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Uplift projects being implemented

KISHOREGANJ, Mar 16: Kishoreganj Zilla Parisad is implementing 44 development projects of the last year 1997-98 at a cost Taka 2,33,00,000, reports BSS.

According to Zilla Parisad official sources, the projects were taken in the last 1997-98 fiscal year, but the implementation remained incomplete. The projects included construction and reconstruction of buildings and government houses.

Foodgrains for destitutes

NARSINGDI, Mar 16: Foodgrains have been distributed among the members of the destitute families in six thanas of Narsingdi district during the last six months under the Vulner-

able Group Feeding (VGF) programme, reports BSS.

According to official sources, the foodgrains were distributed at the rate of 15 kgs to each of 2,100 families for the month of August and September, 15 kgs to each of 75,100 families for the month of October and 20 kgs for the months of November, December and February '99. The District Relief and Rehabilitation Department distributed 2,100 cards for the month of August and September, 75,100 cards for the month of October and 80,400 cards for the next months.

Pirates taken on remand

PATUAKHALI, Mar 16: Six members of an inter-district gang of pirates arrested on March 5 have been taken on a fiveday remand in a bid to unearth their suspected links with the Islamic Tiger Group and Harkat-ul-Zihad, reports UNB.

Police said the six pirates were arrested from a trawler in a canal in Golachipa after getting information of the preparing to loot a bazaar on the following day. On the same day, they also arrested another member from Kalaroa village on the basis of their confessional statement and recovered materials of making pipe gun, some lethal weapons and looted goods from a house. It is suspected that they might have some links with the ITG and HZ groups.

Baden Powell's birth anniversary

BHERAMARA, Mar 16: The 142nd birth anniversary of Lord Baden Powell, the founder of scouting was observed here recently, reports BSS.

Teachers, students and scouts of Bheramara Pilot High School organised a discussion at the school premises on the occasion. Ruhul Islam, headmaster of the school presided over the function. The discussion was addressed, among others, by Matiur Rahman Khan, Md Anwarul Azim and Giasuddin Khan.

Alleged rapist arrested

TANGAIL, Mar 16: Tangail police arrested one Rafiqul Islam, an accused of a rape case from Katuli recently, reports BSS.

Police said Rafiqul Islam raped the 15-year-old daughter of one day-labour of village Bhabanipur in Katuli union of sadar thana. She was returning to her home purchasing rice and pulses from the bazar. Rafique forcibly took her to the roadside wheat field and raped her.

Triennial confce of Krishak League

SATKHIRA, Mar 16: Triennial conference of Bangladesh Krishak League, Satkhira district branch was held at Shahid Abdur Razzak Park auditorium on Friday, reports BSS.

MA Wadud, Joint Secretary of Bangladesh Krishak League central committee and engineer Mujibur Rahman were present in the conference as the chief guest and the special guest respec-tively. The conference was presided over by Sardar Anisur Rahman. Sardar Anisur Rahman and Mohammad Manzur Hossain were elected president and general secretary respectively of Bangladesh Krishak League, Satkhira district branch, in the triennial conference.

Man with forged notes held

NARSINGDI, Mar 16: Police on Sunday arrested a man from Najarpur union with 10 forged notes of Tk 500 denomination, reports UNB.

The arrested identified as Abul Bashar, 38, Imam of Chariapara mosque in Sadar thana, was nabbed following a secret information.

Further investigation is going on.

Plan to construct Bailey Bridge

MADARIPUR, Mar 16: Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Madaripur has taken up a plan to construct 67.07 metre long bailey bridge at the first kilometre of Shibchar bypass of Panchar Shibchar-Madaripur road in the 1998-99 financial year, reports BSS.

The construction cost Taka 75,79,625. The communication network of Madaripur district is expected to improve after the implementation of the project.

Large scale Boro cultivation

BHERAMARA, Mar 16: A large scale cultivation of Boro paddy in six thanas of Kushtia district is going to start in the

current season, reports BSS. According to Agriculture Extension Department, a total of about thirty-three thousand hectares will be brought under Boro cultivation in these areas in this season. Of these, six thousand five hundred hectares will be cultivated in Bheramara thana, six thousand five hundred hectares in Kushtia sadar thana, six thousand five hundred hectares in Daulatpur thana, five thousand hectares in Kumarkhali thana and four thousand hectares in Khoksa thana. The authorities concerned has already taken necessary steps for supplying seeds, fertiliser, pesticides to farmers to make the cultivation successful.

Hemp recovered

NARSINGDI, Mar 16: A team of the Department of Narcotics Control in Narsingdi led by Deputy Director Prodip Kumar Howlader made several raids in different places of Narsingdi town recently, reports BSS.

The team recovered 500 gram of hemp, 257 bottles of phensidyl, 97 litres of foreign liquor, 30 litres of spirit causing the raids. The team also arrested three persons and filed four cases against them.

2,247 HSC candidates punished

COMILLA, Mar 16: Comilla Education Board has taken punitive measures against 2,247 HSC candidates of 1998 on various charges, including misconduct and adopting unfairmeans in examinations, reports UNB.

The disciplinary committee of the board has taken the action after reviewing the secret reports of invigilators and other irregularities revealed by the board authorities, officials said. They said of the expelled HSC examinees, 1,888 candidates whose examinations were cancelled by the board, will be able to appear in this year's examinations from their respective colleges as casual examinees. However, the board has barred 326 expelled students from participating in examinations for one year, six for two years and 27 for three years for their severe misconduct.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Works Resources

Sub-Division, Dewanhat, Chittagong **Auction Notice of Survey-Report Goods**

Memo No. B-22/46 Sealed auction quotation is hereby invited from all classes of enlisted contractors of the Public Works Department and interested individual or establishment for sale of iron trussel set in group as mentioned in the attached schedule on the basis of as and where it is kept at the office premises of Section No 1 in Mansurabad godown in Public Works Division No 4, Chittagong under Public Works Resources Sub-division, Dewanhat, Chittagong. Sealed quotations will be received till 12:00 Noon on 25-3-99 in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned, Chittagong Public Works Division No-4, Chittagong, Public Works Sub-Division No 8/9 and Arboriculture Office, Chittagong and will be opened the same day at 12:30 pm before the participants in auction quotation. Schedule of the auction can be purchased till 24-3-99 during office hours on payment of Taka 50 (fifty) (non-refundable) in cash from the office of Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No-4, Chittagong, Sub-division Engineer, Public Works Sub-division No 8/9/Resources and Arboriculture, Chittagong. No schedule will be sold on the day of receiving the auction quotation.

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Abu Taher Sub-Divisional Engineer Public Works Resources Sub-Division Dewanhat, Chittagong

Fertiliser crisis raises concern among farmers in dists

By Staff Correspondent

causes financial losses.

'relationship'.

290 and Tk 300.

Sources close to these deal-

ers told that promptness to get

the sale order from this com-

mittee depends on the

Prices of urea fertiliser and

diesel have shot up in the dis-

trict threatening Irri-Boro cul-

urea fertiliser per 50-kg bag is

being sold between Tk 340 and

Tk 350 in the last fortnight in

different markets as against Tk

tilisers in a recent meeting with

administration proposed to sell

the fertiliser above Tk 300. But

the administration did not

selling at high prices creating

artificial crisis, the sources

sources said many dealers lifted

less fertiliser than their allot-

ted quantity during the last

sold out their allotment order

at the mill gate while some oth-

administration informed that

there is no fertiliser crisis in

the district but he agreed that

the dealers are lifting less

people in six thanas - Sadar.

Sailakupa, Kaliganj

fries are also caught by the net.

of fish fry of various species,

particularly hilsa, are being

caught everyday in the area.

Fishermen keep only hilsa fry

or Jhatka and left the other

about 4000-5000 fries and the

total number of fries being

caught in a day is about 15 to 20

hilsa fry rises to 13 to 15 crore

in the three months only in

these areas of the river Meghna.

share of the fishing regularly.

said the sources adding that

prior to any drive to stop the il-

legal fishing of fry, they inform

the fishermen in advance mak-

ing the efforts futile.

The gross total of the caught

The concerned officials get

lakh, the sources added.

Each of the baskets contains

About 500 large basket full

said the sources.

It is learnt that a total of 58

quantity than their allotment.

Consequently, they started

Fertiliser Monitoring Cell

Some dealers also allegedly

While contacted the district

agree to their proposal.

couple to months.

tificial scarcity.

Dealers of the chemical fer-

According to local farmers,

tivation at its pick season.

UNB from Jhenidah reports:

Scarcity of fertiliser in various parts of the country has raised great concern among the

farmers in these days. Our Jessore correspondent Atiur Rahman says: Fertiliser crisis has been affecting adversely IRRI cultivation here during the current season.

Farmers have become worried at such situation. Because one bag of urea is now being sold at Taka 350 in the rural markets.

Urea is being supplied to the dealers at the rate of Taka 240 per bag from the mill gate and Taka 275 from the local buffer stock. Mill gate supplied urea is being sold at the rate of Taka 275 and buffer stock supplied urea at the rate of Taka 290.

When contacted, a group of dealers told The Daily Star that nearly 70 per cent urea of the whole year's supply is needed in three months from January to March for cultivation of IRRI

and Boro.crops They blamed the unjustified supply policy of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) for the current cri-

They elaborated that BCIC had no knowledge of the period when urea is used much by the farmers. BCIC keeps on allocating urea at the same rate throughout the year. So when the season begins for maximum usage of urea, the crisis comes following its limited supply by

They also informed that in the month of January the dealers got 57 tons of urea from the mill gate and 38 tons from the buffer stock. In February, they received 57 tons of urea from

BARISAL, Mar 16: Ignoring

The first three months of the

government ban, fishermen are

fries, known as Jhatka, every-

fishing about 15 lakh hilsa

day from different parts of the

year is the ideal time for fishing

Hilsa fries in different areas of

Barisal, Chandpur and Lax-

mipur districts, stretching over

30 kilometres of the river, said

fishing 'Jhatka' is from mid-

January to mid-March, they

openly, as there is no action

against them by the officials of

the law enforcing agencies and

the Fisheries Department.

Sources among the fishermen

community alleged that these

Dhaka.

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officials get regular share of the

The most suitable period for

The fishermen fish the fry

the local people.

river Meghna, reports UNB.

the mill gate and 56 tones from the local buffer stock. This supply was too in sufficient to

meet the demand, they told. Apprehending the crisis, the dealers met the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Jessore, who is the Chairman of District Fertiliser Monitoring Committee. He is supposed to arrange an additional allocation of urea to avert the impending crisis.

The DC has already faxed the BCIC, who in response, allocated another 500 tons of urea including the quota of March this year in addition to their usual quota, but it was also too meagre to meet the current de-

General Secretary Of the lo-

cal District Fertiliser Association told that in fact there had been no urea crisis in this area. It was abundantly available in Nowapara market. Price was the question now, he added. He alleged that most urea

dealers usually sell out their entire quota in Nowapara after lifting it during the off season and return empty. Dishonest businessmen,

who hoard urea by purchasing it in the blackmarkets give the sale in the peak season, which falls usually in the months of January to March and make good money thereby. Besides, the role played by ers stockpiled it to create an arthe fertiliser monitoring com-

is quite regretful. It is alleged that this committee did not give prompt decsion to sell urea. They make things complicated by calling for various informations one

after another with the deliber-

ate intention to lengthen the

SYLHET: Munajat being offered after the inauguration of Jalalpur Bridge in Sadar

thana by Foreign Minister Alhaj Abdus Samad Azad on Tuesday. — Star photo

15 lakh Hilsa fries being netted

every day from Meghna

Vast areas including Gob-

indapur of Mehendiganj to

Bausia of Hijla thana in

Barisal, Haimnchar, Gobinda-

pur char and Udaypur char of

Chandpur district and Haji-

mara of Laxmipur district are

the safe place for the fishermen.

collecting 'Jhatka' for the fish-

ermen as they were given shel-

ter by the law enforcing agen-

cies as well as the officials of

Over 30 engine boats (locally

known as Sabar) each with 15

to 20 fishermen fish fries from

visiting the spots found that

they use 'asfa' (one kind of net

made of perforated linen) to col-

UNB correspondent while

the Fisheries Department," al-

leged the locals.

the area.

"It has become a free zone for

fishing in cash from them.

mittee at district or thana level

process of the file to get the sale The dealers are being hadealership to ensure smooth rassed in this way. It also

supply of fertiliser.

vation in the current season. per liter diesel is being sold in different local markets between

power supply is also hampering the cultivation, they added. concerned to take proper measures for reducing prices of essential inputs including fertiliser and diesel to help boost

season.

The price of urea has shot up by Tk 50 per bag at different places area and its adjacent dis-

A 50kg urea bag is being sold at Tk 320-330 in various mar-

of Tk 270. The government has ap-pointed 36 dealers in this dis-

frict to distribute fertiliser at fair prices.

holder dealer in the last month.

Kotchandpur, Mosherpasha and Horina Kunda - were given

Agriculture Extension Department sources said some 50,000 hectares of land have been brought under Boro culti-

However, the farmers said Tk 15 and Tk 19 as against the normal rate of Tk 13. Erratic

They urged the authorities production.

UNB reports: Prices of fertilisers, particularly urea, have increased in the northern districts, including Natore in recent days threatening the production of IRRI-Boro paddy this

A section of dishonest traders have created an artificial scarcity of fertiliser to reap the benefit.

kets as against the normal price

According to official sources, 104 metric tons of urea was sanctioned to each licence

KHAGRACHHARI Mar 16:

has caused an adverse impact on the environment here. Thousands of trees are being cut down daily to meet the requirement of fuel, furniture and fuel in brickfields. As a result,

Indiscriminate felling of trees

the number of trees in decreasing alarmingly. While visiting defferent places, it was seen that there

Arafat Killing Day today

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY. Mar 16: Tomorrow is Arafat Killing Day.

On this day in 1992, Arafat was killed by police firing on the campus. He was in a joint demonstration of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), Bangladesh Chhatra Moitri (BCM), Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) and other left leaning parties who laid seige to the then Vice-Chancellor's residence.

They were demanding the ouster of Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) arms cadres from the university. At that time ICS established a reign of terror on the campus. However, police in a bid to disperse the demonstrators from the scene opened fire.

Earlier, the demonstrators were locked in a clash with police. Initially police opened blank fire, but ultimately they shot at the demonstrators which led to the death of Arafat.

It is worth mentioning. Arafat hailed from Rangpur.

Forests vanishing fast in Khagrachhari From Shuvra Jyoti Chakma was no big trees in the

area. There were many big trees in the hilly areas here. Local experts said, no trees are being planted against cutting of each and every tree. As a result, trees are decreasing very quickly

Besides, it is widely alleged that the Forest Department is not sincere in saving the reserved forest. Besides, they are helping indirectly to the wood lifters, local people alleged.

Forest Department sources said, there are 1,45,984 hectares of forest land in the district. Among those, 44,144.51 acores of forest are called as reserved forest where 'tick' trees were planted about 30 years before. Tribal people who are usually engaged in 'jhum' cultivation in the hills, planted those trees against their cultivation. But those valuable trees now are going to vanish day after day as the lifters are very active. As a result, the government is depriving of a huge amount of rev-

Tree lifter are responsible directly for the destruction of forests. There is no perfect rules here for the 'jhum' cultivators and woodsellers.

In Khagrachhari many organisations formed. Although the organisations claim to have gardens of various trees. But in fact most of organisation have no garden at all

Meanwhile, woods are being used as fuel in the brickfields instead of coal. According to brickfield owners association source, there are 35 brickfields in Khagrachhari where thousands of maunds of wood are being burnt as fuel everyday.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh **Health Directorate** Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212 Memo No: HD/ME/IHT/98/133 Dated: 9/3/99

Subject: Notice of Admission into Diploma-in-Health Technology Course

Applications are invited under terms and conditions as mentioned below for admission of admission of into different branches of 3 (three) year Diploma-in-Health Technology Course in the Institute of Health Technology in Dhaka and Rajshahi during 1998-99 academic session under the directorate. Male/female students will be admitted in the Institute of Health Technology in Dhaka and Rajshahi

Notice

as per following allocation. Allocation of 6 branches in Dhaka . (Kha) Allocation of 3 branches in Rajshahi Medical Technology (Lab) Medical Technology (Lab) Medical Technology (Radio) Medical Technology (Radio) Medical Technology (Physio) Diploma Pharmacy Medical Technology SIT Medical Technology (Dentistry) Diploma Pharmacy

2 (a) Candidates will be selected from total seats as mentioned in section 1 (Ka) and (Kha) 60% on the basis of merit and rest of the 40% on the basis of population of six divisions as per quota and

In case of claim of divisional quota the attested copy of certificate issued by the class I magistrate/official of the district/division as mentioned in the application/permanent district/ division of the candidate/local city corporation mayor/ pourashava chairman or authorised official/Thana Nirbahi Officer/Union Parishad Chairman will have to be attached.

At least 30% seats will be reserved for women in case of administration departmental candidates in each branch. But if no suitable candidate is found it will be filled up from general merit list.

For tribal candidates a total of 3 (three) additional seats 2 (two) seats in Dhaka Institute of Health Technology and I (one) in Rajshahi Institute of Health Technology, will be reserved. They should have similar minimum educational qualification like other general male/female students and will have to appear at the same admission test. They will have to submit certificates regarding district, tribe and character from the deputy commissioners of their respective district and tribes head along with the application.

Candidates willing to get themselves admitted will have to be citizens of Bangladesh and must pass at least SSC (Science) or its equivalent examination in first division from any education board or any approved university/board. Applications of those candidates who have passed the SSC examination before 1996 will not be accepted.

Only the departmental candidates in service will be admitted in SIT branch. These candidates must pass at least Higher Secondary Certificate Exam in any group in any division. They will also be selected on the basis of total marks obtained in SSC and HSC examinations.

All departmental candidates serving in all faculties can apply and 10% seats will be reserved for the departmental candidates. But they should have three years' experience of service in the subject concerned and will have to apply through proper channel Departmental candidates whose age on 4th April, 1999 is above 35 will not be considered for

admission. By departmental candidates in SIT faculty those who have three years' experience as health assistant/AHI/ sanitary assistant/HI/FWW/ conservancy inspector under Ministry of Health or

autonomous organisation are meant. Following documents will have to be deposited with application:-Attested photocopy of original/provisional certificate of SSC (Science) or its equivalent

examination or attested photocopy of testimonial issued by the headmaster of school. Attested photocopy of marksheet of SSC or its equivalent examination. Attested copy of certificate regarding the district in which the candidate resides issued by the

chairman or union parishad or pourasabha will have to be attached. Three copies of attested passport size photographs recently taken. Candidates willing to get admitted in SIT branch will have to deposit attested photocopy of original certificate of SSC and HSC or its equivalent examinations and attested photocopy of

marksheets of examinations. Departmental candidates will have to submit (photocopy) of certificate of completion of 3 years service after collecting it from the head of the organisation.

8 (a) Each candidate will have to appear at the written test of total marks of 100 (one hundred) as per

SSC syllabus (Bangla-10, English 10, Mathematics-20, Science-First Paper-20, Second Paper 20,

General Knowledge -20). 10% of marks obtained in SSC or its equivalent examination Written test (MCO) =100

(c) If the total marks obtained is equal, then the merit selection will be made on the basis of marks obtained in General Science in SSC examination. No written test will be held in SIT branch. Merit list will be prepared on the basis of total marks obtained. Result will be published on the

basis of position secured in merit list and option given by the candidate. Candidates will have to get admitted in the institute in which he will appear at the admission test. If the selected candidates are not admitted in stipulated time, then it will be filled in from the waiting list according to merit. Original certificate and marksheet will have to be deposited in the office of the Principal at the time of admission. Candidates will be regarded as selected finally after they are considered suitable by the Medical Board in health check-up.

Candidates can procure application form by depositing the fee of Taka 20/- (twenty taka) (nonrefundable) till 18th March 1999 in the office of Principal of institute in which he desires to apply for admission. It will have to be properly filled in and deposited the application form along with Taka 230/- (two hundred & thirty taka) as centre fee (non-refundable). Application form will have to be deposited in the institute from where it has been procured. Money receipt must be attached with the application form. Incomplete application form and with errors will be treated as

rejected. Admit card will have to be collected at the time of depositing application form. The last date of submission of application form is 6th April 1999, Tuesday, and the admission test is on 23rd April, 1999, Friday at 10 am in the venue specified by the respective institute

authorities. Detailed information regarding admission can be known from the offices of the respective institutes during office hours.

Course will be conducted as per existing curriculum.

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Each candidate selected for admission will have to give bond in prescribed form/table as per existing rules during admission that there will be no obligation or assurance to those who have completed the course regarding their appointment in government service.

> Professor Shah Monir Hossein Director

Medical Education & Health Population Development. Health Directorate, Mohakhali, Dhaka

Total= 200

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Section 1 Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh **Local Government Engineering Department**

Office of the Thana Engineer

Thana: Keranigonj, District: Dhaka

Memo No LGED/TE.K/216 Dated: 07.3.99 Invitation for Bids (IFB)

IFB No 09/98-99 The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Credit from the Interim Fund administered by the International Development Association, hereinafter referred to as the IDA, in various currencies towards the cost of the Primary Education Development Project (PEDP) for Dhaka Rajshahi & Khulna Divisions (Phase II) and intends to apply part of the Credit to cover eligible payments under the Contract for repairing of Gokul Char, Potkajor, Baghapur char, Naya Suverdha, 74 No Kalmarchar and Ambagicha Govt. Primary School bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Credit Agreement.

On behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), as represented by the Thana Engineer, LGED, Keranigonj Thana, Dhaka District invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction and completion of the works listed below (Sl No 8). Interested bidders may obtain further information from, and inspect the Bidding Documents at the office of the Thana Engineer, LGED, Keranigonj Thana, at District, Dhaka or at the office of the

Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Dhaka. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to one of the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk 300/- (Taka three hundred) for each set. The bidding documents will be available during

office hours up to 22.3.99 [Date] Bids shall be valid for a period of 120 days after bid opening and must be accompanied by Bid Security (Earnest Money) in Taka in the form of Demand Draft, Pay Order or Sanchaya Patra in favour of the Thana Engineer, LGED, Keranigonj Thana, Dhaka District as mentioned under Sl 8.
All bids must be delivered to (received in) the office of the Thana Engineer, LGED, Keranigonj

Thana, District: Dhaka and office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Dhaka up to 3:00 PM on 23.3.99 [Date] Bids will be opened in the presence of those bidders representatives who choose to attend at 3:15 PM on 23.3.99 [Date] at the office of the Thana Engineer, LGED, Keranigonj Thana, District:

List of works as stated below: Name of the work **Bid Security** Estimated Eligible Contractor Time for cost (Tk) (Earnest Completion Money in Tk) of work Gokul Char Govt Pri School 1,50,000/-3,750/-All eligible bidders 60 days. Potkajor Govt Pri School 1,50,000/-3,750/registered with LGED and 60 days Baghapur Char Govt Pri School 1,00,000/-2,500/foreign bidders of eligible 60 days Naya Suverdha Govt Pri School 1,50,000/-3,750/member countries of World 60 days 74 No Kalmarchar Govt Pri School 1,50,000/-Bank without registered 3,750/-60 days Ambagicha Govt Primary School 1,50,000/-3,750/with LGED but if awarder 60 days contract, would be required

Thana Engineer

to registered with LGED Md Mahbub Alam Keranigoni, Dhaka