



The Nari Grantha Prabartana arranged a 'pitha utsab' (cake festival) at its centre in the city yesterday.

GCN meet ends

The 5-day biennial meeting of the Global Communicators' Network (GCN) concluded in Rangpur yesterday with a pledge to increase cooperation in the field of communication for global trade and economic justice, emergencies and HIV/AIDS, says a press release.

A total of 44 participants from home and abroad attended the GCN meeting held at the North Bengal Institute (NBI).

EWU orientation ceremony

An orientation ceremony for the newly admitted students in undergraduate programmes in Spring 2002 semester was held in East West University yesterday, says a press release.

A total of 203 students were admitted in Spring 2002 semester in Business Administration, Computer Science and Engineering, Communication and Information Technology and English departments.

The ceremony was addressed by Dr Mohammad Farashuddin, President, Board of Directors, M Monwarul Islam, Vice Chancellor Firdaus Ali, Registrar, and Dr Sultan Ahmad, Dean of Faculties of the university.

Dr Mohammad Farashuddin said that EWU provides highly qualified teachers, excellent computer lab and library facilities, a peaceful atmosphere and a large number of scholarships as well as financial aids for the meritorious students.

Death of Simi: Sit-in today

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The students of Narayanganj Fine Arts Institute, friends of Simi and other organisations will stage a sit-in in front of the Khilgaon thana today to press their demand for trial of and exemplary punishment to those responsible for the death of Simi.

The sit-in will begin at 11.00am. They will also bring out a procession from Khilgaon Rail Gate at 10.30 am.

Orientation ceremony for IUB freshers

Independent University Bangladesh (IUB) organised the Orientation Ceremony for the newly-admitted students in Spring 2002 on Saturday at IUB Campus at Baridhara in the city, says a press release.

The ceremony took place in two sessions with IUB VC Prof Bazul Mobin Chowdhury in the chair.

New students and their parents were introduced to the faculty and officials of the University.

Prof Haroun er Rashid, Director School of Environmental Science and Management (SESM), Prof Borhan Uddin, Director, School of Business (SoB) Dr Taj I Hashmi, Director, School of Liberal Arts and Science (SLAS) Dr Indrani Haque, Associate Professor, School of Communication, Dr M Anwar Proctor, Prof Nashid Kamal Waiz of SESM and Aminur Rahman, Associate Professor, SoB and senior faculty members of different schools addressed the students and their parents about the IUB education, curricula, advising procedures and disciplinary matters of the University.

Apart from Ms Yasmine Z Mahmood, Associate, Dean, Undergraduate Admissions, S Almas Kabir, Deputy Registrar, and a senior IUB student, Asif Ahmed spoke on the occasion. The classes of Spring 2002 semester will begin today on Dhaka and Chittagong campus.

Journalist Khalil hospitalised

BSS, Dhaka

Advisory Editor of The Daily Independent Khalilur Rahman was admitted to National Cardiovascular Institute following a heart attack on Friday night.

Family sources said the condition of Khalilur Rahman is improving. He is now at CCU. He sought blessings for his early recovery.



Khulna City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Tayabur Rahman visiting a solo photography exhibition of Quamrul Hassan during the inaugural ceremony for 'Meena Fair', organised by the Shishu Academy, at Zia Hall in Khulna yesterday.

Pry school dropout declines to 35 pc: ADB study report

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh has made significant progress in primary education in recent years with 97 per cent of school-age population enrolled in primary schools in the year 2000.

According to a Primary Education Sub-sector Study report prepared by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in August last year, the dropouts over the five-year cycle of primary education in Bangladesh have declined from 80 per cent in 1970 to 35 per cent at present.

The enrolment of girls has also exceeded that of the boys to achieve gender parity in the primary education.

Primary Education Development Programme (PEDP) for 1998-2003 reflects the spirit of "Education for All" and the "Dakar Framework for Action," emphasising universal primary education and removal of illiteracy by the year 2005.

The government's commitment in this field has been proved worthy with high investment during the 1990s and substantial support received from the donor agencies, the study said.

It said the attendance rate was found an average 70 per cent while the dropout rate was 40 per cent and the completion rate was 51 per cent with the girls doing a little better than the boys.

Judged against the government's PEDP goals, the study

shows the achievements were below the satisfactory level in teacher-student ratio, completion rates, learning achievements, management and supervision, cost-effectiveness and institutional capabilities.

Despite an impressive progress in quantitative expansion of primary education without qualitative improvement, available evidences have showed an ineffective education in government primary schools with rise in rural-urban discrimination in quality over the years.

Only one-third of the students, the study showed, had basic competency in reading and writing, life skills and numeracy while the two-thirds had competency in numeracy, reading and writing.

In basic competency, students of urban schools were found better than rural schools. Non-government schools were found better placed in basic competency compared with government schools, while girls did better than boys. The children from affluent families generally performed better than the children of poor ones.

On logistical and systematic weaknesses, the study has found teacher-student ratio in Bangladesh as lower than that in other low-income countries.

Majority teachers burdened with many non-teaching activities lack proper training and skill as

well as motivation to deliver quality education. Other shortcomings in this field are low attendance, lack of education tools and absence of academic supervision.

Bangladesh has one of the largest centralised systems of primary education in the world with close to half of the primary schools being financed and run by the government.

Another quarter is registered as non-government and most of the primary schools receive sizeable government subsidy in various forms. The NGO-run non-formal schools provide primary education to about 2 million children in Bangladesh.

Writers' Club executives

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Poet Muhammad Nurul Huda and Mohan Raihan were elected president and general secretary respectively of the Bangladesh Writers' Club for 2002.

The committee was formed at the annual general meeting of the club on January 25 at its office at Kalabagan in the city with poet Khaleida Edib Chowdhury in the chair.

Other office-bearers are: Khaleida Edib Chowdhury and poet Habibullah Siraji vice presidents, poet Nishat Khan and writer Ishaque Khan joint secretaries, poet Asad Mannan treasurer and members Kamal Chowdhury, Bimol Guha, Iktiar Chowdhury, Abu Hasan Shahriar, Moimul Ahasan Saber, Mahbob Hasan, Samudra Gupta and Abid Azad.

DHAKA TODAY

- Seminar**
A day-long seminar on Neuro-surgery will be held with President A O M Badruddoza Chowdhury as chief guest. Organised by the Neuroscience Institute, the seminar will be addressed by Emeritus Prof Akira Hakuba of Osaka City University, Japan. Venue: 35, Suhrawardi Avenue, East Baridhara. Time: 9.00am.
- Discussion meeting**
To mark the 66th birth anniversary of late President Ziaur Rahman, Bangladesh Jityatabadi Jubo Dal will hold a rally with Housing and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas as chief guest. Venue: Paltan Maidan. Time: 3.30pm.
- OIC task force meeting**
The inaugural session of the meeting of OIC Task Force on Small & Medium Enterprises and the Related Seminar will begin with Textile Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury as chief guest, in cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank, the FBCCI and the ICCI have jointly organised the meeting. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 11.30am.
- Inauguration**
The formal inauguration of the project on 'Preventing and Eliminating the Worst forms of Child Labour at Jalalabad and R K Match Factory' will be held. The project is being implemented by Development Centre International in cooperation with the ILO/IPEC Action Programme. Venue: Muradpur High School, Shyampur. Time: 3.30pm.
- Jubo Dal rally**
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- National council**
The 28th National Council of Bangladesh Chhatra Union will begin. It will be inaugurated by singer Abdul Latif. Venue: Aparajeo Bangla, University of Dhaka. Time: 11.30am.
- Preparatory meeting**
A preparatory meeting of former students of Habiganj Government High School now residing in Dhaka will be held in connection with their alumni reunion. Venue: BMA Bhaban. Time: 6.00 pm.
- Reception**
The Guest House Owners' Association will accord a reception to State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin. Venue: Saana, 53 Kamal Ataturk Avenue. Time: 1.00 pm.

WEATHER TODAY

Mild cold wave may continue

UNB, Dhaka
Weather is likely to remain dry over the country today. Moderate fog may occur over the river basins and coastal belt and light fog elsewhere over the country during early morning. Met office said.

Mild cold wave may continue over Rajshahi division and the regions of Tangail, Mymensingh, Srimongal, Jessore and Kushtia. Met office said. Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

Country's highest temperature 27.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chittagong and the lowest 7.5 degree at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:41 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:42 am.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	24.0	11.2	60	53
Chittagong	27.6	12.8	60	47
Rajshahi	25.6	09.2	85	65
Khulna	26.9	10.1	81	61
Barisal	25.6	09.5	84	75
Sylhet	23.2	10.2	93	66
Cox's Bazar	26.8	15.5	55	48

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Mymensingh Public Works Division, Mymensingh

Tender Invitation Notice

No. C-6/2001-2002

- Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted special class, 1st class (combined) & 1st class Public Works Directorate, Dhaka Zone's 2nd class civil, sanitary contractors/contractors firms, as per financial eligibility for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be opened on the date of submitting tender at 12:15 minutes in presence (if any) of the interested tenderers. Name of work, name & address of contractor/contractors' firm and the address to whom the tender is to be submitted should be stated on the envelope.

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit for completion of work	Contractors' firm/contractor eligible to submit tender
1.	Installation of 100 mm dia PVC pipe deep tubewell including laying of waterline at Dhaka Vagabonds Shelter Centre in Mymensingh district	Tk 2,80,003/-	Tk 5,605/-	60 days	Public Works Directorate's special class, 1 st class (combined), 1 st class (civil)/sanitary, Dhaka Public Works Zone's 2 nd class (civil/sanitary enlisted) & 3 rd class (civil) Mymensingh Public Works Circle enlisted contractors/contractors' firms. In case of 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd class they should possess past experience in deep tubewell installation work. In case of past experience, if desirous of showing past experience certificate from any Department other than Public Works Directorate, they shall have to obtain prior permission from Addl Chief Engineer, Public Works Directorate, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka through proper channel before purchasing tender.

- Name of offices to sell & receive tender : Public Works Division, Mymensingh/Netrakona/Kishoreganj /Tangail/Jamalpur/ Sherpur.
- Last date of selling tender : 3-02-2002 (during office hours).
- Last date of receiving tender : 4-02-2002 (up to 12:00 Noon).
- Ready tender schedule with Bangladesh Form No. 2911 including additional terms & conditions can be seen and purchased on payment of usual price Tk 400/- (four hundred) only per tender & Tk 25/- (twenty-five) only for BD Form No. 2911 (both non-refundable) from the said offices. Contractor/contractors' firm himself/himself or his/her representative carrying authorisation letter with the representative's signature attested by contractor/contractors' firm can purchase the tender schedule on production of all original register of enlistment, original VAT registration certificate & original TIN certificate. But no tender of any one other than the abovementioned enlisted contractors/contractors' firm of Public Works Directorate will be accepted.
- Attested copy of VAT registration certificate of all respective contractors/contractors' firms and attested photocopy of the page of licence book where the contractor's signature has been attested by the Executive Engineer concerned & the page where the last renewal fee deposit money receipt has been recorded and attested photocopy of TIN certificate from the respective authority and the tender purchase money receipt must be enclosed with the tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled.
- Any attestation should be by 1st class gazetted officer.
- If there happens to be more than one lowest tenderer in the tender, then to select 1 (one) lowest tenderer, lottery will be held on 11-2-2002 at 11:00 AM at the office chamber of the undersigned. All concerned or his/his nominated representatives are requested to attend the lottery.
- Action on tender schedule of this work will be taken in accordance with the rate the estimate of this work may be approved at by the higher authority. No objection/excuse will be admissible ever in this regard.
- Tenderers should submit tender quoting rate in percentage viz at par/above/below the rate given in tender schedule. Rate must be quoted in figures & words. Tender will be treated as cancelled if there remains any ambiguity in writing rate in words & figures.
- Work order for the work shall be issued subject to kind allotment, for which no objection will be admissible.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, R&H
Road Division, Brahmanbaria

Quotation Notice

5/EE, RHDB, B'baria/2001-2002.

- Quotation Notice : 5/EE, RHDB, B'baria/2001-2002.
- Name of work : Quotation notice for toll collection from transports crossing by ferry at Putta & Kunda ferryghats at 8th KM & 10th KM of Sarail-Nasirnagar Road for 365 days from 14-4-2002 to 14-4-2003.
- Earnest money : At the rate 2% on the quoted rate should be deposited in the form of BD/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned.
- Name of offices where quotation documents to be had at : Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong/Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Comilla/ Chandpur/Planning & Design Division, Comilla/ Planning Division (P&D), Dhaka & office of Sub-divisional Engineer under this Division, B'baria/Banchharampur & office of the undersigned.
- Name of offices to receive quotation : Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, R&H, Comilla Zone, Comilla/ Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong/Superintending Engineer, R&H, Road Circle, Comilla/ Superintending Engineer, R&H, Procurement & Monitoring Circle, Dhaka and the undersigned.
- Price of quotation schedule : Tk 500/- (five hundred) only per set (non-refundable).
- Prescribed time for toll collection : 2002-2003 financial year.
- Last date & time of selling quotation : 3-2-2002 during office hours.
- Last date & time of receiving quotation : 4-2-2002 up to 12.00 Noon.
- Last date & time of opening quotation : 6-2-2002 at 11.00 AM.
- Date & time of lottery : 10-2-2002 at 4.00 PM (if required).
- Eligibility of contractor : Reputed persons, contractors & trading firms.

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Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Company Limited
(A Petrobangla Company)
105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215
Phone: 9563667-68, 9563670, 8112135-42, 8119210

Ref. No. 94.13/Deposit/2001-2002/2
Dated: 05-01-2002

Re-Tender Notice (2nd Call)

Sealed tenders are invited from the Company's 1998-99 & 1999-2000 enlisted 1.3 & 1.4 category pipeline construction contractors for pipe line construction of undermentioned project:

Sl No	Name /description of project	Price of tender	Time limit for work
01.	Internal & external gas pipeline construction project of BSCIC Industrial Town, Tangail.	Tk 500.00 (five hundred) only per set (non-refundable) must be deposited with the tender through Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Titas Gas T & D Co. Ltd.	45 (forty-five) days.
02.	Tender earnest money	At the rate 2.5% must be deposited with tender through Bank Draft/Pay Order from any commercial bank scheduled with Bangladesh Bank in favour of Titas Gas T & D Co. Ltd. Price of tender document & amount of earnest money should be deposited through separate Pay Order/Bank Draft.	
03.	Date of distributing tender document	On all working days from 27-01-2002 to 02-02-2002 from 9:00 hrs to 14:00 hrs.	
04.	Places where tender document to be had at (free of cost) & tender to be received at	4.1 Pipe Line Construction Division, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. 4.2 Revenue Metro Division-1, Titas Gas, 25/4, Golapbag, Dhaka-1217. 4.3 Sales Metro Division-1, Titas Gas, 7, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. 4.4 Revenue Metro Division-2, Titas Gas, 7, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. 4.5 Sales Metro Division-2, Titas Gas, 5, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka. 4.6 Revenue Metro Division-3, Titas Gas, House No. 3, Avenue-2, Block-C, Mirpur-10, Dhaka. 4.7 Sales Metro Division-3, Titas Gas, 1/5 Block-A, Lalmitia, Dhaka. 4.8 Stores Division, Titas Gas, Demra, Dhaka.	
05.	Last date & time of receiving tender	03-02-2002 up to 11.00 AM.	
06.	Date, place & time of opening tenders	03-02-2002 at 12:30 PM, office of the Deputy General Manager (PCD), Head Office Building, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar. At offices other than the head office, tenders will be received only.	
07.	Other information and terms & conditions	7.1 All other information are given in the tender document. Besides, the undersigned may be contacted, if necessary. 7.2 If there happens to be any govt holiday/closed day on the date of receiving & opening tender, the tender will be received & opened at the same place & time. 7.3 This company reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without taking any responsibility or assigning any reason.	

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