

SNAPS

Loan for slum dwellers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Netrakona*

Interest-free loan amounting to Tk 1,96,000 was distributed among slum dwellers here recently. Advocate Shah Wares Ali Mamun, Chairman of Jamalpur Poursabha distributed the loan among 41 female slum dwellers. Under the Middle Town Infrastructure Development Project-2, members of two slums out of four slums received the loan. A total of 446 slum dwellers came under the project. At present capital of the project stands at Tk 12 lakh.

Schoolboy killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Magura*

A schoolboy was killed by unidentified killers at Ghasiara village in Sreepur upazila on Sunday. The victim, Raju went out of his house in the evening on the day, but did not return. After search his body was found at the bank of the nearby Hanu river. On information police, recovered the body and sent for autopsy. Police suspected he might have been strangled by miscreants.

Epidemic killing ducks in Moulvibazar

No vaccine available to combat viral hepatitis in the affected areas

RAJAT KANTI GOSWAMI, *Moulvibazar*

Hundreds of ducks died of viral hepatitis which broke out in an epidemic form in the district.

The disease, new of its kind, took a heavy toll in the district recently. Lack of medicine and proper treatment facilities aggravated the situation.

According to local people and the Livestock Department, several hundred ducks were attacked with the disease in Alisharkul, Mirzapur, Srimongal, Ashidrone, Isabpur and Bharaura in Srimongal upazila.

According to Srimongal Upazila Livestock Officer, the disease is completely a new one. Observing the symptoms of the disease they are providing treatment facilities but it did not yield satisfactory result, the officer said. He said that duck farm owners have become worried about their fate.

Sitesh Chandra Deb, a prominent duck farm owner told local journalists, over 100 ducks of his farm died of the disease.

According to veterinary physicians, after the attack, eyes of ducks swelled making them blind. The ducks did not take food and at one

stage they died.

Moulvibazar district Livestock Department officials said the vaccine of the new disease is yet to be manufactured.

Meanwhile, several hundred cattle died of cattle diseases during the last several weeks which broke out in an epidemic form in Borelekha upazila.

Local people said the disease broke out in different areas of Jayfarnagar, Bhukshimul, Paschim Juri, and Talimpur unions situated in Hakaluki haor areas in Borelekha, Juri and Kulaura upazilas.

According to Bhukshimul Union Parishad Chairman Siraj Uddin Ahmed Badshah, several hundred cattle including one of his buffalo died of the disease.

Farmers in the affected areas also said they had lost many of their cattle due to lack of treatment facilities.

Meanwhile, an acute fodder crisis has been prevailing in the affected areas due to this year's prolonged flood. As a result, local farmers are compelled to feed their cattle rotten straw. This might be the cause of outbreak of the disease, farmers apprehended.

Work on Tk 3 cr modern museum starts at Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Barisal*

Work on a modern museum at Old Collectorate building here started here recently.

The government sanctioned Tk 3 crore for its construction this fiscal.

The Public Works Department (PWD) is now renovating and repairing the building to set up the museum.

Barisal City Corporation (BCC) Mayor Mazbar Rahman Sarwar MP and State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman expressed their firm determination to set up the museum within the stipulated time.

According to official sources, the 150-year-old Collectorate building was declared abandoned several years back.

BANGLADESH Enterprise Growth and Bank Modernization Project (EGBMP) IDA Credit No. 3917-BD Request for Expression of Interest For Selection of a Public Relations Consultant

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA), and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for hiring a Public Relations Consultant for Bangladesh Bank.

- The main tasks of the Public Relations Consultant shall be:
- Work with the Staff and Management Team of Bangladesh Bank (BB) in conveying to the general public the objectives of the banking sector reform and counter incorrect public ideas;
 - Prepare and arrange press releases, news items, speeches of the Governor and others, media and TV interviews;
 - Help preparing a Public Information Strategy; and
 - Keep close contact with other journalism professionals.

More details are provided in the Terms of Reference. The Public Relations Consultant will be appointed for a twelve-month period—with the option of a further twelve-month extension thereafter.

The Public Relations Consultant is expected to have extensive (at least eight years) media and communications experience; recognized qualifications in the field, preferably with Masters in Communication and/or Journalism; and to be recognized as a well-seasoned professional in the field of journalism/media.

The Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services (documents may include Curriculum Vitae with description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, etc.). A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank borrowers, January 1997 (revised September 1997, January 1999, and May 2002).

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 0900 to 1600 hours on working days, except Thursdays, from the address below.

Expression of interest must be delivered to the address below by 30 November, 2004.

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Flood victims yet to get house building grant in Bogra

Thousands still living under open sky

HASIBUR RAHMAN, *Bogra*

The government is yet to sanction house building grant to flood victims of 54,000 damaged houses in nine upazilas.

As a result thousands of people are still living under open sky, according to a responsible officer in the district administration.

The fell victims due to flood, incessant rains and river erosion in the month of August.

District Relief and Rehabilitation Office (DRRO) sources told this correspondent over 54, 389 houses were fully or partly damaged in Dhunat, Shariakandi, Sonatola and six other upazilas including Sherpur.

At least 23, 255 houses were damaged in Dhunat upazila alone due to flood, rain and Jamuna erosion while more than 15,000 houses got damaged by flood and erosion by

the Jamuna and Bangali rivers in Shariakandi upazila.

Shariakandi Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Akbar Hossain told this correspondent, the authorities distributed one lakh 38,000 taka which was sanctioned earlier to rebuild houses. But the grant was insufficient. It is not possible to distribute allocated one lakh and 49 thousand taka among flood victims in Dhunat upazila area as the amount was insufficient, according to local UNO Al-Amin.

DRRO sources said, government realised four lakh taka house building grant to rebuild 400 houses in the affected areas. But the government is yet to respond to the demand for additional allocation of over 20 lakh taka required for repair of damaged 54,000 houses said, a responsible official of DRRO.

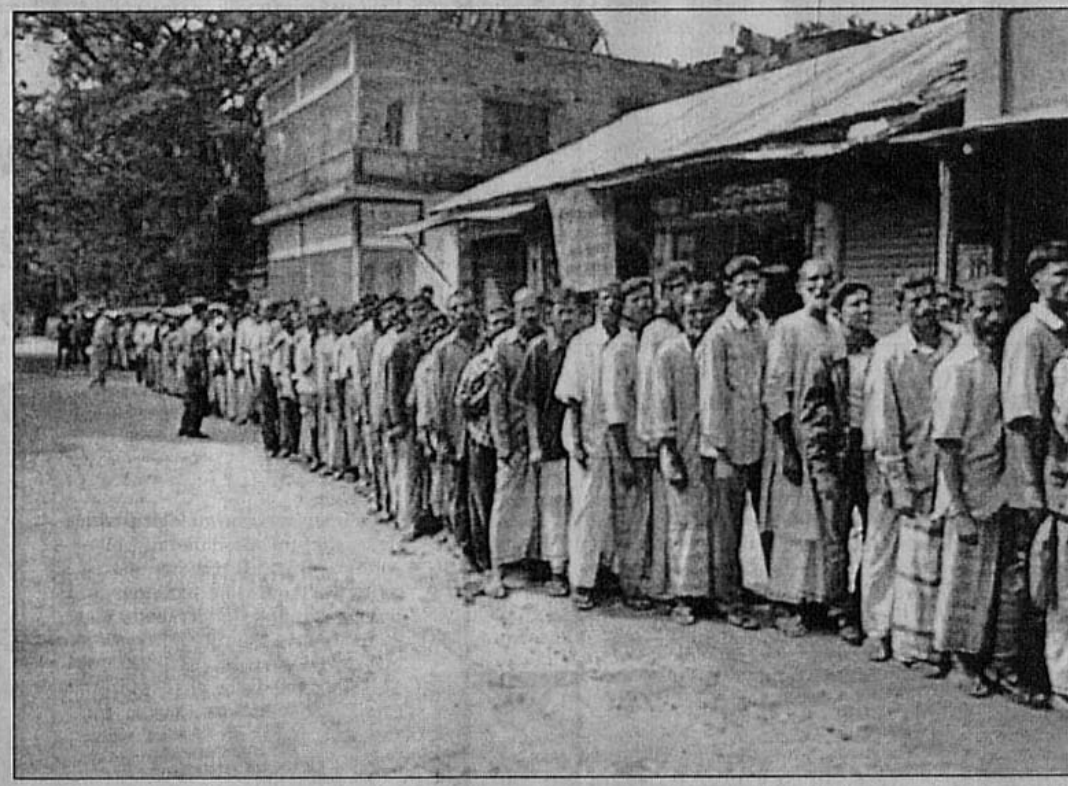
On average, the government

allocated Tk 13 for rebuilding each house. About 38,000 houses were damaged in flood affected Sherpur upazila, according to sources in local administration. An amount of Tk 4,000 was allocated to rebuild 1,345 damaged houses in Gabtoli upazila, according to DRRO sources.

Concerned officials said the government allocated 1,792 metric tons (MT) of rice for maintenance of 1,702 kilometer (KM) road, 17 km embankment, 187 small size bridges and culverts and 501 other establishments under post flood Test Relief (TR) Programme.

All the upazila authorities are yet to submit their project proposal (PP), according to DRRO sources.

Work on the TR Project was supposed to be started by October 15, according to a senior official of the district administration.



An acute crisis of seeds prevails in Gaibandha in the ongoing boro cultivation season. Farmers are seen standing in a long queue in front of the BADC Seed Office on V-Aid Road in the district town on Monday.

Satkhira BSCIC Estate now a grazing ground

Entrepreneurs lack interest because of availability of smuggled Indian goods at cheaper rate

ABU AHMED, *Satkhira*

Satkhira BSCIC (Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation) Industrial Estate has been turned into a grazing ground.

In 1985, the estate was set up on 15.75 acres of land at a cost of over Tk 3 crore at Benerpota village on Satkhira-Khulna highway. But no significant number of industrial units were built here even after 19 years of its establishment.

Lack of entrepreneurs' interest, complication in obtaining bank loan, unplanned earth development work, lack of raw materials, drainage system, frequent power failure, market price of the products have been identified as the major causes of failure of the project.

A senior official of the estate told The Daily Star the industrial town has 96 plots. The plots are divided into A, B and special categories. Initially, BSCIC allotted 50 plots to entrepreneurs and 23 units went into production.

But now only nine small industries are running here. Fourteen industries were closed down due to continuous loss incurred by the owners. The running industries are Chingri Bangla Hatchery, Ichamati Hatchery, Pacts Hatchery, Raj Enterprise (fuel made from husk grains), Dhaka Foods Bakery, Grihini Mashalla (Spices), Bhai-Bhai Plastics, Satkhira Concrete, Bangladesh Fish Feed and Chemical.

Besides, Satkhira Slaughter, United Hatchery and Koreshi Enterprise are expected to go into operation within a short time.

On contact, Ashrafuzzaman Ashu, Vice President of Satkhira Chamber of Commerce and Industries said it is hard to cope with uneven competition due to availability of smuggled Indian goods in local markets.

On contact, BSCIC Deputy Director Sayed Hasanuzzaman told this correspondent that BSCIC has launched various programmes to create interest so that entrepreneurs come forward for setting up industrial units.

However, some businessmen in the town said there is a bright prospect of establishing industries like salt mills, rice mills, shrimp processing, jelly, tannery, food processing, fish mills, cold storage, flour mills, vegetable cold storage, poultry firm, zinc fertilizer, cane and bamboo based industries, here.

Meanwhile, the BSCIC authorities prepared a list of 10 items which can be produced by women labourers. BSCIC will supply raw materials and offer market facilities for this items. The item included food item, jute based handicraft, timber product, sweet from honey, bamboo basket, toys, crockeries etc.

While talking to this correspondent, Dr. Aftabuzzaman a renowned businessman of Satkhira said he plans to set up a processing plant in the BSCIC industrial town.

At least 2,500 job opportunities would be created if industrial units are grown here in a planned manner.



Cattle grazing inside Satkhira BSCIC Industrial Estate. Lack of entrepreneurs' interest, other factors behind failure of the Tk 3 cr project.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Local Government Engineering Department
Office of the Executive Engineer
District: Sylhet

Memo No. LGED/XEN/Syl/05-285/2004/3875 Dated: 09/11/04

Rural Transport Improvement Project (RTIP)

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

IFB No. 41/2004-2005

- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association (hereinafter referred to as the IDA) towards the cost of the Rural Transport Improvement Project (RTIP) and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract as mentioned in para-2.
- The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, represented by the Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Sylhet invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction and completion of the following works:

Name of the work	Contract package no.	Bid security in Taka	Time for completion (Days)	Price of bidding document (Tk)
Improvement of: Badaghat-Mogalgaon UP Office Road (Chainage 4+500 to 9+454=4.954km)	Syl/UR-46	3,10,000.00	550	3,000.00

- The bidders may inspect the bidding documents, obtain further information and clarification at the office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Sylhet, Tel: 0821-716116 or the office of the Project Director, RDP-26, LGED Bhaban (Level-5), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Tel: 9122435, 9122432. The bidder must be eligible in post qualification as specified in the bidding documents.
- A pre-bid conference will be held on 30.11.2004 at 12:00 Noon in the office of the undersigned and all bidders are requested to attend the conference on time.
- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any eligible bidder from the office of the Project Director [Address: LGED Bhaban (Level-5), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207] or the Deputy Commissioner, District: Sylhet or the Superintendent of Police, District: Sylhet or the Upazila Engineer, Upazila: Sadar, District: Sylhet or the undersigned on submission of a written application upon the payment of a non-refundable fee as mentioned in para-2 for each set in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh drawn in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Sylhet. Additional sets of bidding documents may be purchased at the same price. The bidding documents will be available during office hours from 23.11.2004 to 20.12.2004.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of amount as mentioned in table, para-2, in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Demand Draft/Bank Guarantee drawn in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Sylhet.
- All bids must be delivered to the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District: Sylhet or the Superintendent of Police, District: Sylhet or the Upazila Engineer, Upazila: Sadar, District: Sylhet or the undersigned on or before 1:00 PM of 21.12.2004.
- Bids will be opened at 2:00 PM on 21.12.2004 at the office of the undersigned in presence of the bidders or their authorised representatives who choose to attend.
- Bidders may deliver/submit bids personally or by registered mail or by courier services, etc. and bids must reach to the office(s) mentioned at para-7 on or before 1:00 PM of 21.12.2004.
- A general information regarding the bidding will be available at the LGED Web Site (<http://www.lged.org>).
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason.

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Executive Engineer
LGED, Sylhet

সমাজকল্যাণ ও গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট
ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
ফোন: ৯৬২২৮৬০; পিএবিএস: ৯৬২৪৮৫১/২০০০ ও ২০১৭

২০০৪-০৫ শিক্ষাবর্ষে সমাজকল্যাণ বিষয়ে ১ম বর্ষ রাতক সম্মান শ্রেণীতে ভর্তির বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের সমাজকল্যাণ ও গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউটে ২০০৪-২০০৫ শিক্ষাবর্ষে সমাজকল্যাণ বিষয়ে প্রথম বর্ষ রাতক সম্মান শ্রেণীতে ভর্তির জন্যে ০১ ডিসেম্বর ২০০৪ থেকে ২৩ ডিসেম্বর ২০০৪ পর্যন্ত প্রাথমিক আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে। আবেদনপত্র ০১ ডিসেম্বর ২০০৪ থেকে ২৫.০০(দুই) পঞ্চাশ) টাকার বিনিময়ে সোনালী ব্যাংক, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় শাখা হতে সংগ্রহ করা হবে। পূর্ণকৃত প্রাথমিক আবেদনপত্র সমাজকল্যাণ ও গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট অফিসে সর্বশেষ ২৩ ডিসেম্বর ২০০৪ তারিখের মধ্যে অফিস সন্ধ্যাকালীন সময়ে জমা দিতে হবে।

২০০৪ এবং ২০০৪ সালের উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক অথবা সমমানের পরীক্ষায় যারা উত্তীর্ণ হয়েছেন এবং উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক বা সমমানের পরীক্ষায় সোনালী/বিজ্ঞান/বিজ্ঞানে স্টাডিজলভ সফল শাখার) তাদের সমাজকল্যাণ, সমাজবিজ্ঞান, পৌরনীতি, অর্থনীতি, গাণিত্য অর্থনীতি, মনোবিজ্ঞান, ভূগোল, পরিসংখ্যান, গণিত ও জীববিজ্ঞান বিষয়ের অন্তর্ভুক্ত যে কোন একটি পাঠ্যবিষয় হিসেবে ছিল কেবল তারা ই ভর্তির জন্যে আবেদন করতে পারবে। উল্লেখ্য, ভর্তি পরীক্ষার প্রতি ফুল উত্তরের জন্যে ০.২৫ নম্বর কাটা হবে।

মানবিক/শাসিত শাখার উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক এবং মহাদাশা শিক্ষা বোর্ডের মানবিক শাখার আলিম পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের মাধ্যমিক এবং উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক বা সমমানের উত্তর পরীক্ষায় (৪র্থ বিবরণ) (৪র্থ বিবরণ) গ্রাউন্ড স্কিপের-এর বোলস্ক অঙ্ক ৬.০ হতে হবে (বিজ্ঞান শাখা) ও মহাদাশা শিক্ষা বোর্ডের বিজ্ঞান শাখা থেকে আগত প্রার্থীদের মাধ্যমিক এবং উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক বা সমমানের উত্তর পরীক্ষায় (৪র্থ বিবরণ) গ্রাউন্ড স্কিপের-এর বোলস্ক অঙ্ক ৭.০ হতে হবে।

জি.সি.ই-৩-সেলে পরীক্ষার অঙ্ক ৫টি বিষয়ে এবং ২০০৩ অথবা ২০০৪ সনের এ-সেলে পরীক্ষার অঙ্ক ২টি বিষয়ে উত্তীর্ণ ছাত্র/ছাত্রীরা ভর্তির জন্যে আবেদন করতে পারবে। তাদেরকে ৩-সেলে এবং এ-সেলে পরীক্ষার মোট ৭টি বিষয়ের মধ্যে কমপক্ষে ৩টি বিষয়ে সি-৩তে, ৩টি বিষয়ে সি-২তে এবং ১টি বিষয়ে সি-১তে গ্রাউন্ড হতে হবে।

ভর্তি পরীক্ষার তারিখঃ ১৮ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০০৫ অবসর বিকাল ৩টা। ভর্তি পরীক্ষা MCQ পদ্ধতিতে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। সময় এক ঘণ্টা এবং পরীক্ষার মোট নম্বর ১০০। ভর্তি পরীক্ষার স্থান সম্পর্কে ১৬ ফেব্রুয়ারি, ২০০৫ বিজ্ঞপ্তির মাধ্যমে জানিয়ে দেয়া হবে। প্রাথমিক আবেদনপত্রের সাথে প্রার্থীর চার কপি পাসপোর্ট আকারের ছবি এবং সর্বশেষ বোর্ড থেকে ইস্যুকৃত মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক/সমমানের পরীক্ষার নম্বরপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি জমা দিতে হবে। স্কুল অথবা কলেজ থেকে ইস্যুকৃত নম্বরপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না। অসম্পূর্ণ বা ত্রুটিপূর্ণ আবেদন ফরম সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

নম্বরের ভিত্তিতে মাধ্যমিক এবং উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক পরীক্ষার উত্তীর্ণদের গ্রাউন্ড নম্বর (৪র্থ বিবরণ) ২০০৪ সনের মাধ্যমিক পরীক্ষার ফলাফলের ফেল অমুদ্যায়ী পোর্টার প্রোগ্রামে রূপান্তর করে জিপিএ নির্ণয় করা হবে।

২০০৪ সনের মাধ্যমিক পরীক্ষার ফেল নিম্নরূপঃ

লেটার গ্রেড	গ্রাউন্ড নম্বরের শ্রেণী ব্যক্তি	গ্রেড পয়েন্ট
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এ	৭০-৭৯	৪.০০
এ-	৬০-৬৯	৩.৫০
বি	৫০-৫৯	৩.০০
সি	৪০-৪৯	২.০০
ডি	৩০-৩৯	১.০০
এফ	০০-২৯	০.০০

বিঃদ্রঃ ভর্তি সন্তোষ নিয়ম নীতির যে কোন পরিবর্তন, সংশোধন, সংযোজন ও পুনঃসংযোজনের অধিকার কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন। বিজ্ঞপ্তিত তথ্য সমাজকল্যাণ ও গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট অফিস থেকে জানা হবে।

ড. এ. এম. আজীজুর রহমান
অধ্যাপক ও পরিচালক

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