

NEWS SNAPS

Pneumonia claims 100 babies in a month

UNB, Kishoreganj
Some 100 children died of pneumonia in 13 upazilas Kishoreganj in last one month. Family and medical sources said 30 babies died in Bhairab upazila alone during the period. Dr AB Siddique, Managing Director of a private clinic at Bhairab, told that 30-40 babies were being admitted to his clinic with pneumonia each day. He attributed the outbreak of the disease to cold weather, malnutrition and environment pollution. When contacted Dr Zahirul Haq at Bhairab upazila health complex admitted the outbreak of pneumonia but claimed that the situation was under control.

Separate incidents kill two

UNB, Barisal
Two people died in separate incidents and a businessman was stabbed in Barisal in two days.

Golapi Samadhar, 32, a housewife of village Dhandoba in Gouranadi upazila allegedly committed suicide by taking pesticide on Wednesday. Golapi took poison failing to endure acute pain in her abdomen. She was rushed to upazila health complex where the attending doctors declared her dead. Santu Talukder, 25, of Londa village in Kalapara upazila of Patuakhali fell seriously sick after taking country made liquor Tuesday night. He was rushed to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital where he died Wednesday morning. Businessman Shafiqul Islam Swapan, 28, of Muladi upazila was stabbed by some extortionists at his house Tuesday night for refusing to pay them Tk one lakh toll. He was admitted to the same hospital.

Three-year-old boy drowns

UNB, Patuakhali
A three-year-old boy was drowned in a pond at Shabuzbag of Patuakhali town on Wednesday.
Family sources said Suman, son of Sobhan Miah, fell into the pond while playing at the premises of his house. He was taken to local hospital, but the on-duty doctors declared him dead.

Nine injured in road accident

UNB, Sunamganj
Nine passengers including two women were injured when a tempo collided with a minibus at Boglarkara on Sunamganj-Diara road on Tuesday.
Of the injured, Ali Noor was admitted to Sadar Hospital in a critical condition. Others were released after first aid.

51 AL leaders, workers surrender

UNB, Pabna
Fifty-one Awami League (AL) leaders and workers of Sujonar upazila were sent to jail hajat Thursday, as the Magistrate Court rejected their bail prayers.
Earlier in the day, the AL leaders and workers, including BCL leader Aminul Haq Bakku, surrendered to the court seeking bail. They were wanted in a number of cases.

67 marriages solemnised in a day

UNB, Sunamganj
Following a rumour, some 67 marriages of Hindu Community were solemnised in Sunamganj town on Thursday.
According to the rumour, no marriage would take place in the Bengali year of 1409, as it is the "mal year" as per the Hindu calendar. The large number of marriages in a same day created an acute shortage of Hindu purahits priests for solemnising the marriages, bridal parties, musical instruments and decoration items.

23 motorcycles, valuables gutted

UNB, Rangpur
Twenty-three motorcycles and valuable documents, including books, were gutted in a fire at the Sadar Upazila Primary Education office Wednesday.
On information, firefighters rushed to the spot and put out flame after five hours of hectic efforts, but they could not ascertain from where the fire originated. A five-member enquiry committee, headed by Additional Deputy Commissioner Sanjosh Ronjon Talukder, has been formed to probe into the fire incident.

Soft loan for farmers

UNB, Rangpur
Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) under its Rural Poverty Alleviation Programme so far disbursed Tk 6.27 crore among 6,558 farmers in Rangpur.
The soft loans were disbursed through 240 cooperatives for cattle rearing, poultry farming, pisciculture and small business in Sadar and Kaunia upazila. Official sources said the board has also realised Tk 4.51 crore from the borrowers till December 2001. Under the supervision of BRDB, the cooperative group members have built up capital amounting to Tk 50 lakh and deposited Tk 26.47 lakh to the group fund.

Four women raped in Satkhira last month

ABU AHMED, Satkhira

Four women were raped in Satkhira last month. According to police, a teen aged girl was raped by a miscreant at village Madra in Tala upazila on February 3.
The victim of village Kalagachhia in Tala upazila went to her relative's house at Madra village where at dead of night Prakash Mondal, son of Satya Ranjan Mondal of village Kalagachhia of the same upazila raped her.
A case was filed with Tala police station. Police arrested Prakash Mondal in this connection.
On February 5 a housewife, mother of two was raped by a group of miscreants at village Khalia in Assasuni upazila.
According to police sources, the victim of village Khalia in Assasuni upazila was gangraped by a group of miscreants who identified themselves as police personnel. They entered into the house and raped her in front of her children at dead of night.
A case was filed with Assasuni police station. None was arrested in this regard.
In the other incident a housewife was raped by a

group of miscreants at village Khariati in Assasuni upazila on February 12.
According to police sources, the victim of village Khariati in Assasuni upazila was raped by Abdullah Gazi, 30, son of Dalil uddin and Saifullah, 31, son of Sahiluddin, both of village Khariati one after another.
In absence of her husband, the miscreants entered into the house at about 6-30 pm and raped her.
A case was filed with Assasuni police station. None was arrested in this connection.
On February 15, a housewife was gangraped by a group of miscreants at village Kamarali in Kalaroa upazila.
Police said, the victim while sleeping with her husband in her house, a group of miscreants namely Sabur Kha, Hasan Mollah and Nazrul Islam, all of village Kamarali entered into the house forcibly and raped her one after before her husband. They threatened the couple not to file any case.
A case was filed with Kalaroa police station. Police arrested Sabur Khan and Nazrul Islam in this regard.

Hospital for heart patients in private sector in Moulvibazar

RAJAT KANTI GOSWAMI, Moulvibazar

A modern 40-bed hospital for heart patients will be established soon in Moulvibazar town in private sector.
Poor and under privileged heart patients will get treatment free of cost. It will be the first specialised hospital in private sector in Sylhet region with all modern facilities, claimed the organisers at a press briefing at Moulvibazar Press Club recently.
Three brothers living in United Kingdom (UK), Ahmed Ali Suleman, managing director of the proposal hospital 'Heartbeat Clinic Ltd.', Mahmud Ali and Azmal Ali directors of the clinic organised the press briefing to inform the local journalists about their initiatives.
Their village home is in Borhat

near Moulvibazar town. Their father died of heart attack a few years back. So, they want to do something for the heart patients, they said in the press conference.
A multi-storied modern building will be constructed on 51 decimals of land donated by them.
A roof-top heli-pad to enable landing of helicopters for the seriously sick patients will be built.
The clinic will be run by professional hospital managers recruited from blue chip company on trial basis for a minimum of two years contract. Part time specialist physicians will be employed on payment of fees from United Kingdom, India and Bangladesh. Midwives and nurses will be recruited from India and Bangladesh. Professional specialist patients' care managers will be employed to oversee smooth

running of the clinic on day to day basis.
Equipments will be imparted from Europe and other parts of the world.
The clinic will be financed by donations and gifts from around the world. A charitable organisation office will be set up in London and Bangladesh to raise funds to run the free care treatment centre in the proposed clinic.
An amount of Tk four crore has been managed at the initial stage from their own resource. Of this Tk two crore will be spent for installation of medical equipment and machinery and the rest Tk two crore for construction of the building.
The organisers urged the people of Moulvibazar and Sylhet region to help them in their endeavour.

Problems grip RU Medical Centre

RU CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Manifold problems have gripped the Rajshahi University Medical Centre.
It was established with the objective of rendering healthcare service to about 30 thousand students, officials, teachers and their family members, but it has failed totally to serve them.
Though there are 21 medical officers in the centre, yet most of them remain absent in the centre. As a result a long queue is visible in

front of the few rooms of a few attending consultants. There is no specialist for ear, eye, nose or dental problem in the centre.
Students and other campus dwellers are compelled to consult the specialists in different clinics and medical chambers in the city at the cost of huge amount of money. Sometimes many poor students suffer a lot after being failed to see the specialists.
Though there is one laboratory in the centre, but no test of blood or urine is conducted here.
The X-ray machine remains inoperative for a long time, but no initiative has been taken till filing of this report for repairing it.
There are only two ambulances in the center. But the ambulance meant for female students is always kept in the VC's lounge.
Therefore, most of the time the campus dwellers suffer a lot and are compelled to hire public transports at higher rate in critical moments. Most of the students alleged that sometimes the doctors wrongly treat the patients.

Feasibility study on Comilla flood control project

UNB, Comilla

The feasibility study on the south Comilla-north Noakhali flood control and irrigation project in Choudhagram upazila in the district has been completed.
Bangladesh Water Development Board is implementing the project at the cost of Tk 226 crore.
After the completion of the project, some 3.17 lakh hectares of land of Comilla, Chandpur, Noakhali, Feni and Laxmipur districts will be protected from flooding.
Water Resources Minister Eng LK Siddiqui recently visited the project site.
One stabbed to death
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura
One person was stabbed to death by unidentified assailants at Doarpur area in the town recently.
On information, police recovered the body of Jahurul Islam, 40, and sent it to the hospital for autopsy. The body bore several stab injuries.
The reason behind the murder could not be known. A case was lodged with Magura Sadar thana in this connection.



The 43rd centre of Aptech Computer Education was opened in Naogaon recently. Sheikh Khurshid Alam, Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Naogaon was the chief guest while M Ibrahim Khalil, Area Business Head of Aptech Worldwide Bangladesh Ltd presided over the ceremony.

Move to popularise maize cultivation in two dists

UNB, Narsingdi

Maize cultivation can play a vital role in transforming traditional agriculture into commercial farming because of its multiple use and economic benefit.
According to experts, crop diversification has been given priority after Bangladesh achieved near self-sufficiency in rice.
Maize cultivation is gaining popularity in Narsingdi and Kishoreganj. For the last seven years the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) is trying to cultivate the crop in large scale and motivated a good number of farmers.
They also set up several demonstration plots in the two districts to popularise cultivation of the crop.
Maize ranks second to wheat in world cereal production followed by paddy, which is most widely grown crop among the major crop species.
According to the DAE, maize is being cultivated on 500 acres of land in Narsingdi and per acre yield is 15 to

18 tons.
The maize plants collect food and water for its existence and maturity from deep layer of the soil and pest attack is comparatively low.
Maize cultivation method is very easy and production cost is comparatively low. It can be cultivated at any time of the year. Naturally it gives the highest production in the Rabi season (November to April) and Kharif season (March to July).
Maize is nutritional cereal and various delicious and nutritious foods can be made with maize flour mixing with wheat flour.
Maize is also nutritious for cattle and poultry birds. It is industrially used too. Corn oil is the super fine edible oil of the world, which is extracted from maize and the oil is used for preparing acetic acid, alcohol, paint, artificial rubber, gunpowder and medicine.
Besides maize is the only crop which contains magnesium, potassium and sodium chloride. For this reason maize is regarded as enriched food.

Bazaars in Netrakona in bad shape

UNB, Netrakona

Most of the hats and bazaars of Netrakona are in dilapidated condition causing immense sufferings to the rural population.
There are 450 hats and bazaars of different sizes in 10 upazilas of Netrakona. The population of the district has increased over the years but no expansion as well as development of these bazaars has taken place yet.
Lack of proper maintenance and development work by the authori-

ties concerned is the main reason behind the gradual deterioration of the condition of these rural markets, locals alleged.
The situation worsens in the rainy season when most of these markets go under knee-deep water and become muddy and slippery due to lack of proper drainage system. Besides, shortage of accommodation is also acute in these markets.
The leaseholders realise more taxes than the government fixed rates causing hardships to both the buyers and sellers. Moreover, short-

age of pure water in most of the markets has been causing immense sufferings to the people.
There are no latrines and urinals in most of the bazaars and as a result, the people are forced to respond to the call of nature in the roadsides and open places vitiating the environment.
Besides, filth and garbage are stored day to day in the markets hither and thither but no step is taken for removing these by the leaseholders.

Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Local Govt. Engineering Department
District: Jamalpur

Memo No. LGED/XEN/3-177/98-99 (Part-1)/601

Date: 14/02/2002

Notice Inviting Tender
No. 20/2001-2002

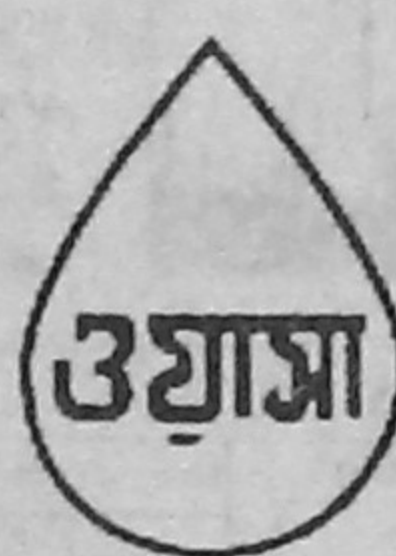
- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from Asian Development Bank (ADB), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), towards the cost of Rural Development Project-21: Infrastructure Greater Rangpur, Dinajpur, Mymensingh, Jamalpur districts and to apply a part of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments.
- Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Dist-Jamalpur invites sealed tenders for the following works listed below from the pre-qualified contractors/firm under RDP-21 of LGED for the FY 2001-2002.

Gr. No	Group Code	Name of the Scheme	Price of Tender Schedule	Work Completion Time	Eligibility of Contractor
09.	210027/ISL-1 JAMAL	i) Const. of 3.00 x 3.00m RCC box culvert on Islampur-Boliadah up to Mahmudpur road at ch. 3805m under Islampur upazila. ii) Const. of 3.00 x 3.00m RCC box culvert on Islampur-Boliadah up to Mahmudpur road at ch. 4187m under Islampur upazila. iii) Const. of pavement work on Islampur-Boliadah up to Mahmudpur road from ch. 6100-6240m & Bridge approach of 48m Girder Bridge on that road under Islampur upazila.	1000/-	180 days	All class of RDP-21

- Tender documents could be purchased from the office of the (a) Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka, (b) Project Director, RDP-21, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, (c) Deputy Commissioner, Jamalpur, (d) Deputy Project Director, RDP-21, Regional Office, Mymensingh, (e) Executive Engineer, LGED, District-Jamalpur/Sherpur/Mymensingh/Netrakona/Kishoreganj/Dinajpur/Thakurgaon/Panchagarh/Rangpur/Nilphaman/Gaibandha/Kurigram/Lalmonirhat, (f) Upazila Engineer, Islampur and office of the undersigned, district Jamalpur up to 13/03/2002 during the office hours. Tender will be received up to 1:00 PM on 14/03/2002 and will be opened at 1:30 PM on the same day in presence of the tenderer or their authorised representative (if they are intended to be present) in the offices mentioned above.
- The tender documents are those stated below, and should be read in conjunction with any Addenda issued in accordance with Clause 12.
- Tender Notice
- Conditions of Contract
- Specifications
- Bill of Quantities/ Activity Schedule
- The tenderer is expected to examine carefully the contents of the tender documents, failure to comply with the requirements of tender submission will be at tenderers own risk. Pursuant of Clause 27, tenders which are not substantially responsive to the requirements of the tender documents will be rejected.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason therefor.
- Earnest Money @ 2.50% of the quoted amount must be submitted along with the tender documents in the form of BD/CD from any scheduled commercial bank in favour of Executive Engineer, LGED, Jamalpur.
- Work order shall have to be issued after collection of 10% Local Govt. Contribution.

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Executive Engineer
Local Govt Engineering Dept.
Jamalpur



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- ঢাকা মহানগরীর দৈনিক পানির চাহিদা ১৬০ কোটি লিটার হলেও ঢাকা ওয়াসা বর্তমানে দৈনিক ১২৮ কোটি লিটার পানি সরবরাহ করতে পারে। খ্রীশ্বে মৌসুমে মার্চ হতে জুন পর্যন্ত পানির চাহিদা স্বাভাবিকের তুলনায় বৃদ্ধি পায়। তাছাড়া বিদ্যুৎ বিভাগ ও ভূ-গর্ভস্থ পানির স্তর নীচে নেমে যাওয়ায় পানির উৎপাদনও কম হয়। সন্মানিত গ্রাহক বৃন্দের সহযোগিতা ছাড়া এ সবকট উত্তরণ প্রায় অসম্ভব। তাই পানি ব্যবহারে মিতব্যয়ী হয়ে অন্যের পানি প্রাপ্তিতে সহযোগিতা করুন। এ ছাড়াও খ্রীশ্বে পানি বাহিত রোগের প্রাদুর্ভাব দেখা দেয়। তাই পানির দূষণ রোধেও ঢাকা ওয়াসাকে সহযোগিতা করুন।
- বাথরুমের বা ছাদের পানির লাইন লিকেজ বা কলের মুখ নষ্ট থাকলে তা মেরামত বা পরিবর্তন করুন।
- বাড়ীর ভূ-গর্ভস্থ ও ছাদের জলাধার থেকে পানি উপচে পড়া বন্ধ করার লক্ষ্যে স্বয়ংক্রিয় ফ্লোট ভাৰ ব্যবহার করুন।
- কলের মুখ অবিরাম খোলা রেখে কাপড় ধোয়া, শেইড করা ইত্যাদি পরিহার করুন।
- বাগানে পানি দেয়া ও গাড়ী ধোয়ার কাজে হোস পাইপের পরিবর্তে বালতি বা পাত্র ব্যবহার করুন।
- নির্মাণ কাজে পানির অনাবশ্যক অপচয় পরিহার করুন।
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Workshop on ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND POLLUTION PREVENTION ISSUES AND INITIATIVES

Date & Time : 12-14 March, 2002 9:00AM to 5:00PM

The Chemical Engineering Department at BUET is pleased to announce the Second Workshop on the above topic under the Linkage Program between BUET and NCATSU (North Carolina A&T State University), USA. This particular workshop is concerned with issues and initiatives covering environment and pollution. It will be useful to executives involved with environmental management in administration, industries and NGOs.

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Number of Places : 40

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