

Setting up of Tk 20cr tourist complexes in CHT planned

Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation (BPC) is planning to set up two tourist complexes at Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) at an estimated cost of Taka 20 crore.

BPC sources told BSS yesterday that the government has already agreed, in principle, to set up the complexes at Khagrachari and Bandarban hill districts through the corporation.

Each complex, planned to be established with in an estimated cost of Taka 10 crore, will have 100-person capacity residential rooms, a banquet hall for 300 guests and an international-standard health club. Besides, each complex will have shopping arcade, 100-person capacity conference room and games room. One single complex will also have hill-top observation shed, benches on hill slopes, a children's game park, water sports facilities, tennis court and rent a car service arrangement.

The funds for the projects is likely to be received from the special development fund for Chittagong Hill Tracts, the sources said, adding the selection of sites for the proposed complexes is underway.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Engr Mosharraf Hossain and chairman of Parjatan Corporation Khandaker Rashedul Hoque have visited the Chittagong Hill Tracts for selecting the sites. Local administrations are expected to send the reports in this regard soon.

The government is committed to building the complexes in CHT for the sake of development in the region as well as offering the five-star standard hospitality to the investors there for harnessing the natural resources and enjoying the scenic beauty.

Newly appointed Turkish envoy calls on Hasina

Newly appointed Turkish Ambassador to Bangladesh Erdinc Ulumlu called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday morning, reports UNB.

Ulumlu said during his stay in Bangladesh he would work for further strengthening the existing friendly relations between the two countries.

He mentioned that the Turkish government has named two roads of Ankara after the founding father of Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The Prime Minister referred to the historic relations between Bangladesh and Turkey, and hoped that the ties would further be strengthened in the days ahead.



The newly-appointed Ambassador of Turkey to Bangladesh Erdinc Ulumlu called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday. —PID photo

US Embassy, USIS to remain closed July 5

The offices of the US Embassy, the Consular Section, the United States Information Service (USIS), USIS student counseling service and USIS Information Resource Centre will be closed on July 5, on the occasion of the American Independence Day, says a press release.

The US Independence Day is on July 4, but the US facilities will observe the holiday on July 5 because of the Sunday-Thursdays workweek of the US Mission in Bangladesh.

Office of the Executive Engineer Comilla Public Works Division, Comilla Tender Invitation Notice No-188/1997-98

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from special class I, class I building contractors enlisted with Public Works Department, class II building contractors enlisted with Chittagong Public Works Zone and class III building contractors enlisted with Comilla Public Works Circle for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received till 12-00 Noon on 16/7/98 by undersigned and Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Chandpur/Noakhali/B'baria/Feni/Laxmipur and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of participants in tenders who may like to remain present. Each tender will have to be submitted in the tender boxes kept at the concerned offices by superscribing name of work on sealed envelop. No contractor/contractorship firm can purchase tender without VAT registration and TIN.

- a) Name of work : Construction of drain by the side of perimeter wall of old jail area inside Comilla Central Jail. Fiscal year 1997-98.
 - b) Estimated cost : Tk 3,22,513/-
 - c) Earnest money : Tk 6,500/-
 - d) Time for completion : 30 (thirty) days of work from date of issue of work order
2. Last date of : 15/7/98. selling tender
3. Schedule containing tender items and terms and conditions can be seen at the office of undersigned and Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Chandpur/Noakhali/B'baria/Feni/Laxmipur and all the offices of Sub-Divisional Engineers under the office during office hours and can be purchased on payment of Taka 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable) for each set of tenders and Taka 25/- (twenty-five) (non-refundable) for Bangladesh Form No-2911. Tender schedule can be purchased from the concerned office till 15/7/98.

If more than one tender with the same rate is found then a lottery will be held to settle the tenders in the office of Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Comilla in presence of participants in tender (if any) on 21/7/98 at 11-30 AM.

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No. BSTI/Project/91/97 Dated: 17/06/98

Tender Notice

Object Lab, Equipment

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide suppliers/importers/agents for purchasing equipment and installation for Physical Testing Wing under the project of setting up regional offices of BSTI in Chittagong, Ktulu, modernisation and development project.

Tender schedule can be purchased on payment of Taka 3500/- (three thousand and five hundred) (non-refundable from Development and Planning Section of the office till 26/07/98 during office hours.

Sealed tenders will have to be submitted in tender box till 11-30 AM on 27/07/98 and will be opened for the same day at 12-00 Noon in presence of participants in tender (if any).

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

Md Zoidul Islam
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PM hands over family saving certificate

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina handed over a family saving certificate worth Tk one lakh to Saheera Khatun, the widow of Shaheed Sikim Ali, at her office yesterday, reports UNB.

Sikim Ali, an Awami League leader of Manikganj district, was killed by "BNP terrorists" at Baliaghora Bazar in Ghior thana on June 9, in 1995, family sources said.

Shamsul Huq, son of Sikim Ali, was also present at the PM office on the occasion.

The Prime Minister enquired about the present condition of the family of Sikim and consoled his widow.

Manikganj District Awami League leader and former DCC Mayor Col (ret'd) Abdul Malek, district AL general secretary Golam Mohiuddin, Saiful Islam Badal and Rezaul Karim Ujjal were present.

Women UP members seek govt help to ensure legitimate rights

Women Union Parishad (UP) members, elected in December last from general seats, yesterday expressed their dismay for not having scopes for participation in UP development activities and sought government initiatives to ensure their legitimate right, reports BSS.

"UP chairman and even our male counterparts simply do not care for our suggestions and they take almost all decisions, ignoring our views," Afroza Banu from Rangpur said, while exchanging views at the concluding session of a two day workshop on "women empowerment" at Hotel Sundarban in the city.

"If Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina can run the government successfully why should we not be able to manage a union ward?" she asked.

LGSD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman was present on the occasion as chief guest while State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Dr Mozammel Hossain attended as the special guest.

Abdullah Harun Pasha, Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs chaired the function, organised by the Directorate of Women Affairs under its enhancing awareness for women development and document enrichment project.

Among others, it was also addressed by Director General of Women Affairs Directorate M Ashraf Ali and Project Director Zakia Yeasmin Zoarder.

Speaking on the occasion Zillur Rahman said the government had not only incorporated women at the local government level but also taken pragmatic steps to ensure their legitimate rights and power similar to their male counterparts to discharge duties properly.

"UP standing committees have been raised to 12 from existing seven so that all members including women members could be made chairman of a single committee." Besides, women ward members will also be the member of the site selection committee to set up tubewells in their respective areas, he added.

Zillur Rahman said women's representation is a must at local government level. Disclosing the latest decision of the cabinet, Zillur Rahman said the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today ensured women's representation in the Upazila Parishad. He said UP ward members have the scopes to be the member of the Upazila Parishad.

Dr Mozammel Hossain said women UP members could be the model of grassroots level. He called upon the members to create mass awareness among rural women against dowry, malnutrition and healthcare.

Concern at Khair's disappearance

Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka yesterday expressed deep concern over the disappearance of Abul Khair, the boy who saved hundreds of passengers by flagging down a train two years ago in Chandpur districts, reports UNB.

In rewarding Khair the club has been paying him a monthly scholarship of Tk 500 for his education, President of the club Farid Hossain said in a statement.

"The members of our club are deeply shocked to learn that wonder boy Abul Khair has been missing since June 21," Hossain said.

The club urged the police to do their best to find out the boy who became a national hero by preventing the train accident.

DU BBA graduation ceremony tomorrow

The certificate giving ceremony of the 2nd batch BBA graduates of Dhaka University IBA will be held at TSC auditorium at 4 pm tomorrow, reports UNB.

DU Vice Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury will distribute certificates among the graduates as chief guest of the programme.

IBA Founder Director Prof M Safiullah will attend the programme as the guest of honour while Syed Manzur Elahi, Chairman of Apex Tannery, will be present as special guest.

Thirty-nine students will receive certificates at the function to be chaired by IBA Director Prof Nurur Rahman.

Political biography of Bangabandhu to be published

Bangladesh Foundation for Development Research has undertaken an initiative to publish a political biography of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, a foundation press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

The Director General of the Foundation Monayem Sarkar has sought the cooperation of all including the intellectuals, political personalities, writers, journalists and concerned persons to make the initiative a success.

He also requested all to send to him within three months any information and materials including statements, memoirs, pictures, speeches, anecdotes, and information of Bangabandhu's student life or his own handwritten letters, if they possess any.

He has asked all to send the materials at the following address: Monayem Sarkar, Director General, Bangladesh Foundation for Development Research, 23, Chameli Bagh, Dhaka 1217.

What's on today

Fashion exhibition: Altamira, a contemporary design and art gallery, has arranged a 2-day designer fashionware exhibition. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium, 26, Mirpur Road. Time: 5 pm-8pm. Actress Subarna Mustafa will inaugurate the show.

Meeting: A general meeting of the National Committee for Peace and Friendship will be held to discuss preparations for the grand rally to be held at Paltan Maidan on July 15. Venue: TSC auditorium, Dhaka University. Time: 5 pm.

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Workshop: The National Forum of Organisations working with the Disabled (NFOWD) has organised a workshop to discuss a draft law on the rights of disabled persons. Venue: Islamic Development Bank Bhaban auditorium, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 9:30 am-4pm.

Lecture: A lecture on 'food security, agricultural growth and trade prospects for developing countries' will be given by Prof Alex F McCalla, Director of Rural Development, World Bank. Organiser: Bangladesh Economic Association. Venue: Academy for Planning and Development, Nilkhet. Time: 5 pm.

Roundtable: A roundtable discussion on 'Nuclear arms race in South Asia' will be held. Organiser: Nabadhara. Venue: Gano Unnayan Granthagar auditorium, House: 39, Road: 14A, Dhanmondi. Time: 4 pm.

Publication ceremony: The publication ceremony of 'The Rallying Power of Law by Justice Habibur Rahman, and 'Contributions to Bengal Studies' by two professors of Georgetown University, published by Pustaka, will be held. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 5 pm.

Club meeting: The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venues: DHL office, Gulshan II. Time: 5:30 pm.

Inmates of Ctg jail face various problems

CHITTAGONG, July 2: The inmates of the jail here have been facing various problems including lack of necessary accommodation leaving their life miserable, reports UNB.

The two-century-old jail was built on 17 acres of land at the city's Laldighi area in 1783 with an accommodation capacity of 750 prisoners. There are 20 male and one female wards in the jail which are too inadequate to house a large number of prisoners.

Jail officials said presently some 3,883 prisoners, almost five times higher than the capacity, are living in the jail creating problems for both the inmates and the authorities.

Of them, 76 are female while 58 are foreigners. The foreigners include 23 from Myanmar, 17 from India and 18 Pakistani nationals, said the officials.

The authorities, however, started construction an extension building inside the jail to accommodate 150 prisoners at a cost of Tk 34 lakh.

Of the total prisoners, some 92 convicted have been kept under iron ring or 'Dandabert' for security reason.

Lack of adequate security measures inside the jail is the most pressing problem for the inmates and they said a prisoner was stabbed to death last month by another one over a dispute.

This overcrowded prisoners are facing various problems due to their large number as well as lack of basic amenities. There is only one toilet for every 200 inmates, said the officials adding that there are only two bathrooms for all the prisoners.

Moreover, the inmates complained that they can not wash their clothes properly due to shortage of water supply. Each of them are being supplied with only one mug of water for washing purpose which they said is quite inadequate.

The prison hospital is also in a very bad shape. It has only 30 beds against some 174 prisoners now undergoing treatment.

Acute shortage of doctors is causing serious problem for the patients as their is only one surgeon and one pharmacist in the hospital. It is simply impossible for one doctor to provide proper service to the large number of patients.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Local Government Engineering Department
Office of the Executive Engineer, Chandmari, Narayanganj

Memo No.-XEN/LGED/N.GANJ/TENDER/97/1237 Dated: 23/6/98

Notice Inviting Tender

No. 35/1997-98

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association, hereinafter referred to as the IDA, towards the cost of the Second Rural Roads and Markets Improvement and Maintenance Project (RRMIMP-2) and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract as show in table of Sl. No. 03 of Bondor Thana under Narayanganj District.
2. The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, as represented by the Executive Engineer, LGED, Narayanganj District, invites sealed tenders from prequalified tenderers of RRMIMP-2 furnishing the necessary labour materials, equipments and services for the construction & completion of the works described in table of Sl. No. 03.
3. Detail of contract as below:

Sl. No.	Contract No.	Name of the scheme	Earnest money	Time for completion	Category of prequalified contractor under RRMIMP-2 for structure
1.	SF-27/97-98	Construction of 20.0m span Girder Bridge on Kaiker-tack Sabdibazar Road Ch. 2+600KM	60,000.00	180	Special, A, B & C

4. Interested Prequalified tenderers may obtain further information from, and inspect the tender documents at the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka, Executive Engineer, LGED, Narayanganj/Munshiganj/Dhaka/Manikganj/Narsingdi/Gazipur Districts or at the Office of the Project Director, RRMIMP-2, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.
5. A complete set of tender documents may be purchased by any interested prequalified tenderers on (described in table of Sl. 03) the submission of a written application to one of the above & upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk. 500.00 (Tk. five hundred). Additional sets of documents may be purchased each at the same price. The tender documents will be available during office hours up to 5:00 PM on 21/07/98.
6. All tenders will be received to the office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Narayanganj/Dhaka District and Divisional Commissioner's Office, Dhaka or to the office of the Project Director, RRMIMP-2 on or before 1.00 PM on 23/07/98.
7. All tenders must be accompanied by fixed amount earnest money (amount mentioned in table of Sl. No. 03) in the form of Bank Draft, Pay Order, Call Deposit, Demand Draft or Bank Guarantee from scheduled bank of Bangladesh in TK. favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Narayanganj District.
8. Tenders will be opened in the presence of those tenderers representative who choose to attend at the same time, 1:30 PM on 23/07/98 at the office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Narayanganj/Dhaka District/Divisional Commissioner's Office, Dhaka and at the office of the Project Director, RRMIMP-2.
9. No tender documents will be sold on the date of submission of tender and on the previous working day.
10. Tenderer may also submit tender by registered Mail with acknowledgement due, which must reach the concerned office (s) before the dead line of receipt of tender. Late received tender will not be accepted.
11. VAT including IT (Income Tax) will be realized from the Contractor's bill as per rate prescribed by the Government. All attested photocopy of VAT registration certificate should be submitted along with tender documents.
12. The contractors will have to bear the cost of Laboratory and field test at his own cost including transport cost. Quoted rates of each individual item of work should be inclusive of all cost relevant to necessary laboratory test (Should be any conflict in working or implied action in any clause of tender document (Vol-I, II, III, IV) regarding laboratory test then the above stated explanation shall apply).
13. The tenderer shall submit attested copy of pre-qualified enlistment valid for the fiscal year 1997-98 along with tender.
14. During purchasing of schedule the contractor must get a receipt. This receipt must be submitted along with the tender.
15. A pre-tender conference will be held at the office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Narayanganj at 11.00 AM on 18/07/98. All tenderers are requested to attend the conference in time.
16. The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Executive Engineer
LGED, Narayanganj

Indian Council for Cultural Relations
Maulana Azad Essay Competition-1997
Last Date for Submission: 18 August 1998

The Council, in memory of late Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, organises Maulana Azad Essay Competition every year wherein citizens of SAARC countries: India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are invited to submit entries for the competition. For the 1997 Maulana Azad Essay Competition, the Council invites the citizens of SAARC countries, below the age of 30 years as on 22 February, 1998 to submit their entries in one of the following three languages and the topics noted against each.

Topic and Languages:

Hindi	Maulana Azad Aur Bharat Ki Ekta (Maulana Azad and Unity of India)
Urdu	Maulana Azad Ka Usloob-e-Bayan (Maulana Azad as a Litterateur)
English	What does the freedom of my country mean to me.

Prizes in each language:

First Prize	- Rs 25,000/-
Second Prize	- Rs 20,000/-
Third Prize	- Rs 15,000/-

The essays should be neatly typed in double space or written in calligraphy (for Urdu). The participants must submit one original and three copies of their essays. Each page should be clearly numbered. The length of the essay should not exceed 5000 words.

Any participant who resorts to plagiarism shall be disqualified. A certificate/proof of the age indicating the date of birth should be enclosed with the essay.

A participant can submit only one essay in any one of the three languages. The essay may be sent through registered post/courier or hand delivered to the Indian High Commission at the under noted address so as to reach it by 18 August, 1998. Essays received after the last date will not be accepted.

Address: High Commission of India:-
House No: 121, Road No. 3, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka.

For any further quires and details, contact NPA Section, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Azad Bhaban, IP Estate, New Delhi - 110002 (Telephone No. : 3311391/3319309 ; Fax No:- 3318647/3712639). D-339

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