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Rooppur Atomic Power project in cold storage for 35 years

From Ranesh Maitra

PABNA, May 30: Rooppur Atomic Power Plant project has remained in cold storage for 35 years.

Uncertainty has been looming over the fate of the project which was taken up at Rooppur in Ishurdi thana of the district 35 years ago.

More than a year ago, the then chairman of Atomic Energy Commission, Dr Wazed Ali visited the site area himself along with a high-powered team of experts.

Meanwhile, it is gathered from an official posted since long in the plant site preferring anonymity that instead of giving financial assurance the donor countries have discarded in setting up of an atomic power plant here.

The project was initially launched by the government of the then Pakistan in 1960 and was included in the country's Third Five Year Plan.

For acquisition of the land, hundreds of families have been affected and a huge amount of money were given to them as compensation.

A huge amount of money is being spent every year for maintenance of the buildings and property in the project site despite the fact that those were lying abandoned for decades together.



Front view of the office of Rooppur Atomic Power project in Ishurdi thana of Pabna district. —Star photo

It is also learnt that a good number of officials and employees have allegedly been working in Dhaka where the Head office of the project is situated. But they have no function like their colleagues in the project site, it has been alleged.

News snaps

3 alleged dacoits caught by people

From Our Correspondent MYMENSINGH, May 30: People caught red-handed three alleged dacoits while they attempted to loot the office of BRAC, a leading non-governmental organisation, in Iswarganj thana here recently.

They were identified as Shamim, 18, of Faridpur district, Siddique, 20, of Comilla and Khokon, 24, of Jamalpur district. Later they were handed over to police.

Phensidyl, hemp seized

From Our Correspondent CHANDPUR, May 30: Police seized a huge quantity of phensidyl and hemp from village Dasadi in Chandpur thana recently.

According to Md Nurul Haque, Inspector of Narcotics and Drug Control Department here, they found 96 bottles of phensidyl and 20 grams of hemp in the house of Bark Khan, son of Aziz Khan. On information police seized the aforementioned phensidyl and hemp.

Man electrocuted

From Our Correspondent JAMALPUR, May 30: One person was electrocuted at village Banshi Uttarpara in Sarisabari thana recently.

According to witnesses, the victim, Khush Mahmud, 40, met the tragic end of his life while repairing an electric line. He was killed on the spot. The body was sent to Jamalpur Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Lightning claims 2 lives

From Our Correspondent FARIDPUR, May 30: Two brothers were killed and another seriously injured by lightning recently.

According to family sources, three brothers Rezaul, 12, Yusuf, 6, and Ganj, 3, sons of Haken Biswas of village Sonanagar in Boalmari thana were playing in the verandah of their own house in the fateful afternoon when a lightning struck the house injuring all the three brothers critically. They were immediately rushed to Boalmari Thana Health complex where Yusuf and Ganj succumbed after admission. Rezaul was improving till filing of this report.

Housewife commits suicide

From A Correspondent MAGURA, May 30: One housewife of Iraskarpur village in the sadar thana has committed suicide recently.

The victim, Rahima Khatun, 32, wife of Abul Hossain Molla was found hanging with the cross-beam of her room's roof. According to family sources, Rahima Khatun committed suicide when nobody was in the room.

The cause of her suicide was family troubles. On information Magura Police visited the spot and sent the body to Magura Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Newsman dead

From Our Correspondent SATKHIRA, May 30: An elderly lawyer and veteran journalist Advocate G M Nurul Islam died of heart attack at his residence at Laskar Para in Satkhira Poursabha on May 16. He was 68.

He left behind a daughter and a son including a host of well-wishers to mourn his death. Late Nurul Islam was associated with BSS as its Satkhira correspondent for a long time.

Prices of building materials up

From Our Correspondent NETRAKONA, May 30: The prices of all kinds of construction materials have gone up abnormally during the ongoing summer season.

Poor people especially in the flood and drought affected areas where thousands of houses were badly damaged during the last flood have become the worst sufferers. Poor people who live in the kutcha houses need tin, straw, bamboo and rope for repairing and reconstruction of their damaged houses. But tin or CI sheets are beyond their reach. Straw, a common item for kutcha houses are rare now-a-days.

JSD Ganabahini man arrested

From Our Correspondent JHENIDAH, May 30: An armed activist of Jatiya Samajtani Dal (JSD) Ganabahini was arrested with arms by police on Friday morning, according to police sources.

A contingent of police led by Ashrafur Rahman, Jhenidah circle and Serajul Islam, Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Saikupa thana raided the house of Rezaul Islam, 30, at village Mirjapur in Saikupa thana and arrested him with a gun.

Tribal girl raped

RANISALATI, May 30: A group of tribal miscreants raped a tribal girl at Vedvedi area of sadar thana here on Saturday night, reports UNB.

Police sources said the miscreants led by Priya Mohon Chakma entered into the Gyano Ghar Shishusadan staff quarters at midnight and raped the girl student of Rangamati University College. Later on the hoodlums left the place with the looted ornaments of the girl.

Mymensingh Municipality turns into a town of garbages

From Aminul Islam

MYMENSINGH, May 30: Mymensingh Municipality, one of the oldest municipalities in the country has turned into a town of garbages.

Established on April 8 in 1896 covering an area of 21.73 kilometres, it was upgraded into a first class municipality on June 23, 1986. But the situation has been worsened in many cases.

More than 30 tons of garbages are being dumped everyday in its insufficient dustbins and at open places. But the authorities concerned cannot clean up them properly.

According to official sources, only 306 dustbins are available in the municipality area. Most of those have been broken. As a result the dumping activities are being hampered.

An official of the municipality told this correspondent "we want to construct more dustbins, but we are facing resistance from the town dwellers as they do not want dustbins adjacent to their houses."

Residential and commercial areas of the town have taken an ugly look. People dump garbages which remain uncleaned for days together in Chhoto Bazaar, Boro Bazaar, Shakhari Patti, Kachua and Nulton Bazaar.



Garbagee have been dumped in Borobazaar area, a busy commercial area in Mymensingh town. These are not cleaned for days together resulting in emission of bad odour which creates health hazard for the town dwellers. —Star photo

Pedestrians and students are the worst sufferers as they have to walk frequently through these places.

The municipality sources also said, due to lack of garbage carrying trucks, cleaning activities are being disrupted severely. Only two trucks are in operation out of five. The rest are lying idle for a long time.

But the town dwellers replied in the negative about the cleanliness drive of the municipality. "It is sheer negligence of duty of the municipal staffers to remove the wastes in time," said a resident of Shakhari Patti area. Bleaching powder is rarely spread on the wastes, he added.

"Our first task is to clean up the town and supply drinking water smoothly," said Mahmood-ul-Noor Tarek, the newly elected chairman of Mymensingh Municipality who took oath recently. He also told The Daily Star that a 10-day long cleanliness drive had ended recently.

The municipality chairman sought cooperation of the town dwellers.

Flash flood in Netrakona

From Our Correspondent NETRAKONA, May 30: A vast area of the district have been inundated by flash flood recently.

This is because of rain waters rolling down the hills from across the border in two days. Torrential rains have caused flash flood in the bordering Durgapur and Kalmakanda thanas, official sources said.

Road communication between the district headquarters and Durgapur Sadar remained snapped as a good portion of Shyangganj —Brishiri road at Krishnapur was badly damaged by the onrush of water.

Former whip and convener of Netrakona district unit of BNP informed that standing crops on vast tracts of land in Brishiri, Kakayergor, Bakaljora and Gaokandia unions had gone under water.

Areas surrounding the Someswar river basin have been affected by overflow of water due to non-repairing of Shakhai embankment.

Fruit import from India thru' Benapole port stopped since last week

From Atiur Rahman

JESSORE, May 30: The importers have stopped importing fruits from India through Benapole land port since the last week.

A tussle over implementation of an order of the Board of Revenue, between the Customs officials and BDR at Benapole check post, has ensued the situation.

The order of the Board of Revenue has instructed the Customs Department to realise immediately duty on perishable goods including fruits, imported from India by 25 per cent more than the capacity of each truck.

But the BDR is opposing this order and working parallel to the Customs. They are, on the other hand, realising duties on such goods by counting packets which are loaded in each truck.

Meanwhile, BDR has seized a total of three trucks carrying imported perishable goods.

Then they sold the seized goods on auction depositing the sale proceeds to the local Sonali Bank branch.

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) have done this as the trucks followed the latest order of the Board of Revenue.

Now a question has arisen among the local public as to what is the nature of duty of the Customs and BDR at this check post and who is the authority to collect the national revenue or whether the job of both is identical.

However, such a situation has largely affected the revenue earnings from Benapole Port marking huge shortfall in the target for the current fiscal.

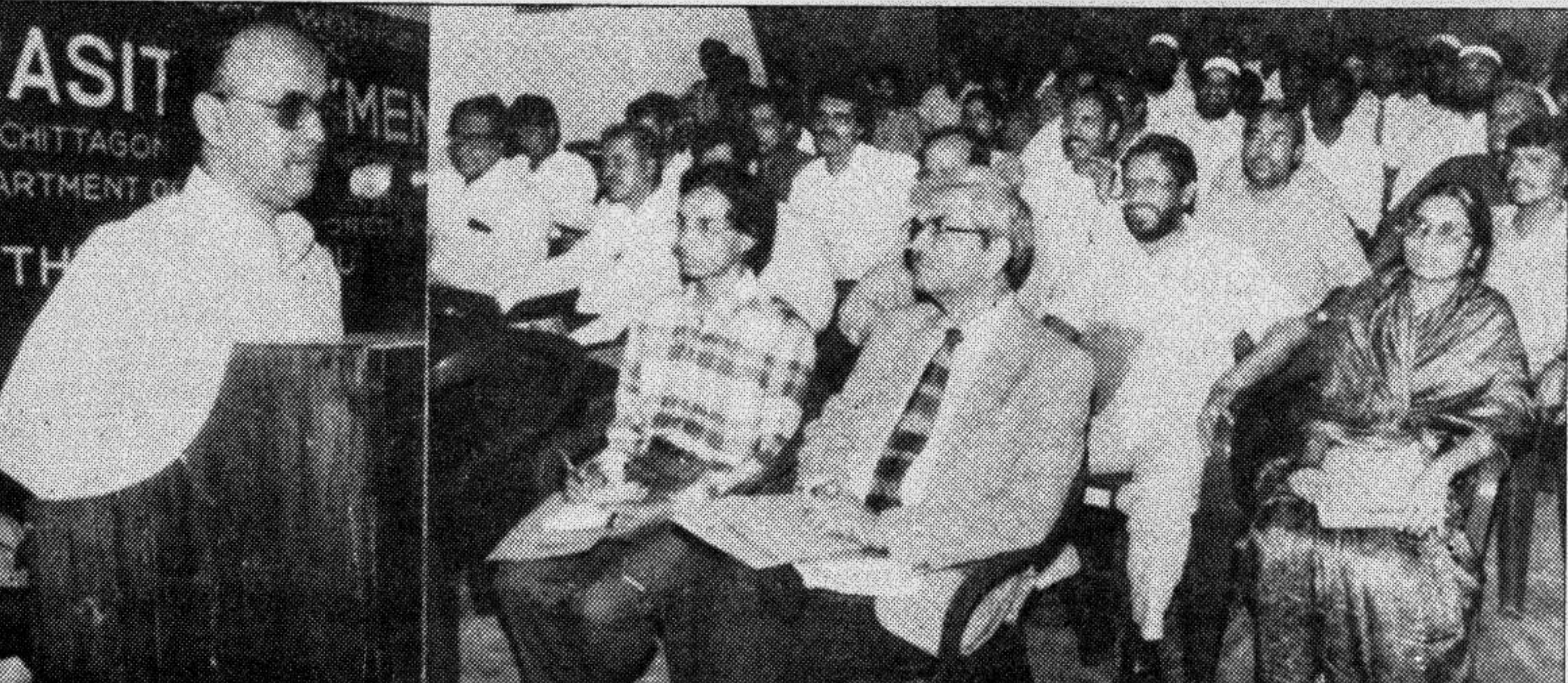
Rifles snatched from police in Moheshkhali

COX'S BAZAR, May 30: A group of miscreants snatched four rifles with ammunition from patrol police at Matarbari in Moheshkhali thana here last night, reports APB.

Police said, the miscreants took away the weapons after overpowering four constables guarding an under-construction dam of the Power Development Board.

Sechchasebak League leader killed in Tangail

TANGAIL, May 30: A local leader of the Awami Sechchasebak League was stabbed to death by unidentified miscreants in the town recently, reports UNB.



CHITTAGONG: Prof Abdul Mannan, Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University addressing recently at a workshop on Parasite Insect at the Science Faculty gallery as the chief guest. — Star photo

2 shot dead in Sylhet Seven alleged terrorists arrested

By Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, May 30: Two people were shot dead allegedly by a gang of miscreants at village Silen Sarkarhar under Sadar thana yesterday.

The victims were identified as Abdur Rakib, 45, son of late Antarullah and Neharunessa, 40, wife of Rakib's brother.

According to witnesses, a gang of about 30 miscreants led by Babul entered Rakib's house by breaking open the door and shot him.

They also shot his brother's wife Neharunessa when she tried to resist the attackers. Both died on the spot.

Police suspected that the incident was a sequel to a previous dispute over land. Abdul Ghani, elder brother of Rakib filed a case with Sadar thana accusing Babul, Tabeul, Mujibur and Nurul.

A police official said Babul and his brothers are accused in a number of criminal cases filed with sadar thana.

They were caught several times, but managed to escape from jail and court building, he said.

From A Correspondent

MAGURA, May 30: Seven alleged terrorists including Nirman, the body guard of Bidhan Bahini of so-called 'Bidhan Bahini' were arrested recently from Monuria village in Jhenidah sadar thana.

Bidhan was able to flee. According to the police, acting on a tip-off, police led by Magura Police Super M Akbar Ali and Additional Police Super AKM Shahidur Rahman raided the house of Kala Mia and Bidhan of the above mentioned village.

From there Nirman, 25, Bisnu Padu Biswas, 45, Bikas Biswas, 18, Bibek Biswas, 28, of Monuria village of Jhenidah sadar thana, Linton, 30, Lutu Molla, 28, of Narikelbaria of Bagharpara thana in Jessore district and Monajat, 20, of Meherpur district were arrested.

Cases of toll collection, rape and murder were also registered with different police stations of Jhenidah and Magura district against them.

Bumper output of IRRI-Boro paddy likely in Magura

From A Correspondent

MAGURA, May 30: Despite drought a bumper production of IRRI-Boro paddy is expected in the district.

According to Agriculture Extension Department (AED), 29 thousand 8 hundred and 55 hectares of land have been brought under IRRI-Boro cultivation, while the target of cultivation was only 19 thousand 8 hundred and 75 hectares in four thanas.

Jubo League leader hacked to death

From A Correspondent MYMENSINGH, May 30: A local leader of Jubo League was hacked to death by unidentified miscreants at Charerhat in Nandail recently, reports UNB.

Rafiqul Islam, 32, organising secretary of Baltager union unit of Jubo League, came under attack by a group of youths at about noon while he along with three associates were going to a hat.

The attackers chopped Rafiqul with sharp weapons.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
মহাপরিচালকের কার্যালয়
যুব উন্নয়ন অধিদপ্তর
যুব ও ক্রীড়া মন্ত্রণালয়
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বিজ্ঞপ্তি
সার্ক সচিবালয় কর্তৃক আয়োজিত "সার্ক ইয়ুথ এওয়ার্ড ১৯৯৯"-এ অংশগ্রহণের জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত যোগ্যতা ও প্রকাশিত নির্দিষ্ট ফরম অনুযায়ী দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।
APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR "SAARC YOUTH AWARD-1999"
SAARC invites applications from the youth of the region to participate in the "SAARC Youth Award-1999". The aim of the scheme is to provide suitable recognition to extraordinary young talents and encourage the overall development of the youth in the region.
Objectives:
i. to give recognition to the outstanding work done by young persons, to provide youth the incentive to achieve excellence in the various fields.
ii. to improve educational and technical skills of youth and to encourage them in creative activities; and
iii. to encourage in the youth the development of personality through positive social attitudes and values.
Theme of the Award:
The theme for the photography "South Asian Diversity" has been chosen to give the participants as wide a range as possible to enable greater participation.
Eligibility:
The Award is open to nationals of SAARC Member states who are within the age group of 20-35 years at the time of nomination. The work or achievement which has been submitted for or received as international or regional award, will not be eligible for consideration.
Description of Award:
i. A citation in English.
ii. A SAARC Gold Medal.
iii. Cash prize of US\$ 500.00 (Five hundred US dollars).
iv. Per diem and return air ticket for travel to the venue of the presentation of the award.
Last date:
The last date for receipt of applications on the prescribed format published herewith is 9th June 1999. Neat and typed applications alongwith necessary documents should be sent to the following address.
Director (Implementation)
Department of Youth Development
Ministry of Youth & Sports
108, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
Note: Incomplete and the entries received after the deadline will not be entertained.
Proforma for SAARC Youth Awards-1999
Application for SAARC Youth Awards Scheme in the category of: "CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY"
1. Name of applicant
2. Sex (male /female)
3. Father's name
4. Date of birth
5. Nationality
6. Permanent address
7. Postal address (Telephone/Telex/Fax with area codes)
8. Occupation
9. Outstanding work done recently for which award is to be given:
i. Theme of photographs: "South Asian Diversity"
ii. Size of photographs: 8"x10"
iii. Nature: Black & White Colour
iv. No. of copies: Three
10. Whether any regional/international award has been submitted/received to the identified in this application? (If yes give details)
11. Whether the same entry has been nominated earlier for a SAARC Youth Award?
12. Whether applicant has been convicted by any court of law or any case is pending against him/her in any court?
13. Brief statement on future plans of the applicant for making further improvement in the relevant area of work.
DECLARATION:
I declare that the information provided above is true and correct. I am aware that false or misleading information given in relation to this application could result in cancellation of the Award and liability for legal prosecution.
Date: Applicant's signature.
Name:
Country:
Enclosed:
i. Four passport size photographs of applicant's
ii. Certified copies of identification papers.
iii. Description of work.
Note: Forms and Annexes should be filled in triplicate in English language.
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বিজ্ঞপ্তি
বাংলাদেশ রাইফেলস এ কম্পাউন্ডার (ফার্মাসিস্ট) পদে ভর্তি
আগামী ০৮ জুন '৯৯ ইং তারিখে সদর দপ্তর বাংলাদেশ রাইফেলস পিলখানার অভ্যন্তরে কেন্দ্রীয় প্রশিক্ষণ ছাউনীতে নিম্নবর্ণিত শর্ত/যোগ্যতা সাপেক্ষে বাংলাদেশের সকল জেলার প্রকৃত নাগরিকদের কম্পাউন্ডার (ফার্মাসিস্ট) কেন্দ্রমূলক পদে ভর্তি করা হইবে।
শিক্ষাপত্র যোগ্যতা এবং শর্তাবলী
ক. এসএসসি পাস হইতে হইবে। তৎসহ তিন বৎসরের ডিপ্লোমা-ইন-ফার্মাসী পাস হইতে হইবে এবং উক্ত কাজে ০১ (এক) বৎসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা থাকিতে হইবে। মূল/প্রতিশ্রুত/সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল সনদপত্র সংগে আনিতে হইবে।
খ. উচ্চতা : ১.৬২৫ মিটার (৫'-৪")
গ. ওজন : ৪৭.১১২ কেজি (১০৪ পাউন্ড)
ঘ. বুদ্ধির মাপ : ৮১.২৮ সেরিংস (৩২"-৩৪") কমপক্ষে ৫.০৮ সেরিংস (২" সম্প্রসারণ)
ঙ. দৃষ্টিশক্তি : ৬/৬
চ. বয়স : ১৮ হইতে ৩০ বৎসর পর্যন্ত।
ছ. বিবাহিত/অবিবাহিত : বিবাহের ক্ষেত্রে বয়স ২১ বৎসরের উপরে হইতে হইবে।
জ. টাকা : ২৫৫০-৭৫১১৫-৩৬৩৫-ই-বি-১১৫১৭০-৫৫০৫/- তৎসহ নিম্নমান্যায়ী প্রাপ্য অন্যান্য বেতন তালিকা ও সুযোগ সুবিধাদি।
ভর্তির সময় যা অবশ্যই সংগে আনতে হইবে:
ক. প্রার্থীদেরকে এসএসসি পাস বা সমমান পাস শিক্ষাবোর্ড কর্তৃক দেয়া মূল/প্রতিশ্রুত সনদপত্র।
খ. তিন বৎসরের ডিপ্লোমা-ইন-ফার্মাসী মূল সনদপত্র।
গ. সংশ্লিষ্ট বিদ্যালয়ের প্রধান শিক্ষক কর্তৃক এসএসসি/সমমান পাসের প্রশংসাপত্র যাতে প্রার্থীর স্থায়ী ঠিকানা উল্লেখ থাকে।
ঘ. অভিভাবকের সম্মতিসূচক সনদপত্র বা সংশ্লিষ্ট চেয়ারম্যান কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত।
ঙ. ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ/পৌরসভা চেয়ারম্যানের নিকট হতে বাংলাদেশের স্থায়ী নাগরিকত্বের সনদপত্র।
চ. গেজেটেড অফিসার কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত চারিত্রিক সনদপত্র।
ছ. সদ্যতোলা ০৭ (সাত) রুপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজ ছবি (সত্যায়িত ছাড়া)।
প্রার্থীদেরকে পিলখানার ৩ নম্বর গেইট দিয়া সকাল ০৯০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে প্রবেশ করিতে হইবে। বিলম্বে কোন প্রার্থীদেরকে পিলখানার অভ্যন্তরে প্রবেশ গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না।
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