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## Optimum coverage still a far cry despite rise in contraceptive use

The rate of contraceptive use has increased from a mere 8 per cent in 1975 to 54 per cent among married women in 1999-2000. Bangladesh's decreasing total fertility rate, although a lot remains to be done for optimum coverage, reports UNB.

Khulna Division topped the table of contraceptive users with 64 per cent prevalence while Sylhet division is groping at the bottom with 34 per cent, says a study of Bangladesh Demographic Health Survey (BDHS).

According to the study the current contraceptive use rates in four other administrative divisions are: Dhaka 54 per cent, Chittagong 44 per cent, Rajshahi 59 per cent and Barisal 59 per cent.

Contraceptive use has increased in all divisions since the 1996-1997, however, relatively more rapidly in the Sylhet division.

The trend of fertility in Bangladesh has declined almost imperceptibly from 3.4 for the period 1991-93 to 3.3 in 1994-96 and then remained constant in 1997-99, it said about the cause of yet-high population growth.

In South Asian context, however, Bangladesh showed a great success in family planning while fertility rates in Pakistan remain high and India shows a mixed picture. Family size in Bangladesh declines steadily by 3.3 per cent, said a UNFPA report.

It observed that the trend

towards smaller families had been greatly helped by the wider availability of good-quality, safe and affordable family-planning services, and easier access to them, especially for women.

At present the developing countries represent 95 per cent of global population growth and it would be almost 98 per cent over the next 30 years, the report said.

However, the level of current contraceptive use in Bangladesh is higher in urban areas (60 per cent) than in rural areas (52 per cent) where married women in their 30s use the family-planning method, says the BDHS study.

Pill is by far the most commonly used method, having been used by over half (58 per cent) of currently married women both in urban and rural areas while injectables, condoms and periodical abstinence are the next widely used method.

Educational differentials in contraceptive use have narrowed over the time. Among women in all categories, the pill is the most widely used method, the second popular method among uneducated female is sterilisation while those completed secondary school most widely used condom.

More than three-quarters (78 per cent) of currently married women in Bangladesh have had experience in using family-planning methods. "Almost all

of them who had ever used a method have used a modern contraceptive: 70 per cent of currently married women have used a modern method while 30 per cent have used a traditional method," reveals the survey report.

However, 38 per cent of married women aged 15-19 use at least a family-planning method, but most of them use modern methods, the study noted.

The trend of contraceptive use is higher (67.7 per cent) among the women aged 35-39 but the trend is lower among younger women, it said. It is "probably due to their desire to have more children."

The study shows that the contraceptive use varies in accordance with women's education levels. A little more than half of married women (51 per cent) with no formal education used a method, compared with 53 per cent with either incomplete or complete primary school, and 59 per cent of those with at least some secondary education.

About maternal health the study report showed that some 81 per cent mothers received at least one tetanus toxoid injection during pregnancy in comparison to 76 per cent in 1996-1997.

Tetanus toxoid coverage is lower for births to older mothers (age 35 and over), births in rural areas, births in Sylhet division, births to less-educated women and higher order births (birth order 6 and over). It is the highest for births to women with at least some secondary education and women in urban

areas. It said antenatal care coverage also marked uptrend in the recent years. In 1996-97 women received antenatal care for 31 per cent of births.

In urban-rural differential antenatal care coverage is quite large. Some 59 per cent of the urban births had antenatal care, compared to less than half only 28 per cent of rural areas.

Mothers in Sylhet Division are the least likely to receive antenatal care: mothers had one or more antenatal care visits for only 27 per cent of their most recent births in Sylhet Division, the report revealed. "Antenatal care from doctors and nurses is received most often for births to mothers who have some secondary education and for first births."

Doctors or trained nurses or midwives assist at the delivery of only 13 per cent of births in Bangladesh. The proportion of births with medical assistance during delivery has increased since 1996-97 — from 10 per cent to 13 per cent.

Medically assisted deliveries are more common for urban births and births to highly educated mothers, as well as births to women in Khulna Division. But still most of the remaining births are assisted by Dais (traditional birth attendants) with high risk.

In South Asia, UNFPA said, one out of 35 women die due to complications during pregnancy and childbirth. Some 70,000 women die each year for unsafe abortion, almost all in developing countries.

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### Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division, Kushtia Tender Notice

1. Tender Notice : 110/99-2000.
2. Name of work : Const. of Conference Room over 1st floor of SP's office at RP Line at Kushtia.
3. Estimated cost : Tk. 7,20,726/00.
4. Earnest money : Tk 14,415/00.
5. Place of selling tender : Office of all the Executive Engineers under PWD Circle, Jessore.
6. Place of received of the tender : Office of all the Executive Engineers under PWD Circle, Jessore.
7. Last date of selling tender : Dated 19.7.2000 during the office hours.
8. Date of receiving and opening of the tender : Up to 12.00 Noon of 20.7.2000 & will be opened on the same day at 12.15 PM.
9. Eligibility of contractor/firm : Enlisted & valid building contractor/firm of PWD according to their financial capacity

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G-1273

**Executive Engineer**  
PWD Division, Kushtia.

**Bangladesh Railway  
Engineering Department  
(East Zone)**

**Re-Tender Notice for Sinking of A Deep Tubewell**

Tender Notice No. CE/E/22/2000/W(V)

Scaled tenders are hereby invited for the following works from the enlisted "C" class contractors of Bangladesh Railway, East Zone, WASA and BADC (1st class approved contractor).

Name of work	Earnest money	Experience	Place & last date of selling of tender, documents	Place, date & time of dropping & opening of tender documents
At Tigerpass Railway Colony area near junction sinking of a deep tubewell of 8" x 16" dia up to depth of 500 feet or more as per site requirement on Turnkey Basis by reverse circulation method with rotary rig complete in all respect as per drawing with strainer, housing pipe fitting etc. complete as per direction of Engineer-in-Charge.	2% of the quoted price	Enlisted experienced "C" class contractors of Bangladesh Railway of East Zone and enlisted contractors of WASA & BADC those who have got experience of sinking/re-sinking of minimum 8" x 16" dia deep tubewell within last five years in Bangladesh Railway.	Chief Engineer/ East/Bangladesh Railway, CTG & DEN/III/DA's office. Last date of selling: 17-07-2000 during office hours.	Chief Engineer/ East/Bangladesh Railway, CTG & DEN/III/DA's office. Opening date 18-07-2000. Dropping time up to 12-00 hrs & opening time 12-30 hrs.

1. All terms and conditions regarding the above tenders will be available in the tender documents.
2. Experience certificate should be issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer mentioning his telephone number and full name.
3. Per set tender documents are to be purchased at the cost of Tk. 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only (non-refundable).
4. Railway Administration reserves the right to accept the tender in whole or in part thereof and to reject the tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.
5. Contractor of other Dept. (WASA & BADC) will have to deposit Tk. 3000/- (Three thousand) only (non-refundable) as enlistment fee for this particular work only obtaining permission of Chief Engineer/ East, Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong.

Rail B 113  
DFP-16659-4/7  
G-1274

**Md Nurul Islam Mian**  
Chief Engineer/ East  
Bangladesh Railway  
Chittagong.

### Special Branch, Bangladesh Police Rajbari, Dhaka Tender Invitation

Separate sealed tenders are invited by the undersigned from bonafide importing/trading/supplying firms for supply of various sizes tyre-tube & battery for using in the motor vehicles used by Special Branch, Bangladesh Police, Rajbari, Dhaka office. Tenders should be dropped in the tender box kept at the ground floor of Special Branch Office by 12-00 hrs of 23-07-2000 which will be opened on the same day at 12-30 hrs in presence (if any) of the tenderers. Earnest money at the rate 5 (five) per cent of tender quoted amount should be deposited with each tender in the form of Demand Draft/Pay Order from any Commercial Bank scheduled by Bangladesh Bank in favour of Special Police Super (VR), Special Branch, Bangladesh Police, Dhaka. Otherwise tender will not be treated as acceptable.

Separate schedule consisting types of tyre-tube & battery can be collected against payment of Tk 400.00 (four hundred) only (non-refundable) from the office of the undersigned any day during office hours within 9 (nine) am to 5 (five) pm. No schedule will be sold on the date of opening tender.

**Alhaj Md Lutfar Rahman Mian**  
Special Police Super (VR)  
for Additional IG, Special Branch  
Bangladesh Police, Dhaka

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G-1269



Commitment and Chamak arranged a colourful fashion show and musical evening at the National Museum auditorium yesterday.

### An appeal for justice

By Staff Correspondent

A widow pleaded for justice after a failed attempt on her life and grabbing of her property in Rajshahi.

Narrating her story to newsmen recently in Dhaka, mother of a five-year boy, Tahmina Chowdhury alleged that her brother-in-law grabbed her property after the death of her husband Abdel Naser Khan Chowdhury in 1998.

Tahmina, a first-year MBA student of Finance and Banking Department at Rajshahi University, alleged that the elder brother of her late husband illegally grabbed the property. Her husband left including three cinema halls, one textile mills and one gas station in Rajshahi and two five-storied buildings in Dhaka.

Her brother-in-law is an associate professor at the same department she is studying.

Tahmina told newsmen that she had filed a case with Boalia police station in Rajshahi on October 31 last year accusing her brother-in-law of illegally grabbing her and her son's property.

Tahmina also alleged that an attempt was made on her life on May 7 this year and she was receiving death threats from the accused who got bail after 20 days of custodial imprisonment. The accused are, said she, wife of her husband's elder brother and their maid.

She further alleged that despite Home Minister's instruction for investigation, the police administration could not make any headway due to pressures from a powerful politician.

### Taka 13 cr ADB fund for CHT dev activities

RANGAMATI, July 7: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has funded Taka 13 crore to carry out development activities in different sectors of the CHT to bring about positive changes in the socio-economic condition of the people of this region, reports BSS.

This was disclosed in a series of meetings held here between a visiting ADB mission and local political leaders, administration and representatives of non-government organisations working in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) on July 5 and 6.

The four-member visiting ADB team, led by Ms Donnet A. Walton, left here for Khagrachhari this morning to hold talks with district administration, political leaders and NGOs representatives regarding the keen intention of the ADB on funding for development activities in the CHT, mission sources said.

During its stay till July 10 in the CHT, the mission will also

visit Bandarban.

Of the total allocation of Taka 13 crore, Taka 5 crore has been allocated to the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) for the development of road network. The visiting ADB mission held meetings separately with the Chairman of CHT Regional Council, Jyotirindra Bodhipriyo Larina, Chairman of Rangamati Hill District Council, Ching Kew Roaza, district administration and representatives of NGOs working in the district.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)

Workshop Division, Santahar, Bogra

(R&H) Tender Invitation Notice

1. Tender Notice No : 50 (fifty) year 1999-2000.
2. Name of work : Group-Ka: Supply of spare parts for different machinery for assembling for Road Division, Nawabganj under (R&H) Workshop Division, Santahar, Bogra during 1999-2000 fiscal year (work order) will be given subject to availability of fund.
3. Estimated expenditure : Group-Kha: Work of reconstruction of part of boundary wall of the workshop under (R&H), Workshop Division, Santahar, Bogra during 1999-2000 fiscal year.
4. Earnest money : As per schedule.
5. Time limit for completion of work : At the rate of 2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost in any one of the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/CD encashable in Sonali Bank, Adamdighi Branch to the Executive Engineer (R&H), Workshop Division, Santahar, Bogra.
6. Eligibility of tenderer : A to C general class of (R&H) Directorate and D general class of Workshop Circle, Bogra and E general class contractor of Workshop Division, Santahar, Bogra.
7. Offices of which tenders will be sold : Executive Engineer (R&H), Workshop Division, Santahar/ Rajshahi/ Ferry Division, Bogra/Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Workshop Sub-Division, Santahar, Bogra.
8. Offices in which tenders will be received : Superintendent Engineer (R&H), Workshop Circle, Bogra/Executive Engineer (R&H), Workshop Division, Santahar, Bogra.
9. Last date of selling tender : 20/07/2000 till 12-00 Noon.
10. Date and time of receiving tender : 20-07-2000 at 12-30 P.M.
11. Date and time of opening tender box : 25-07-2000 at 11-00 am.
12. Date and time of opening tender by the undersigned after collecting them in sealed condition : 25-07-2000 at 1-00 pm.
13. Date and time of holding lottery (if necessary) : 25-07-2000 at 1-00 pm.

**Md Abdul Ghani**  
Executive Engineer  
Barisal Public Works Division  
Barisal  
DFP 16602-3/7  
G-1272  
Phone No 52143

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