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## Over 90 pc success in EPI achieved: Selim

The government has achieved over 90 per cent success in extensive programme for immunization (EPI) during the last six years starting from 1995, reports BSS.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim said this while speaking as the chief guest at a discussion on 'Role of the Voice Of America (VOA) in Polio Eradication' yesterday.

State Minister for Information Prof. Abu Sayeed and State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Prof. Hasan Chowdhury spoke on the occasion as the special guests organised by VOA Listeners Fan Club.

Visiting Director of VOA Sanford J. Ungar, USIS Director Kinkannon and Chief of VOA Bangladesh Service Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion while Syed Asaduzzaman chaired it.

Sheikh Selim said the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was committed to improving the health sector especially for mothers and children. "We have set a target to eradicate polio from Bangladesh by this year," he said, adding that certain success has also been achieved to this end.

The health minister said media has an important role in educating and motivating people in all countries. VOA through its Bangla Service during the last 42 years, he said has been playing significant role in various fields. Hence, he said, VOA could play more important role in eradicating polio and poverty from society.

Lauding the role of VOA in eradicating polio from Bangladesh, Prof. Sayeed said steps could be taken to project VOA programmes through FM band of Bangladesh Betar. "We need financial and technological support from VOA in this regard," he added. Prof. Sayeed also cited some achievements of the government and said literacy rate have been raised at 62 per cent from 47 per cent in 1995 while poverty level have come down to 42 per cent from 62 per cent.

Abul Hasan Chowdhury expressed the hope that VOA would not confine it only to projecting news but also help governments in health programmes like polio eradication. He said the VOA fan club could join hands with governments and other developing agencies to enhance the life standard of the people.



The road dividers on Airport Road are being painted on occasion of US President Bill Clinton's upcoming visit. —Star photo

## Shiva Chaturdashi mela begins in Sitakunda

CHITTAGONG, Mar 3: A three-day Shiva Chaturdashi mela, marking the worship to the God Shiva on the 14th day of the dark fortnight, began today at Chandranath shrine under Sitakunda thana, some 35 kilometres off here, reports BSS.

The most sacred and oldest festival-cum-religious congregation of the Hindu community of this region began this morning through hoisting of the national flag and lighting up of five lamps and other religious rites in a traditional but solemn manner.

Justice of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court Gaura Gopal Saha hoisted the national flag as the chief guest. Local lawmaster A B M Abul Kashem Master attended the inaugural function as special guest, while President of Sitakunda Shrine Committee Advocate Subash Chandra Lala presided.

Abbots of different temples and shrines, theologians, priests, saints from home and abroad and countless devotees

from far-flung areas of the country converged at the Chandranath shrine.

A 100-member broad based committee headed by the Deputy Commissioner of Chittagong has been formed for smooth and peaceful celebration of the festival-cum-mela.

Bangladesh Railway has made special arrangements to make stops at a number of stations at Sitakunda, Barokunda and Baryardhala for the convenience of devotees to attend the congregation.

The Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) has illuminated the way from Dhaka Trunk Road to Chandranath shrine. It has also taken steps to supply safe drinking water and render medicare service to the pilgrims and visitors.

Holding of seminar, recitation from the holy Vedas, offering of devotional and religious songs in glorification of Lord Krishna and Radha, and congregation of theologians and saints are the other highlights of the mela.

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## বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিব মেডিক্যাল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

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**বিষয়ঃ বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিব মেডিক্যাল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের মেডিক্যাল যন্ত্রপাতি ক্রয় প্রসংগে**

নির্ভরশীল বাংলাদেশী সরবরাহকারী, প্রযুক্তিকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান, আমদানিকারক ঠিকাদারদের নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ সরকার নং-২৯১১ এর শর্ত সাপেক্ষে দরপত্র সিডিউলে বর্ণিত মেডিক্যাল যন্ত্রপাতি ক্রয়/সরবরাহ করার লক্ষ্যে সীমাহীনসংখ্যক প্রস্তাব আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

সকল কর্মনিবেশে অধিস চলাকালীন সময়ে (সকাল ৮-০০ ঘটিকা হইতে ২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত) এর প্রতিষ্ঠানের রেজিষ্টার অফিস, সুপারিনটেন্ডেন্ট অব হাসপাতাল-এর অফিস, পরিকল্পনা ও উন্নয়ন বিভাগ (কম নং-২৪, প্রান্তিক বিঃ বিভাগ, চিনিসেতা), হিসাব বিভাগ এবং পুরাতী বাক্যে, বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিব মেডিক্যাল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় শাখা হইতে নাদ টাঃ ২০০০/- (দুই হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (অফিসেতযোগ্য) প্রদান সাপেক্ষে প্রতিষ্ঠান দরপত্র সিডিউল পাঠায়া যাইবে।

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মেডিক্যাল যন্ত্রপাতি, দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লিখিত পেনসিফিকেশন অনুযায়ী হইতে হইবে।

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(গ) দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ ও সময় : ২৭-০৩-২০০০ বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকা  
(ঘ) দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময় : ২৮-০৩-২০০০ বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকা  
(ঙ) দরপত্র গ্রহণের অফিস : চেষ্টার রেজিষ্টার (সোঃ গ্রঃ), কম-নং-১০৩, বি-১১

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## Tiny 'terror' invades DU

It's tiny, but no less tyrant than a campus terror. It sucks blood but cannot be captured easily. The vermin-vampire invades the most desired leisure at night after one goes to bed. It's bedbug, reports UNB.

Once the Dhaka University campus residents would remain ever scared about rattle of guns in daytime or at night. No less than five dozen lives have been claimed by terrorist bullets at the university since country's liberation. However, there have been moments of lull. Amid a little silence of guns, the residents now haunted by bug menace.

Over the years, Dhaka University students have been fighting the bedbug menace. The residents of DU dormitories say the bugs posed nagging vexations for campus life. One can keep off mosquito menace spraying insecticides or burning coils, but nothing of that sort can hold back the tiny bloodsuckers.

Not only in the dormitories of Dhaka University, but the same problem exists in almost all student barracks in the country.

None of the student fronts on bodies brings out any procession or holds rally against this

menace, which infests not only the dorms but also many classrooms. The university authorities never launched any drive to eradicate bugs for the sake of the students.

Bedbugs infested almost all beds of the residential halls. The percentage of their existence depends on cleanliness of the respective rooms.

Tanmay Dutt, a resident of October Memorial Hall of Jagannath Hall, recalls his sufferings caused by bedbug when he was a first-year student. "I could not even sleep in first three-four days of my hall life."

He said he applied each and every suggestion made by his fellowmen, but could live in peace for a few days only. And then again crept back the bed tresspassers.

Habibur Rahman Habib, a sophomore of Geology Department and resident of Shahidullah Hall, says 50 per cent rooms of their dormitory are affected by bedbugs.

To get rid of their invasion, I sunbathed my bed and mattress, bathed them in Savlon-mixed hot water and used many other things. But, I failed and am frustrated.

Dr M A Mannan, Provost of Sergeant Zahurul Huq Hall,

told UNB that none of the students of his dormitory did complain about the matter. A few months back, aggression of bedbug was heard in the hall auditorium and he changed all the chairs to rescue the students.

"But," he said, "I myself have been suffering from the menace of white ants that are very destructive to furniture and textiles."

Abdul Maleque, Provost of Hajj Mohsin Hall, echoed his colleague. "The students did not make any complaint with me in my five-month Provostship and eight years of House Tutorship."

"If we complain, what they will do for us? They have a lot of big problems. So the complain will go bust with their laugh," said Azad Majumder, a resident of Mohsin Hall.

"As he conceive, bedbug and armed cadres are all the same, both are harmful for the general students and that's why I hate both," the student said drawing a queer comparison.

While talking to UNB, Prof Mahmud UI Ameen of Zoology Department, who is also an Entomologist, said bedbug is an insect of Cimex Hemipterus species. It sucks blood by stinging humans and can cause dermatitis, kala azar etc.

Bedbug is rare in clean room and that's why one can easily escape the aggression of the insect cleaning furniture regularly, repairing and taking care.

## Rotary News

## Weekly meeting

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held today at 1:30 pm at Dhaka Club, Shahbag, says a press release.

Rotarians have been cordially invited to attend the meeting for fellowship and make-up.

## Razzak opens Dhaka-Shariatpur direct bus service

Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak yesterday said the long-cherished demand of the people of Shariatpur has been fulfilled with the opening of Dhaka-Shariatpur direct bus service, reports BSS.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural function of the opening of Dhaka-Shariatpur direct bus service in the city.

State Minister for Shipping Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya (Bir Bikram) inaugurated the bus service.

Two buses with a capacity of 32 seats will operate from each side of Dhaka-Shariatpur everyday. The bus fair has been fixed at Taka 70 per passenger.

Abdur Razzak said the Dhaka-Shariatpur direct bus service would save time and mitigate the sufferings of the passengers who had to spend at least eight hours for travelling from Dhaka to Shariatpur by launch.

Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury said the Dhaka-Shariatpur direct bus service would help expand business and the businessmen would greatly be benefited with this service. He said the government of Sheikh Hasina has established a road communication network in all regions of the country through opening up Bangladesh Bridge for vehicular transport.

The government will also establish communications network with the Southern region by constructing Padma Bridge in the near future, Maya added.

Presided over by Master Mojibur Rahman, MP the function was also addressed by general secretary of Bangladesh Sarak

## Ex-Rangamati BCL president dead

RANGAMATI, Mar 3: Former president of Rangamati district unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), Shubhashish Barua died last night at Chittagong Medical College Hospital due to cardiac arrest. He was 40, reports BSS.

He left behind his wife, only son and a host of admirers to mourn his death.

His body was cremated today at Mazherbasti crematorium in the town.

Rangamati district units of Awami League and Chhatra League condoled the death of Shubhashish and conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

## 'Diploma course for family physicians soon'

National Professor Nurul Islam yesterday laid emphasis on special education for family physicians to strengthen community-based healthcare system in the country, reports BSS.

Speaking at the Fourth National Conference of Bangladesh Academy of Family Physicians (BAFP) in the city, Prof Islam said diploma and post graduation courses in medical education for family physicians could help to a large extent in promoting the country's healthcare system.

"In Bangladesh some 90 per cent people are traditionally dependent on family or private physicians for their medicare and even other social purposes from the time immemorial," he said.

But unfortunately, he said, this tradition is now eroding despite the increasing number of doctors every year, for which their 'highly professional' attitude is mainly responsible.

Among others, Prof Syed Modasser Ali, Chairman of the Bangladesh Research Council and Dean of Postgraduate Medical Faculty at Dhaka University, Dr Anul Islam Chowdhury.

## Samanta Bhikkhu dead

CHITTAGONG, Mar 3: Venerable Dr Samanta Bhadra Bhikkhu, a leading Buddhist monk, died of cardiac arrest at his hermitage at Haldia Kanujan Monastery under Rajan thana in the small hours of yesterday. He was 78, reports BSS.

A physician-turned-monk, Dr Samanta Bhadra Bhikkhu left behind his only son, journalist Chinmoy Mutsuddi, two daughters and a large number of devotees, religious colleagues, admirers and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

Former lecturer of anatomy and gynecology in the then Chittagong and Mymensingh medical schools, and an eminent physician, Dr Samanta Bhadra Mutsuddi renounced the earthly life and was inducted into the Buddhist monastic order as Samanta Bhadra Bhikkhu around a decade ago.

hury. Chairman, Conference Committee and Dr Kanu Bala, Secretary General of the BAFP, spoke on the occasion. Dr S A Mahmood, President of the BAFP, chaired the conference.

Prof Islam underlined the need for producing proper family physicians to reach health service in remote areas of the country.

Prof Islam said he has developed a diploma course outline for family physicians, which is expected to be introduced shortly.

Some 100 family doctors joined the day-long conference from different corners of the country.

## 3 of a family killed in road accident

From A Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Mar 3: Three members of a family were killed and 20 others injured in a road accident at Kanchpur on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway Thursday.

The dead were identified as Khorshed Alam, 42, his wife Parveen Akter, 27, and their daughter Tinni, 10.

Police said the accident took place when a Feni bound bus hit an autorickshaw at Kanchpur at around 4 pm, killing the three on the spot and injuring 20 others, three of them seriously.

The seriously injured, identified as Suman, 14, Liza, 10, and Russel, 16, were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

The driver of the bus fled the scene.

A case was filed with Sonargon thana.

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Construction firms having experience in construction of highrise office buildings and having sufficient Technical and Financial Capabilities (documentary evidences must be attached with the application) may be eligible to apply.

Completed documents as per prescribed forms must be submitted on or before 28th March, 2000 latest by noon.

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**দরপত্র আহ্বান বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

০১) দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি : বিতরণ/৪২০৮/২৭/১৯৯৯-২০০০ তাঃ ২৭/২/২০০০ইং।

০২) কাজের নাম : গ্রুপ-ক) সাধারণ পাকিস্তানি আইন সলপুল মহাসড়কের পূর্বপাশে বিং কালভার্ট নির্মাণের দ্বারা ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত ৮"Ø গ্যাস পাইপ লাইন অধিকতর গভীরতায় পুনঃস্থাপন। গ্রুপ-খ) ধামরাই বন্দী নদীর উভয় তীরের ১২"Ø ডিম্ব লাইনের নিয়ন্ত্রণকারী ভল্ট ট্রেনের সংস্কারমূলক মেঝামত কাজ। গ্রুপ-গ) জয়দেবপুর, ধীরাশ্রম ও টংগী টিনট ভল্ট ট্রেনের সংস্কারমূলক মেঝামত কাজ।

০৩) প্রাকলিত মূল্য : গ্রুপ-ক) টাঃ ৮৮,২০০/- গ্রুপ-খ) টাঃ ৯৩,২৫৪/- গ্রুপ-গ) টাঃ ৮৫,৩৯১/-

০৪) দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য : প্রতি গ্রুপের সেট টাঃ ২৫০/- ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে দরপত্রের সহিত দাখিলযোগ্য।

০৫) আর্নেস্টমনি : প্রতি গ্রুপের জন্য উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ২.৫% হারে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে দরপত্রের সহিত দাখিলযোগ্য।

০৬) দরপত্র দলিল গ্রহণ ও স্থান : ৯/৩/২০০০ইং হইতে ১৩/৩/২০০০ইং পর্যন্ত (কার্যদিবসে) সকাল ১০:০০ ঘটিকা হইতে দুপুর ১৪:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত নিম্নোক্ত দরসমূহ হইতে দরপত্র দলিল (বিনামূল্যে) সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে এবং ১৪/৩/২০০০ইং তারিখে উক্ত দরসমূহে বন্ধিত উভয় বাজার সকাল ১১:০০ ঘটিকা মধ্যে দরপত্র জমা দেওয়া যাইবে।  
ক) উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক (বিঃমেঃ-১)-এর দপত্র, ৭, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা  
খ) উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক (বিঃমেঃ-২)-এর দপত্র, ৫, মহাখালী বা/এ, ঢাকা  
গ) উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক (বিঃমেঃ-৩)-এর দপত্র, ১/৫, ব্রুক-এ, লালমাটিয়া, ঢাকা  
ঘ) উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক (বিঃমেঃ-৪)-এর দপত্র, ২৫/৪, গোলাপবাগ, ঢাকা  
ঙ) উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক (বিঃমেঃ-৫)-এর দপত্র, ৭, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা  
চ) উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক (বিঃমেঃ-৬)-এর দপত্র, মিরপুর-১০, ঢাকা  
ছ) উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক (জাদারা)-এর দপত্র, ভেমা সিডিএস, ঢাকা।

০৭) দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ : ১৪/৩/২০০০ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২:০০ মিনিটে প্রধান কার্যালয় ভবনের মহাব্যবস্থাপক (অপারেশন) এর দপত্রে উপস্থিত দরদাতা (যদি কেহ থাকেন) ও সমিতি স্থায়ী দরপত্র কমিটির সম্মুখে খোলা হইবে।

০৮) দরদাতার যোগ্যতা : ১৪/৩/২০০০ইং তারিখ/সম্মুখে বহিঃস্থ ও হালনাগাদ নবায়নকৃত পাইপ লাইন ঠিকাদার।

০৯) দরপত্র দলিলে বিস্তারিত সকল তথ্য বর্ণিত/সম্মুখে বহিঃস্থ ও খোলার তারিখের সরকারী ছুটি বা অন্য কোন কার্যকর অফিস বন্ধ থাকিলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে একই সময় ও স্থানে দরপত্র দাখিল করা যাইবে। কোন কারণ প্রদর্শন ব্যতীত যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ এবং যে কোন কিংবা সমুদয় দরপত্র আংশিক অথবা সম্পূর্ণ বাতিলের ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

**বিনা প্রয়োজনে গ্যাস জ্বলতে থাকা আর বিপদকে ডাকা-একই বিষয়।**

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## Govt of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Bogra PWD Division

## Notice Inviting Tenders

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No 2911 for the undermentioned works as per terms and conditions stated below :

1. Name of work : Construction of Food Godown out side the perimeter wall, renovation of existing godown and construction of additional kitchen in site the Dist. Jail at Bogra during 1999-2000.
2. Estimated cost : Tk. 47,15,542/-
3. Earnest money : Tk. 94,311/-
4. Time allowed : 120 (one hundred twenty) days from the date of issue of work order.
5. Price of tender : Tk. 775/- (Taka seven hundred seventy-five) only (Non-refundable).
6. Place of selling tender schedule : Office of the undersigned including all the Executive Engineer's office under PWD Zone, Rajshahi/PWD Zone, Khulna/Dhaka/Chittagong/Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi.
7. Place of receiving of tender : Office of the undersigned including all the Executive Engineer's office under PWD Circle, Bogra and Divisional Commissioner office, Rajshahi.
8. Last date of selling tender : During the office hours up to 13.3.2000.
9. Eligibility of contractors/firms to complete in the tender : a) Category applicable as per financial limit of the authorised enlisted contractor of PWD. b) The intending tenderers must have 'VAT' registration. c) Attested copy of 'VAT' registration certificate is to be enclosed along with the tender.
10. Date of receiving and opening tender : Up to 12-00 Noon on 14.3.2000 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM.
11. Lottery : On 23.3.2000 at 11-00 AM in the office chamber of the undersigned.
12. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason.

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