

Central exam system for IT students soon

The government plans to introduce soon a central examination system and bring the franchise institutions under a cell with the aim to improve the standard of IT education.

"Any person will be able to take part in the examination individually or from an institution," Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) executive director Dr. Abdus Sobhan told UNB yesterday.

The BCC has already formulated methodologies for the central examination system for IT personnel ranging from operator to masters. The semester-based public examination is likely to begin in April.

As the franchise institutions like Apteck or NIT are run by their central body in India, the BCC will form a cell to look after their syllabus and fees.

The BCC of the Science and Technology Ministry is planning to introduce the central public exam system following recommendations of a three-member committee.

The committee headed by Dr. M. Alamgir Hossain, chairman of the Computer Science Department of Dhaka University, also prepared the methodologies for the central exam procedures.

"We formulated the methodologies in the way that will compel all the computer centres of the country to provide quality education, bringing those into mainstream of the IT education," said Dr. Alamgir.

He said many institutions in

the country are now taking examinations in a scattered way and 'we want to bring them under a mainstream where students will be able to check themselves what they really learnt'.

As individuals will be allowed to take part in the exams, poor students who couldn't get admission in renowned centres will now get an opportunity to be an IT professional with a recognised certificate.

Before launching of the central public exam system, an open workshop with the participation of IT professionals and concerned officials will be held in March to seek further expert opinions.

Bangladesh Association of Information Technology Edu-

BCS Taxation Assoc EGM Mar 4

By Staff Correspondent

An extra-ordinary general meeting (EGM) of the BCS Taxation Association will be held at the Engineers' Institution, Bangladesh (IEB) in the city on March 4.

The agenda of EGM included the quick implementation of creating new tax regions announced by the Finance Minister in his budget speech for the current financial year and stopping the initiatives for dissolving two units of the National Board of Revenue (NBR).

education (BAITE), an institution of the 32 IT schools, is also pursuing the BCC to introduce a standard examination system as soon as possible.

The low standard of the IT professionals was also discussed at an inter-ministerial meeting on Monday where Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed said the country is getting only smart typists instead of quality men.

Experts said public universities like Dhaka University, BUET and Shahjalal University are providing quality IT training, while the quality at the private training centres and private universities is very low.

According to sources at the BCC, the name of the central examination committee will be National Computer Certification Council (NCCC). Examinations will be held in every six months.

There will also be an examination committee under the BCC. Only the universities will conduct the examinations and in the long run, examinations are likely to be arranged through Internet.

A committee will be formed to review and improve the syllabus in every six months. Another expert committee will work for development of course materials.

The exams will be held for certificate, diploma, advance diploma, professional diploma and degrees like BCA, BTech, BSc, post graduate diploma, MCA, Mtech and MSc.



The winners of Anannya Top Ten Award '99 at the award giving ceremony held at Begum Sufia Kamal Auditorium of the National Museum yesterday. Prof. Mustafa Nur-ul-Islam was present at the ceremony as special guest while 'Anannya' Editor Tasmina Hossain presided.

Rotary News

North West meeting

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today at the Dhaka Club Ltd, Ramna, Dhaka at 5:30 pm, says a press release.

This will incidentally be the last meeting on Wednesday as the regular meeting day has been changed to Saturday from March 11. Members are requested to attend on time.

Rotary Dist Assembly

Rotary District Assembly-2000 will be held on March 3 at BPATC, Savar, says a press release.

The day-long programme will be hosted by Rotary Club of Dhaka Mid City.

JU teachers' election Mar 4

SAVAR, Feb 29: The election of teachers' representatives to the Jangirnagar University (JU) syndicate, finance committee and academic council will be held on March 4, reports UNB.

The voting will be held from 9 am to 1 pm at the university club, said a press release.

Some 250 teachers will cast votes to elect four members to the syndicate, one to the finance committee and six to the academic council for a two-year term (2000-2001).

Two groups - VC-group (Prof. Abdul Bayes) and Treasurer-group (Sharif Enamul Kabir) - are contesting the posts.

Registrar of the university Mohammad Ali will act as election commissioner.

Japanese envoy calls on CHT Affairs Minister

Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Kazuyoshi Urabe paid a courtesy call on Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Minister Kalpa Ranjan Chakma at the latter's secretariat office yesterday, reports BSS.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on different matters relating to Chittagong Hill Tracts, said an official hand-out.

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Tenders for the above-mentioned work will be received on 07-03-2000, Bangla 24th Falgoun 1406 year, Tuesday at 12-00 Noon in the tender box kept at the offices of the undersigned and the Executive Engineer, Barisal and will be opened the same day at 12:15 PM before the tenderers (if anyone remains present). Earnest money as mentioned against each work in the forms of Bank Draft/Call Deposit/Pay-Order from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned will have to be submitted along with tender. Schedule of tender and other necessary papers can be purchased from by depositing Tk 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable) to Deputy Director, Accounts, BIWTA, Khulna and Barisal during office hours (excepting the days of opening tender) and by receiving the receipt to the office of the Executive Engineer, BIWTA, Khulna and Barisal. The authority reserves the power to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Tenders are invited for 1st, 2nd and 3rd class enlisted civil contractors of Dhaka WASA for the work mentioned below.

Name of work	Amount of estimated money	Date and time of receiving tender
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Tenders will be opened on the day of receiving them at 2-00 PM before the tenderers or their representatives (if anyone remains present).

Schedule of tender will be available in the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka all the MODS Zone offices of Dhaka WASA. Other details will be available in the office of the undersigned.

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AKM Zafarullah
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Tenders in sealed envelopes in prescribed forms and under terms and conditions mentioned are hereby invited from contractors of PWD/firms/concerned business establishments for implementing the following work of Greater Dhaka Transport Planning & Co-ordination Board.

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- Earnest money : Specific earnest money in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Director, GDTPCB, Nagar Bhaban must be submitted with the tender.
- Cost of tender document : 500/- (five hundred) taka only (non-refundable)
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- Contractor/contractor's firms will have to purchase tender document by taking prior permission from the appropriate authority and by producing their registration book of enlistment (renewed up to current year), VAT registration certificate and income tax certificate, photocopies of VAT and income tax certificate will have to be enclosed with the tender submitted.
- Income tax and value added tax (VAT) will be deducted from the bill as per rule.
- Tender will be regarded as outright rejected if any additional terms and conditions are included by the tenderer in the tender.
- Analysis sheet of itemwise rated quoted must be submitted with tender, otherwise tender will be treated as rejected.
- Rate quoted item-wise must be taken two figures after decimal and to be written in figures and in words. Tender will be regarded as rejected if there is any deviation from the rule.
- Bill of the contractor will be paid subject to the availability of allocation. But the contractor will be obliged to complete the work within the stipulated period.
- Work order will be cancelled if the work is not completed within the stipulated period and the security money will be forfeited.
- Estimated cost and volume of itemwise work may be less or more.
- Bill will have to be submitted after completing the work. Bill will be paid through cheque after passing the bill.
- At the time of giving work order 5% of (quoted cost) more as the earnest money will have to be deposited as stated in paragraph (b).
- A total amount of 10% (ten) from the bill after the work will be kept deposited in the department for 1(one) year from the date of after handing over the work.
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Tenders are invited from 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes enlisted mechanical and electrical contractors of Dhaka WASA for repairing of sub-pump of four different brands of 2.0 cusec. The amount of estimated money for the work is Taka 2,38,096/-. Tenders will be received till 12:00 Noon on 13-3-2000 and will be opened the same day at 2:00 PM before the tenderers or their representatives (if anyone remains present).

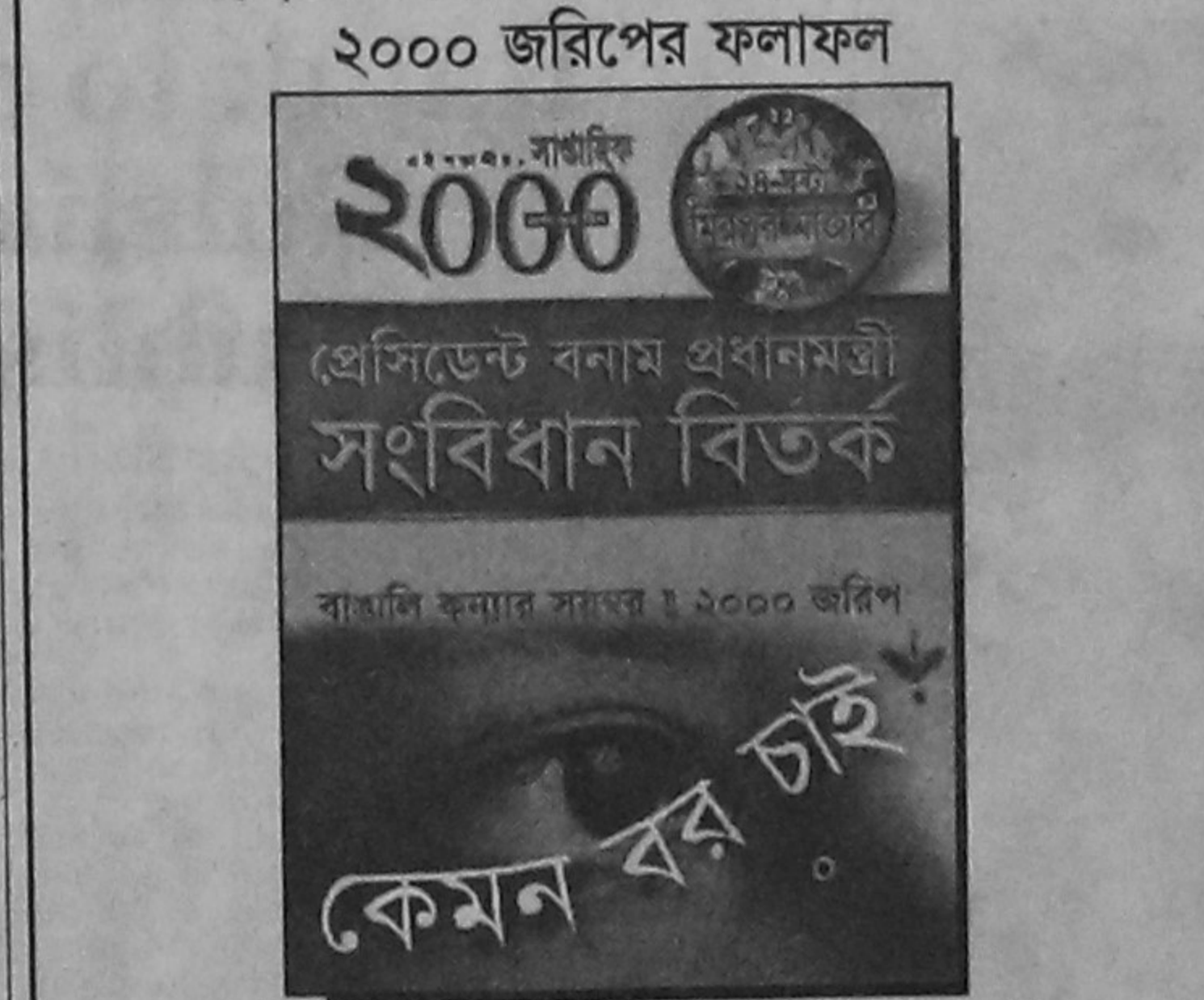
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Govt urged to take steps against assault on garments workers

By Staff Correspondent

Mukti Lawrence Foundation, a non-governmental organisation (NGO), demanded of the government yesterday to take necessary steps to stop sexual assault on garments workers.

The incidents of rape is on rise in the garment sector where women are mostly engaged in production, said Advocate Fahima Nasreen, a Project Director of the foundation while addressing a press conference.

Dr Fahima said there are adequate laws against sexual abuse but due to lack of enforcement of these laws, the situation has been deteriorating in the sector.

"We have collected reports of 91 rape incidents in garments factories in Dhaka and Narayanganj since March 1999," she said.

She said that the organisation 'has been conducting a study on sexual abuse since March 1999. The survey is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Garments workers have been mainly raped by co-workers, muslimen and sometimes by owners, she said.

The main reason behind the rise of rape incidents is social disparity and weaker position of women in the society.

Sometimes garments women were compelled to face sexual repression to protect their job," she said.

Representatives of different garment workers forum at the press conference urged the government to enforce strict rule that does not allow women workers to work after 8.00 pm.

The press conference held at the Jatiya Press Club (JPC) was addressed among others by Dr Abdul Hakim Sarker, Prof M Akhtaruzzaman and Z M Kamal Khan.

Beauty Cinema Hall to be demolished

Beauty Cinema Hall, built in the 60s in city's Mirpur area, will permanently be closed on March 3, reports UNB.

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