



(Left): Angela Gomes addressing a group meeting (Middle): A class of non-formal education for adults (Right): A scene of alternate dispute resolution committee meeting. — Star photo

Angela Gomes serves humanity

From Atiur Rahman

JESSORE, Apr 9: Angela Gomes, Executive Director of Banche Shekha, a Jessore based NGO, has been awarded the Magsaysay Award, known as 'Asian Nobel Prize' by the Magsaysay Award Selection Committee, Manila, Philippines in 1999.

Only a few illustrious personalities received this prestigious award for their outstanding achievements and dynamic leadership in community development.

Recipients obtain money worth Taka 25 lakh in local currency, one gold medal, one

certificate and a key of Manila city.

Briefing her achievements she told that Banche Shekha is one of the largest women's organisations in the country. It has been working relentlessly to improve the socio-economic condition of womanfolk through poverty alleviation and women's empowerment programmes.

Established in 1976 at Jessore, it is growing since then to cover more women. It is working now in 427 villages of nine upazilas in Khulna and Dhaka divisions. It is serving a total of

25,000 women in 786 groups.

Nearly two lakh distressed are being benefited from her service. It is registered with the Department of Social Welfare and under the Foreign Donations (voluntary) Regulation Act.

Evaluating the activities and programmes of Banche Shekha, a review mission formed by NOVIB, Netherlands for appraisal and review of the organisation's activities, commented that Banche Shekha had been working for two decades. It was the result of the untiring efforts of its founder

Angela Gomes for improving the condition of rural poor women.

It also commented that with such a devoted, dedicated, determined, diligent, dynamic and self-made leader like Angela Gomes and a group of committed and promising staffers, now the organisation has earned worldwide reputation.

It has a vision to fulfil fundamental demands of the rural poor women and where social harmony, peace, justice and ecological balance prevails.

Banche Shekha is trying to

bring about an improved quality of life. It is assisting the backward rural women to assess their legal and democratic rights and create awareness in the society to recognise their rights.

Detailing the programmes taken up for implementation and total activities of her organisation, Angela Gomes informed, the programmes are split into three groups covering (1) Social Development (2) Economic Development (3) Programme Management and Support Services.

Giving group-wise descrip-

tion, she said that social development covers (a) Institution building, (b) Democratic rights and legal education (c) Capacity building measures: Institute of training, resource and development (d) Health.

Economic development covers (a) Income generation/ food security (b) Agriculture, (c) Poultry, livestock (d) Fisheries (e) Apiculture (f) Handicrafts (g) Sericulture (h) Credit.

Lastly programme management/support service covers (a) Monitoring and Evaluation (b) Publication (c) Participatory video.

Erratic power supply hampering irrigation

By Staff Correspondent

Load shedding and low voltage have become a common phenomenon in Jamalpur, greater Kushtia and Manikganj, hampering irrigation.

Our Jamalpur Correspondent says: Subscribers in the district have been experiencing frequent power outage. Local people said power supply in the rural areas under Jamalpur Palli Bidyut Samity remains

stopped for hours together. Sometimes, the power outage continues for ten to twelve hours.

Mill and factory owners said the load shedding has been causing serious problem. They said if the situation continues, mills and factories will be closed. They said it is unfortunate that the minimum charge fixed by the authority has to be

paid even there was no supply of electricity.

When contacted the General Manager of Palli Bidyut Samity (PBS), Jamalpur said inadequate supply from Power Development Board (PDB) is the main cause of frequent load shedding.

Sources said over 4,000 shallow and deep tubewells, meant for supplying water in croplands remain inoperative for most of the time in the district because of power outage, causing huge loss to farmers.

Local people have urged the authorities concerned to take proper measures to solve the problems.

Our Kushtia Correspondent adds: Severe crisis of electricity

is also hampering irrigation in lands brought under cultivation of Boro paddy in greater Kushtia district in the current season.

According to various sources, electricity operated 200 deep tubewells and 7,500 shallow tubewells are used for irrigation purpose in greater Kushtia district. The PDB sources said the demand for power during peak hours is 75 to 80 megawatts a day, but only 50 megawatts of electricity is now being supplied. As a result, at least 500 power pumps remain inoperative, hampering irrigation.

The farmers are passing their days anxiously as they are

apprehending a major crop failure during the current Boro season. Local Agriculture Extension Department (AED) fixed the target to produce 45,000 tons of paddy on 30 thousand hectares of land in greater Kushtia district during the current season. But frequent power disruption has become threat to achieving the target.

Besides, the economic activities have also been seriously affected due to frequent power failure for the last fortnight. Productions in almost all the mills and factories face slump due to outage.

Electricity officials said shortage of power supply from national grid was responsible for the situation.

UNB from Manikganj says: Farmers in seven thanas of the district have run into trouble with their irrigation pumps due to erratic power supply by Manikganj Palli Bidyut Samity (PBS).

Official sources said PBS supplies electricity to its consumers purchasing it from PDB, but its supply for the last 15 days came down to a record low.

Locals apprehended if frequent power outages, attributed to short supply from PDB, continued it would be difficult for PBS to escape public wrath.

A local industrialist said they have to suffer huge losses due to frequent loadshedding: 8-10 hours a day.



Dhaka Electric Supply Authority Tender Notice

Memo No. EE/Civil/2000/2.01/305 Dated: 28-3-2000

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from DESA enlisted 'A' class civil contractors for the works mentioned in Serial Nos. 1-2 below and DESA enlisted 'A' and 'B' class civil contractors for the work mentioned in Sl. No. 3 having (i) valid Trade Licence, (ii) Income Tax Certificate, (iii) VAT Registration Certificate, (iv) Experience Certificate for concerned work (v) Affidavit, (vi) other certificate per tender notice for the following works:

1. Slope protection work of permanent slope of east and south sides of Kalyanpur 132/33/11 KV Grid S/S at Kalyanpur under Civil Works Division, GDPDP, DESA.
2. Construction of some portion of security wall of west and north sides of Tongi Millgate Store at Tongi under Civil Works Division, GDPDP, DESA.
3. Re-construction and elevation of damaged security wall of Tongi Millgate Store at Tongi under Civil Works Division, GDPDP, DESA.

Tender documents/schedule will be obtained upto 25th April, 2000 on payment of non-refundable Tk. 500/-, Tk. 300/- and Tk. 200/- respectively for the works mentioned in Sl. Nos. 1-3 above per set in form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the Additional Director (Accounts), RAO, DESA, Dhaka from the offices of the (i) Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Sagunbagicha, Dhaka, (ii) Additional Chief Engineer (P&D), GDPDP, DESA, (iii) Superintending Engineer (E&I), GDPDP, DESA, (iv) Executive Engineer, HV S/S, HV Lines, Distribution Lines Divisions, GDPDP, DESA and on cash payment with prior permission from the undersigned, (v) Manager, Rupali Bank Ltd., Foreign Exchange Br., Motijheel C/A, Dhaka on prior permission from the concerned head of the office with the following terms and conditions:

- (i) An Earnest Money equal to 2.5% (two point five per cent) of the estimated cost is to be submitted with the offer.
- (ii) Bidder quoting one more than 5% above or below of the estimated cost, Rate Analysis shall have to be submitted alongwith the offer.
- (iii) Bidder quoting rate from 5% to 10% below 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 alongwith the 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 form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the Additional Director (Accounts), RAO, DESA, Dhaka.

Tenders will be received upto 12.00 noon on the 26th April, 2000 and will be opened at 12.30 pm on the same day in front of the tenderers present, if any. Tender will be received in the offices mentioned in Serial Nos. 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 reason thereof.

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GDPDP, DESA
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Gulshan, Dhaka

Underconstruction bridge needs to be completed soon

From Our Correspondent

NARAIL, Apr 9: A bridge over the River Nabaganga here, has been lying incomplete since 1996.

During the period only one-fourth of the bridge has been constructed. As a result sufferings of the people have increased. Lots of microbuses, cars, minibuses, vans, rickshaws, motor cycles and passers-by pass near this underconstruction bridge and so many accidents are occurred at regular intervals. In view of the untold sufferings of people, measures should be taken immediately to complete the bridge at the earliest.

Local people have urged the authorities concerned to take proper measures to solve the problems.

Abducted truck driver yet to be rescued

RANGAMATI, Apr 9: A gang of tribal terrorists allegedly abducted a truck driver from the forest of Kachukhali under Kachukhali thana on Saturday, reports BSS.

The driver was identified as Serajul Haque, 35.

The armed gang of tribal terrorists, who were in an ambush at the deep forest, 45 kilometers north-west from here, kidnapped the driver while he was driving the bamboo loaded Chittagong-bound truck.

The victim was not rescued till writing of this report.

12 killed in separate road accidents in districts

Twelve people have been killed in separate road accidents in Gazipur, Munshiganj, Habiganj, Bagerhat, Narayan-ganj, Khagrachhari, Jamalpur and Satkhira districts, report agencies.

In Gazipur, two people were killed in separate road mishaps on Thursday-Friday.

One of the victims was identified as Shah Alam, 22 while the identity of another man aged about 70 could not be known.

Police said Shah Alam was crushed under the wheels of a bus at Chandara in Kaliakoir thana on Friday while the unidentified old man was run over by another bus near Monno Mills in Tongi on Thursday.

In Munshiganj, two buses collided on the Meghna bridge early Monday killing one of the bus drivers and injuring 15 people.

Police said the accident occurred on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway at about 4 am when a Dhaka-bound bus from Chittagong and a Laxmipur-bound one from Dhaka collided.

Identity of the driver could not be known. The injured were sent to different local hospitals and to Dhaka.

A case was filed with Gazaria thana.

A motorcyclist was killed and another injured critically in a road mishap on Dhaka-

Sylhet highway in Chunarughat thana under Habiganj district.

Witnesses said the accident took place last week near Natun Bazaar when the motorbike hit a tractor on the highway.

The two injured people were shortly admitted to Habiganj Sadar Hospital. Of them, Abdul Maleq, 22, succumbed to his injuries at the hospital.

The other injured, identified as Liton, 18, was later shifted to Pangu Hospital in Dhaka. His condition was stated to be critical.

In Bagerhat, a bus helper was crushed under the wheels of another bus after he fell down from his vehicle on Bagerhat-Khulna road on Friday.

The dead was identified as Tafizuddin, 35, of Katakhal in the district.

Witnesses said Tafizuddin fell down from the bus near Rupsha College at 11 am following a collision between his bus and a truck coming from opposite direction, and was run over by another speeding bus coming from behind.

The body was sent to hospital for autopsy.

A boy was crushed under the wheels of a tank lorry on the Dhaka-Narayanganj link road in Narayanganj recently.

The victim was identified as Al Amin, 7, son of Afzal Hos-sain of Kadamtali in Dhaka.

Police said the accident occurred at Kaziabari bus station in Fatulla thana at about noon when Amin and his father were crossing the road on their way to a relative house there.

Two people were killed and 25 others injured in two separate road accidents at Khagrachhari recently.

Police said two tribal youths were killed and five others injured at Chungna Chhari under Diginala thana while a passenger jeep, popularly known as a Chander Gari, collided with a tempo coming from opposite direction.

The dead were identified as Pangkula Chakma, 25, and Rabi Shankar Chakma, 18. The injured five were taken to local hospital.

In another accident, occurred about seven miles from the district headquarters, 20 passengers were critically injured when a bus rammed into a roadside hill.

The injured were admitted to the local sadar hospital.

Two separate cases were registered in these connections.

In Jamalpur, a boy was killed in a road accident at Fulbaria on Jamalpur-Madhapur Road recently.

The victim was identified as Saiful Islam, 14, son of Mus-limuddin of Fulbaria under Jamalpur municipality.

According to witnesses, Saiful, while riding a by-cycle, was knocked down by a speeding tempo. He received serious injury and was rushed to Jamalpur General Hospital, and later he was shifted to My-mensingh Medical College Hospital where he died.

A case was registered with the Jamalpur Police Station in this connection.

In Satkhira, three people were killed in separate traffic mishaps on Satkhira-Jessore and Satkhira-Kaliganj roads recently.

Tribal terrorists hijack 3 fishing boats

RANGAMATI, Apr 9: A gang of tribal terrorists allegedly hijacked three mechanised fishing boats along with nets on March 30 night from the Kaptai lake near Shuvalong as the fishermen refused to pay them tolls, victims said, reports BSS.

A gang of armed tribal youths demanded tolls from the fishermen near Shuvalong Bazaar in Borkal thana. As they refused to pay tolls the miscreants hijacked three mechanised fishing boats and their fishing nets on gunpoint. Parimal Juhus, one of the victims alleged.

The gang demanded a big amount from the fishermen. No case was lodged in this connection, Rangamati Kotwali thana and Borkal thana police said.

News snaps

UP member arrested

TANGAIL, Apr 9: A UP member was arrested from Porabari Bazar on charge of violating one of his female colleagues, reports UNB.

Police said Fazlul Haq, a member of Porabari union, called the female UP member out of her house in the name of officials works in the UP office, but he took her to a nearby riverbank and violated her along with his two accomplices three months ago. The accused — Fazlul Haq, his associates Matiar Rahman Polu and Kazimuddin — went into hiding when the victim filed a case with Sadar thana. Acting on a tip-off, police raided a shop in the bazar and arrested Fazlul Haq on March 31.

460 bottles phensidyl seized

KHULNA, Apr 9: Railway Guard Police of Khulna recovered 460 bottles of Indian phensidyl and arrested two persons from Daulatpur rail station recently, reports BSS.

Police sources said, 460 bottles of phensidyl were unloaded from a Khulna-bound train 'Mohana' at Daulatpur. Acting on a tip-off, police raided the station and recovered the contraband. Railway police arrested Ishak Ali, 28, and Jinnat Ali, 30, from the spot.

Man slaughtered

PABNA, Apr 9: Unidentified assailants slaughtered a trader at Keshabpur village in Agharia thana on Tuesday night, reports UNB.

Police said the assailants picked up Idris Ali Pramanik, 45, from his house at 10pm and slaughtered him adjacent to his house. Police suspect the killing might be the sequel to a previous enmity. The body was sent to hospital for autopsy. A case was filed with police.

Three robbers held

BRAHMANBARIA, Apr 9: Police arrested three robbers and seized a microbus on Brahmanbaria-Comilla road recently, reports BSS.

Brahmanbaria sadar thana police challenged the microbus in which the dacoits were preparing to go for their operation. Four of them fled but another two were arrested. Police seized all the equipment that might have been used for dacoity.

Sukumar Chandra Barman, driver of the bus, was caught by local people from a bush at Sultanpur village and handed over to the police, according to police source.

Land documents distributed

BOGRA, Apr 9: Home Minister Mohammad Nasim on Friday distributed loan and land documents among 220 landless families here for rehabilitation under the Asrayan Project, reports BSS.

A total of 907 people belonging to these 220 families have been rehabilitated with their settlement on 22 barracks built on 21 acres of land at a cost of Taka 80 lakh. On completion of the project 1,600 landless families would be rehabilitated in 160 barracks at this complex.

Liquor, hemp seized

MEHERPUR, Apr 9: A special squad of the District Narcotics Control Department (DNCD) in separate drives recovered 165 bottles of liquor and hemp here recently, reports BSS.

The DNCD officials also arrested one person identified as Shakkot from Bamundi Bazar at Gangni thana with Indian liquor. In another drive, the DNCD officials seized 350 grams of hemp from a hotel in the area. Two separate cases were filed in these connections.

Body recovered

NARAYANGANJ, Apr 9: The body of a vendor was recovered from a jungle in front of Ram Krishan Mission at Missionpara in the town on Thursday, reports UNB.

The dead was identified as Manik Chandra, 35, a parched-rice vendor. Police are yet to ascertain the cause behind the killing. Family members claimed that some one killed Manik. The body was sent to Narayanganj General Hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed with the police in this regard.

Workshop

NETRAKONA, Apr 9: A day-long workshop organised by the district administration was held at local circuit house here, reports BSS.

The workshop was inaugurated by deputy commissioner of the district Mohammad Koddus. A total of 56 participants including 10 Upazila Nirbahi Officers, six assistant commissioners (land), 10 union parishad chairmen, 10 male and female union parishad members, and 10 district correspondents of different news agencies and news papers of the district participated in the workshop. It was conducted by Additional District Magistrate Sheikh Abdul Ghafer and Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Ahmedullah. The participants discussed the ways for quick disposal of cases.

17 hurt in clashes

JHENIDAH, Apr 9: At least 17 people were injured in separate clashes between the rival groups at Shaikupa and Sadar upazilas of the district on Wednesday, reports BSS.

Of the injured, 6 were admitted to the Sadar Hospital. Witnesses, police and hospital sources said the hostility between the supporters of the two rival groups of village Nacol under Shaikupa upazila had been prevailing for long, to establish supremacy in the areas. Following a trifling matter, the supporters of both the groups, equipped with lethal weapons, attacked each other on Wednesday morning that left 7 people injured. Meanwhile, 10 people were injured in separate two clashes between the rival groups at village Vatoy and Lakkhipur under Sadar upazila.

Health workshop

PATUAKHALI, Apr 9: A three-day workshop on emerging and reemerging diseases concluded at the District Council auditorium here on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Health Directorate organised the workshop in order to formulate a policy at national level to check the emerging and reemerging diseases under essential healthcare. Patuakhali Civil Surgeon Dr Saidur Rahman presided over the workshop. A total of 54 health officials took part in the workshop and discussed 12 diseases, including AIDS, malaria, cholera, phthisis, kala azar, dengue, rabies, plague, hepatitis-B and filaria.



Angela Gomes caressing a baby at a health care programme. — Star photo

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2nd 12-storied Government Building, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.

Date: 27-3-2000/13-12-1406

Tender Invitation Notice

No-85 (1999-2000)

Tenders in sealed envelopes in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are invited from special first class and combined first class of the Public Works Department, first class/second class contractor enlisted for E/M work for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received till 19-4-2000 at 12 Noon during office hours in the tender boxes kept at the offices of Public Works E/M Division-4/5/6 and Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka and will be opened the same day at 12.30 PM in presence of tenderers or their nominated representatives (if anyone remains present). Tender schedule form and terms and conditions etc can be purchased from the offices of Public Works E/M Division-4/5/6 and Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka during office hours on payment of usual fees for Taka 425/- (Four hundred and twenty-five) taka (Non-refundable) by 18-4-2000 latest. Security money at the rate of 2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost in the form of Bank Draft / Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-6, Dhaka must be submitted with each tender. The office authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason. Contractor himself or his nominated representative bearing a letter attested by him can purchase tender by producing all necessary papers including registration book. Participants in the tender must submit certificate regarding TIN and original money receipt for purchasing tender documents with the tender.

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed
1	Work of supply of maricha bati (Burmese set) for the illumination of various buildings on the occasion of National Rally of Ansar at Ansar Academy at Shafipur in Gazipur.	Tk 1,27,500/-	Tk 2,550/-	7 (seven) days

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