

### Protest gathering at Shaheed Minar on Nov 2

**By Staff Correspondent**  
A protest gathering of the members of civil society will be held at the Central Shaheed Minar at 4 pm on November 2 against rape, other sex-related crimes and terrorism in the universities of the country, says a press release.  
The organisers urged people from all strata of the society to join the protest gathering. They said that the university authorities or the law enforcing agencies alone could not stop these crimes.  
It is the duty of the civil society to organise social movement against these crimes, they added.

### JS Whip for more UN-IPU cooperation

Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Md Abdus Shahid has stressed the need for more cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), according to a message received in the city from New York yesterday, reports BSS.  
Delivering his speech on Wednesday at the UN General Assembly on ways and means to strengthen cooperation between these two important organisations, he said the IPU is being regarded as a very useful forum for parliamentarians to exchange ideas among them.  
"The parliamentarians can also benefit from dialogues on issues of relevance to the entire world community," he said and mentioned peace and security, democracy, development, human rights and gender equality as the areas where these two organisations could effectively cooperate with each other.  
The Whip of Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad also emphasised that the United Nations could benefit from the considerable experience of the IPU in promoting democracy.  
"The contribution of parliamentarians in implementing international human rights treaties nationally can be enhanced through joint efforts of the IPU and the UN," he suggested.

### Yellow robe offering ceremony of Buddhists begins

**CHITTAGONG, Oct 29:** The traditional yellow robe offering ceremony of the Buddhists begins at Rangamati Rajbhan Vihar tomorrow, reports BSS.  
King of Chakma circle Barister Devashis Roy is expected to inaugurate the two-day ceremony, the biggest religious carnival of the Buddhists, in presence of Sadhananda Mohathero popularly known as Bhana Bhante, the most reverend spiritual leader of the community in the country.  
The tourist town of hilly Rangamati now wears a new look as thousands of Buddhists from far flung areas of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) and other parts of the Buddhist populated regions have already converged to perform their sacred festival by offering yellow robe to their spiritual leader Bhana Bhante.  
According to reports reaching here, vast areas in and around Rajbhan Vihar have been occupied by the vendors with their stalls centring the festival which has special significance after the singing of the historic CHT peace accord.  
Ministers, chairman of the task force on tribal refugees affairs and chairmen of the three local district councils are expected to attend the religious occasion.

### JBC structure discussed

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Commerce was held at Sangsad Bhaban yesterday, reports BSS.  
Committee chairman Razuddin Ahmed Razu presided over the meeting.  
The meeting discussed in detail the organogram, manpower and administrative structure of Jiban Bima Corporation (JBC).  
It stressed the need for making the corporation (JBC) more dynamic and effective and advised the concerned authorities to take steps to invest in different profitable ventures from the investible funds accumulated through premiums.  
Besides, the meeting discussed JBC's financial management and its subscribers service activities.  
Committee members Commerce and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed, Mohammad Habibur Rahman Manik, Master Mujibur Rahman, Akhter Hamid Siddiqui, Mohammad Mosharrar Hossain and Sarwar Zomal Nizam attended the meeting.  
Commerce Secretary Syed Alamgir Faruq and concerned high officials were present.

### Computerisation of govt bodies, NGOs stressed

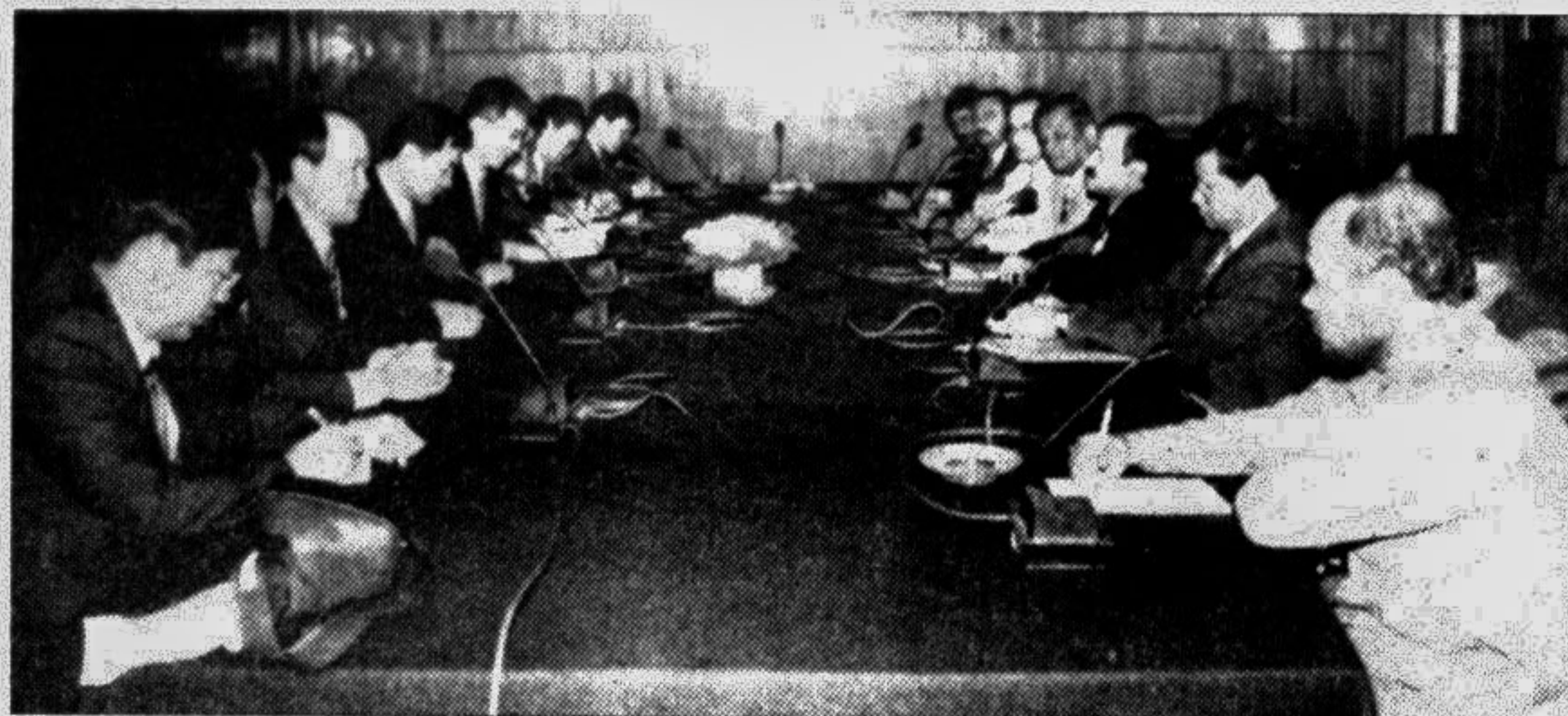
The certificate awarding ceremony of the two-month long three computer application courses organised by BUET Computer Centre was held on Wednesday at the seminar room of the University, reports BSS.  
Prof Dr Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, former adviser of the caretaker government, distributed certificates as chief guest among the participants.  
In his speech, Prof Chowdhury emphasised rapid computerisation of different government and non-government organisations.  
Presided over by Prof Dr A B M Siddique Hossain, Director, Computer Centre, the function was also addressed by course coordinator Dr Md Reza Hasan Khondokar. A total of one hundred twenty officials of different government, semi-government, autonomous bodies and non-government organisations participated in the courses.

### Rab returns today

Shipping Minister and president of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) A S M Abdur Rab is expected to return home today after treatment at a United States hospital, an official press release said yesterday, reports BSS.  
Rab went to the USA on the advice of a medical board. He was admitted to Suhrawardy Hospital following a heart attack on September 28.

### Qulqhwani

The qulqhwani of Senior Assistant Police Super (retd) Alhaj Md Moqbul Hossain will be held today at his 205/A, Khilgaon Tilpapa residence in the city after Asr prayers, says a press release.  
Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the qulqhwani.  
Moqbul Hossain died on October 24 following a massive heart attack at his residence.  
He left behind wife, two sons, three daughters and a host of relatives to mourn his death.



The visiting Chinese delegation called on the State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury at the conference room of the foreign ministry yesterday. —PID photo

### Ignorance, superstition still nurture disease like leprosy

Ignorance and superstition still nurture the once-dreaded disease like leprosy which attacked some 1.33 lakh people across the country, reports APB.  
The findings have been released by the Danish Bangladesh Leprosy Mission (DBLM) based in the northern district of Nilphamari.  
"Due to superstition and ignorance many cases of leprosy remain undetected, until those take a serious turn," Dr Steve Whittington, the project Director of DBLM, told APB.  
According to the foreign experts working here, leprosy, also called 'Hension disease,' can be cured in six months to one year's time.  
The Damien Foundation, another non-government organisation of Belgium, which operates in 27 countries around the world, is playing a vital role in fighting leprosy in Bangladesh.  
In collaboration with the Damien Foundation, the DBLM set up 600 clinics in the country in 1972 to root out leprosy.  
A total of 93,000 cases of leprosy have been registered with the DBLM since then, of whom 80,000 have already been cured. There are some 13,000 leprosy cases currently under treatment.  
An estimated 40,000 leprosy cases are yet to be detected throughout the country, the physicians said.  
The organism of leprosy enters the human body by inhalation, infection or inoculation through the skin. The germs are also transmitted by close contact of a healthy person with a patient for a long time.  
Skin-to-skin contact does not acquire this infection, the experts said.  
They said incubation period of leprosy varied from a few months to few years or more.  
The experts suggested that an extensive mass awareness campaign should be launched to free the country from the curse of leprosy.

### More donations to PM's Relief Fund

More organisations yesterday donated Taka 11,94,598 to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for the flood affected people, reports BSS.  
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina received the donations at her official residence at Ganobhaban.

### Jatiya Press Club distributes money in Narsingdi

Jatiya Press Club on Wednesday distributed some cash money among 28 flood affected families of Narsingdi, reports BSS.  
Jatiya Press Club president Reazuddin Ahmed, general secretary Khandaker Manirul Alam, joint secretary Quamrul Islam Chowdhury and treasurer Swapan Saha distributed the money among the affected families at Narsingdi Press Club.  
Reazuddin Ahmed thanked Narsingdi Press Club for its cooperation in this regard.

### Jiban Chowdhury hospitalised

Eminent film director, producer and social worker Jiban Chowdhury with heart ailment, diabetes and other complications is now under going treatment at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University in the city, reports BSS.  
Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Zillur Rahman accompanied by central leaders of Awami League yesterday visited ailing Jiban Chowdhury and enquired about his condition. He wished early recovery of Chowdhury, elder brother of State Minister for LGRD and Cooperative Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya.  
Jiban Chowdhury, 60, took part in the war of liberation. A close associate of legendary filmmaker Zahir Raihan, Chowdhury under his own production directed a feature film titled 'Bela Shesher Gaan' in 1970.

### 100 posts of govt school teachers lying vacant in Khulna division

**KHULNA, Oct 29:** More than 100 posts of teachers are lying vacant in 36 government-run secondary schools in Khulna division, reports APB.  
Unofficial sources said, the vacant posts include 19 posts of headmaster, 17 of assistant headmaster and 72 of assistant teacher.

### Programme for Literacy and Economic Advancement (PLEA) Adviser Dr Q K Ahmad and Executive President Munira Islam distributing relief materials among flood victims at Uttara recently.



International Voluntary Services Inc (IVS) and Esho Kaj Kori (EKK) jointly distributed relief goods at Bazra Union under Ulipur Thana in Kurigram district recently. The operation was carried out under USAID funding. TNO of Ulipur Thana, Director EKK and IVS representatives were present.

### 1.81 lakh families given VGF cards in Comilla

**COMILLA, Oct 29:** A total of 1,81,700 flood affected distressed families have been given VGF cards here under the post-flood rehabilitation programme of the government, reports UNB.  
Official sources said each card holder of 179 unions in 12 thanas and of 18 wards in five pourashavas will receive eight kg of rice and eight kg of wheat per month.  
Some 2907.200 metric tons of rice and wheat have been allocated under the VGF programme in the district and the distribution has already been started from October 18.  
Meanwhile, the government has also allocated Tk 2,65,830 as carrying cost of the allocated food grains.

### IPS office shifted

The office of Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) has been shifted from Mohakhali to House No 8/4, Block A in Lal-matia, says a press release.  
The telephone number, fax number and e-mail number of the new office are 9111498, 880-2-816966 and ips @ citechco.net respectively, the release added.

### Directive to give agri-loans to farmers without collateral

**HABIGANJ, Oct 29:** Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria said banks had been directed to give agri-loans not only to land owners but also to marginal farmers and share-croppers without collateral, reports APB.  
He reaffirmed the government instructions while addressing a meeting of local MPs, other public representatives and elite as well as departmental heads engaged in disbursement of farm credits and post-flood relief and rehabilitation programme at the Circuit House auditorium here today.  
The finance minister said the bank lending was meant to bring back buying capacity of the rural masses, hit hard by the recent flood.  
"Import duty on power tillers was also exempted so that the peasants could benefit by properly utilising the money borrowed from the banks," Kibria told the function.  
He further said steps were being taken to set up a complain centre in each thana to bring transparency in distribution of the loans.  
Parliamentary Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister Suranjit Sengupta, parliament members Dewan Farid Gazi and Hosne Ara Wahid were present.  
The finance minister also distributed foodstuff and agricultural loans among the VGF card-holding destitutes at Deorgach in Chunarughat thana today. Enamul Huq Mostafa Shahid MP was present.  
Each VGF cardholder has been receiving 8-kg rice and 8-kg wheat every month, said an official handout.

### Saudi unit of BNP donates Tk 8 lakh for flood victims

The Saudi unit of BNP has donated over Tk 8 lakh to the party's relief and rehabilitation fund for the country's flood victims, reports UNB.  
BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia received four cheques against the amount from the unit leaders at 29 Minto Road on Wednesday evening.  
Speaking on the occasion, Begum Zia urged the expatriate party men to work together for strengthening the organisation as well as creating scope for new leadership.  
"All of you should remain alert against any infighting to keep up the party's image aboard," she told her party's expatriate leaders.  
BNP's Saudi unit leaders Enamul Huq Khokon, Ruhul Amin Babul, Joyanal Abedin Hazari, Dr Kaiser Alam and Zibalur Rahman were among others present on the occasion.

### Robber nabbed in Satkhira

**SATKHIRA, Oct 29:** One alleged dacoit was nabbed by the villagers of Kashinathpur after they chased a gang of dacoits on Tuesday night, reports BSS.  
According to police sources, the robbers attempted to loot the houses of Shudhamoy Kumar and Bimal Paul of village Kashinathpur under sadar thana of the district on hearing the hue and cry of the inmates of the houses, the villagers chased the robbers who opened fire at them. Two villagers received bullet injuries. At one stage one of the robbers fell down on the road. The villagers nabbed him and recovered one pipe gun with seven rounds of line cartridges from his possession. He was identified, as Surat Ali of village Hitampur under Paikgachha thana. The other robbers fled away after mass beating. Surat Ali who was handed over to the police, was admitted to Satkhira sadar hospital.  
A case was filed with the police in this connection.

### Computer-based exam centre for GMAT, GRE tests opens

American Alumni Association inaugurated its new computer-based testing centre here on Wednesday to enable Bangladeshi students to take standardised tests required for entrance to American graduate schools on the computer, reports UNB.  
Two Bangladeshi students were the very first in this country to take the GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test) on the computer on the opening day.  
Computer-based Testing (CBT) makes the GRE (Graduate Record exam) and the GMAT available throughout the year instead of just two to three times a year.  
Computer-based testing will allow official score reports to be mailed to students and the educational institutions of their choice within 10-15 days after the test date, according to a USIS press release.

### US envoy visits Sherpur

**SHERPUR, Oct 29:** US Ambassador to Bangladesh John C Holzman today visited some areas in Nokla and Nalabari thanas of the district to see post-flood rehabilitation programmes for himself, reports UNB.  
He visited Dhanakusha in Nokla and Nayabeel, Jogania and Ramchandrakura areas in Nalabari thanas and distributed some VGF cards and relief materials there.  
The Ambassador also inaugurated the Ganapadi-Barakandi road, being implemented by USAID. Care and LGED, and visited the rubber dam-cum-bridge on the river Bhogai.  
The Ambassador was accompanied by Food and Agriculture Minister Begum Motia Chowdhury, his wife, higher officials of the US Embassy and Atiur Rahman, MP.

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## Tender Notice

**No.08/of Sylhet Road Division during 1998-99**

08/of Sylhet Road Division, Sylhet, 1998-99.  
Tender for macadam, repairing with carpeting method, carpeting & seal coat work at different km. of different road under Sylhet Road Division, Sylhet in 20 (Twenty) Groups during the year 1998-99.

- Tender Notice No
- Name of works
- Charge to
- Estimated cost
- Earnest money
- Whom estimate approved
- Time allowed
- Name of offices where this tender will be received
- Name of offices where tender document will be sold
- Last date of selling of the tender
- Last date and time of receiving the tender
- Last date and time of opening the tender
- Date of lottery
- Eligibility of contractor
- Group list

Gr No.	Name of work & location	Head	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed	Eligibility of contractor
1	Repairing with carpeting method, carpeting & seal coat work at 2nd. km. (Town area) of Sylhet Salutarik-Companyganj-Bhologari road. 930 Metre.	168-(Mtc.)	Tk. 14,29,650/00	Tk. 28,593/00	40 (Forty) days	RHD, 'A' to 'C' general category and 'D' general categories of Road Circle, Sylhet.
2	Damaged pavement repairing with macadam, seal coat & construction of retaining wall at 4th. (P) km. of Golapganj-Bhadeswar road. 500 Metre.	-Do-	Tk. 11,18,836/00	Tk. 22,377/00	-Do-	-Do-
3	Repairing with carpeting method carpeting & seal coat work at 24th. km (Town area) of Sylhet-Sherpur road 1000 Metre	-Do-	Tk. 11,62,054/00	Tk. 23,242/00	-Do-	-Do-
4	Repairing and seal coat work at 7th and 9th. (P) km. of Sylhet-Tamabil road. 1200 Metre.	-Do-	Tk. 8,54,678/00	Tk. 17,094/00	30 (Thirty) Days	-Do-
5	-Do- at 6th km. of -Do- road. 1000 Metre	-Do-	Tk. 7,25,128/00	Tk. 14,519/00	-Do-	RHD, 'A' to 'C' general category Road Circle, Sylhet and 'E' general categories contractors.
6	-Do- at 34th. (P) km. and 35th. km. of -Do- road. 1100 Metre	-Do-	Tk. 7,00,925/00	Tk. 14,019/00	-Do-	-Do-
7	-Do- at 41st. (P) and 42nd. (P) km. of -Do- road. 650 Metre	-Do-	Tk. 6,29,067/00	Tk. 12,581/00	-Do-	-Do-
8	-Do- at 9th. and 10th. (P) km. of Sylhet-Sutarkandi road	-Do-	Tk. 7,86,159/00	Tk. 15,723/00	-Do-	-Do-
9	Repairing with carpeting method, carpeting & seal coat work at 38th & 39th km (P) of Charkhai-Zakiganj road. 1750 Metre.	-Do-	Tk. 7,88,378/00	Tk. 15,768/00	-Do-	-Do-
10	Repairing with carpeting method, carpeting & seal coat work at 9th. km (P) of Sylhet-Sherpur road. 796 Metre.	-Do-	Tk. 9,20,902/00	Tk. 18,418/00	35 (Thirty five) days	RHD, 'A' to 'C' general category and 'D' general categories of Road Circle, Sylhet.
11	-Do- at 6th km. of -Do- road. 1000 Metre	-Do-	Tk. 7,85,537/00	Tk. 15,711/00	30 (Thirty) days	RHD, 'A' to 'C' general category and 'D' general categories of Road Circle and Sylhet Road Division 'E' general categories.
12	-Do- at 17th km. of -Do- road. 1000 Metre	-Do-	Tk. 6,21,087/00	Tk. 12,422/00	-Do-	-Do-
13	Repairing and seal coat work at 11th (P) km. of Sylhet-Tamabil road. 450 Metre.	-Do-	Tk. 3,50,577/00	Tk. 7,012/00	20 (Twenty) days	-Do-
14	-Do- at last (P) of 11th. km. of Sylhet-Sutarkandi road. 500 Metre.	-Do-	Tk. 2,60,224/00	Tk. 5,204/00	-Do-	-Do-
15	Repairing with carpeting method, carpeting & seal coat work at 1st. (P) of 12th. km. of Sylhet-Sutarkandi road. 500 Metre.	-Do-	Tk. 2,63,639/00	Tk. 5,273/00	-Do-	-Do-
16	-Do- at 9th. km. of Sheola-Banibazar-Baraiganj road. 1000 Metre	-Do-	Tk. 4,19,118/00	Tk. 8,382/00	30 (Thirty) days	-Do-
17	-Do- at 6th (P) and 7th (P) km. of -Do- road. 700 Metre.	-Do-	Tk. 4,07,904/00	Tk. 8,158/00	-Do-	-Do-
18	Repairing with carpeting method, carpeting & seal coat work at 12th (P) & 13th (P) km of Char Zakiganj road. 700 Metre.	-Do-	Tk. 3,09,420/00	Tk. 6,188/00	30 (Thirty) days	-Do-
19	-Do- at 20/1 bridge approach of 20th. km. of -Do- road.	-Do-	Tk. 2,59,509/00	Tk. 4,198/00	20 (Twenty) days	-Do-
20	-Do- at 37th. (P) km. of Sylhet-Sherpur road.	-Do-	Tk. 4,29,679/00	Tk. 8,594/00	30 (Thirty) days	-Do-

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