

News snaps

Allocation for motels

BANDARBAN, Dec 27: The government has allocated Tk 7.44 crore for construction of two motels in Bandarban and Khagrachhari for the development of tourism in the hill districts, reports UNB.

Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Civil Aviation and Tourism Ministry Bir Bahadur told that the construction of the motels would begin soon. He said construction work on Bandarban motel will start on January next while that of Khagrachhari a few months later. Each motel will cost Tk 3.72 crore. Describing the scenic beauty of the hill district, Bir Bahadur said there are at least 150 panoramic tourist spots in Bandarban, including Chimbuk, Shailoprapat and Megha. Development of tourists spots, he said, will also play a significant role in the development of socioeconomic condition of the hill people.

26 uplift projects undertaken

KISHOREGANJ, Dec 27: Local Government and Engineering Department, Kishoreganj, has taken up a total of 26 development projects in 13 thanas in the 1999-2000 financial year, reports BSS.

According to official sources, the government has sanctioned Taka 1,90,76,000 for implementation of the projects. The projects included construction of primary schools, flood shelters and development of rural infrastructure.

Loan disbursement programme

RAJBARI, Dec 27: Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) has undertaken a Tk 7.5 crore loan disbursement programme for the distressed and poor people, reports UNB.

The board distributed Tk 2.61 crore among its 4,438 members in four thanas under the "Self-Employment of Rural People Project" in last five months. The loan is being utilised in various income-generating activities like cultivation of crops, small trade pisciculture, poultry farming, dairy farm and small cottage industries.

Old man beaten to death

BAGERHAT, Dec 27: An old man was beaten to death allegedly by his neighbours at Boro Bansbaria village in Sadar thana on Thursday, reports UNB.

Meanwhile, police arrested four people — Sufia Begum, 55, her daughter Samiron, 30, Samiron's daughter Hosne Ara and son Russell — in this connection. Police said the four beat and pushed the victim, Abul Hossain, onto a ground following altercation over gathering bunches of paddy from a field at about 10 am on Wednesday. He died on the spot.

Maize farming programme

MADARIPUR, Dec 27: Agriculture Extension Department (AED), Madaripur has taken up a massive maize cultivation programme in four thanas in the current Rabi season, reports BSS.

A total of 900 hectares will be brought under maize cultivation programme. Of the total, 250 hectares will be cultivated in Madaripur Sadar thana, 250 hectares in Kalkini, 225 hectares in Rajoir and 175 hectares in Shibchar thanas.

Body recovered

MYMENSINGH, Dec 27: Police recovered the decomposed body of a youth from a pond in Nandail thana on Thursday, reports UNB.

The victim was identified as Alauddin of a village of the thana. The cause behind the killing could not be known immediately. A UD case was filed with the police in this regard.

Student killed in road mishap

JHENIDAH, Dec 27: A college student was killed in a road accident at Arappur bus-stand in the town on Thursday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the accident took place when a speeding truck rammed into a tempo in which the victim was travelling. The dead was identified as Liton, 25, a college student and JCD president of Duddhar union unit. The driver with its vehicle managed to flee the spot soon after accident. Later, local MP Abdul Wahab visited the residence of Liton and conveyed sympathy to his bereaved family members.



Noted freedom fighter Maj Gen (Rtd) Subed Ali Bhuiyan addressing an iftar party organised by Retired Soldiers' Association of Daudkandi in Comilla on December 18.

Dhaka Electric Supply Authority Tender Notice

No EE/UD/8/545 Dated: 13/12/99
Sealed tenders are hereby invited from DESA enlisted A&B class electrical contractors having valid (i) Trade Licence, (ii) Income Tax Certificate, (iii) VAT Registration Certificate, (iv) Experience Certificate for concerned works, (v) Affidavit & (vi) ABC Licence for the following work/works:

- Installation of Transformers on East Rampura and Meradia OH to relieve overloaded Transformers under O&M Divn, Khilgaon.
- Extension of HT/LT Lines and Installation of Transformer at East Dhania, East Jurain and South Dhania area under O&M Divn, Postagola.
- Installation of 200 KVA Pole Mounted Sub-Station at different areas under O&M Divn, Tejgaon.
- Installation of 8 (eight) Nos of Transformers to relieve the overloaded Transformers at different places under O&M Divn, Gulshan.
- Rehabilitation & reinforcement of distribution system and installation of 200 KVA Pole Mounted Sub-Station at different areas under O&M Divn, Tejgaon and
- Installation of single phase transformers in remote areas and rehabilitation & reinforcement of distribution system in adjacent areas under O&M Divn, Gulshan.

Tender documents/schedule will be obtained up to 24th January, 2000 on payment of non-refundable Tk 100.00 (Taka one hundred) only per set (each tender) in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the 'Addl Director, RAO, DESA' from the office of the (1) Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka, (2) Addl. Chief Engineer (P&D), DESA, (3) Supdt. Engineer (E&I), GDPDP, DESA, (4) Executive Engineer, HV S/S/HV/L Civil Works Divn, GDPDP, DESA and cash payment with prior permission from the undersigned, (5) Manager, Pubali Bank Ltd, Gulshan Model Town Branch, Dhaka-1212 on prior permission from the concerned Head of the Office. (i) An earnest money equal 2.50% (two point five-zero per cent) of the estimated cost is to be submitted alongwith the offer. (ii) Bidder quoting rate more than 5% above or below of the estimated cost will be required to submit 5% additional amount in excess of 2.5% i.e. in total 7.50% of the estimated cost as earnest money with their offer. (iv) Bidder quoting rate more than 10% below estimated cost will be required to submit 10% additional amount in excess of 2.5% i.e. in total 12.50% of the estimated cost as earnest money with their offer in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the 'Addl Director, RAO, DESA'. Tender will be received up to 12-00 Noon on the 25th January, 2000 and will be opened at 12-30 PM in front of the tenderers present (if any). Tenderers will be received in the offices mentioned in SI No 1, 2, 3, 4 and office of the undersigned. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reasons thereof.

Executive Engineer
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Dhaka Electric Supply Authority

RU liberation war museum needs proper maintenance

From Kamran Reza Chowdhury

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Dec 27: Lack of resources is taking toll on the Rajshahi University liberation war museum, the first of its kind in the country.

The university authorities provide Tk 1.5 lakh annually for its maintenance and development. But the amount which is inadequate, said Monsur Ahmed Khan, curator of the museum known as Shaheed Smriti Sangrahashala.

A committee, comprising renowned artist Hashem Khan, Prof Hasan Azizul Haq, Prof Jufikar Matin, and Monsur Ahmed Khan, the curator, was formed in 1997 to recommend the ways for its improvement and development. The committee recommended Tk 4.2 lakh package for the purpose. But nothing has been done in this regard.

The museum is situated in the university Shaheed Minar premises. The decision to establish a liberation war museum was taken at a meeting with the then Vice Chancellor Prof Syed Ali Ahsan on January 2, 1976.

With some photographs and exhibits the museum was inaugurated by Prof Abul Fazl, the then Education Advisor to the government, on March 26, 1976.

The museum houses a good number of exhibits, including wreckage of vehicles and weapons used by the Pakistani occupation forces, garment and other belongings used by martyred freedom fighters and intellectuals and photographs of rare events and posters during the War of Liberation.

The museum lacks adequate security. The museum is vulnerable to theft.

The exhibits are kept on the shelves. But many shelves lack glass cover to protect exhibits from dust.

Moreover, the museum also lacks necessary number of staff. There are only two officers and four employees to look after it.

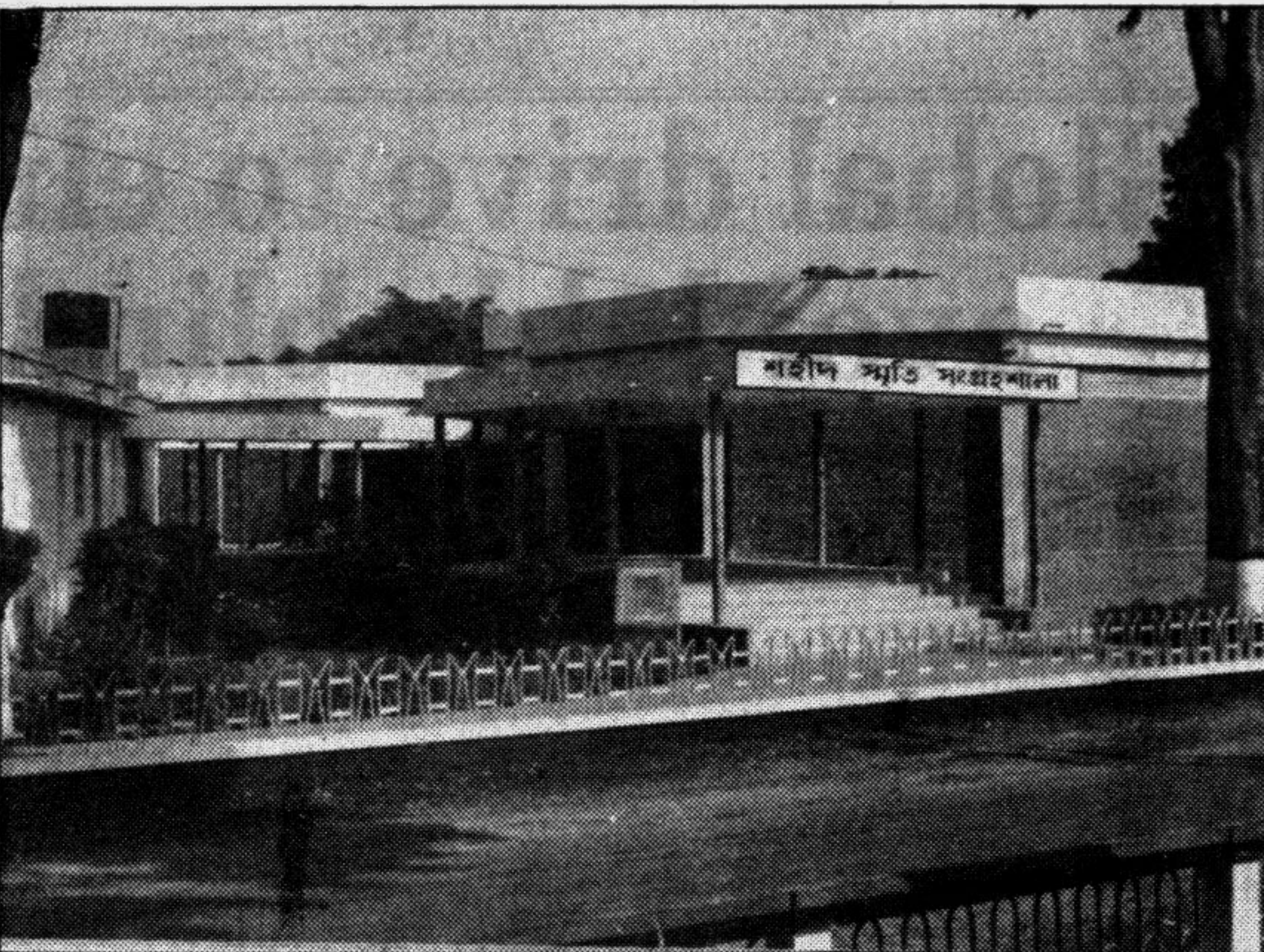
Visitors often allege museum employees do not cooperate

with them. Some of them sleep at veranda sitting on chair, they allege.

There is no separate space for library of the museum. The books, newspapers, journals and other publications are piled up in six selves. Moreover, there is no librarian or staff for the library, although a good number of students, teachers and re-

searchers come here for academic purposes.

The museum cannot be enriched without adequate funds. 'We cannot collect exhibit from various parts of the country', said the curator, urging the authorities concerned to take immediate steps to provide necessary fund to Shaheed Smriti Sangrahashala.



Front view of Shaheed Smriti Sangrahashala at Rajshahi University.

—Star photo

Serajuddin Hossain's martyrdom anniversary



From Our Correspondent
MAGURA, Dec 27: 28th martyrdom anniversary of journalist Serajuddin Hossain was observed here in a befitting manner on December 10.

A rally was arranged by Shaheed Serajuddin Memorial Committee. A discussion meeting was also held at its office in his memory. The meeting was addressed, among others, by Khan Abul Hossain, Abdur Rouf and Sharif Mizanur Rahman.

It is to be mentioned here that journalist Serajuddin Hossain, a resident of village Shorshuna under Shalikha thana of Magura district was killed on December 10 in 1971 during the flag end of the Liberation War.

Unfair means in exam hall: Student assaults teacher

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 27: A lecturer in Ullapara Akbar Ali Degree College was manhandled by a student leader on Tuesday when the teacher obstructed the student while helping examinees adopt unfair means in examination hall.

Police later arrested the student, Atiqur Rahman, a ruling party-backed BCL leader and also Library Secretary of the college union.

Witnesses said Lecturer Shamsul Islam obstructed Atiqur Rahman as he was supplying copies of answers to a section of examinees.

Other members of the students' union and teachers of the college condemned the student's behaviour.



Bangladesh Power Development Board
Tender Corrigendum Notice

The date of selling and receiving tender invited through Tender Notice No GMD/Aricha/HI-4/99/284 dated 25-11-99 as published in different newspapers earlier were fixed on 09-01-2000 and 10-01-2000 respectively. The last date of selling and date of receiving have been changed due to unavoidable circumstances and the dates have been fixed on 16-01-2000 and 17-01-2000 respectively. Other parts and terms and conditions of the tender have remained unchanged.

Executive Engineer
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G-2165

Plan to erect memorial monument in Gaibandha yet to be implemented

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Dec 27: No monument has been built in memory of martyrs and freedom fighters even after so many years of our victory in the liberation war.

Innumerable monuments have been set up in different places all over the country. Many such memorials have been built on the spots where fierce battles took place between the freedom fighters and the occupation Pak army.

But Gaibandha district has been lacking behind in this respect. No government, non-governmental organisation or none came forward taking initiative personally to erect such a monument. As a result there is nothing tangible in front of our next generation so that they can remember the martyrs who had sacrificed their life for our motherland.

In 1995 Gaibandha unit of Muktiyodher Chetona Bastobayon Committee planned to erect a victory monument. They selected a location at the premise of local public library. Accordingly a monument construction committee has been formed.

It is to be mentioned that Gaibandha had been liberated from the occupation Pakistan army on December 9 in 1971.

However, the aforesaid committee laid the foundation stone of the monument at the western side of Gaibandha Public Library. A renowned dramatist named Nasiruddin Yousuf donated Taka 50,000 for the foundation work of the monu-



Foundation stone of memorial monument in Gaibandha town.

—Star photo

ment. He committed to contribute Taka 50,000 more after starting of the work. But no initiative has been taken by the same committee to implement the programme after five years of its formation. On contact with some members of the committee they expressed their ignorance.



Victory Day march past at Gopalganj Stadium where the Deputy Commissioner, Iqbal Mahmud, taking salute.

—Star photo

Human traffickers active in 3 dists

PANCHAGARH, Dec 27: Woman and child trafficking has become a huge criminal business in the country's three bordering districts, reports UNB.

According to a survey conducted by an NGO, several hundreds women and children are trafficked from the greater Dinajpur district to India, Pakistan and Middle East countries every year.

The report showed that earning of the human traffickers ranges from Tk 50 to 60 crore a year.

It said the human traffickers always eye more on Panchagarh, Thakurgaon and Dinajpur than other northern districts as the three districts are surrounded by India.

Most incidents of human trafficking take place through the borders of Atoari and Tetulia in Panchagarh, Haripur and Ranishankali in Thakurgaon and Birol, Birampur and Hill in Dinajpur districts as road communication between the borders and Calcutta of India is easier.

But the NGO could not assert that how many women and children have so far been trafficked out of the country from the three districts.

Police said 40 cases of human trafficking were reported in various thanas of Dinajpur district in 1998.

However, a CID official said 300 incidents of human trafficking took place in the district in 1998 alone.

Rural poverty alleviation programme in Gr Noakhali

FENI, Dec 27: A project undertaken in greater Noakhali has set an example of turning the poor as self-reliant through creation of capital by organising the distressed people and removing rural poverty, reports UNB.

The rural poverty alleviation drive is being implemented in 16 thanas of Feni, Noakhali and Laxmipur district under the scheme known as 'Greater Noakhali Rural Poverty Cooperatives Assistance'.

The five-year terms of the poverty alleviation scheme, financed by the Bangladesh Government since Jan 1, 1996, will expire on December 31 this year.

A total Tk 20.61 crore will have been spent for implementing the project, although Tk 25 crore was sanctioned. Some 216 officials and employees are involved in the project.

The scheme provided 4,400 members with literacy opportunities while 1,100 members were taught how to sign their names. In all, 60,635 poultry birds were vaccinated to check diseases and 121,069 saplings planted under the scheme.

The loan-recovery rate is 98 per cent for the project, which so far enlisted 36,000 destitute people. There are 1,345 cooperatives groups (1,002 female and 343 male groups) with each

group comprising 30 people.

A proposal has been sent to the LGRD and Cooperatives Ministry urging to extend the period of the scheme by another three years.

Vegetable prices up in Netrakona

From Our Correspondent

NETRAKONA, Dec 27: With the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan, prices of vegetables have shot up in retail markets.

The price of onion, however, is showing downward trend, market sources said.

The newly harvested local onion was being sold at Tk 35 a kg against Tk 40 to 45 about 15 days back. While the imported onion, at present, was being sold at Tk 16 per kg.

Aubergine and bean were selling between Tk 18 and 20 per kg as against Tk 15 to Tk 18 last week.

Potato was selling between Tk 15 and Tk 20 a kg. All kinds of vegetables like *lalskak*, and *palan shak* were selling between Tk 15 and Tk 18 per kg.

Tomato was selling between Tk 35 and Tk 40 per kg while the unripe tomato was selling between Tk 18 and Tk 20.



Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL)

(A Company of Petrobangla)

House # 1, Road # 12, Sector # 3

Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230

Invitation for Bids

Ref No GTCL/R-A (PM)/10.83

গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ

এর অপচয় রোধ করে জাতীয়

দায়িত্ব পালন করুন

1. Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (hereinafter called GOB) has decided to implement Habiganj-Ashuganj 47 km, 30" O.D section of the Rashidpur-Ashuganj Gas Transmission Loopline Project through Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL) (A Company of Petrobangla). The project will be implemented on Design, Build Turnkey (EPC) basis. It is intended to complete the project and commission the pipeline with its ancillary facilities by 30th June, 2001. With this end in view, GTCL hereby invites sealed bids from intending bidders who have a proven track record and experience of implementing similar project either on Design, Build Turnkey or on Construction Contract. The project will be implemented either under financing of Government of Bangladesh financing or bidder's own financing. Bidder financing means that the contractor will make arrangements for financing the project. In order to arrive at the Net Present Value (NPV) a discount factor of 12% will be used.

The evaluation of bid (s) and selection of bidder (s) will be made following the evaluation criteria as given in the bid document.

The salient features of the project are the following:

- Detailed engineering of approximately 47 km, 30", O.D gas transmission pipeline including required expansion of Ashuganj metering and manifold station and manifold stations at Khaitahata and Habiganj along with SCADA/telecommunication facilities.
- Procurement of materials and plant required for successful implementation of the project.
- Construction and commissioning of the pipeline and ancillary facilities.
- A single stage two envelope bidding procedure will be followed for selection of the contractor.
- The major eligibility criteria for technical qualifications are: Proven experience in implementing either on EPC contract or construction contract, at least 1 (one) ANSIR 600 gas transmission Pipelines (20" OD or above, for a minimum of 30 km) either in Bangladesh or in countries having similar climatic condition.
- Proven experience of implementation of at least 1 (one) 20" OD or above pipeline river crossing minimum 100m wide by Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) method or open cut method.
- Demonstration of technical and financial capability for completing the project by 30th June, 2001.
- Demonstration of ownership and or firm leasing arrangement for required number of the construction equipment and plant as per the bidding document.

The bidder for qualification for the work must produce evidence of possessing the manpower on its pay roll or on hired basis for the duration of the work. The personnel must have the requisite qualification and experience in the implementation of cross-country gas transmission pipeline projects on Design, Build and Turnkey basis or on construction contract as per the bidding document.

Credit facility certificate as detailed in the bidding document.

Bidders may obtain further information of bidding documents from:

Kh Abdus Saleque
General Manager/Project Manager
Rashidpur-Ashuganj Gas Transmission Loopline Project
House # 23, Road # 3, Sector-3, Uttara Model Town
Dhaka-1230, Bangladesh

Telephone : 880-2-8915683, 880-2-8915375,
Fax : 880-2-8914780.

5. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the above office, and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of US\$ 500.00 or equivalent taka with effect from 30.12.99.

6. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of Tk 3.0 crore or an equivalent amount in US Dollar, and must be delivered to Rashidpur-Ashuganj Gas Transmission Loopline Project, House # 23, Road # 3, Sector-3, Uttara Model Town Dhaka-1230, Bangladesh at or before 1100 (hours) on 01.03.2000. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders' representatives, if any, at 1130 hrs.

7. GTCL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

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