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LGED takes up 5 projects

CHAPAI NAWABGANJ, Jan 15: Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED) has taken up five development projects in five thanas of the district in the 1999-2000 financial year, reports BSS.

According to official sources, the government has sanctioned Taka seventy five lakh for the implementation of the projects. The projects include the construction of buildings in township, primary schools, flood shelter and the development of rural infrastructure, the sources said.

3 women commit suicide

JESSORE, Jan 15: Three women allegedly committed suicide in Sadar and Keshabpur thanas of the district on January 5-6, reports UNB.

They were identified as Champa Haldar, 22, daughter of Sushanta Haldar, Rani Devnath, 24, wife of Kartik Chandra Devnath and Gita Rani Pramanik, 20, daughter of Rashikhal Pramanik. According to their families, Rani and Gita of Keshabpur thana took their lives by taking poison following family feud. Champa, an honours student of the Cantonment College, committed suicide by taking overdose of sedative on refusal of marrying her by the boy friend. The bodies have been sent to General Hospital for autopsy. Separate cases of unnatural death were filed with police.

Computer show on Feb 4

KHULNA, Jan 15: Khulna Computer Mela-2000, to be organised by Computer Institution of the city, will be held on 4th February next instead of January 28, according to a press release of the organisation, reports BSS.

3 held with smuggled goods

MAGURA, Jan 15: Three people were arrested along with Indian goods worth over Tk 20 lakh from a Dhaka-bound bus here recently, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police halted the BRTC bus coming from Benapole in front of Magura textile Mills and recovered sarees, garments and jackets from their possession. The arrested were identified as Billal Hossain, Fariduddin and Mohammad Hossen, hailing from Dhaka.

Two killed

MYMENSINGH, Jan 15: Two people including an old woman were killed in two separate incidents here on Monday, reports UNB.

Witnesses and hospital sources said Roni Mala Shaha, 65, lost her life on the spot when a local train hit her while she was crossing the Natun Bazaar rail crossing of the town at noon. In another incident, Hazrat Ali, 30 suffered serious injuries after falling from a running train and later succumbed at the district Medical College Hospital.

Four alleged smugglers held

KHAGRACHHARI, Jan 15: The security service personnel of Luxmichhari police station arrested four alleged smugglers with various valuable species of timber of two hundred cubic feet, according to security service sources, reports BSS.

Luxmichhari security service members, on a tip-off, arrested four persons from Chhota Burang river at midnight recently. They were trying to smuggle the timber worth about taka two lakh fifty thousand. A case was filed with Luxmichhari police station in this connection.

Orientation course

BARISAL, Jan 15: A day-long orientation course on Reproductive Health and Gender Issues was held at Wazirpur thana recently, reports BSS.

Organised by the Divisional Information Office, the course was attended by the Deputy Commissioner of Barisal as chief guest. Presided over by the TNO, the function was participated by 57 health workers and local teachers. The chief guest gave prizes and certificates among the participants at the end of this orientation course.

Training course

CHUADANGA, Jan 15: A two-day 'Industrial Promoters Development Training Course' concluded here on December 28, reports BSS.

The training course was organised jointly by the Regional Office of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC), Khulna and Chuadanga Centre of BSCIC. The training course was held here at the auditorium of the Chuadanga District Livestock Office. Additional District Magistrate, Chuadanga, Mansur Ahmed opened the training course. A total of 25 trainees from the different parts of the four thanas of Chuadanga district took part in the training course.

Youth arrested

KHULNA, Jan 15: Police arrested a youth on charge of terrorism and extortion from city's Altapal lane recently, reports UNB.

Police said the arrested Anu, 26 was wanted in connection with several criminal cases. Earlier a journalist filed a GD with the police following a threat to him and Khulna Press Club and Khulna Journalists Union jointly submitted a memorandum to the Police Commissioner demanding his arrest.

Body of youth recovered

MUNSHIGANJ, Jan 15: The body of a newly married young man was recovered from a ditch at Mireswar in the district on Thursday, reports UNB.

The dead was identified as Abdul Karim, 24, son of Abdul Bares. Police said Karim married the daughter of one Hashem at Ramergaon village a few days before the Eid day. The cause behind the killing could not be known. A case was filed with the police in this regard.

Sugar production targets in 2 mills may not be achieved

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Jan 15: The authorities of two state-run sugar mills in the district have expressed grave concern over the illegal crushing of sugarcane by power crushers in mill zone areas, saying sugar production targets in the mills may not be achieved if the illegal activities continue.

The chief executive officers of North Bengal Sugar Mills (NBSM) and Natore Sugar Mills (NSM) urged the sugarcane growers to stop crushing in mill zone areas.

Managing Director of NSM Md Mainul Ahsan and MD of NBSM MA Bakar were addressing a joint press conference at the NSM rest house recently. Trade union leaders were also present on the occasion.

Violating the Sugar Crushing Ordinance of 1956, about 2,400 power crushers are now in operation in the area to manufacture gur, or molasses.

The two sugar mills run by Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation (BSFIC) face shortage of adequate supply of sugarcane, the sugar crop, as about 4,800 tons of sugarcane are being crushed daily by the power crushers to produce molasses.

The officials also said if the situation continues the once profit making sugar mills will face closure with a loss of about Tk 10 crore in the current crushing season.

They told the press the NSM authority have so far filed 100 cases against law breakers and seized 85 power crushers with the help of local administration.

The NBSM authority seized 43 illegal power crushers to combat the menace. Power crusher owners are producing 900 tons of molasses a day in the district, a major sugarcane producing area in the country.

The NSM, situated on the outskirts of the town, has fixed the target to manufacture 16,905 tons of sugar, while sugar production target of NBSM, situated at Gopalpur under Lalpur thana is 18,960 tons.

BSS from Kushtia says: Kushtia Sugar Mills will not be able to produce its targeted sugar this season due to illegal production of gur in the mill area.

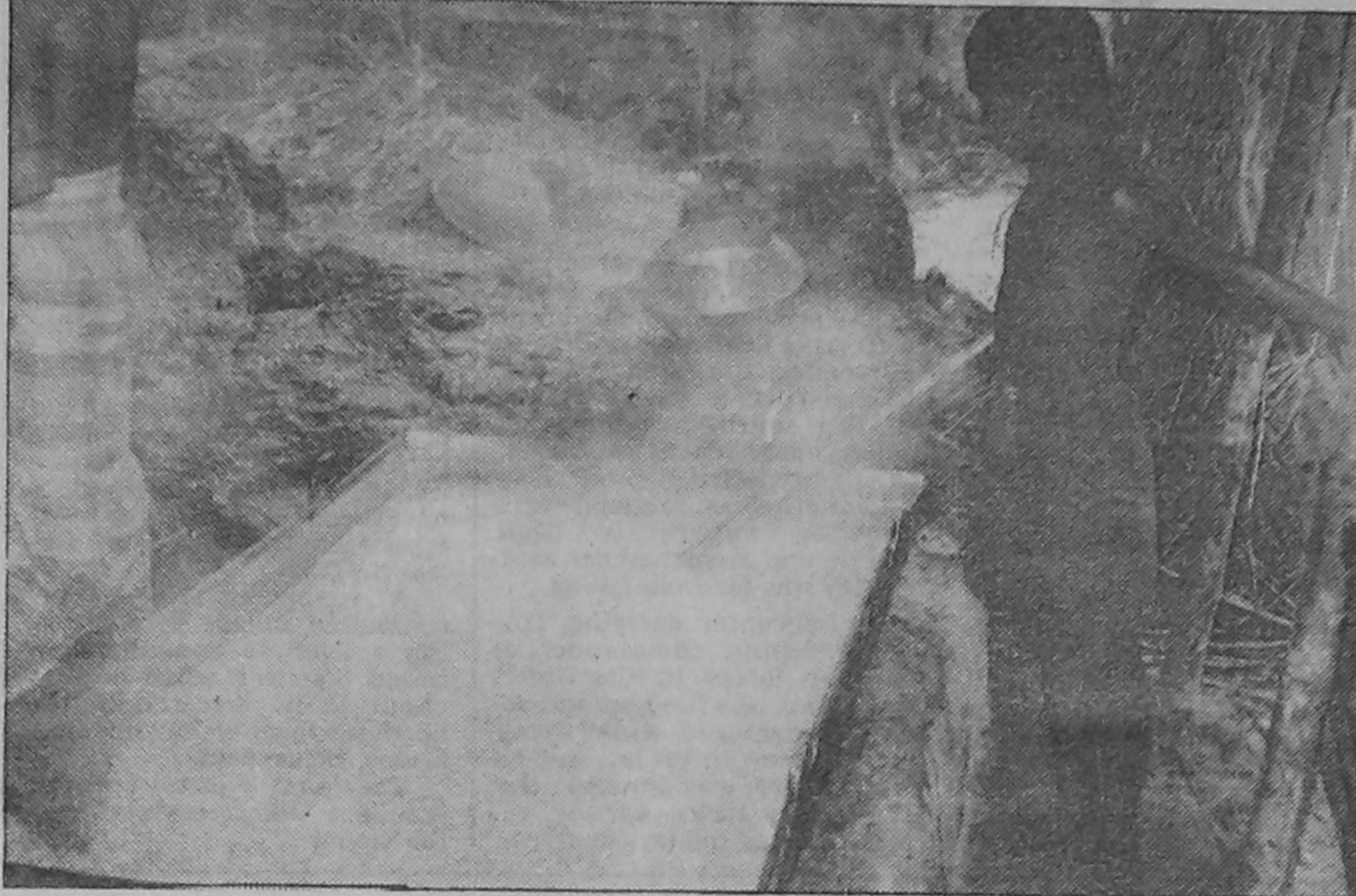
Kushtia Sugar Mills started sugarcane crushing on November 11, '99 with the target to produce 11,850 tons of sugar by crushing one lakh fifty thousand tons sugarcane.

According to Azahar Hossain, Managing Director of Kushtia Sugar Mills Ltd, five



A power crusher is seen at a village under Natore district.

- Star photo



Gur, or molasses, is being produced at a village under Natore district.

- Star photo

thousand tons sugar have been produced, till now, by crushing sixty-six thousand tons of sugarcane.

He said side by side 528 power crushing machines crushed sugarcane in the zone area to produce gur, which is illegal.

Till now thirty seven cases have been registered for using

power crushing machines illegally, thirteen machines have been seized and three persons were arrested.

If the illegal crushing of sugarcane to produce gur is not checked, the sugar mills will be compelled to stop crushing, as required sugarcane will not be available. Hossain said.

Massive Boro cultivation programme in districts

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Jan 15: The Agriculture Extension Directorate (AED) has taken a massive Boro farming programme in five districts of Mymensingh zone during the current season.

According to AED sources, a total of 5,85,660 hectares of land have been brought under the cultivation in the region to produce 16,11,461 metric tons of paddy.

Of the total, 1,64,850 hectares have been brought in Mymensingh with a production target of 4,67,253 mt, 90,700 hectares in Jamalpur with a production target of 2,54,530 mt, 59,970 hectares in Sherpur with a production target of

1,70,598 mt, 1,26,940 hectares in Netrakona with a production target of 3,17,840 mt and 1,43,200 hectares in Kishoreganj with a production target of 4,01,340 mt.

In Mymensingh district 1,58,490 hectares will be brought under High Yielding Variety (HYV) and 6,360 hectares under local variety.

According to AED sources, 12,800 hectares will be brought in Sadar thana with the production target of 36,270 mt of paddy, 11,390 hectares in Muktagachha with a production target of 32,538 mt, 12,750 hectares in Phulbaria with a production target of 36,550 mt, 10,650 hectares in Trishal with a production target of 30,120 mt, 12,500 hectares in Bhaluka with a production target of 35,400 mt, 12,750 hectares in Gafarganj with a production target of 36,040 mt, 13,190 hectares in Nandail with the production target of 35,888 mt, 11,600 hectares in Ishwarganj with a production target of 30,640 mt, 10,700 hectares in Gauripur with a production target of 30,180 mt, 34,390 hectares in Phulpur with a production target of 98,371 mt, 13,320 hectares in Halaoghat with a production target of 37,914 mt and 9,610 hectares in Dubaura with the production target of 27,242 mt.

UNB from Bagerhat says: Some 16,610 hectares of land

will be brought under boro paddy cultivation in nine thanas of the district in the current season.

Officials said high yielding variety (HYV) of paddy would be cultivated on 9,950 hectares while local variety on 6,660 hectares.

They said HYV paddy has already been cultivated on some 1,873 hectares while local variety on 1,868 hectares.

BSS from Tangail says: A total of 1,42,500 hectares of land are being brought under Irri-Boro cultivation in 11 thanas of the district in the current season with a target of producing 5,44,503 metric tons of rice. District Agriculture Extension Department sources said an extensive boro cultivation programme will be taken in four thanas such as Madhupur, Ghatail, Mirzapur and Shakhipur, 68,170 hectares will be utilised in this programme with a target of producing 2,71,330 metric tons of rice. 74,330 hectares will be brought under Irri-Boro cultivation for achieving the target of producing 2,73,358 metric tons of rice in the rest seven thanas.

Meanwhile, Agriculture Extension Department has started selling HYV Irri-Boro seeds and different banks disbursed loan to make the programme a success.

Shortage of teachers in schools, colleges

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Jan 15: Academic activities in various government schools and colleges in the town are seriously being hampered for lack of teachers, reports UNB.

According to a competent source, 54 posts of teachers and staff have long been lying vacant in two government colleges and two government high schools.

Although Nawabganj Govt College has honours courses in eight subjects, there is no teacher for the honours students. The teachers, who have been recruited for HSC and degree levels, are taking honours classes too.

A total of 21 posts, including 16 of teachers, are lying vacant in the college.

The Govt. Women's College is also facing the same problem. Home Economics department of the college has no teacher for the last five years while Bengali department has got only one teacher.

Harimohan Government High School has shutdown a section in 1999 due to lack of

teachers. Eleven posts, out of 27, are lying vacant in the school.

Nawabganj Girls' High School, the lone government girls' high school in the district, is also facing acute shortage of teachers.

Sources said the authorities have decided not to enroll new students in class III in the current academic session, as its 10 posts of teachers out of 26 are lying vacant.

15 unions electrified

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Jan 15: Fifteen unions of Chapainawabganj district have so far been brought under Rural Electrification Programme by Kantsat Pally Biddut Samity, reports BSS.

According to official sources so far 7,550 electric connections have been given benefiting about 75 thousand people of the district.

Substandard pesticides cause environmental degradation

SHARIATPUR, Jan 15: Indiscriminate use of substandard pesticides on croplands has started taking its toll on crops, fishes and birds in the district, reports UNB.

Different species of fishes, which once found here in plenty, have disappeared from local markets and experts attributed it to unplanned use of pesticides.

Many guest birds that mainly came from polar region countries after being hit by shivering cold are dying after taking small fry from croplands.

A large number of fishes are dying in canals and water bodies as contaminated irrigation water rolled down into them with floodwaters.

Farmers said they buy Indian insecticides because those are cheaper than the local ones.

Another report from Magura says: Acute crisis of fish is prevailing across the district as different species of fish including 'magur' is on the verge of extinction.

Experts said water bodies like canal, beel, river, pond and baor have dried up leading to disappearance of fishes.

Sufficient water in water bodies of four thanas here is not available during the season when various species of fish lay their eggs.

Use of Indian substandard pesticide in the paddy field is also hampering the reproductive capacity of fishes resulting in reduction of its number.

Fishes which are on way of extinction, are magur, koel, ranna chanda, kackki, chela, bancha, bayin, khalisha, pabda, putt, tengra, tuki and shoal.

Improved oven gains popularity in Sherpur

SHERPUR, Jan 15: The improved oven (Unnata Chula) of Bangladesh Science Laboratory is gaining popularity among housewives in the district, reports UNB.

The use of the oven is increasing gradually as it takes less time and fuel to cook food. It is cheaper and environment friendly as well, said a housewife.

Work on 'Improve Oven' project started here under the extension project phase II in September 1999 with active cooperation of district Ansar and VDP.

The district supervisor of the Unnata Chula Project M Mahmudul Hassan said a total of 166 improved ovens have already been distributed in Nakla, Nalltabari and Sadar thanas of the district.

A hotel in the district town is using the improved oven, he added.

There are two types of oven, single and double burner. The single oven used as family burner can easily cook food of ten people. While a double burner can cook food of 20 people.

The cost of an oven is Tk 225 only.

Food for 200 people can easily be cooked with a commercial oven and the cost of this oven is slightly higher.

Another official said, on an average an improved oven could save 60 to 70 per cent of fuel cost than it burnt in traditional oven.

Burglary at Tangail

TANGAIL, Jan 15: A daring burglary was committed at the storehouse of Opsonin Company at Beparipara in the town early Friday, reports UNB.

Police said a gang of burglars broke the collapsible gate of the warehouse and decamped with medicines worth about Tk 3.5 lakh by a truck.

Police visited the spot after a case was filed with them in this regard.

In another incident, burglars broke open the door of Bismillah Medical Hall at New Market in the town on Sunday.



Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited (A Company of Petrobangla)

প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস একটি সীমিত সম্পদ, এর অপচয় রোধ করুন

Re-Tender Notice

Sl. No.	Description of works	Estimated cost (In Tk.)	Cost of tender documents (Non-refundable)	Completion time
1. A)	Fabrication, Testing, Commissioning and Painting of skid mounted HP/DRS at Head Office Complex, BGSL, Chapapur, Comilla.	Tk. 2,09,350.00	Tk. 500.00 per set	60 (sixty) days.
1. B)	Construction of 24-Bar Gas pipe line from Kutumbapur TBS, Chandana for Comilla Palli Biddut Samity-1, Comilla.	Tk. 1,44,073.60	Tk. 500.00 per set	60 (sixty) days.
1. C)	Construction of 4-Bar Gas pipeline for Chittagong Balancing Network Phase-10.	Tk.6,59,532.00	Tk.1000.00 per set	150 (one hundred fifty) days.
2	Eligibility : Enlisted contractor with BGSL of category 1.4 for the work under SI No. 1 (A), 1 (B) and Category 1.3/1.4 for the work under SI No. 1 (C) for the financial year 1999-2000. Contractors of on-going project are not allowed to participate if they have not completed 75% of their work within scheduled time. In this connection an up-to-date clearance from concerned departmental head must be submitted along with the offer.			
3	Selling dates of tender documents : 19.1.2000 to 22.2.000.			
4	Where the tender documents will be available :			
	a) Accounts Department, Head Office Complex, BGSL, Chapapur, Comilla.			
	b) Accounts Section, BGSL, 137/A CDA Avenue, Sholashahar, Chittagong.			
	c) Liaison Office, BGSL, House No. 3, Road No. 2/A, Banani, Dhaka.			
5	Place, date & time of tender receiving :			
	a) Construction Department (2nd floor), BGSL, Chapapur, Comilla.			
	b) Administration & Protocol Section, BGSL, 137/A, CDA Avenue, Sholashahar, Chittagong.			
	c) Liaison Office, BGSL, House No. 3, Road No. 2/A, Banani, Dhaka on 3.2.2000 up to 12.00 Noon.			
6	Date and time of tender opening : 3.2.2000 at 12.10 PM.			
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Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer PWD E/M Division No-IV, Dhaka 2nd Call Notice Inviting Tender No: 45 (1999-2000)

Memo No. 1170

Dated: 4-1-2000

Sealed cover tenders are invited in Bangladesh Form No 2911 for the abovementioned work from the enlisted PWD 1st Class (combined), Class-I(E/M) and Class-II(E/M) contractors having valid 'A' 'B' 'C'/'B' 'C' Classes of "Contractary" & "Supervisory" licences. Tender will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division No-I/II/III/IV/V/VI/VII/VIII/PWD Wood Workshop Division/PWD Mechanical Workshop Division and PWD Eden Bldg Division, Dhaka on 31/1/2000 up to 12:00 Noon and the tenders will be opened on the same date at 12:30 PM in presence of the bidders who may like to remain present. Earnest money @ 2% (two per cent) of the total quoted value is to be furnished along with the tenders in the form of CB/BD/PO/SDR from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division No-IV, Dhaka.

Name of work : Annual Operation, Maintenance & Servicing of Stage Light & Sound System Equipment in Bangladesh Shishu Academy Auditorium (during 1999-2000).

Estimated cost : Tk item rate basis.

Earnest money : Tk 2% (two per cent) of total quoted value.

Time allowed for completion : 12 (twelve) months.

Tender form, schedule, terms & conditions etc can be purchased from the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division No-I/II/III/IV/V/VI/VII/VIII/PWD Wood Workshop Division/PWD Mechanical Workshop Division & PWD Eden Bldg Divn, Dhaka during office hours on cash payment of usual charges (not refundable) up to 30/1/2000. Tender forms can be purchased by the contractors or their authorised representatives by showing necessary documents.

The competent authority reserves the right to accept any or reject all the offers without assigning any reason thereof.

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Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited
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Tender Notice

Tender Notice No. CD/HO/3 (01)/2000 Date dt: 2-1-2000

1. Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd. (BGFL) hereby invites sealed tender in prescribed forms from the enlisted contractors of Public Works Department (PWD)/Roads & Highways Department (RHD)/Public Health Engineering Department (PHED)/Housing & Settlement Directorate (H&SD)/Bangladesh Railway(BR)/Military Engineering Services (MES)/Rajshahi Unnayan Kantipakha (RAJUK) and Petrobangla & its Companies for the following works :

Sl. No.	Name of the works	Estimated cost	Completion time	Cost of tender document (Non-refundable)	Minimum qualification of contractor
A.	Seal coat with carpeting of existing main road from gate to production office at Titas Location-1, Brahmanbaria.	Tk.2,85,511.25	60 days	Tk. 500/-	2nd class

2. Intending firms may obtain tender schedule from the following offices from 23.1.2000 to 7.2.2000 during cash transaction hours on cash payment :

a) Accounts Department, Court Road, Brahmanbaria.

b) Liaison Office, 97, Purana Pallan (Bijoynagar), Dhaka of Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd.

3. Tender shall be received in the Tender Box kept in Civil Engineering Department, BGFL, Paik Para, Brahmanbaria & Liaison Office, 97, Purana Pallan (Bijoynagar), Dhaka-1000 up to 11 A.M. on 8.2.2000 and simultaneously be opened at 11.15 AM on the same day in presence of bidders, if any.

4. Tenderers must submit earnest money equivalent to 2.5% of their quoted amount along with Tender. If the quoted amount is less than the estimate beyond 5%, the tender must accompany additional earnest money equivalent to 10% of the quoted amount and item-wise detailed rate analysis for the work. The earnest money in favour of Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd., Brahmanbaria will be in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh.

5. Tender must also accompany the following :

a) Copy of work order of technically similar works completed with own supply of materials in a single work-order in the last 5 (five) years amounting not less than 75% of estimated amount shown in the tender notice along with completion certificate issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer.

b) Bank Solvency certificate issued recently by any scheduled bank of Bangladesh.

c) Income Tax clearance certificate up to 1997-98 including Tax Identification Number (TIN), VAT registration certificate, Up-to-date Trade Licence & Enlistment Certificates.

d) Money receipt of purchasing tender schedule.

6. All the certificates to be submitted along with the tender must be in original or duly attested by a Gazetted Officer. Original certificates and papers must be produced on demand against the attested copies which will be returned after verification or any certificate(s) submitted along with the tender may be checked on direct contact with the issuing authority.

7. The authority reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all the tenders without showing any reason without accepting any liability.

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Dy. General Manager (Civil Engineering)