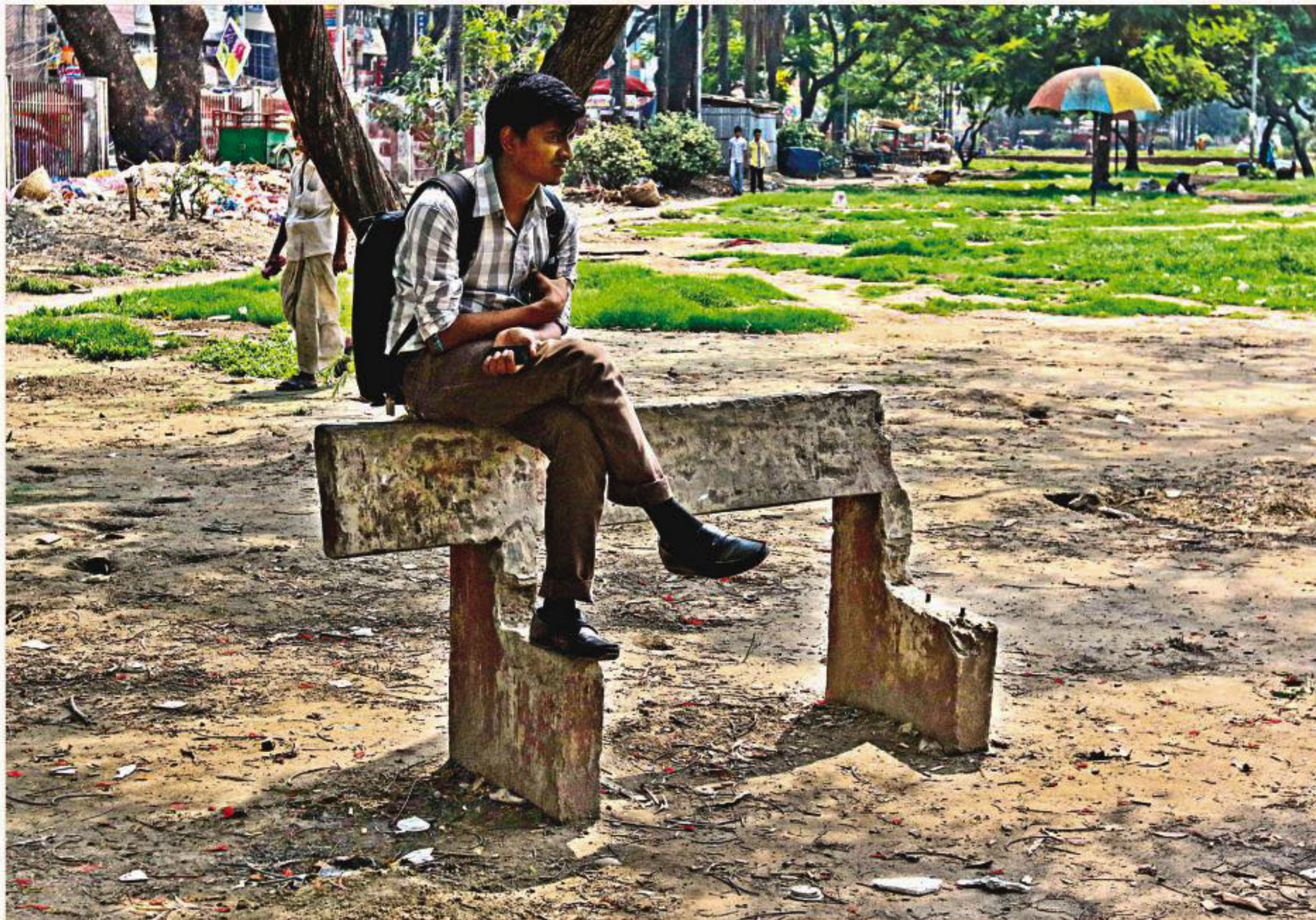


FARMGATE PARK ERODING IN NEGLECT



(Clockwise from top right) A man makes the most of what is left of a bench in the park opposite Tejgaon College in the capital's Farmgate. Trolleys used by vendors to sell food and drinks on the streets stored inside the park. Traders who sell sugarcane juice on the footpath along Indira Road use the park to process their raw materials. Squatters too make the park their home. A collapsed steel umbrella lies rusting in the dust, providing a place to rest weary legs instead of shade. The photos were taken recently.

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Dilapidated Gazipur road's state worsens

ABU BAKAR SIDDIQUE AKAND, Gazipur

If you go to Joina Bazar in Sreepur upazila of Gazipur presently, your journey may turn into a nightmare. If you get on a motor vehicle, it may get damaged any moment; if on a rickshaw, there is no guarantee of not falling off it; want to walk? Then there is a possibility for your dresses getting dirty with muddy water.

There is more. If there is a serious patient with you at the time of getting stuck on the battered road, you will not get instant transport facility to get to a hospital because there is no vehicle stand.

Nevertheless, thousands of people, especially students, are forced to use half a kilometre dilapidated portion of Joina Bazar-Kaoraid road on a daily basis as three RMG, two zipper and one cable factories; and a college, three secondary, two higher secondary, and four private schools, and five kindergartens are located in and outside the area.

The condition of the road, stretching 14 kilometres towards Dhaka-Mymensingh highway, started deteriorating one year ago, said locals, adding that the situation had worsened with monsoon starting this year.

The road has become completely muddy as bitumen has got removed from different places, they said.

Qamruzzaman Khokan, an assistant of a dentist in Joina Bazar, said the road has become unfit for traffic as most of the time it was clogged with rainwater.

Farhad Mahmud Talukder, a teacher of Abdul Awal University College in the area, said, "No one uses the road now until they have an alternative."

Nazmul Hasan, a student of the institution, said, "My dresses become dirty right before I reach the college while passing through the road on foot."

Mir Rokon Uddin, a local trader, said the CNG-run auto-rickshaw stand located on the road had to be shifted around one and a half months ago half kilometre away from the previous spot to avoid the situation.

Rashida Begum, a commuter, said, "Once I had to walk one kilometre to reach the auto-rickshaw stand. There is no one to mitigate our sufferings."

Auto-rickshaw drivers Al Mamun and Qamruzzaman said they had to change many of the parts of their vehicles several times as they used to drive on the road for a month.

They could not cope with the situation even after increasing fares, they added.

Abdul Baten Sarker, newly elected chairman of Telihati Union Parishad in the upazila, said following the recent monthly meeting of Upazila Development Coordination Committee, the Union Parishad would make the road usable with bricks on a temporary basis before the upcoming Eid.

Sujayet Hossain, Sreepur upazila engineer, said they had applied to the LGRD for fund to reconstruct the road. Whenever they get it, they will start the project.

Water, sanitation for challenged people sought

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Setting up accessible toilets designed to accommodate people with physical disabilities is a must, since it not only provides them the facility, but also ensures their rights, participants said at a roundtable discussion yesterday.

Action on Disability and Development International (ADD) arranged the discussion "Sustainable Water and Sanitation for the Women & Men with Disabilities" at a conference room of Bangla daily Bhorer Kagoj in the capital.

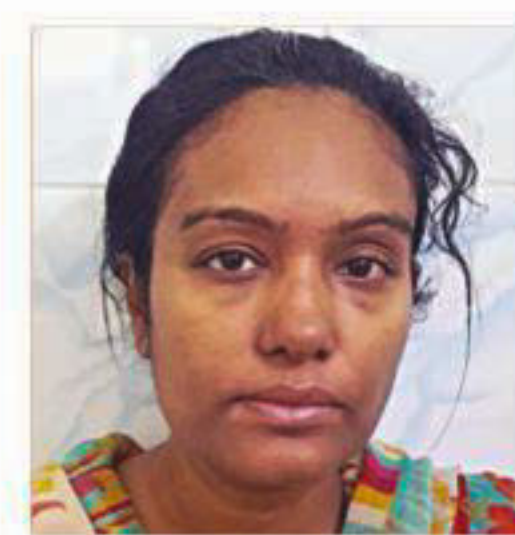
Addressing as the chief guest Md Wali Ullah, chief engineer of Department of Public Health Engineering, said, "To achieve SDGs we must provide proper facilities and rights to people with disability."

Mahfuzur Rahman, programme officer of WaterAid, said recommendations should be taken into consideration from the physically challenged people before any project is executed, he added.

"Rural people with disability need more budget allocation," opined Alok Majumder, country coordinator of Bangladesh WASH Alliance.

Salma Mahbub, general secretary of Bangladesh Society for the Change and Advocacy Nexus (B-SCAN), said, "Being a physically challenged person I know about problems faced by the disabled community more acutely. We often face water, sanitary and hygiene problems."

Yakub Hossain, national convener of Freshwater Action Network South Asia (FANSA) Bangladesh, Hasin Jahan, country director of Practical Action Bangladesh, and Shafiqul Islam, country director of ADD International, also spoke.



Save Shilpi from brain tumor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shilpi Goshwami, 37, a private service holder in Chittagong, is suffering from a brain tumor.

Shilpi has to go abroad for a surgery and needs around Tk 10 lakh for treatment but her family members are unable to afford the cost.

They urged the affluent of the society to extend their support, says a press release.

Financial contributions can be sent to Shilpi Goshwami, Dutch Bangla Bank CEPZ branch# 1881030410212. bKash no 01816346083. Contact Razon 01816344814.

NEWS IN brief

5 bullet-hit in clash over sand lifting

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Ten people were injured, including five sustained bullet wounds, during a clash between two groups over extracting sand from a designated pit from Balumahal in Arahazar upazila of Narayanganj yesterday morning.

The clash broke out between the two rival groups in Kodmir char area around 8:00am when the people of one group were extracting sand while another attempted to resist them, said Shakhawat Osman, officer-in-charge of Arahazar Police Station.

Three of the injured were taken to Dhaka while the rest were being treated at a local hospital in Homna of Comilla, the police official added.

CU admission tests start Oct 23

CU CORRESPONDENT

The first-year honours admission tests of Chittagong University under 2016-17 sessions will begin on October 23 and continue till October 31.

SM Akbar Hossain, head of CU Academic Section and member secretary of CU Admission test committee, confirmed this yesterday. The decision was taken at a meeting on June 9 and it might change, he said. For detail information regarding the tests, students can visit university website www.cu.ac.bd

Tremor felt in Ctg city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A light earthquake jolted Chittagong city early yesterday.

Meteorologist Md Zaker Hossain of Bangladesh Meteorological Department said the tremor, which was 4.9 on Richter scale, also felt in Manikchhari of Khagrachhari around 6:27am.

No casualties or damage was reported, said sources at Chittagong Medical College Hospital, and Fire Service and Civil Defense headquarters in Agrabad.

Illegal drug factory fined, sealed off

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A mobile court of Rapid Action Battalion sealed off an illegal drug factory and fined it Tk 2.5 lakh in Bilashpur of Gazipur city yesterday.

The court led by Firoz Ahmed, executive magistrate of Rab-1, conducted a drive at Safety Health Medicine factory which makes drugs for animals. It fined the factory owner Maruf Hasan and sealed off the factory.

Jahirul Islam, livestock officer of Gazipur Sadar, said the owner have been running his business illegally for around three to four months.

Robbers loot valuables from CU student's room near campus

CU CORRESPONDENT

Armed robbers looted valuables from the rented room of a Chittagong University student in a cottage adjacent to the university campus early yesterday.

Five masked robbers with sharp weapons knocked at the door of Soumen Chakma's room in the cottage named Muktiyoddha and forcibly entered inside around 12:30am, said the victim, a third-year student of economics.

The criminals threatened to slit Soumen's throat and looted his money, two mobile phone sets and other valuables, he added.

India wants to finish

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Bangladesh will be completely sealed by June 2017.

During a visit to Tripura on June 24 and 26, Kumar held a meeting with senior officials of the state and Border Security Force as well as construction agencies working in border areas to review border works and Border Areas Development Programme.

Out of the 4,096km-long India-Bangladesh border, 856 km falls in Tripura.

Kumar met Tripura Chief Minister Manik Sarkar and discussed various issues related to progress of border fencing and management with him, said an official statement yesterday.



Vehicles struggle to move over Joina Bazar-Kaoraid road in Sreepur upazila of Gazipur as the waterlogged portion stretching half a kilometre of the road got completely damaged with the monsoon beginning this year. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

Body formed to revise MPO enlistment

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underway at the ministry in line with the Bangladesh Public Service Commission (PSC)-related organogram and checklists, aiming to promote them to the post of headmaster, he said.

But the High Court passed a stay order on the process following a writ petition. A leave-to-appeal petition

was filed with the Appellate Division against the stay order, he added.

Meanwhile, the primary and mass education ministry on April 7 sent a proposal to PSC for recruitment to those vacant headmaster posts which are eligible for direct enlistment, he said.

A meeting was also held at PSC on May 19 over recruitment to 50 percent

of such vacant direct posts from the 34th Bangladesh Civil Service candidates, he informed.

Besides, the process of recruitment for posts of headmasters and assistant teachers in 667 primary schools, set up under a project for establishing 1,500 new schools in villages without them, now remain halted due to a court order, he added.

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