



Barogram Unnayan Sangstha brought out a procession in Khilgaon yesterday demanding supply of clean water in their area.

Firm decisions taken to develop IT sector

BSS, Dhaka
Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria said yesterday that the government, for the first time, has taken some firm decisions and steps for the advancement of the country's information technology (IT) sector.

"It is regrettable that the past governments did not take any proper steps in the IT sector as a result of which the country lags behind at least by 15 to 20 years compared to Bangalore of neighbouring India," the minister said while addressing the inaugural function of a seminar on "Human resources development in Information Technology: Prospects and Problems" organised by East West University.

Kibria said that the advanced computer training knowledge must be an integral part of the mainstream education policy and system to groom up strong and potential human resources for the future.

The finance minister said that ample training courses might have some positive impact on the information technology sector but to reach up to the desired level there is need for serious education system to attain such a level of development.

He expressed his belief that the application of this technology in proper manner would mean raise in productivity and in turn gain in earning. "This process would ultimately help the alleviation of

nation's poverty," he said.
The minister underlined the need for increasing the use of computer technology at all levels, especially the state-owned organisations.

The inaugural session of the seminar was also addressed by Bangladesh Bank governor and former Vice Chancellor of East West University Dr Farashuddin and East West University Board of Directors president Syed Manzur Elahi. Head of Department of Electronics and Computer Science of Sylhet Shahjalal University of Science and Technology Prof M Zafar Iqbal spoke as the key note speaker.

In the business session three papers were presented which included "Policy issues to capacity building of ICT-Education in Bangladesh" by Prof M Abdus Sobhan, "E-Commerce and Concerns for E-Commerce in Bangladesh" by Prof M Lutfar Rahman and "Effective Use of IT in Higher Education" by Prof Md Mozammel Huq Azad Khan.

The State Minister for Planning Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir was present on the occasion as the special guest in the business session. Prof Md Mozammel Huq Azad Khan, chairperson of Computer Science and Engineering of East West University presided over the business session.

Postponed

BSS, Dhaka
Dhaka Community Hospital has postponed its seminar on "Political Economy of Cancer" scheduled to be held today.

A release of the DCH yesterday regretted for the postponement and said the rescheduled date will be announced later.

'Refrain from calling hartal during SSC, HSC exams'

BSS, Dhaka
Eight hundred seventy-two guardians from 13 districts on behalf of concerned parents and guardians of SSC examinees yesterday made an appeal to leaders of all major political parties and MPs not to call hartals or agitation programmes during the forthcoming SSC examinations.

In a joint statement, they described the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition as not only the celebrated leaders but also responsible mothers and urged them to assure the guardians so that their children could peacefully sit for SSC examinations from March 15.

"We, the general and peace-loving citizens of the country, are how most concerned with the future of our children. The SSC examinations in all boards will begin from March 15. Then, the HSC examination will be held. We appeal to our leaders to guarantee the safe journey of our children to their schools, colleges and universities and that their academic lives will not be disrupted by any political programmes or hartals," they added.

On behalf of the signatories, the press release was signed by ADAB Director Shamsul Huda.

WCC secy gen arrives in city

Rev. Dr Konrad Raiser, general secretary of World Council of Churches (WCC), arrived in the city on Saturday on a four day visit to Bangladesh, says a press release.

The WCC is a voluntary association of Protestant and Orthodox Churches of more than 100 countries across the world.

During his stay in Bangladesh, Dr Raiser will call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed and meet religious leaders of different faiths.

Besides, he will take part in a discussion meeting on "Jubilee and Third World Debt" with leading personalities from various sections of society. His programme also includes a trip to Gazipur where he will have a meeting with tribal people and also visit a micro-credit programme.

The WCC was formally launched in 1948 at its first Assembly in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Initially 147 Churches were involved with the WCC and they were predominantly from Europe and North America. But a majority of the present 337 member churches come from the South including Bangladesh.

DRU spoken English class

BSS, Dhaka
Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) will organise "Spoken English Classes" for five days for its members.

Members of the Humanist Movement from New York will conduct the classes at DRU auditorium on March 13, 14, 16, 20 and 21.

All interested DRU members have been requested to register their names by March 12. Application forms are available at the DRU office.



Visitors admiring a painting on display at the month-long "43rd Grand Group Art Exhibition of Reputed Bangladeshi and Foreign Artists 2001" that opened at Saju Art Gallery at Gulshan yesterday.

Lalon Festival begins in Kushtia

BSS, Kushtia
Hundreds of bauls from different parts of the country and neighbouring India assembled in Kushtia to attend the five-day long annual Lalon Festival.

The festival, marking the Dolpurnima, was formally inaugurated by the president of the Lalon Parishad, Dr Jahanara Begum, at the Lalon's mazar premises here on Friday.

Eminent lawyer Barrister Amirul Islam attended the inaugural function as the special guest.

Directorate General Medical Services

Ministry of Defence
Dhaka Cantt

Sealed tender in local currency is invited from bonafide dealers/suppliers/indentors for routine maintenance of MRI machine in CMH Dhaka:

Sl No	Name of work	Selling date	Opening date	Tender no	Tender value
1.	Routine maintenance of MRI Machine (Model the EDGE 1.5 Tesla Magnetic Resonance Imaging System, Picker USA) in CMH Dhaka from 1st May 2001 to 30 April 2002	11 Mar 2001 to 18 Mar 2001	19 Mar 2001	02/E/01	200/-

Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment in respective value (non-refundable) on any working day between 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs. The tender will be opened on the specified date at 1000 hrs in this Directorate General in presence of the bidders.

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For Directorate General Medical Services.

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Public Works E/M Division-7, Dhaka

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Tender Invitation Notice

No 99/2000-2001

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 in sealed envelopes on percentage rate basis are hereby invited from special first class, first class/first class (combined) and second class enlisted contractors for electrical/mechanical works and second class contractors of Public Works Department who have valid ABC/BC categories contractorship and supervisory licences issued by Bangladesh Electrical Licensing Board, Dhaka and registration certificate of Value Added Tax Department and TIN certificate for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the offices of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8, Dhaka, Public Works E/M Mechanical Workshop Division, Dhaka, Public Works E/M Timber Workshop Division, Dhaka, Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka on 7-12-1407 Bangla/21-3-2001 till 12-00 noon and will be opened the same day at 12-30 pm in presence of the tenderers (if anyone remains present).

Tender form schedule of item, terms and conditions, rules and regulations etc can be purchase from the office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8, Dhaka, Public Works E/M Workshop & Timber Workshop Division, Dhaka, Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka during office hours on payment of Taka 425 only in cash (non-refundable) till 6-12-1407 Bangla/20-3-2001. Contractor himself or his representative authorised by him can purchase tender forms by producing all necessary papers including registration book. Security money at the rate of 2 per cent of total quoted cost in forms of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Treasury Challan/Call Deposit in favour of the undersigned will have to be deposited with each tender.

Serial no	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed
1	Supply and installation of security and garden light and light in PGR Barracks of Ministry of Defence at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.	Taka 1,55,602/-	At the rate of 2 per cent of total quoted cost	15 (fifteen) days

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Planning

Planning Commission

General Finance Division

Office of the Director: "Capacity Building of GED for Preparation of Development Plans Project"

Employment Notice

Applications are invited from those bonafide citizens of Bangladesh whose age is not below 45 years for appointing the following local consultants on contract basis for a project "Capacity Building of GED for Preparation of Development Plans" under General Economic Division of Planning Commission.

Sl No	Name	Number	Eligibility, experience, time limit for appointment, remuneration
1	Macro Economist (Team leader)	1 (one)	a) Macro Economist (team leader) should have a PhD holder from any recognised university in Economics. Should be expert in theory of Macro Economics and in practical and should have enough knowledge in the use of quantitative in Economics. b) The candidate should be experienced in preparing Macro Economic model (economic and inter sectoral consistency modeling). c) Should have at least 15 years experience on model on Development Planning. d) Should be experienced in preparing input-output table. e) Should have experience in computer programming relating to development planning model. f) Should have vast knowledge on data bank management system. g) The selected candidate will be appointed till June 2003. The authorities reserves the power to extend/decrease the time limit of appointment. h) Remuneration will be fixed through discussion on the basis of eligibility and experience.
02.	Consultant for Model Building	1 (one)	a) PhD degree holder in Economics. Educational qualification is relaxable for the candidates with special knowledge in preparing planning model and use. b) Candidates must be a Masters degree holder in Economics and should have experience in use of quantitative system in economics. Candidates should be experienced in preparing model in Macro Economic (econometric & inter sectoral consultancy modeling). c) Should have requisite practical knowledge and experience on model of development planning. d) Should be eligible to prepare input-output table and its use. e) Should have experience in computer programming regarding development planning model. f) Should have vast knowledge in model regarding data management. g) Selected candidates will be appointed till June 2003. The authorities reserve the power to extend/decrease the time limit of appointment. h) Remuneration will be fixed through discussion on the basis of eligibility and experience.

Application in plain paper mentioning own name, father's name, date of birth, nationality, permanent and present address, educational qualifications and detailed experience alongwith attested copies of certificates/testimonials and 2 (two) copies of recently taken passport size photographs will have to reach the undersigned by March 20, 2001.

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TechBangla Workshop

By: Nur-Ul Alam, Project Manager, EDS, Australia

Workshop I: How to become successful in Software Development Business.
15-16 March, 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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18-19 March, 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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