

59pc sanitation coverage achieved till June 30

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About 59 percent sanitation coverage has been achieved across the country till June 30.

Besides cent percent sanitation coverage was achieved in 444 unions, 20 upazilas and 15 municipalities in the country till June.

It was disclosed at a meeting of National Sanitation Task Force at the LGRD and Cooperatives ministry.

National Sanitation Task Force president and Local Government Division secretary AHM Abul Kashem presided over the meeting. Chief Advisor to the National Sanitation Task Force and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, and Advisor and State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Ziaul Haq Zia spoke at the meeting.

Bhuiyan expressed his satisfaction over the success in sanitation coverage.



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Puran Dhaka Paribesh Unnayan Forum in cooperation with the Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) forms a human chain in front of the prison department at Urdu Road in the city yesterday demanding that the ongoing drive against adulterated food, be strengthened.

'Step up drive against food adulteration'

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Speakers at a rally yesterday called for strengthening the ongoing drive against adulterated food.

They also demanded amendment to existing laws incorporating punitive measures to ensure quality food.

The rally was organised by Puran Dhaka Paribesh Unnayan Forum in cooperation with Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) in front of the prison department at Urdu Road in the city.

The speakers said people are suffering from various ailments apart from malnutrition due to low quality of food.

Besides, the intake of harmful colours and chemicals by the children makes the future generation devoid of energy and intellect, they added.

The speakers blamed dishonest businessmen and certain quarters in the government administration for the lack of discipline in maintaining food standards.

They stressed the need for building an effective administrative infrastructure to protect the rights of the consumers.

The speakers also demanded ban on the use of harmful colours, chemicals and preservatives in various foodstuffs.

Besides, the use of chemical fertilisers and insecticides in agricultural products should also be restricted, they added.

Presided over by Dr Najmul Ahsan Kolimullah, the rally was addressed by Ward Commissioners Anowar Parvez Badal and Altaf Hussein, Bapa's Joint Secretary Mihir Biswas and Executive Member Kazi Md Shish, Dr Abdul Hai Mojumder, Ashraf Amirullah, Nazimuddin and Aminul Islam Don.

A human chain was also formed on this occasion.

President for raising literacy rate

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday stressed the need for increasing literacy rate to turn the huge population into human resources to keep pace with the developed countries.

He said this when a delegation of Mirkadim Pourasava made a courtesy call on him at Bangabhaban.

The delegation appraised him of various activities and problems of the pourasava, and the president assured them of all possible cooperation in solving the problems.

Chairman of Mirkadim Pourasava M Hossain Renu, Commissioner Sanwara Begum, M Giasuddin Ahmed, Mofizur Rahman Inu, Abdul Majid, M Masud Islam, M Mortuz Ali Hira, Dr MA Malek, Haji M Shawkat Ali and M Mohiuddin Mollah were among the delegation members.