

### School gets teacher after Star report

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The authorities posted an assistant teacher to Elbintila Government Primary School in Juri upazila under the district on Thursday, to ease teachers' crisis at the school run by the headmaster as the lone teacher for a year.

The prompt move followed a Daily Star report headlined "Lone teacher for 200 kids!" published the same day.

"We have placed assistant teacher Md Babor Miah at Elbintila Government Primary School on deputation from Alipur Government Primary School," said Rajen Kumar Saha, Juri upazila education officer (acting).

"We feel happy to get a new teacher at Elbintila school. For this, we are thankful to The Daily Star for its report," said Md Foyaz Ali, Phultola UP chairman. "But four teachers are needed to manage classes of 200 students," he said.



A large number of students from different schools in Bajitpur upazila of Kishoreganj get engrossed in reading texts on the Liberation War simultaneously as the upazila administration arranges the unique programme at the ground of Nazim Bhuiyan Primary School there yesterday.

## Stone lifting threatens Teesta Barrage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A mobile court on Friday jailed four people for illegal stone extraction from the Teesta river beside the country's largest irrigation project Teesta Barrage in Hatibandha upazila.

They also seized boats, dredger and stones from their possession, said Upazila Nirbahi Officer Syed Enamul Kabir who led the court.

The convicts are Samiz Uddin, 60, Moksed Ali, 32, Noor Amin, 29, and Rabiul Islam, 36, of Chhayani Pitifata village.

Of them, Samiz was jailed for seven days while the rest were sentenced to five days' imprisonment each, said police.

Illegal stone lifting from the river in the downstream and upstream of the Teesta Barrage threatens the country's largest irrigation project and a dyke at Dowani village, said locals.

At least 40 dredgers are engaged to do the work round the clock but there is no action from Water Development Board (WDB) authorities, alleged local schoolteacher Nur Islam.

"We cannot protest the illegal stone lifting as a gang has connections with local ruling party leaders and government officials," said Nabibar Rahman, a trader of the village.

Refuting the allegation of their involvement with the malpractice, Executive Engineer of WDB at Daliya office Mahbubur Rahman said illegal stone lifting from the Teesta has already been stopped due to stern action by police.

# Reading fest enthuses learners

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

It was a unique event for around 5,000 school students as they joined a reading festival, going through the writings on the Liberation War simultaneously at Bhagalpur in Bajitpur upazila of Kishoreganj yesterday.

The upazila administration organised the hour-long programme starting at 11:20am at Bhagalpur's Nazim Bhuiyan Primary School ground.

The students of classes VI to X from 19 schools of the upazila took part in the festival and read out stories on the assigned topics from their textbooks.

Some 300 teachers and 400 scouts assisted the event where 1500 benches were set to accommodate the participating children.

"I and other teachers of my institution joined

the educative event with some 1250 students," said Selina Akhter, principal of Aftab Uddin School and College.

Swapanil Aurjon Argha, an SSC examinee, and Orthi, a Class VIII student of the institution, said they will bear the rare experience of the event for long.

"We organised the programme, first of its kind in the region, to create reading habit among the students," said Baskar Debnath Bappy, upazila nirbahi officer of Bajitpur.

"The area is a comparatively backward one and three out of 11 unions of the upazila comprise haor areas. Reading habit among the young people can help develop creativity among them, and eventually serve as catalyst for a better change of the area," he said.

Marking the programme, a discussion was held, where Dhaka Divisional Commissioner

Helaluddin Ahmed was the chief guest. Kishoreganj Deputy Commissioner Md Azimuddin Biswas, Bajitpur Upazila Parishad Chairman Sarwar Alam and Bajitpur municipality Mayor Anwar Hossain Ashraf attended there as special guests.

Through such reading festivals, the students will get a chance to be a part of the present competitive world, the speakers said at the meeting.

Now is the high time to bring back the children to the world of real learning, instead of making them run after so-called fabulous results, they said.

Suggesting that such events be spread all over the country for quality education and development of creativity, they said a "Book Reading Day" can be introduced in the country to promote reading habit among the students and the people in general.

## Bumper Vegetable, Spice Farming Language Movement hero shows the way

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

An elderly Language Movement veteran has set an example in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila by achieving bumper production of vegetables and spices through bed system cultivation.

Abdul Quader Bhasani, 89, of Haldibari village said bed system cultivation is better than that of the flat system and costs less. "I always ask the local farmers to cultivate vegetables and spices following the bed system although many people are reluctant to use the method as it requires regular labour and proper care," he said.

Bhasani has been cultivating vegetables and spices during the last 10 years.

He said farmers can get even double production of vegetables and spices through bed system cultivation than from the flat system. In the bed system crops get fertile soil, proper irrigation and protection from stagnant water, which are absent in the flat system, Bhasani said.

Local farmer Aftab Uddin, 55, said the villagers get advice from Bhasani on how to farm better vegetables and spices. "We also have started farming vegetables and spices through the bed system and are getting good results," he said, adding that the Language Movement veteran is an ideal farmer.

Bhasani's wife Noor Jahan Begum, 78, said her husband is still energetic and works every day in his land.

Upazila Agriculture Officer Enamul Haque said the bed system of cultivation for vegetables and spices is better than that of flat system as it gives better production at less production cost. He said farmers are advised to cultivate vegetables and spices following this system.



## Cold cuts bike drivers' business

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

Rental motorbike drivers in the district are suffering due to acute shortage of passengers for the bitter cold.

About 3,000 motorbike drivers depend on the profession for their livelihood, said Sayedul Islam, a driver of Jhalakathi College Intersection area.

"I am waiting at the stand till afternoon from early in the morning for the passengers but didn't find any one. I have to pay Tk 200 to the bike owner as rent every day," said Mizanur Rahman of Bagri Bus Stand in Rajapur.

"I bought some daily essentials and medicine for my old mother, borrowing money at high interest rate," said Barkat of Rajapur Bipas Stand, adding that they sometimes had to pass the days with little food.

A bike driver earns Tk 400 to Tk 600 a day but in the bitter cold the income is much less and not enough to maintain a family, he said.

"I do not use motorbikes nowadays due to the bitter cold although I am a regular passenger," said Nurul Alam, a member of Ranapasha Union Parishad in Nalchhity.



The surgery ward of Dinajpur Medical College Hospital remains empty of patients yesterday amid the crisis of essential medicines following sudden strike by local medicine traders after a mobile court on Thursday fined two stores for keeping banned Indian painkillers. Inset, drugstores in front of the hospital keep their shutters down yesterday.



## DINAJPUR MEDICINE TRADERS ON STRIKE Patients bear the brunt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Patients in the district are suffering a lot as medicine traders started an indefinite strike without any prior notice after a mobile court fined two traders on Thursday for selling banned medicines.

"Treatment is being hampered for want of medicine," said Shaheb Ali of Ranirbandar area in Chirirbandar upazila yesterday. His 18-month-old son was admitted to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital on Thursday as he was suffering from diarrhoea. Shaheb searched everywhere but failed to get any medicine as all the shops were closed.

Ferdous Mia, brother of Farhana Begum, 23, said his sister succumbed to her illness on Friday night at Dinajpur Medical College Hospital (DjMCH) just for want of medicine.

During a visit to different hospitals in the district yesterday, including DjMCH, Dinajpur Diabetes Hospital, Zia Heart Foundation, Orabinda Children Hospital and BNSB Eye Hospital, this correspondent found that most patients had gone to Rangpur for treatment.

"We are referring the patients who had cardiac problems or suffered a stroke to hospitals in other districts," said a doctor of

DjMCH.

Patients of emergency department are also being referred to hospitals in other districts.

Acting president of Dinajpur unit of Bangladesh Chemists' and Druggists' Samity Md Anwar Hossain said their strike would continue until their four demands were accepted.

The demands are return of money taken as fine by the mobile court, removal of officials and staff of Dinajpur drug superintendent's office by January 22, list of saleable medicine to be given to the traders by the drug superintendent's office, and stoppage of sale of sample medicines by doctors with legal action taken against the doctors selling such medicines.

Drug Superintendent Rafiqul Islam said a mobile court from Dhaka, along with a Rab team, raided Arman Pharmacy and Mitali Medical Store near Dinajpur General Hospital on Thursday. The mobile court fined the shops Tk 1,00,000 each for selling banned Indian painkillers and date expired medicines.

Deputy Commissioner Mir Khairul Alam yesterday urged the drug traders to open their shops for the sake of the patients, but the shops remained closed as of filing of this report at 4:00pm yesterday.

## Electricity meter theft on rise

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Farmers and traders of Akkelpur upazila in Joypurhat have been passing sleepless nights guarding against theft of electric meters and transformers.

Three transformers and 20 meters were stolen in the last eight days. The thieves return the equipment if the owners give them money through mobile phone, locals said.

"The thieves leave a chit with a phone number. If a victim of theft pays the money through mobile phone, the thieves return the stolen equipment," said Shaifak Islam of Gopinathpur village. Thieves stole his power meter and are yet to return it.

Upazila Palli Bidyut Samity General Manager Yakub Ali said incidents of meter stealing in his area have gone up in recent months. Each 3-phase meter costs about Tk 25,000, while a single-phase meter costs about Tk 1,400. Thieves usually steal 3-phase meters for the higher price, he added.

Many people have got back their stolen meters after paying the demanded money, said a police official of Akkelpur Police Station, without giving his name. "The thieves threaten to steal the meter again if anyone discloses the incident," he added.

The thefts are a big worry for the farmers at a time when they are gearing up for the boro season as they use 3-phase meters to operate deep tube-wells for irrigation.

Farmer Abbas Ali of Gopinathpur village said the government introduced biometric SIM registration to track criminals who demand and receive money over mobile phone, but the police have not been able to trace the criminals in the last one month.

In Panchibibi upazila, thieves stole five meters last November, which were returned to the owners on payment of the demanded amount.

## SUICIDE CASE Court asks OC to reply Jan 31

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A court here issued a show cause notice to the officer-in-charge of Rangabali Police Station asking him to submit a reply on January 31 as he did not take step in a suicide case.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Rajib Roy on Thursday passed the order after hearing a petition submitted by the lawyer of victim's mother Nilufa Begum.

On November 16, the court asked OC Shamsul Arefin to take steps and submit a report to it, but he failed, said plaintiff's lawyer Umme Asma Akhi.

Reshma Begum, 20, of Haroganga village allegedly committed suicide on January 10 last year.

The OC said he could not submit a report as autopsy report is yet to reach him.

**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
 প্রধানমন্ত্রীর কার্যালয়  
 পুরাতন সংসদ ভবন, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২২৫  
 ওয়েবসাইটঃ www.pmo.gov.bd

**বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

১৫ জানুয়ারি ২০১৭ খ্রিস্টাব্দ  
 ০২ মার্চ ১৪২৩ বঙ্গাব্দ

প্রধানমন্ত্রীর গবেষণা ও উচ্চ শিক্ষা সহায়তা তহবিল নীতিমালার আওতায় ২০১৬ সালের বৃত্তি প্রদানের উদ্দেশ্যে দেশের অভ্যন্তরে অবস্থিত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়/গবেষণা প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহে নিম্নোক্ত বিষয়ে পিএইচডি ডিগ্রি অর্জনের লক্ষ্যে বাংলাদেশের নাগরিকদের নিকট থেকে নির্ধারিত ফরমে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

ক. অর্থনীতি/সামাজিক বিজ্ঞান;  
 খ. জীব, ফার্মেসী ও চিকিৎসা বিজ্ঞান ও কমিউনিটি মেডিসিন;  
 গ. ভৌত বিজ্ঞান, প্রকৌশল ও কম্পিউটার বিজ্ঞান;  
 ঘ. তথ্য ও যোগাযোগ প্রযুক্তি;  
 ঙ. খাদ্য, কৃষি ও সমুদ্র বিজ্ঞান;  
 চ. কলা, মানবিক, বাণিজ্য ও আইন;  
 ছ. জলবায়ু ও পরিবেশ বিজ্ঞান।

০২। পিএইচডি ডিগ্রি অর্জনের লক্ষ্যে আবেদনকারীকে শিক্ষার সকল স্তরে ১ম বিভাগ/শ্রেণীতে উত্তীর্ণ হতে হবে। আবেদনকারীকে স্ব উদ্যোগে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের নিজস্ব নীতি ও পদ্ধতি অনুযায়ী ভর্তি হয়ে থাকতে হবে বা ভর্তির জন্য নিচয়তা পত্র (Letter of Acceptance) সংগ্রহ করতে হবে। ২০১৫ সাল থেকে শুরু হয়েছে এমন কোর্সে ভর্তি হয়েছেন বা ভর্তির নিচয়তা পেয়েছেন এমন পিএইচডি কোর্সের গবেষণাপত্র বৃত্তির জন্য আবেদন করতে পারবেন।

০৩। সরকারি/আধাসরকারি প্রতিষ্ঠানে কর্মরত প্রার্থীদের নিয়োগকারী কর্তৃপক্ষকে অবহিত রেখে আবেদন করতে হবে। প্রার্থীর বয়সসীমা অনূর্ধ্ব ৩৫ বছর তবে চাকুরীরত প্রার্থীদের বেলায় বয়স ৪৫ বছর পর্যন্ত শিথিলযোগ্য।

০৪। মোট বৃত্তির সংখ্যা ১১ (এগারো) টি। তিন বছরের জন্য নিম্নোক্ত হারে বৃত্তি প্রদান করা হবেঃ

ক. ১ম বছর প্রতি মাসে ১৩,০০০.০০ টাকা;  
 খ. ২য় বছর প্রতি মাসে ১৪,০০০.০০ টাকা;  
 গ. ৩য় বছর প্রতি মাসে ১৫,০০০.০০ টাকা।

০৫। বিশেষ ক্ষেত্রে গবেষণার মেয়াদ সর্বোচ্চ ০৪ বছর পর্যন্ত বৃদ্ধি করা হলেও বৃত্তির মেয়াদ ০৩ বছরেই সীমাবদ্ধ থাকবে। উপাত্ত সংগ্রহ, বইপুস্তক ত্রয় ও অভিসন্দর্ভের (Thesis) মুদ্রণ/কম্পিউটার কম্পোজের জন্য প্রত্যেক গবেষণক্রে সর্বোচ্চ এককালীন ৪০,০০০.০০ (চল্লিশ হাজার) টাকা অনুদান প্রদান করা হবে। গবেষণা তত্ত্বাবধায়ককে গবেষণা কার্য সমাপ্তির পর এককালীন সম্মানী বাবদ ৪০,০০০.০০ (চল্লিশ হাজার) টাকা প্রদান করা হবে। একাধিক তত্ত্বাবধায়কের ক্ষেত্রে এককালীন সম্মানী ভাতা ৬০৪০ হারে ভাগ করে প্রদান করা হবে।

০৬। আবেদনপত্রের ফরম ও এতদসংক্রান্ত নীতিমালা সকল পাবলিক বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের রেজিস্ট্রার, বাংলাদেশ কৃষি গবেষণা কাউন্সিল, বাংলাদেশ কৃষি গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট, বাংলাদেশ ধান গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট, বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিব মেডিক্যাল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, আঞ্চলিক শক্তি কমিশন, বিসিএসআইআর, বিআইডিএস, বাংলাদেশ মেডিক্যাল ও ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিল, ঢাকা প্রকৌশল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (DUET), চট্টগ্রাম প্রকৌশল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (CUET), খুলনা প্রকৌশল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (KUET) এবং রাজশাহী প্রকৌশল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (RUET) এর রেজিস্ট্রারের কার্যালয় হতে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। এ ছাড়াও প্রধানমন্ত্রীর কার্যালয়ের ওয়েবসাইট www.pmo.gov.bd হতে আবেদনপত্রের ফরম ডাউনলোড করা যাবে।

০৭। আবেদনকারীকে সম্প্রতি তোলা ০২ কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার প্রমাণপত্র ও মার্কশীটসমূহের সত্যায়িত কপি সহ আবেদনপত্র রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ডাকযোগে ০২-০৩-২০১৭খ্রিঃ তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর নিকট পৌঁছাতে হবে। শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার মূল সার্টিফিকেট ও মার্কশীটসমূহ সাক্ষাৎকার গ্রহণকালে প্রদর্শন করতে হবে।

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার  
 পরিচালক  
 ফোনঃ ৯১১৮৭০৭  
 E-mail: dir7@pmo.gov.bd

জিডি-১০২