

TEACHERS' MISTAKE

Examinees pay the price

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Two hundred Dakhil examinees of five madrasas in Kaliganj upazila had to attend physical education (subject code 142) examination with only a few days' preparation in the ongoing Dakhil examinations at Kakina Mahimaranjan High School centre yesterday due to mistake of subject code in their admit cards.

Five hundred and four examinees from 19 Dakhil madrasas in the upazila are attending their Dakhil examinations at the centre, of them 200 examinees of five madrasas had to face the trouble due to mistake of their madrasa authorities.

Due to the mistake, the students of Manirabad Sufia Ekramiya Alim Madrasa, Bhullarhat Ashrafia Dakhil Madrasa, Dalgram Dakhil Madrasa, Tentulia Dakhil Madrasa and Kashiram Ekramia Alim Madrasa in Kaliganj upazila fear bad results in the exams.

Jannatul Ferdous, one of the examinees from Dalgram Dakhil Madrasa, said she read Bangladesh and Bishwa Parichay in Class IX and X but she had to attend physical education instead due to mistake of subject code in the admit cards.

Golam Azam Mowdudi, principal of Manirabad Sufia Ekramiya Alim Madrasa, said they were unaware about the mistake until getting the admit cards in their hands.

Kaliganj Upazila Education Officer Afroza Begum said the education board will take decision in this regard.

Drug peddler flees from custody, held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Police arrested an escapee drug peddler from Gobindaganj municipal area yesterday.

The arrestee is Shakil Mia, 25, of Char Kochamari village.

Earlier, police from Palashbari Police Station arrested Shakil on January 31 on charge of drug peddling and produced him before the Judicial Magistrate's Court, which sent him to jail.

Shakil and 31 other arrestees were put in a police van for shifting them from court hajat to the district jail. On the way, Shakil somehow loosened his handcuff, jumped from the police van and fled away before the guards could catch him.

ASI Abul Kalam Azad filed a case against Shakil with Gaibandha Sadar Police Station.

Police carried out wide ranging searches to arrest Shakil and Gobindaganj police finally arrested him from the municipal area, said Mehdi Hasan, officer-in-charge of the police station.

Superintendent of Police Ashraf Islam ordered the eight on-duty cops to be closed to Police Lines on charge of negligence in duty.



Indiscriminate levelling of hillocks and clearing of forest for dumping extracted stones badly affect environment in picturesque Jaflong area of Sylhet.

PHOTO: STAR

Stone dumping degrades Jaflong tourist site

MINTU DESHWARA with ANDREW EAGLE

Better known as a tourist site for its beautiful sweeping landscapes, Sylhet's Jaflong is suffering from stone collection, with associated machinery and stones recklessly dumped across the area, including in forest land.

"We conducted a drive against stone extraction recently," says Gowainghat upazila nirbahi officer Md Salah Uddin. "During the drive, the taskforce seized and destroyed four stone extraction

machines and eight crushing machines. They also destroyed around fifty illegal structures established on public land." He says the drive will be restarted in order to continue protecting Jaflong's environment.

Yet when The Daily Star visited the area, forest land was still littered with stone crushing equipment and rock piles.

According to local environmentalists, during the last caretaker government's period priority was given to forestation, and stone-extraction related activities were

brought under regulation through a zoning system. Such initiatives seem to have fallen by the wayside in more recent years.

"Some illegal dumping on forest land has occurred," says Bablu Bokht, president of the local stone mill owners' association.

Mostafizur Rahman, assistant director at the environment department meanwhile, told The Daily Star that his department would launch drives targeting stone businesses illegally using forest lands.

Shah Shaheda Akhtar, regional

coordinator of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers' Association in Sylhet, says natural forest in Jaflong is disappearing due to the impact of illegal stone excavation and processing establishments.

Sylhet's divisional forest officer RFM Monirul Islam says whole-hearted efforts are ongoing, to protect the forest land. "We have started to construct a guide wall around the forest so that it could easily be protected from stone and machinery dumping," he says.

Woman, baby girl murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The bodies of a woman aged about 26 and a baby girl aged around 18 months were found floating yesterday in the Rangar river under Bochaganj upazila in the district.

Identities of the dead could not be known immediately after the recovery.

Police said the dead might have been mother and her daughter.

The people of Sadama village in the upazila found the bodies in the river while they were fishing at noon and informed the police. Police sent the bodies to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Quoting locals, police said the victims might have been thrown into the river after killing them elsewhere.

BNP leader sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A court here sent a local BNP leader to jail when he was produced before it yesterday.

The convict is Ahsan Habib, president of Begunbari union unit of Sadar upazila and son of Mujibar Rahman of Pashchim Begunbari village.

Sub-Inspector of Thakurgaon Police Station Golam Mortoza said a police team arrested Habib from Desh X-Ray as they had information that he was planning subversive activities in the area.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Sukanta Saha sent Habib to jail when he was produced before the court yesterday.



The dilapidated Sreepur sub-registrar's office in Magura.

PHOTO: STAR

Ramshackle Magura sub-registrar's office

Documents and necessary papers on the verge of ruin

AZIBOR RAHMAN back from Magura

The sub-registrar's office at Sreepur in the district is in an awful state, but repair work cannot be done as a case over ownership of the land is pending with the High Court.

Office sources said the office was built in 1927 on 32 decimals of land.

Around 75 documents of land are registered at the sub-registrar office per week. The documents and necessary papers of the office are taken to and brought from the Magura head office everyday as there is no protection for them in the two dilapidated semi-pucca buildings of the office, they added.

President of Deed Writers' Association of Sreepur Sub-registrar Office Jamir Uddin said the problems are multiplied in the rainy season. Secretary of the Association

Mashiur Rahman said the condition of the office is deplorable and it may collapse any time, causing loss of lives. The government should take steps to repair it as soon as possible, he added.

Sub-registrar Joyanal Abedin said repair work was started in 2006. The contractors brought materials for construction works but Sadhan Kumar Dey Shikdar, a resident of Sreepur town, got the work stopped through an injunction by the Additional District Magistrate's Court.

Sadhan said the land is his paternal property and the office took the building on rent. The office got the land recorded in its name through Revisional Survey in 2001, he added.

Sadhan filed a case at the District and Sessions Judge's Court in 2001 and got the record cancelled.

The sub-registrar's office filed a case against the cancellation at the High Court in 2015. The case is now pending.

6 hurt in clash with foresters

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Six people were injured in a clash with villagers during an eviction drive by the foresters at Sakhipur upazila in the district yesterday.

The clash began when a team of foresters went to the Ichhadighi Atia Madyapara village in the morning to remove a poultry farm sheds on the forest land, witnesses said. The family members of the poultry farm owner Mozammel Haque tried to prevent the foresters from removing it, and the clash left five members of the family and a forest guard injured, they added.

The injured are Mohammad Dulal, 45, Mozammel Haque, 32, Billal Hossain, 30, Motaleb Miah, 40, Saleha Khatun, 40, and Momota Begum, 55, of the family and forest guard Tofazzal Hossain, 35.

They were admitted to Sakhipur Upazila Health Complex.

Mozammel constructed two sheds on their house adjacent to the forest land about six months ago.

Mozammel said he constructed two sheds on the land adjacent to the forest land taking permission from the local forest officials, giving them Tk 20,000 in cash about six months ago. The foresters, however, came to remove the structures yesterday as he did not pay Tk 30,000 more that he promised, he added.

Refuting the allegation of taking money, Kalidas forest beat officer Mohammad Sirajul Islam said they launched the drive to remove the poultry sheds on the forest land.

Vacancy Announcement

CONCERN worldwide

Concern Worldwide is a non-governmental, international, humanitarian organization dedicated to the reduction of suffering and working towards the ultimate elimination of extreme poverty in the world's poorest countries. With its head quarter in Ireland, Concern has been working in Bangladesh since 1972. Concern is initiating a new project in Urban areas titled "Improving the Lives of the Urban Extreme Poor (ILUEP)". This is a multi-sectoral urban development project aims to support extreme poor living on the Pavement; in Squatter settlements and undeveloped slums in Dhaka and Chittagong cities to help them move out of extreme poverty. This is a 5-year project funded by Irish Aid to be implemented till December 2021. Concern is looking for suitable candidate for the following positions for the ILUEP Programme:

Job Title	No. post	Job Summary	Major Requirement
Programme Manager	01	The Programme Manager is responsible for developing urban programme strategy, management of this large multi-sectoral complex programme to deliver the results including management of donor grants, diversified partnership, leading the advocacy, private sector engagement, equality and VAWG components to address extreme poverty in urban areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master's Degree in Development Studies, Social Science or any other relevant discipline from reputed universities in country or from abroad. At least 10 years progressively responsible professional work experience at senior level in programme designing, management, monitoring and evaluation within a development organisation/NGO. Demonstrated experience of conceptualization, developing and delivering and managing complex and large multi-sectoral donor supported programme Experience of effective donor grant and financial management. Experienced in program monitoring & evaluation Proven ability of leading advocacy at national level. Proven ability to build capacity of partner NGOs and local government. Knowledge and experience of engaging with private sectors, micro-enterprise /business development for benefitting the extreme poor in urban context will be an added advantage.
Gender Coordinator	01	The Gender Coordinator is responsible for ensuring the promotion of gender, equality & and addressing Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) under the project and gender practices across the organization. S/he is responsible for enabling the target communities through partners' increase participation, help ensuring own rights and entitlements, reduce gender inequalities and violence and support the organisation leading a positive change in the lives of extremely poor people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master's in Gender Studies, or in other relevant disciplines. Specific training on equality, gender, GBV, human rights and Rights Based Approaches. At least 8 years of progressively responsible professional work experience in equality gender & GBV Based programmes. Experience of incorporating gender, equality, GBV etc. in designing of new programs. Proven track record of capacity building of PNGOs, managing partnerships and working with govt. stakeholders at meso and macro levels. Work experience within the urban context with the Extreme Poor would be an added advantage.
Private Sector Expert	01	The Private Sector Expert is responsible for ensuring that private sector engagement approaches are promoted by strengthening institutional arrangements, leading the process of establishing a mutually benefiting environment among Concern and relevant private sectors in doing businesses engaging the extreme poor in urban settings; take the lead and ensure that ILUEP programme remains highly successful in creation of employment opportunities for the extreme poor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master's in business management, enterprise development Specific training on business planning, micro enterprise development, e-commerce and advocacy. At least 8 years progressively professional work experience of private sector engagement in development programmes. In-depth knowledge and expertise on: concepts of facilitating micro-enterprise development, business planning, engaging poor producer groups with e-commerce platforms etc. Proven experience of establishing formal partnership with Govt. NGO and Business sector vocational/ training institutions for enhancing employability of extreme poor that secured jobs and establishing profitable micro-enterprises for the extreme poor. Experience or working within Urban Context and with Urban Extreme Poor Groups would be an added advantage
Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Coordinator	01	The M&E and Research Coordinator is responsible for providing technical support in results based programme management, monitoring and its application throughout Concern's Programme portfolio, with particular attention to ILUEP programme. This position ensures lessons are included in the delivery and designing of new programmes; plays vital role to coordinate issue specific researches carried out by national, international research institutions. By leading a team of M&E specialists, he/she will continue to provide M&E support to the programme teams and partners; support in designing new programmes; in disseminating the key results with stakeholders while bringing in new ideas and learning from global M&E best practices. He/she will be responsible to provide support to the country management in the review of new Country Strategic plan and rolling it out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master's Degree, preferably in statistics, social science or development studies. At least 8 years progressively responsible professional work experience at senior level in, research, monitoring, and evaluation, within a development organisation/NGO. In-depth knowledge and experience of using SPSS. Experience in networking and liaison with GOB and NGOs and research institutions at national level and international level. Proven ability to document and disseminate information. Knowledge and experience of latest developments in a livelihood, nutrition or other relevant sectors or approach would be an advantage. International experience would be an advantage.
Advocacy Coordinator	01	The Advocacy Coordinator is responsible for leading result based advocacy that identify and tackles critical factors impacting the lives of extreme poor, ensure consistent approach and strategies to advocacy across the organisation. Build capacity of program teams and partners and help ensuring that advocacy objectives of ILUEP and other programs of Concern continue to achieve maintaining highest possible quality and standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master's Degree in Development Studies, Social Science or in relevant subject(s). At least 8 years progressively responsible professional work experience in a development organisation/NGO. Duration of experience may be relaxed for candidates with demonstrated experience of result based advocacy with higher level policy makers. At least 5 years' experience in advocacy with a proven ability to apply advocacy techniques for pro-poor development at local and national levels. Experience of working together with the highest level of policy makers in Bangladesh i.e. The Parliament, APPGs, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Local Government, Large City Corporations etc. Knowledge and skills in applied approaches of advocacy at strategic levels. Experience of training and development of staff capacity.

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