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Introduction of 4-yr BSc course suggested

Nat'l science seminar begins

Chairman of Bangladesh Association of Scientific and Industrial Research (BASIR) Prof M. M. Hossain yesterday suggested the introduction of a four-year Bachelor of Science (BSc) course in all colleges and universities to be on par with the educational standard of developed countries in the 21st century, reports BSS.

Presenting a paper on "Science Education in Bangladesh for Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century" at the government sponsored national science seminar now being held in the city, Prof M. M. Hossain said the existing 2 year BSc, 3 year BSc (honours) and 4 year BSc (honours) courses under different universities had already created "confusion" in the education and employment sectors.

He said all the graduates finishing either a two-year, three-year or four-year courses are treated equally in the cadre service examinations held under the Public Service Commission.

He said the two year and three-year Bachelor courses in Science should be abolished with only one type (four-year) BSc course where provision of honours or distinction should be made for those who score above a certain grade point on an average. The four-year BSc graduates should be considered eligible for teaching only in schools and colleges.

He suggested a two-year MSc/MS course where the BSc (four-year) degree holders will be eligible for admission. Only the Master of Science degree holders will be eligible for university teaching and joining research and development organisations.

He said the M Sc/MS degree holders, who will obtain marks higher than a designated level, will be eligible for PhD courses and minimum time for obtaining a PhD should be four years. The session was chaired by the chairman of Shilpa Bank Prof M. Shamsul Haque.

1,014 held, 4 arms recovered in combing operation

A total of 1,014 persons were arrested and four arms, six bullets and four explosives seized on the 29th day of countrywide combing operation by police, Bangladesh Rifles and Ansar forces yesterday, reports BSS.

The arrested included 494 persons who were accused in a range of criminal cases. They were held from four metropolitan areas with the arms, ammunition and explosives.

The arrested also included 518 wanted accused and two listed terrorists.

Giving breakup, they said 220 persons including 28 warrantees were arrested from Dhaka Metropolitan area with two illegal weapons, four bullets and four explosives while 21 persons including six wanted accused were held from Chittagong Metropolitan area with an illegal weapon.

Nineteen persons including six wanted accused were arrested from Khulna Metropolitan area while two persons from Rajshahi Metropolitan area.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

Public Works Division, Shariatpur

Tender Notice

No: 14/1999-2000

1. Tenders in BD Form No 2911 in sealed envelopes are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors/contractors firms of the Public Works Directorate as per approved financial capability only for the undermentioned work. Tenders can be submitted till 12-00 Noon on 24-2-2000 in all the offices as shown in serial no 5. Tenders will be opened at 12-15 PM on the same day of submission of tenders in presence of the interested tenderers. Name of the work, name of the contractor's firm and address and the address to whom the tender will have to be submitted should be mentioned.

1. Name of work : Of the construction of 44 district headquarters in Bangladesh — one at Shariatpur. Sub-head: Construction of boundary wall for morgue and RCC road. Head of expenditure: 5-0701-5370-7016

2. Estimated cost : 3,10,605/-

3. Earnest money : 6,220/-

4. Time limit for completion of work : 45 (forty-five) days.

5. Name of offices in which tender will be sold and received : All Divisions of Public Works Circle, Barisal.

6. Last date of selling : 23-2-2000 (till office hours), tender

7. Ready tender schedule containing Bangladesh Form No 2911 including additional terms and conditions can be seen and each tender can be purchased on payment of usual cost of Taka 400/- (four hundred) only and on payment of Taka 25/- (twenty-five) only in BD Form No 2911 (non-refundable in both cases) can be purchased from the contractor/for the Managing Director of the contractors firm himself or his/her nominated representative with signature attested by the Managing Director of the contractor firm/contractor can purchase the tender by producing the authorised letter and original book of enlistment. The cashier will verify the documents of contractor before selling and he will be liable personally for this.

8. Contractor/contractors firm will have to apply at least 3 (three) days before the last date of selling tender for purchasing tender schedule from the Public Works Division as stated in the serial no 5 other than Shariatpur Public Works Division. No application will be received after the expiry of the said period.

9. Attested copies of certificate of registration of Value Added Tax of the contractor/contractors firm concerned and the certificate regarding TIN of payment of income tax, original receipt book for purchasing tender (money receipt) will have to be submitted with tender.

10. If more than one lowest tenderer is found, a lottery will be held to select a contractor on the 14th day from the day of submission of tender and if that happens to be a government holiday, then the lottery will be held the following working day at 11-00 AM in the office chamber of the undersigned. All or his/her representatives are requested to be present in the said lottery. No further contact will be made for participating in the lottery.

11. The undersigned reserves the power to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Md Salah Uddin

Executive Engineer
Public Works Division
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Artists of Vishwa Kola Kendra rendering songs at a function on the fifth day of programmes to celebrate the Immortal Ekushey at the Central Shaheed Minar. The programme is being organised by Sammilito Sangskritik Jote.

—Star photo

'Routine use of vaccines in developing countries static'

Routine use of childhood vaccines in the developing countries remained static since 1990 posing a great threat to public health in the 21st century. But it increased sharply in the developed countries, reports BSS.

This was stated yesterday by Dr Timothy Evans, head of health division of Rockefeller Foundation in New York, in his keynote speech presented at the 9th Annual Science Conference (ASCON) of ICDDR,B now being held in the city.

The topic of the speech was "Equity Challenges for Public Health in the Context of Globalisation".

He said the ever increasing economic disparities between the developed and the developing countries had largely contributed to health disparities where people of the rich countries had more access to health care systems than the poor.

CMP Ekushey programmes

CHITTAGONG, Feb 12: Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) will accord a reception to language movement heroes Gazul Huq and M R Akhtar Mukul on February 15 as part of their observance of the immortal Ekushey February, reports BSS.

A CMP press release here today said the other programmes of the day included a musical soiree based on patriotic songs and street drama.

Home and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim and Chittagong City Corporation Mayor A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury are expected to attend the functions as the chief guest and special guest respectively.

Quoting statistics, he said, the ratio of economic disparity between the rich and the poor countries was 3:1 in 18th century, 10:1 in 19th century and 60:1 in the 20th century.

Dr Evans said due to globalisation a "Network" society was

Nasim opens bailey bridge on Gozaria-Bahuka road

SIRAJGANJ, Feb 12: Home, Posts and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim today said the government since taking over the responsibility has been working relentlessly to improve the communications facilities in the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing the inaugural function of the newly built bailey bridge on Gozaria-Bahuka road under Sirajganj district.

No bridges, culverts and roads were built in the remote areas of the district during the past government, he said, adding the present government is implementing its commitments one after another during the last three and a half years.

At least 50,000 people would be benefited with the newly built bailey bridge at a cost of taka 47 lakh by the local Roads and Highways Division.

The function was also addressed, among others, by Sirajganj district Awami League president Alhaj Mottahar Hossain, general secretary Abu Yousuf and organising secretary AKM Zaman.

Late the minister also inaugurated a sporting competition of the district police at police lines ground. He also distributed prizes.

emerging following fragmentation and integration of the existing societies.

He listed five challenges in the health sector in the 21st century which the nations concerned should address to improve their health care systems. These are: Vision and values, measurement and monitoring of health impacts, reversing the current health care laws, emergence of new forms of global governance and mobilization of human resources.

He said major threats to global health care systems were from accelerated health transitions, emergence of new diseases and reemergence of some diseases which were eradicated earlier. Growing socio-economic and technological developments, privatization and economic volatility also posing challenges to health care in the 21st century.

He said globally the health care systems were primitive in know how and there was a massive shortage of human resources in the health sector.

He pointed out that life expectancy of females in Bangladesh was lower than male till 1980 and the trend has been reversed since 1990. He said life expectancy in the former Soviet Union increased since the second world war but it dropped sharply after 1990.

The conference had several separate scientific sessions today on policy planning, service provision, monitoring and evaluation in organizing and delivering services where a large number of research papers were presented.

'Muscle power, corruption, politics responsible for HR violation'

PAIKGACHHA (Khulna), Feb 12: Speakers at a seminar on human rights today attributed to uncontrolled muscle power, corruption in administration and volatile politics as the major causes of violation of human rights in the country, reports BSS.

It was viewed at the seminar titled "Human Rights and Role of Lawyers", that illiteracy, especially for women, absence of rule of law, honest investigation and poverty were depriving people from their fundamental rights.

Barrister M Amir-ul Islam, Vice Chairman of Bangladesh Bar Council attended the function as the chief guest while Advocate Sheikh Mohammad Nurul Huq, MP and Khulna District and Session Judge A T M Fazle Kabir spoke.

Chaired by president of Paikgachha Bar Association Advocate S M Yousuf Ali, it was also addressed by general secretary Advocate G M Hamid and members from different bar associations of Khulna and Barisal divisions, organised by Paikgachha Bar Association on the occasion of formal launching of its activities.

Barrister Islam described terrorism and corruptions as

the greatest enemy of human rights. In order to get rid of this, he said, "we need a corruption-free law enforcement".

He stressed a social campaign to build awareness against anti-social elements. Bangladesh Bar Council has already launched a movement dubbed "Santrash Birodhi Shanti Andolon" incorporating all irrespective of political affiliations and religious belief. He reminded that the lawyers should take the lead to present the nation a peaceful society.

Islam emphasised the need for creating a system for proper investigation of crime and the trial of the accused, which would be conducted in an honest and effective manner to protect human rights. "Ensuring of a corruption-free police investigation is the first and foremost pre-requisite to build a exploitation free society," he said, adding "to do that the second need is an honest and effective public prosecution."

He said the role of an investigator and Public Prosecutor (PP) must be closely monitored by an independent authority on which the people can keep their faith and trust. Proposing for setting up of a separate office

for the Public Prosecutor (PP) which would recruit the adequately qualified investigators and PPs.

Islam said the law enforcers and judges should be well trained and well paid. Referring to environmental degradation and alleged deprivation of the marginal land owner: by the "Gher" owners in the southern part of the country including Paikgachha, the eminent lawyer said the government should take steps to protect environment, remove disputes, and prevent salinity of the sweet waters.

He felt the need for enacting new laws to regulate shrimp cultivation and other fishing. He also felt for statutory arbitration to settle the disputes relating to land rights and recovery of rents (Haree).

Nurul Huq refuted the criticisms of the opposition political parties regarding the newly enacted Public Safety act and said this is one of the best act in the country, which, he added for the first time kept provision to try the false cases. He said the people have already started to get benefit from it as the government has passed a bill in this regard.

Khushi Kabir elected ADAB Chairperson

The full panel supported by outgoing Chairperson Dr Qazi Faruque Ahmed swept in the biennial election of the Association of the Development Agencies of Bangladesh (ADAB) the premier organisation of the country's NGOs, held yesterday at the LGED Bhaban in the city, reports BSS.

Leading NGO personalities Khushi Kabir, Aroma Dutta and Abdul Matin were elected chairperson, Vice-chairperson and treasurer of ADAB respectively.

Other executive committee members are: Shushanta Adhikari, Syed Nurul Alam, Mohammad Abdul Kader, Shah Mobin Jinnah, Shahidul Islam, Gulshan Ara Chowdhury, Suresh Chandra Halder, Faisal Hossain, Shaheen Akter Doly, Peyara Khan, Manik Chowdhury and Emaranul Haq Kamal.

The election was conducted by noted lawyer Advocate Subrata Chowdhury as chairman of the election commission and was assisted by BFUJ President Abul Kalam Azad and Head Mistress of Udayan School Shamoli Nasrin Chowdhury as members.

President of the Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association Barrister Shafique Ahmed was the chairman of the commission as formed earlier.

Book launched

Speakers at a book launching ceremony yesterday emphasised the need for learning lessons from the past mistakes while formulating the National Water Plan to derive the maximum benefits for the nation, reports BSS.

Water Resources Secretary Dr ATM Shamsul Huda, Ambassador of the Netherlands DGB Den Haas, team leader of the Environment and GIS Support Project for Water Sector Planning (EGIS) Rob Koudstaal, BIDS Research Director Dr Qazi Shahabuddin and editor of the Book "Planning and Management of Water Resources: Lessons from two decades of Early Implementation Projects" Dr Anjan K Datta spoke at the launching ceremony presided over by Professor Atinur Nishat.

Dr Huda said EIP projects numbering 88 covering 32 districts and 35 per cent of the country's arable land areas have influenced during the two decades journey the planning and management of national water sector and the legacy would also guide the nation's any future water plan or project.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)

Gazipur: Road Division, Gazipur

R&H Tender Invitation Notice

Sealed tenders are invited in Bangladesh Form No 2911

1. Tender Notice No : 156/RDG of 1999-2000.

2. Name of work : Work of construction of masonry guide wall on the 25th (part) KM of Tongi-Kaliganj-Ghorashal Road under Gazipur Road Division during 1999-2000 fiscal year.

3. Estimated money : 9,08,733/-

4. Earnest money : 18,175/-

5. Eligibility of : "A" to "D" general classes of contractors.

6. Stipulated time for completion of work : 30 (thirty) days.

7. Head of expenditure : 168-RBF/266-CA.

8. Offices where tenders will be available : Executive Engineer, R&H, Gazipur Road Division, Gazipur/Dhaka/Manikganj/Narayanganj/Munshiganj/Narsingdi/Planning & Design Division, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Bridge Design Division, Eastern Zone-1/ Monitoring & Evaluation Division, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer, R&H, Road Sub-Division, Tongi/Joydebpur.

9. Offices where tenders will be received : Superintendent Engineer, R&H, Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/ Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Procurement & Monitoring Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, R&H, Gazipur Road Division, Gazipur/Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Road Sub-Division, Tongi/Joydebpur.

10. Last date and time of selling tender : 27-02-2000 till office hours.

11. Last date and time of receiving tender : 28-02-2000 till 12.30 PM.

12. Last date and time of preparing tenders as received by different receiving offices : 28-02-2000 at 12.45 PM (sealed tenders cannot be opened by the offices concerned which have received the tenders). These will have to be sent in sealed conditions in the office of the undersigned. These tenders will be opened on 29-2-2000 at 10.00 AM in the office of the undersigned as per specific provision after collecting these envelopes in sealed conditions from the offices where these have been received.

13. Date and time of lottery : 05-03-2000 at 1.30 PM.

Mohammad Bayazid
Executive Engineer (R&H)
Gazipur Road Division, Gazipur.

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No-02/2000
Dated: 08-02-2000

Second Corrigendum to Notice Inviting Tender

Corrigendum to Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for construction of 3-storied Boy's Hall Building with foundation of final heights for Khulna University, Khulna. No. 09/99 dated: 30-12-99 and No-01/2000 dated: 01-02-2000 as stated under:

1. The tender documents will be sold from 14-02-2000 to 22-02-2000 and will be received up to 23-02-2000 instead of 07-02-2000 to 15-02-2000 and 16-02-2000 respectively.

2. The estimated cost of the work shall be Tk. 5,12,85,000.00 (Taka five crore twelve lac eighty-five thousand only) in place of Tk. 5,36,20,262.00 (Taka five crore thirty six lac twenty thousand two hundred sixty-two only) as mentioned in the First Corrigendum to Notice Inviting Tender (No-01/2000 dated: 01-02-2000).

3. The earnest money for the tender shall be Tk. 12,82,125.00 (Taka twelve lac eighty-two thousand one hundred twenty-five only) in place of Tk. 13,40,510.00 (Taka thirteen lac forty thousand five hundred ten only) as mentioned in the First Corrigendum to Notice Inviting Tender.

4. The original papers related with Work Order(s) along with Completion Certificate(s) and Payment Certificate(s) of RCC frame Structure Building works worth of Taka 3.00 crore (three crore) or more in a single Work Order as undertaken by the tenderer within the last 5 (five) years must be shown at the time of opening of the tender (instead of article 4 of First Corrigendum to Notice Inviting Tender).

5. Attested Photocopy (not below the rank of Executive Engineer) of Income Tax Payment Receipt of last 3 years must be submitted along with the Income Tax Clearance Certificate.

6. For details information regarding the Notice Inviting Tender some one may contact with University Authority/Consultant.

7. This Second Corrigendum will be part and parcel of the Notice Inviting Tender. All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

8. The authority regrets any inconvenience made to someone through this notification.

Md. Mustafizur Rahman

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