves the right to accept any bid, or any part of the bid or to reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof and in such case no compensation will be entertained.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Facilities Department, Ministry of Education

Tender Notice

Tender Notice No 24/Pry/Furniture/FD/NZ/97-98

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2908 are hereby invited from Facilities Department's A-1 class enlisted contractors and bona fide furniture manufacturing & supplying firms having trade licence & VAT registration for manufacturing & supplying furnitures (high-low bench made with steel frame & wooden top, teachers table-chair, as per approved drawing & specification) at selected govt primary schools under Govt schools "Reconstruction & Repair Project". Names of selected school & their location will be available in the tender document.

DFP-9700-3/5 Executive Engineer
G-958 Narsingdi PWD Division, Narsingdi

A) Date & time of purchasing tender document: 13-05-98 up to office hours.

B) Last date & time of receiving tender document: 14-05-98 up to 12.00 Noon.

C) Date & time of opening tender document: 14-05-98 at 12.30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

Tender document will be available against cash payment of Tk 400/- (four hundred) only (Non-refundable) per set from the office of the undersigned & Executive Engineers' office at Zones under Chittagong Circle Office, Deputy Commissioner, Noakhali/Feni & Assistant Engineer, Feni Offices on all working days during office hours and will be received at the said offices up to the prescribed date & time.

Earnest money at the rate 2% (two per cent) of quoted amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of "Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Noakhali Zone, Noakhali" must be attached & submitted with the tender document.

Contractor should produce copies of trade licence for manufacturing & supplying furniture and certificate & work order (should be signed by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer) of executing similar work at the time of purchasing tender document and attach these with the tender at the time of submitting.

Instructions to Contractors

- Any additional condition added by the tenderer will be rejected.
- Income tax & VAT will be deducted from the bill of contractor as per Govt rules.
- Contractor must possess furniture manufacturing workshop & showroom. Address of the workshop & showroom should be submitted with the tender.
- Rate should be quoted in tender, i.e. the supplying firm should quote its rate for each item with rate analysis.
- Contractors paying renewal fee for 1997-98 can purchase the tender document on production of original registration book & necessary papers of VAT and these should be attached to the tender.

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

Md Afzal Hossain Pradhan

Executive Engineer

Facilities Department, Noakhali Zone, Noakhali

Repairing of roads demanded

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, May 8: A combined meeting of Kushtia Transport Syndicate, Minibus Owners Association and Truck Owners Association of Kushtia was held recently with Shabuddin in chair.

The meeting demanded immediate repairing of roads in different routes for smooth communication.

The meeting also demanded widening of roads for avoiding accidents. The meeting opined that Kushtia-Meherpur, Chuadanga-Alamganga, Chuadanga Darsonar, Kushtia-Pragpur via Bheramara and Mohiskund routes have become risky as the roads are in deplorable condition. Besides, continuous rain in the months of March and April have made these roads unfit for plying of any vehicles.

Speakers lamented that Roads and Highways Department and other concerned authority have ignored the demand of passengers of these routes. The owners of vehicles have also incurring huge loss economically. They also opined that damage of vehicles not only causing loss to them, but also bringing loss to the country as foreign currencies are required to import spare parts of vehicles. At the same time frequent accidents are taking place due to bad condition of roads. Several people have already been killed due to accidents in aforementioned months.