

An example of philanthropy

From Akhteruzzaman Bablu



A room of the residence of legendary figure of Indo-Bangla-Pak sub-continent Jadav Chandra Chakravarty which is now the administrative building of the maternity and child health centre in Sirajganj.

—Star photo

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 13: Sirajganj Maternity and Child Health Centre in the town is rendering services to patients, much to the happiness of local residents. Established at completely private initiative, the health centre is an apt example of a philanthropic gesture, which provides health services almost free of cost.

Renowned eye specialist Dr Abdul Matin founded the centre in 1980. Dr Matin, who is also a former deputy prime minister, purchased the abandoned residence of eminent mathematician of the sub-continent Jadav Chandra Chakravarty, whose land property of over two acres was declared abandoned after the partition of India in 1947, from the government with a view to establishing the centre. Chakravarty, who was born in Tetulia village under Kamekhand upazila of the district in 1855, earned immense fame for his mastery over the subject. His books were in syllabus in educational institutions. From 1980 to 1986 Dr Matin ran the centre at his own cost. Later from 1987 to 1992 a German national Andri Helpel provided financial assistance to the establishment. Now BNSP Eye Hospital, Sirajganj Diabetic Association and other organisations and also some individuals joined Dr Matin.

Dr Matin had a desire to establish a medical college and hospital in the locality. His dream came true when North Bengal Medical College and Hospital was established in 1999 on the campus of Sirajganj Maternity and Child Health Centre. In the first batch, students were admitted into the college for the academic session of 1999-2000. Professor Tasmina Mahmood is the principal of the private medical college. A hospital has also been established adjacent to the college.

Doctors at the Maternity and Child Health Centre said they have to attend a large number of patients every working day. As it has become almost impossible for us to attend all patients due to lack manpower, we have imposed some restrictions, they said.

In the case of children, patients must have birth registration certificates and immunisation cards to get enlisted with the centre for regular services. We also monitor whether our healthcare advice is properly followed or not, doctors said.

The centre charges Taka 20 from each mother and taka 15 from child for registration fees. A file is maintained for each patient. Diabetic patients are also getting services from the centre.

Int'l confce on mathematics

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Sept 13: The five-day international conference on 'Applied Mathematics and Mathematical Physics' began at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology here on Monday.

About 130 participants from both home and abroad are attending the conference.

Speakers in the inaugural session said that challenges of the 21st century will have to be faced jointly by scientists of the world. The conference will bring the mathematicians of the East and the West closer, they hoped.

While inaugurating the conference, Vice Chancellor of Shahjalal University Professor Md Haibur Rahman hoped renowned mathematicians assembled here will identify the problems and will be able to face the challenges of this century.

The inaugural session was also addressed, among others, by Professor ND Sengupta of Mumbai University, Professor Das Rees of the University of Bath, UK, Professor Harun ur Rashid of Dhaka University, Professor Jamal Nazrul Islam of Chittagong University and Professor Gouranga Dev Roy of Shahjalal University.

On the first day, four papers were read out in the conference. The participants are from India, UK, Nepal, Holland, Japan, Canada and host Bangladesh.

The sorrow of Netrakona

From Jahangir Alam

NETRAKONA, Sept 13: The hilly River Sumashowary is now the sorrow of the people in Netrakona district.

With the advent of the monsoon water level of the river rises above the danger level every year inundating and overflowing a vast tract of land in Durgapur, Kalmakanda, Purbadhala and Netrakona Sadar upazila. Thousands of hectares of croplands go under water. Erosion by the River Sumashowary usually plays havoc in the areas when hilly water comes down from the neighbouring country India. The river devours a large number of dwelling houses, offices, educational institutions, business establishments including thousands of hectares of croplands.

A few years ago, erosion took a serious turn at the bank of the River Sumashowary at Durgapur point where a new branch of the river named Atrakhal was created. Thousands of hectares of croplands of Bishiri, Chandrigor, Barmari under Durgapur upazila and Langura, Najirpur under Kalmakanda upazila went into the gorge of the river. At least 5,000 families were rendered homeless. At least 20 thousands hectares of croplands went into the gorge of the river during this period.

Once the bed of the River Sumashowary was deep and it could carry enough water. But due to heavy siltation caused by the low flow of water from the upper reaches, the normal depth has decreased and course of the river has changed threatening the

existence of Durgapur, Kalmakanda, Purbadhala and Netrakona Sadar upazilas. The surging current of the river directly hits the bank almost round the year.

In 1995 a 5-km dam was constructed to protect Durgapur Municipality. But due to the faulty selection of site this dam did not work properly.

Our Jhenidah correspondent adds: Erosion by the River Garai has taken an alarming turn in the district in recent days, rendering at least 50 families at Madia, Purbamadia and some other villages under Shailakupa upazila homeless.

Ansar Ali, 45, of village Madia said the river devoured his house and cropland, making him a beggar. Homeless Ali now migrates to neighbouring Subarnakhola village in Pangsha upazila in Rajbari district. The erosion made Amod Ali, 42, of the village a petty boatman from a better-off farmer. Same is the case with Hossain Ali Mollah, 72. His cropland has gone in the gorge of the river. However, his thatched house survives.

When contacted, Shikder Qamruzzaman Jiku, chairman of Hakimpur union parishad, said Bangladesh Water Development Board constructed a dam at village Purbamadia during president Ershad's regime, but the river the Garai devoured the major portion of the embankment.

Precious lives lost

Separate incidents have claimed the lives of 16 people in the districts of Bogra and Satkhira recently, reports agency.

Twelve people, five of them women, were killed in separate incidents in Bogra district in last 10 days.

Police said unidentified assailants killed Siddique, 38, son of Lorer Pramanik of Achilal village in Shibganj upazila in his residence on Sept 1.

In another incident, Rozina, wife of Jaidul of Korotola village in Shibganj upazila, was beaten to death allegedly by her husband on the day.

In Hatibandha upazila, Mohammad Ali, 52, son of late Sanaullah, was crushed under the wheels of a bus at Chandaikona on Sept 2.

On Sept 3, Taslim, son of late Jari Pramanik of Namuja Bhandaripara in Shibganj upazila was electrocuted while Alefa, 45, wife of Mirza Pramanik of Shakharia Junglepara in Sadar upazila committed suicide by taking poison.

Yet in another incident, Osman Gani, 40, son of late Tahiruddin was killed in a clash between two groups of villagers over a land dispute at Nandipara in Dhunot upazila on Sept 4.

In Dhupechachia upazila, Abdur Razzak, 35, of Polipara village was beaten to death allegedly by his brother Mizan on Sept 5.

On Sept 7, Asha, 13, daughter of Ashraf Ali of Kushulla village in Nandipara upazila and Shahida Begum, 20, wife of Rafiqul Islam of Hukumapur village committed suicide by taking poison.

Besides, Babu, son of Mujibur Rahman of Polashbari village in Sadar upazila was electrocuted while Sanowara, 16, daughter of Abdus Samad of Shattikoti village in Dhunot upazila was strangled to death by unknown assailants on the same day.

Separate cases were filed. In Satkhira district, four people were killed in separate incidents in three days till Saturday.

Three of the victims were identified as Jiyad Ali, 80, of Shyamnagar upazila, Kafal, 21, of Tala upazila and Khairul Islam, 22, of Assasuni upazila.

Police said the body of Jiyad Ali of Pakhimari village was recovered from a filed nearby his house.

Kafal of village Pachaspura was killed in a road accident in Atharomile area on Khulna-Satkhira highway.

Police recovered the body of Khairul, son of Sairuddin of village Baula in Assasuni thana, from a field nearby his house.

Meanwhile, a baby girl of Kamlanagar area in the town was killed as her drunken father dashed her to the ground.

Ziaul Islam Chowdhury, chairman of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) recently visited a zipper production unit installed at Chittagong BSCIC Foudzerhat Industrial Estate.

News snaps

Inmates of court custody demonstrate

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 13: Inmates in court custody here on Sunday demonstrated protesting the unhygienic condition of the custody.

The inmates said toilet is in unhygienic condition as water supply has been stopped. During demonstration, the inmates also damaged furniture of the custody.

High officials visited the spot after the incident and assured them of taking proper measures in this regard.

Crimes on rise

BOGRA, Sept 13: Some 582 crimes including 16 killings took place and 453 people were arrested during the last two months here, reports UNB.

Police Super office sources said two robberies, seven hijackings, 28 burglaries and thefts, 16 killings, 16 riots, four cow lifting and 21 smuggling were committed during the months of July and August. Besides, 29 drug abuses, one abduction, 160 women and five child oppressions, six arms conflicts, one bomb blasting and other 286 crimes took place during the period. Warrants of arrest issued against 3,495 people and some 453 were arrested in the same period. Some 75 people died unnatural deaths, the sources said.

Angry demonstration

CHANDPUR, Sept 13: Angry townsmen on Tuesday night demonstrated with the dead body of a rape victim, who is mother of five children, reports UNB.

Milon Rani, 40, kidnapped and allegedly gangraped on September 3 night, died at a clinic in Dhaka early hours on Tuesday. Locals brought out procession with her body when it reached the town at about 10 pm. Earlier in the evening, different organisations held rally to protest of the brutality. To avert possible troubles police patrols have been strengthened in the town. Meanwhile, police arrested five persons. Waliullah and Shah Alam, the guards of CSD godown where Milon Rani was raped, and Khorsheed, Manik and Khokon.



A discussion meeting on 'Service, Justice, Peace and Human Rights' was arranged by Pacificare, an organisation of health and development, on Sunday at Palgram Family Health Centre at Rautgaon under Kulaura upazila in Moulvibazar. H M Nasir Uddin, executive director of Pacificare addressing there.

Discussion on human rights

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Sept 13: A discussion meeting on 'Service, Justice, Peace and Human Rights' was arranged on Sunday under the auspices of Pacificare, an organisation of health and development, at Palgram Family Health Centre at Rautgaon under Kulaura upazila in Moulvibazar.

Rokeya Begum who was the chief guest there said that peace would prevail if everybody worked with the spirit of service. H M Nasir Uddin, executive director of Pacificare quoting Mother Teresa said, "The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace. Works of love are works of peace." Quoting a speech of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina he said "Peace is a fundamental right." He said, "No development of a country and a nation is possible without education" while quoting an address of Satish Chandra Roy, State Minister for Primary and Mass Education. Quoting an address of the secretary general of the United Nations Organisation (UNO) he urged all to take up the challenge of establishing the rule of law and eradication of poverty. Quoting another address of Pope John Paul 2 he said, "Equality brings peace." During his speech he remembered Alfred Saren.

Among others, Bazur Rahman, Akbar Ali, Dipesh, Bijoy, supervisor of Ushiapra-2 and teachers.

Seven robbers with arms arrested

FARIDPUR, Sept 13: Seven alleged robbers along with arms were arrested on Monday night from East Khabashpur area of the town after exchange of fire with Kotwali police, reports BSS.

According to police supper of Faridpur, acting on a tip-off, Kotwali police raided a house in East Khabashpur on the bank of the river where the alleged robbers were making preparations for committing dacoity in the town. Sensing the presence of police, the robbers opened fire and exploded cocktail bombs. Police replied with fire, which continued till the robbers' ammunition stock was exhausted. At this stage, police caught seven alleged robbers with two revolvers and other lethal weapons. Two others managed to escape, the police super said. The arrested persons included both locals and non-locals, the police super said.

Three unnatural deaths

SATKHIRA, Sept 13: Three unnatural deaths were reported here on Sunday, reports UNB.

Police said Sona Moni, 4, daughter of Solaiman of Kuliya in Debnaha upazila drowned in a pond while she was playing on its bank. Arshad Ali, 30, a van-puller and son of Abdus Satter of Gobordari in Sadar upazila allegedly committed suicide by taking poison as he was living in abject poverty.

In yet another incident Fatema Khatoun, 15, daughter of Sujauddin of Satomola village in Sadar upazila took her own life by taking poison following a quarrel with her parents.

Separate cases were filed.

Destitutes allowance distributed

CHUADANGA, Sept 13: An amount of about Taka 22 lakh were distributed as allowance among 1,435 widows and destitute women here during the last financial year, reports BSS.

Official sources said, the amount were distributed in four upazila areas of the district. Each woman got Taka 100 a month. Taka 3.78 lakh were distributed among 315 recipients in the Sadar upazila, Taka 7.20 lakh among 585 recipients in Alamdanga upazila, Taka 7.78 lakh among 315 recipients of Damrudhuda upazila, Taka 2.16 lakh among 180 recipients of Jibannagar upazila, Taka .54 lakh among 45 recipients of Darshana Poursabha and Taka .54 lakh among 45 recipients of Jibannagar Poursabha.

Lack of health facilities

BANDARBAN, Sept 13: People of Hill District are facing problem due to lack of health facilities. People of seven upazilas of the Bandarban district are being deprived from absence of physicians in the health centres and clinics, reports BSS.

Civil Surgeon of Bandarban Dr Sarfaraz Khan Chowdhury told that 67 posts of doctors remained vacant, only 18 doctors have been appointed against 68 posts, there is no doctor in the mother and child care centres. Health visitors are not much experienced so crisis arises everyday due to absence of treatment facilities at mother and child clinics.

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

Admission Notice for the Academic Session 2000-2001

Applications in prescribed form are hereby invited from the bonafide citizens of Bangladesh desiring to participate in the Admission Test for admission in the Under-graduate courses of this University for the session 2000-2001. Candidates who have passed HSC examination or its equivalent in 1999 and 2000 are eligible to apply, subject to fulfillment of other conditions.

IN THE FACULTIES OF ENGINEERING, CIVIL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING

- Candidates must have passed SSC/Dakhl examination of any Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education/Madrasa Education Board of Bangladesh or its equivalent examination from any foreign education board and obtained at least 50% marks on the average or equivalent grades.
- Candidates must have passed HSC/Alim examination of any Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education/Madrasa Education Board of Bangladesh and obtained at least 60% marks on the average in the subjects of Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, and minimum of 50% marks in each of these three subjects separately, or its equivalent examination from any foreign education board and obtained at least equivalent grades in the above-mentioned subjects.
- A merit list on the basis of the marks of Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry only of the HSC/Alim examination or the equivalent grades in these subjects will be prepared out of which only the first 4500 (four thousand and five hundred) candidates will be allowed to take part in the Admission Test. All candidates securing the 4500th (four thousand and five hundredth) position having equal marks, will also be allowed to take part in the Admission Test. Moreover, all tribal candidates having minimum requirements and candidates from foreign education boards who obtained at least equivalent grade are eligible for the Admission Test.

SUBJECTS OF ADMISSION TEST FOR 4-YEAR COURSE IN ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTS AND URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND 5-YEAR COURSE IN ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT.

The Admission Test shall be based on the course curricula of Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and English (Functional including Comprehension) of the Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education of Bangladesh for the year 2000. In addition, candidates seeking admission for Architecture Department will have to appear in the Free-hand Drawing Test. There will be one Admission Test for different departments under the five faculties in the following two groups 'Ka' and 'Kha'.

Group 'Ka' Engineering Departments and Urban & Regional Planning Department

and Group 'Kha' Architecture Department

Admission Test under each group will be of a total of 600 marks. Subjects and subject-wise distribution of marks are given in the table below:

Module	Group 'Ka' Engineering Departments and Urban & Regional Planning Department	Group 'Kha' Architecture Department	Marks	Qualifying Marks
A	Chemistry	x	180	x
B	Mathematics	Mathematics	180	x
	Physics	Physics	180	x
	English (Functional including Comprehension)	English (Functional including Comprehension)	60	x
C	x	Free-hand Drawing	180	72

Candidates seeking admission in both the groups 'Ka' and 'Kha', shall sit for examination in all the subjects (Module A - Chemistry, Module B - Mathematics, Physics and English (Functional including Comprehension) and Module C - Free-hand Drawing).

NUMBER OF SEATS

The total number of seats in B.Sc. Engineering, Bachelor of Urban & Regional Planning and B. Arch courses under the five faculties is 785, of which 3 (three) seats in Engineering and 1 (one) seat in Architecture are reserved for the candidates from Chittagong Hill Tracts and other tribal areas of Bangladesh.

FOR ALL FACULTIES

Candidates from tribal areas must submit certificates from the Principal of the college from which they passed HSC examination and the Chairman of local Pourashava/Zilla Parishad or Union Parishad and tribal chief, and must indicate in the Application Form that they belong to a tribe. Candidates for these reserved seats must also fulfil the minimum qualification requirements for the Test. There will be no separate Admission Test for the reserved seats of tribal candidates.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS (FOR ALL FACULTIES)

Application Form and Prospectus mentioning Admission Test procedure for each group may be obtained directly from the Registrar's office on payment of the required amount in cash mentioned below or by sending Pay Order/Bank Draft of the required amount in favour of Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (drawn on Sonali Bank in any branch in Dhaka city) along with a 255x115 mm (10x4 1/2 inch) SELF-ADDRESSED envelope bearing postage stamp of Tk. 10/- (Taka Ten) only.

Group	Application Form and Prospectus
'Ka' Engineering Departments and Urban & Regional Planning	Tk. 250/- (Taka two hundred fifty) only
'Kha' Architecture Department	Tk. 250/- (Taka two hundred fifty) only

'Ka & Kha' all departments	Tk. 350/- (Taka three hundred fifty) only
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Application Form for each group as shown in the above table is different. Therefore, candidates who desire to get the form by post must clearly mention the group for which the Application Form is sought.

- The following documents are to be enclosed with the application duly filled in:
- Attested certificate and marksheet of S.S.C./Dakhl or equivalent examination.
 - Attested marksheet of H.S.C./Alim or equivalent examination.
 - Four (4) attested copies of recent passport-size photograph of the candidate.

SCHEDULE FOR THE ADMISSION TEST

1. Last date of submission of application either directly or by post	Tuesday October 10, 2000 4:30 PM
2. Date of publication of list of eligible candidates selected for the Admission Test	Wednesday October 18, 2000
3. Date and time of the Admission Test	Saturday October 28, 2000 8:30 AM-2:00 PM
	Module B Mathematics Physics English (Functional including Comprehension) 8:30 AM-10:40 AM
	Module A Chemistry 10:50 AM-11:45 AM
	Module C Free-hand Drawing 12:30 PM-2:00 PM
4. Date of declaration of the names of the selected candidates for admission	Sunday November 12, 2000

Examination of all the candidates (Group 'Ka', Group 'Kha' and Group 'Ka and Kha') will commence at 8:30 AM. Examination in Module A - Chemistry of Group 'Ka' and 'Ka and Kha' will be held from 10:50 AM to 11:45 AM.

Examination in Free-hand Drawing (Module C) for candidates of Group 'Kha' and Group 'Ka and Kha' will commence at 12:30 PM and end at 2:00 PM.

N.B. - Admission Form will be available from September 17, 2000.

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TENDER NOTICE FOR INSTALLATION, TESTING, COMMISSIONING OF SWITCHGEAR, TRANSFORMER, LT PANEL, LT MOTOR AND CABLE

Eastern Refinery Limited having its Registered Office at North Patenga, Chittagong hereby invites tender bids for abovementioned jobs.

Bidders who have ABC electrical supervisory and contractual license and enlisted in govt. or autonomous body are requested to submit their offers in prescribed tender documents as per schedule shown below:

Tender Enquiry Number : ER/E & G-01/2000
Cost of tender documents : Taka-200/- (two hundred) only per set (non-refundable).
Closing date and time : 1500 hours on 25/9/2000.
Opening date and time : 1500 hours on 25/9/2000.

Tender documents will be available from the Finance Division of Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chittagong. Tender must be dropped at the tender box kept in front of Dy. Manager (Generation and Electrical) office at the date and time specified and will be opened in presence of the bidders or their representatives, if any.

No tender will be sold on the opening date of tender. Tenders must be submitted in sealed envelopes on the top of which tender enquiry number should be clearly mentioned. ERL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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