

Shortage of doctors in Kishoreganj health complexes

KISHOREGANJ, June 19: The healthcare programme of the government in rural areas appears to suffer a setback due to numerous problems including shortage of doctors and medicine, reports UNB.

After visiting some upazila health complexes and talking with local people UNB correspondent found the shortage of doctors, negligence of staff and nurses in duties and misappropriation of medicine and food and weakness of administration are mainly responsible for the breakdown in the health sector.

Sanctioned posts of doctors for 13 upazila health complexes, 17 sub-health centers and Sadar hospital are 152, but at present only 86 are posted. Of the posted, four are working outside the district on deputations since long.

The health complexes and sub-health centers are running with the shortage of 66 doctors including child specialists and

medicine specialists.

In absence of medical officers the patients were not getting proper treatment even in emergency cases. The patients alleged that they had to buy all medicines from outside at high prices in the absence of medicine in the hospital.

When contacted District Civil Surgeon said that he had written to the higher authorities to fill up the vacant posts of the doctors immediately. About negligence of the staff and nurses he said, being local most of the staff and nurses maintain political liaison and as such they do not bother to perform their duties properly.

Another official of the Civil Surgeon Office said five ambulances could not be repaired due to shortage of fund.

On the other hand, taking the advantage of the situation the owners of the private clinics are earning windfall profit without rendering proper treatment to the patients.

Faces of Rangpur talents

From Mozammel Haq

RANGPUR, June 19: Students of different educational institutions here have achieved a praiseworthy success in this year's SSC examination by bagging 16 top positions.

Seven of them have been placed in good positions in the science group while nine of them have done outstanding performance in the Humanities Group.

Of them, Taposh Kumar Biswas of Science Group of Rangpur Zila School scored the top position jointly in the combined merit list securing 937 marks with eight letters.

In this group, Fias Kaizer of Rangpur Cantonment Public School and College in combined merit list secured the 9th place securing 925 marks with nine letters.

Md Akhteruzzaman of Rangpur Cadet College of the same group in combined merit list bagged 14th position securing 919 marks with eight letters. Tanim Humayun of Rangpur Zila School of the same group in the combined merit list secured the 18th place securing 914 marks with seven letters.

Md Moshfikur Rahim of Rangpur Cadet College of the same group in the combined merit list bagged the 19th place securing 913 marks with eight letters. Debashish Kumar Roy of Rangpur Zila School of the same group in the combined merit list secured 20th place securing 912 marks with eight letters.

In the same group Ifat-Arifa of Rangpur Cantonment School and College in the combined merit list secured the 8th place amongst girls securing 908 marks with eight letters. In the humanities group, Tanvir Rahman Khan of Rangpur Cadet College secured the first position in the combined merit list securing 878 marks with seven letters.

Md Salah Uddin of the same group from the same institution in the combined merit list secured the 10th place securing 842 marks with seven letters. Md Ashrafuzzaman Noman of the same group and from the same institution in the com-

bined merit list secured the 11th place securing 833 marks with five letters.

Md Ashik Intiaz from the same college and group in the combined merit list secured the 18th position with four letters. In the humanities group, in the combined merit list Rifat Zahar of Cantonment Public School and College secured the first position amongst girls by securing 870 marks with seven letters. Shaikh Arefin Zehadi of Rangpur Cadet College of the same group in the combined merit list secured the 5th place by securing 867 marks with six letters.

Shifat Sultana of Government Girls' High School here in the same group in the combined merit list secured the 11th place securing 833 marks with five letters. She also secured third place amongst girls. Israt Jahana of Rangpur Shyampr Sugar Mills High School from the same group in the combined merit list secured the 14th position securing 826 marks with five letters. She also secured the fifth place amongst girl students.



Left to right (top row): Md Tanvir Rahman Khan, Taposh Kumar Biswas, Rifat Zahar, Md Taufikur Karim and Md Shaikh Arefin Jahedi. (Bottom row): Fias Kaizer, Md Salamuddin, Shifat Sultana, Md Akhteruzzaman and Md Ashik Intiaz.

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Land fertility decreasing

CHANDPUR, June 19: The fertility of land is decreasing day by day due to frequent cul-

From Our Correspondent

tivation of High Yielding Variety (HYV) of crops in different irrigation projects here.

The farmers are not educated and well-trained about the modern technology of cultivation. They cultivate crop just after harvesting of previous crops, but time space is required for the cultivation which is unknown to farmers. Farmers do not keep their lands fallow after harvesting of crops. They prepare land for the next crop soon after harvesting. Agricultural experts opined that production capacity of the cultivable land have diminished gradually due to exhaustive use and application of chemical fertilisers.

It is reported that 60 to 70 per cent cultivable lands have lost sulphur and zinc resulting in shortage of crop production to about 50 per cent. The agricultural experts have advised

the farmers to use sulphur and zinc fertilisers to add fertility of soil. There are about four lakh 50 thousand acres of cultivable land in Chandpur irrigation project and Matlab Meghna-Dhanagoda project area.

Due to loss of fertility of lands in the area land are gradually turning barren and unproductive. In the past, lands were kept fallow for several months to recover fertility of soil, but it is not done now.

On the other hand the fertility of soil is decreasing for not using cowdung in soil.

Farmers complained that they cannot prepare cowdung due to shortage of live stocks. As a result IRRI-Boro production in two biggest irrigation projects is decreasing day by day. Farmers can not attain the production cost in cultivating the crops due to loss of fertility of the soil.

Two killed in Mymensingh road mishap

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, June 19: At least two people were killed and four others were injured critically in a road accident near Seed Store Bazar in Bhaluka upazila here recently.

Police said the accident occurred when a Sherpur-bound bus from Dhaka collided with a microbus at about 8.45 in the morning, killing one on the spot and injuring five. Another died on his way to hospital.

The dead were identified as Sunil, the driver of the microbus and Abdul Latif Sarker, 45, an agriculture officer of Netrakona Agriculture Extension Department.

Critically injured Dilip Kumar Ahikari, 46, Akhteruzzaman, 47, Anwarul Hoque Khan, 48, and Md Shajahan Ali, 45, were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

Illegal hemp cultivation in Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, June 19: Some unscrupulous people have been cultivating ganja, or hemp, secretly in different parts of the district for the last two years.

A reliable source said that about 100 acres of land are now under illegal hemp cultivation in Duagdhara, Hatibanda, Bahadurabad, Parrampur, Bagar Char and Char Amkhuya unions in Dewanganj upazila, Degreer Char, Chinaduli, Pathashil, Golearchar unions in Ishampur upazila, Durnut, Kulia and Nagla union in Malendah upazila and Choradap, Laminchar, Tulshirchar areas in Sadar upazila.

The source said a kilogram hemp sells between Taka 4,000 and Taka 5,000.

The hemp produced in the area is sent to Dhaka, Mymensingh, Bogra, Dinajpur, Rangpur, Sirajganj, Pabna, Tangail, Rajshahi, Khulna, Chittagong and other parts of the country.

11 get life-term in 2 murder cases

KISHOREGANJ, June 19: A court here yesterday awarded life-term to 11 people in two murder cases, reports UNB.

The Additional District and Sessions Judge awarded 8 people life-term for murdering a minor girl during harvesting in a disputed land.

They are: Hazrat Ali and his son Nuri Mia, Zahed Ali, Pachanda Ali, Shafi, Mansoor Ali, Muktar Uddin and Nuri Mia.

The court also fined them Tk 5,000 each, in default, to suffer one year more RI.

In another verdict, the same judge sentenced three people to life term yesterday for murdering one Abdus Salam of village Gozaria in Rajpur upazila.

The court also fined Tk 5,000 each of Mostafa and his two sons Firoz and Iqbal, in default, to suffer one year more RI.

The judge also awarded 10 years RI to each of Jashim and Zakir in the same case and fined them Tk 1,000 each, in default, to suffer six months more RI.

The court, however, acquitted four others of the charge.

News snaps

Cotton farming scheme

RANGPUR, June 19: Some 1,800 hectares of land in five districts of greater Rangpur have been brought under cotton farming this season, reports UNB.

Cotton Development Board (CDB) expects that 1,800 mts of cottonseeds will be produced on the lands in Rangpur, Kurigram, Nilphamari, Gaibandha and Lalmonirhat districts. CDB will provide loans, seeds, fertilisers and other inputs to the farmers to achieve the production target.

Project abandoned

GOPALGANJ, June 19: A child home project, undertaken three years ago on the bank of Madhumati Kata river, has virtually been abandoned halfway for lack of fund, reports UNB.

Public Works Department (PWD) took up the project with an estimated cost of Tk 1.21 crore, but work on it began in 1997 with a revised estimate of Tk 3.77 crore. Although the project scheduled to be completed by this year, it has been abandoned midway as the authorities stopped sanctioning fund. The PWD Executive Engineer said still it's possible to complete the remaining works within the stipulated time if the fund as per the revised estimate could be provided.

Paddy procurement programmes

PANCHAGARH, June 19: Boro paddy and rice procurement programmes under the initiative of the Food Department is in full swing, reports BSS.

Muhammad Robiul Islam, Deputy Commissioner of Panchagarh inaugurated the food procurement programme on May 28. Santosh Kumar Pandit, District Food Controller said that there is a target to procure 1,353 tons of paddy and 895 tons of rice this season. The District Food Department set up eight purchasing centres. The procurement rate of Tk 8.25 per kilogram of paddy and Tk 13 per kilogram of rice was fixed. At present harvesting of Boro paddy is going on full swing.

Unauthorised shops spring up

GOPALGANJ, June 19: A section of people in collaboration with some dishonest T&T officials have set up phone-fax shops and are cashing in depriving the government of huge revenues, reports UNB.

Unauthorised phone-fax shops have sprung up mainly in Sadar, Kashiani, Kotalipara, Muksdupur and Tungpara upazila areas. "The people who need to make ISD calls through the illegal phone shops as they offer much cheaper rate than that of the authorised centres," said a college teacher insisting on anonymity. He said, "One may make an NWD call at Tk 15-20 and can talk for minutes together from the illegal phone shops." A T&T official said if any person or organisation indulges in such business without T&T's permission, the particular telephone is supposed to be disconnected as per its rule.

Udichi conference

BRAHMANBARIA, June 19: The Biennial conference of Udichi Shilpi Gosti of Ashuganj Upazila unit was held at Ashuganj Srama Kalyan Kendra recently, reports BSS.

MA Rakib, President of Brahmanbaria Zila Udichi, inaugurated the conference. Alak Das Gupta, treasurer of central Udichi was the chief guest on the occasion. Gitan Chakrabarty, General Secretary of the district Udichi was the special guest. It was addressed, among others, by Dr Abdullah Al-Mahmud. A 23 member committee of the unit was formed. Farid Uddin Ahmed and Dabesh Gushami were elected president and General Secretary.

Erosion suspends road link

SHERPUR, June 19: Direct road link between Sherpur and Jamalpur districts remained suspended for the last six days due to unabated erosion by the Old Brahmaputra, reports UNB.

The erosion has taken a serious turn as the river changed its course due to closure of its one of the two channels last year, making the ferryghat most vulnerable.

The ferry services at the ghat were suspended on June 2.

Officials said the riverbank erosion has also threatened a 33-KVA electric tower near the ghat.

Over 100 metres of Brahmaputra, flood protection embankment at the upper stream of the ghat already went into the gorge of the mighty Jamuna in last seven days. The river also devoured some 500 metres of the dam-cum-road last year.

Meanwhile, cracks have developed on 400 metres of the embankment and it may disappear into the river anytime if the situation does not improve by the time.

The ferry services are likely to resume within a week.

A report from Manikganj says: Erosion by the Padma and the Jamuna has taken a serious turn in seven upazilas of three districts with the rise of water levels in the rivers in last 15 days.

Standing crops on vast tracks of land and a large number of dwelling houses and educational institutions of 17 villages in Manikganj, Pabna and Rajbari disappeared in the rivers.

The erosion-hit upazilas are Harirampur, Daulatpur, Shibabala, Pangsha, Golaunda, Bera and Surjanagar.

The villages are Katakhal, Boyra, Daskandi, Charkandi, Kamarkandi and Sarkarkandi in Boyra UP, Velabandi, Mizanagar, Boali, Tantrakhola, South Chandpur and Chandpur in Harukani UP, and Azimnagar.

Kamalpur, Ramkrishnapur, Choukighata, Bahirchar and Ramrishnapur in Satalari UP.

Directorate General Defence Purchase
Ministry of Defence
New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Re-Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in local/foreign currency are invited from bonafide Manufacturers/Dealers/Suppliers/Indentors (enlisted firms and firms applied for enlistment) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Army.

Sr No	Nomenclature	Date of selling From	To	Date of opening	Currency	Tender No	Cost of I/T
1.	Wheel Stretcher Qty-40 Nos	19-6-2000	09-7-2000	10-7-2000	Local	214/2390/P-5 (A)	Tk 200.00

2. Tendered schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment as per I/T selling rate (Non refundable) during office hour between 0800 hours to 1300 hours. The tender can be dropped latest by 1000 hrs and opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in presence of all tenderers (if present).

ISPR/Misc/2000/518
DFP-14836-11/6
G-1181

Major
for Director General

Bangladesh Power Development Board
সময় মতো সঠিক বিদ্যুৎ বিল পরিশোধ করুন
সরকারকে ফাঁকি দেয়ার প্রবণতা বন্ধ করুন

Invitation of Local Tender

1. Local sealed tenders are invited by BPDB Project Director 18-Town Power Distribution Project from renowned Manufacturers for the Procurement of materials for 18-Towns Power Distribution Project (Phase-II), as detailed below:

SL	Tender Enquiry No & Date	Description of Equipment/Materials	Quantity	Cost of Tender Document	Tender Receiving and Opening Date
1.	PUR-18T/17/99 Dt. 30.05.2000	Lot-1 AAC ANT (Insulated) 50mm2 Lot-2 AAC GANT (Insulated) 25mm2	300 Km 200 Km	Tk. 1000.00	25/06/2000

2. A complete set of tender documents may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of written application to the undersigned and upon payment of Non-refundable fee of taka as mentioned in column-5 above against the tender in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Project Director, 18-Town Power Distribution Project, PDB, Dhaka.

3. A bid bond equivalent to 2.5% of the offered price shall be submitted with tender.

4. Tender will be received in the office of the undersigned up to 11.00 am and will be opened at 11.15 am in the prescribed date as mentioned in column-6 above in presence of the intending bidders or their representatives if any. Tender shall neither be sent by post nor it will be sold on the opening day. Offer send by Post/Telex/DHL/Fax will neither be received nor it will be accepted.

5. Due to unavoidable circumstances (if any) selling & receiving date shall be shifted to immediate next.

Biddut/Jana-2339/4(99)-2000
DFP-15050-13/6
G-1180

Project Director (Addl. Chief Engr)
18-Town Power Distribution Project
BPDB, Dhaka

BCIC International Notice
বিসিআইসিএর পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Zia Fertilizer Company Limited (ZFCL), Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria-3403 invites sealed quotation in two envelope system for supply of the following items on C&F Chittagong basis:

Sl. No	Tender enquiry number	Items	Date & time of closing/opening	Tender documents value (Tk)
01.	ZFCL/OS-2111	Soda Ash (Light)-100.00 MT	10.7.2000 at 2.30 pm	Tk. 400/-
02.	ZFCL/OS-2173	Hydrazine-2000.00 kg.	17.7.2000 at 2.30 pm	Tk. 400/-

Tender documents with detail terms and conditions will be available from (1) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (2) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and (3) ZFCL on cash payment. No tender document will be sold on the opening date. Quotation will be opened immediately after closing.

ZFCL reserves the right to accept/reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

BCIC 491-11/6/2000
DFP-15087-13/6
G-1183

General Manager (Commercial)
For Managing Director
Zia Fertilizer Company Limited

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
BANGLADESH OPEN UNIVERSITY
MBA Admission: 001 Semester (April 2000 - September 2000)
List of Primarily Selected Applicants for VIVA

The serial numbers of the applicants are presented below according to viva time table and RRC:

Chittagong Regional Resource Center : June 23, 2000
Time 09:00am - 11:00am: 2012; 586; 4450; 2035; 2034; 2045; 9795; 2008; 3004; 4901; 9763; 9757; 4414; 3041; 2049; 2396; 9411; 2398; 4932; 4906; 9774; 2372; 3011; 2837; 9401.
Time 11:00am - 01:00pm: 4921; 3030; 3003; 2385; 2017; 4927; 4421; 3029; 9421; 1843; 414; 2888; 9765; 3024; 9425; 2399; 2400; 9761; 2019; 2329; 3034; 9449; 4429; 4431; 4908.
Time 02:00pm - 04:00pm: 9799; 4405; 4445; 2634; 4915; 4413; 2330; 9781; 4949; 4412; 3645; 3019; 9776; 9778; 2831; 9794; 3028; 2091; 3050; 2332; 2038; 2022; 4938; 4401; 4427.
Time 04:00pm - 06:00pm: 2028; 2026; 3013; 2032; 9434; 4912; 9448; 4441; 9810; 4945; 9764; 9760; 9762; 4406; 9416; 9753; 4935; 9402; 4934; 4428; 3044; 9450; 661; 3026; 2909.
Time 06:00pm - 08:00pm: 2389; 9786; 4422; 4590; 4578; 4446; 9315; 4920; 2291; 9759; 2847; 3015; 2023; 9783; 4418; 4416; 3010; 3020; 3603; 4402; 4403; 4419; 9785; 9780; 3017.
Rajshahi Regional Resource Center : June 23, 2000
Time 09:00am - 11:00am: 4826; 4864; 4687; 2058; 4844; 2667; 4829; 2655; 2167; 2692; 4862; 2691; 4852; 2094; 02218; 4853; 4863; 2684; 1833; 2672; 3056.
Time 11:00am - 01:00pm: 4873; 3084; 4835; 4855; 4836; 669; 2662; 4861; 2615; 587; 3098; 4837; 4122; 2680; 4841; 884; 4866; 2075; 4854; 2674; 3057.
Time 02:00pm - 05:00pm: 2678; 4583; 4827; 3053; 4834; 2098; 3064; 4830; 4849; 2832; 2499; 2656; 2660; 2069; 4612; 2222; 4874; 3371; 3080; 3076; 3001.
Jessore Regional Resource Center : June 25, 2000
Time 09:00am - 11:00am: 2518; 4261; 2540; 4957; 9640; 4989; 4259; 4972; 2725; 3945; 9636; 4999; 1956; 1845; 3941; 2530; 4969; 2143; 9647; 4977; 9639.
Time 11:00am - 01:00pm: 4506; 2140; 4979; 4990; 4998; 3316; 4577; 2516; 3949; 364; 3561; 2502; 3068; 4670; 4960; 2833; 4965; 2536; 2508; 4964; 9645.
Time 02:00pm - 05:00pm: 4958; 9646; 4993; 3081; 4984; 9632; 3940; 2534; 3944; 9648; 2510; 4257; 1812; 4975; 2512; 9631; 2412; 2501; 2515; 4585; 1290.
Dhaka Regional Resource Center : June 25, 2000
Time 09:00am - 11:00am: 2292; 2202; 1042; 9549; 4133; 9803; 4128; 2722; 4511; 2435; 1955; 3395; 2934; 1272; 2468; 2739; 1838; 406; 2498; 1818; 3313; 2702.
Time 11:00am - 01:00pm: 4138; 2452; 2204; 2730; 2281; 2289; 2918; 2982; 2973; 9843; 2561; 2912; 399; 2077; 2213; 1836; 3563; 3377; 864; 447; 1018; 861.
Time 02:00pm - 04:00pm: 9842; 2997; 2959; 1256; 1279; 2619; 2908; 9841; 444; 2883; 4686; 2629; 2616; 397; 1253; 3342; 2927; 408; 3594; 1953; 425; 412.
Time 04:00pm - 05:00pm: 3373; 4106; 4654; 2279; 4516; 4651; 3323; 4515; 448; 2145; 1856; 2137; 4682; 137.
Dhaka Regional Resource Center : June 27, 2000
Time 09:00am - 11:00am: 2428; 2294; 2000; 2933; 9844; 2906; 2551; 853; 3311; 3580; 1998; 1970; 3579; 2942; 2476; 3306; 4688; 2913; 2964; 4502; 2948; 1257; 4124; 2900; 2489; 2453; 2571; 3559; 02628; 4121; 2921; 4593; 4580; 2490; 2460.
Time 11:00am - 01:00pm: 2983; 1830; 9817; 2052; 3302; 142; 2966; 3388; 9813; 2406; 3000; 1866; 146; 2458; 2718; 895; 2804; 9831; 3587; 2623; 1028; 1971; 2707; 3389; 4674; 1962; 1958; 2606; 9848; 2587; 3354; 1850; 2741; 369; 9836.
Time 02:00pm - 04:00pm: 2978; 2750; 9834; 4661; 2211; 2297; 4669; 1819; 2736; 9825; 2972; 2283; 2968; 656; 4114; 2617; 2740; 9847; 3343; 4647; 4520; 2620; 127; 1276; 3557; 2919; 429; 886; 1037; 4579; 434; 2724; 2719; 3359; 2738.
Time 04:00pm - 06:00pm: 1975; 3370; 1026; 2219; 1021; 1024; 1281; 1980; 3582; 2603; 666; 1837; 3374; 4665; 2714; 1875; 1960; 4108; 2590; 3509; 3301; 1844; 894; 4653; 2473; 1891; 1888; 653; 1044; 4599; 2487; 2626; 9828; 2951; 1892; 3396; 4576; 2142; 1897; 2604; 4697; 3309; 2483; 4673; 2637; 4668; 879; 898; 1273; 4144; 4667.
NB: 1. Results are prepared in order of merit.
2. Participation in viva in time along with original certificates and mark sheets is compulsory.
3. Applicants form GDM program with CGPA 2.75 and more are not required to face the viva board.

G. M. Khan
Dr. Abdul Awal Khan
Chairman
MBA Admission Committee - 001 Semester

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Jhalakati PWD Division, Jhalakati
Phone No-459

Notice Inviting Tenders
No 61/1999-2000

- Name of work : Construction of Food Godown for 200 Nos. prisoner's out of perimeter wall at Jhalakati District Jail, Jhalakati.
- Estimated cost : Tk. 7.79,337/- only.
- Earnest money : Tk. 15,590/- only.
- Time allowed : 60 (sixty) days from the date of work order.
- Last date of : On 28/6/2000 up to office hours.
selling
- Date of : Up to 12-00 Noon of 29/6/2000
receiving & and will be opened at 12-15 PM on
time of opening the same day (In presence of the
contractor if any).
- Place of selling : Office of the all Executive
and receiving of Engineers under PWD Circle,
tender Barisal.
- Eligibility of : Special Class-I and Class I/II/III
contractor approved building contractor/firms
of PWD/PWD Khulna Zone,
Khulna/PWD Circle, Barisal
respectively.
- The contractors/firms willing to purchase tender
document from other divisions under PWD Circle,
Barisal should apply to the concerned Executive
Engineer at least 5 (five) days before the last date of
selling of the tender.
- The tender form may purchased by the contractor
himself on producing of the registration book or