

719 projects implemented in Jhalakathi in 4 years

BARISAL, Sept 29: The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) implemented 719 projects in Jhalakathi district in four years till 2000, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the projects spread in four upazilas of the district, cost Taka 48,90,81,947.

The projects included the construction of roads, culverts, bridges, rural infrastructures, link roads, etc.

161 projects were implemented in Jhalakathi Sadar Upazila at cost of Taka 15,12,81,063, 267 projects at a cost of Taka 15,66,31,356 in Nalchity Upazila, 65 projects at a cost of Taka 9,26,63,938 in Rajapur Upazila and 55 projects at a cost of Taka 3,80,33,590 in Kathalia Upazila.

Besides, 171 package projects were implemented during the period at a cost of Taka 5,04,72,000 in 32 unions of the district under Rural Infrastructures Maintenance Programmes (RIMP).

Fishermen rescued in Barga

BARGA, Sept 29: Six fishermen, who were tied up by pirates in their own boat after robbery, were rescued from the sea here Thursday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the pirates swooped on the fishing boat FB Ma-Babar Doa, Wednesday and looted fish, fishing nets and spare parts, confining the fishermen.

Bringing hope to the lives of malnourished children

BINP project in 19 districts brings down malnutrition to 2.5 pc from 10 pc

By Rezaul Karim, back from Cox's Bazar

Severe malnutrition among the children under two years is on the decline in at least 40 vulnerable thanas of 19 districts, thanks to Bangladesh Integrated Nutrition Project (BINP).

Implemented by the government in cooperation with seven selected NGOs, the 67 million US dollars project has succeeded in bringing down the rate of severe malnutrition from about 10 per cent to 2.5 per cent in the project areas.

About 4.50 lakh malnourished children and children with stunted growth are being given prescribed the special nutrition food six days a week under the project. Alongside this, pregnant and lactating mothers are also given food packets and counselling from the some 8,000 Community Nutrition Centres (CNC) commonly known as "Pusti Kendra".

At present about 85 per cent of children under the age of two are malnourished in the country. Amidst them, about 15-10 per cent are severely malnourished while malnourishment in the remaining is moderate or mild.

Despite some recent positive changes, malnutrition in the country remain one of the highest in the world. About 58 per cent of children are underweight and 51 per cent have stunted growth, nearly 50 per cent of women suffer from chronic energy deficit while low birth weight (LBW) incidence is estimated at 45 per cent. Over 70 per cent of pregnant women in the country are anaemic. The figures are perhaps among the poorest in the world.

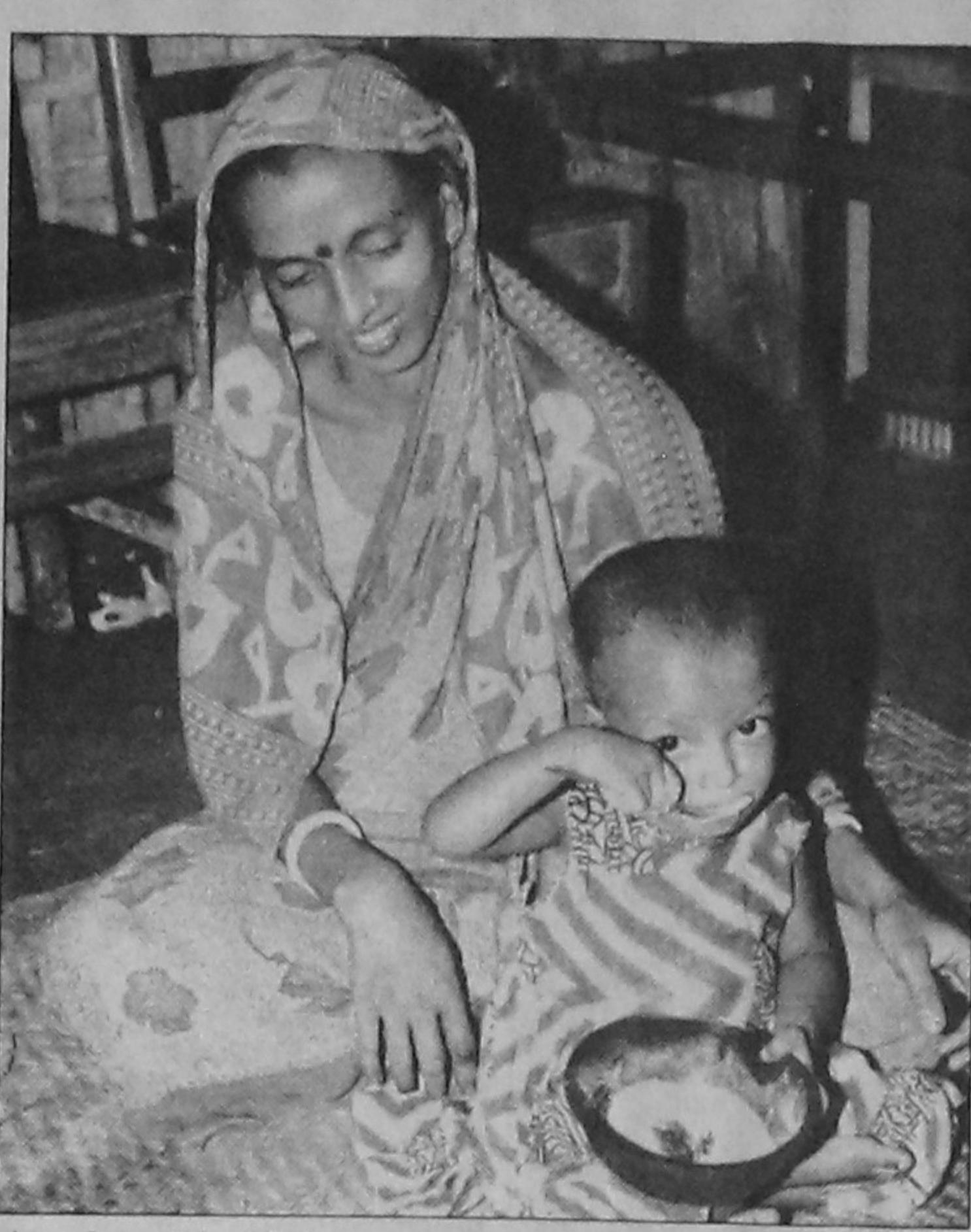
BINP, in its endeavor, to tackle serious malnutrition, had to face a series of social taboos. They had to convince the mothers to come forward and learn to rid their children of malnutrition. The project has emerged as a role model as it has lit a ray of hope among rural people, especially the poor womenfolk about rearing healthy children and improving mothers' health.

A Community Nutrition Promoter (CNP), commonly known as Pusti Apar (nutrition sister), in each CNC is set up in remote coastal, hilly and almost inaccessible localities of the vulnerable thanas. Each CNC serves from 1000 to 1500 people. These centres have succeeded in bringing poor and illiterate rural women into light regarding their health and nutrition.

Although the 6-year BINP project was officially launched on August 2, 1995, it actually started functioning on a broader basis from November 17, 1996. It was expanded to 34 thanas more from six thanas in two phases. Besides, supplementary food supply and promotional activities, the project has two components on poultry and gardening for nutrition to ensure nutritional security of the poor women and children.

In Cox's Bazar, a local NGO namely Society for Health Extension and Development (SHED) is implementing the Community-Based Nutrition Component, which is featured by supplementary food distribution to severely malnourished children, and pregnant and lactating mothers.

Thousands of malnourished children as well as pregnant and lactating mothers are also getting the nutrition packs six



A malnourished baby seen taking the prescribed supplementary food provided from the BINP project at Bharamuhuri Nutrition Centre in Chokoria.

days a week at 169 CNCs in Teknaf thana and 440 CNCs at Chokoria.

The nutrition pack contains components designed to meet the nutritional need of an individual. Each packet contains 20

g fried rice powder, 10 g fried pulse powder, 5 g sugar/gur and 3 g of soybean oil. The four items contain food value of 150 kilo calorie of energy. Pregnant and lactating mothers get four packets each

while severely malnourished children two packets and growth-faltering children, mildly moderate and moderate malnourished one packet each.

One health consultant, known as the Pusti Apar supervises the feeding programme besides promoting health care of the women and their children at each Pusti Kendra.

During a recent visit to different Pusti Kendras in Teknaf and Chokoria thanas, hundreds of women along with their children were seen availing the nutrition packs, sometimes travelling from far, passing hills, canals and inaccessible areas, to reach the nutrition centres.

Talking to newsmen, one of the pusti apas, Hasina Akhter, at Nazirpara village pusti kendra in Teknaf, said they had overcome a many social barriers during their promotional activities.

She said that the pusti apas now get all-out cooperation from people of all walks of life, including elected representatives, community leaders, youths, mosque imams and schoolteachers. In many places, local people have voluntarily constructed rooms for running of the kendra's activities and feeding programmes. This has all happened because the people now understand the need for proper nutrition and understand the benefit of using the nutrition packs.

Under the BINP project, adolescent girls under the 40 thanas are also being given health related advises and supplied with iron supplement tablets. At the adolescent cen-

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Bangladesh War of Independence '71

Punish those responsible, Nur Khan urges Pak rulers

Former Chief of Pakistan Air Force Air Marshal Nur Khan has advised the present military rulers of Pakistan to "admit the mistakes" (meaning the doings of their predecessors during Bangladesh's War of Liberation in 1971) and also punish those guilty of war crime, reports BSS.

Commenting on the publication

of Humoodur Rehman Commission report (which deals with the crime and atrocities committed by Pakistan Army in Bangladesh during 1971) recently, Nur Khan has advised the present hierarchy manning the General Headquarters "to admit that mistakes were committed," the Pakistani daily The Frontier Post said in an article published on Tuesday. Khan further suggested the rulers at the helm of affairs to try to clean this plus in its body.

In an exclusive interview with the paper, Khan, a senior citizen and former Managing Director of Pakistan's flag carrier PIA twice opined that politicians and army rulers in Pakistan have always thrived on lies and in the absence of established institutions they have never been caught or penalised for their excesses. "You cannot

live with a lie forever," he told the daily.

As regard to the Humoodur Rehman Commission report the publication of which has rekindled the demand for apology from Pakistanis for their atrocities in Bangladesh, Nur Khan said now that the report is out "There is no way the army can continue to live with a situation like this."

He observed that, "You have to sacrifice some guilty officers to restore the confidence. Every Pakistani now knows what happened. So there is no point in hiding behind the wall of shameless secrecy."

Nur Khan, who described Pakistan army's defeat in Bangladesh's Liberation War in 1971 as one of the several national disasters, suggested setting up of a high-powered Commission to go through all the disaster reports, make them public and fix the responsibility. He opined for punishing the culprits irrespective of whether living or dead and complete its job within one year and allow the nation and the armed forces to move on."

Child Rights Week begins at Rangamati

RANGAMATI, Sept 29: A Child Rights Week 2000 began here today, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Rangamati Hill District Unit, has chalked out elaborate programmes in observance of the week which includes child rally, film exhibition, painting, quiz competition, recitation, drama, debate and discussion.

Chairman of Rangamati Hill District Council (RHDC) Ching Kew Roza inaugurated the week as the chief guest at a function held at Shishu Academy Auditorium of Rangamati today.

Boy missing from East Goran

A young boy, Rezwaniul Khan Shaon, has been missing since September 26 from near his 343, East Goran residence in the city, says a press release.

A general diary has been registered with Khilgaon police station in this connection.

Shaon, 12, is four feet and eight inches tall. He suffers from mental problems.

Anyone knowing of this whereabouts has been requested to contact the boy's father Md Rakibuddin at the aforesaid address or over the telephone at 9348773 or 018-214082.

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Invitation of Local Tender

Local sealed tenders are invited by BPDB Project Director 16-Towns Power Distribution Project from renowned manufacturers/authorized agents for the procurement of galvanized Steel Pole (telescopic pole) for 16-Towns Power Distribution Project, Phase-II in hill tracts and remote areas as detailed below:

SI No	Tender Enquiry No & Date	Description of equipment/materials	Quantity	Cost of tender document	Tender receiving and opening date
1.	PUR-29/16-T/2000 Dl. 18.09.2000	9 Meter Steel Pole 12 Meter Steel Pole 14 Meter Steel Pole	2000 Nos 1200 Nos 100 Nos	Tk. 1500.00	16.10.2000
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3.					

1. A complete set of tender documents may be purchased by interested bidders from the office of the undersigned 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, 16-Town Power Distribution Project, PDB, Dhaka.

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

3. Tender will be received in the office of the undersigned upto 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.

4. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals wholly or partially at any reason whatsoever.

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Project Director
16-Towns Power Distribution Project
BPDB, Dhaka.

Ref: 135.01.09/00

Tender Notice

1) Sealed tenders in the prescribed forms are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors of Construction Division, BAPEX/PETROBANGLA for the following works of Srikali Exploratory Well Drilling Project at Srikali, Thana-Muradnagar, Dist-Cormilla.

2) Intending contractors may obtain tender schedule from 11.10.2000 to 19.10.2000 from the following offices of:

a. Petrobangla, Petrocenter, 3, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
b. Accounts Division, BAPEX, Ibrahim Mansion (4th floor), 11, Puranapaltan, Dhaka.
c. Titas Gas T&D Co Ltd, Titas Bhaban, 105, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
d. Bakhrabari Gas Systems Ltd, Chagpur, Cormilla.
e. Jalalabad Gas T&D Systems Ltd, Gas Bhaban, Mendibag, Sylhet.
f. Bangladesh Gas Fields Co Ltd, Court Road, B Baria.
g. Sylhet Gas Fields Co Ltd, Chiknagul, Sylhet.
h. Gas Transmission Co Ltd, S-3, R-12, H-1, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka.
i. Zonal office complex, BAPEX, Halishazar, Chittagong.

3) Tender for the above works shall be received in the tender box kept in the above offices including Construction Division, BAPEX, HBFC Building (8th floor), 22, Puranapaltan, Dhaka, on 22.10.2000 up to 12.00 noon. The intending contractor may submit his bid at any offices as mentioned above at his convenience.

4) Tenderers will have to submit earnest money 2.5% of their total quoted amount, if the quoted amount is less than 5% of the estimated amount the contractor will have to submit item wise rate analysis of the works in support of their quoted amount and an additional earnest money 10% of the quoted amount in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled commercial bank of Bangladesh in favour of Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Production Company Limited (BAPEX) along with their tenders, without which tenders will be summarily rejected.

5) Tender shall be opened simultaneously at 12.30 pm on 22.10.2000 in presence of the tenderers (if any one remains present) in the above mentioned office(s).

6) Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without showing any reason without accepting any liability.

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General Manager (Construction)

Memo No PS-2/Pro-2/390

Dated: 20.9.2000

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