

Union digital centres lack capacity

Says TIB study
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Establishment of union digital centres was a good initiative to provide rural people with technology services, but its benefits and effectiveness are yet to be achieved fully due to a shortage of institutional capacity and publicity, revealed a study yesterday.

According to the study conducted by Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), 32 to 42 percent of the necessary electronics equipment in the centres like computers and printers are out of order.

Besides, 98 percent of the centres use SIM-based modems instead of high-speed broadband connections while only 38 percent have alternative power sources such as generators and IPSs, the study found.

The slow internet connection and interrupted power supply delay the service delivery and thereby cause sufferings.

TIB conducted the study between January 2016 and August 2017 on 105 such centers across the country as well as on 3,053 households in the union parishad areas.

Of the total people in the survey area, about 79 percent know the names of the centres and have no idea about its services while among the beneficiaries only about 60 percent are satisfied with the services.

The centers can play important roles in terms of technological advancement in rural areas, so the government should take some strong and effective measures to solve the issues, the study recommended.

Besides addressing the aforementioned problems, the government should formulate a policy fixing service

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Guests hold copies of a book titled, "Bangladesher Pushpa-Brikhha Lata-Gulma" (flowers, trees, creepers and shrubs of Bangladesh), at its launch at Bangladesh National Museum in the capital on Saturday. Tarupallab and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Bangladesh published the book, written by Mokarram Hossen.

Tarupallab, IUCN launch book on Bangladesh flora

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tarupallab and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Bangladesh have published a book on flowers, trees, creepers and shrubs of Bangladesh.

The publication ceremony of the book titled, "Bangladesher Pushpa-Brikhha Lata-Gulma", written by nature writer and researcher Mokarram Hossen, was held at the national museum in Dhaka.

Tarupallab and national museum arranged the event said a press release on Saturday. One of the first of its kind, the book is a detailed field-guide of trees. It is priced at Tk 900.

Artist and the museum's Chairman Hashem Khan was the chief guest at the event chaired by Dhaka University Prof Muntasir Mamun. Dr Ishtiaq Uddin Ahmed, country representative of IUCN in Bangladesh, DU Prof Jashim Uddin were also present.

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Police assure Diaz's mother of justice

She ends hunger strike
CU CORRESPONDENT

Mother of slain BCL leader Diaz Irfan Chowdhury broke her hunger strike on Saturday night after getting assurance of justice for her son from police.

Nure Alam Mina, superintendent of police (SP) of Chittagong District, Additional SPs Rezaul Masud and Moshuiddoula Reza went to the port city's Surgiscope Hospital around 9:00pm on Saturday to visit Diaz's mother Jaheda Amin Chowdhury and later convinced her to drink water to break her hunger strike.

Jaheda is too weak now and doctors gave her saline solution and rice soup, Diaz's elder sister Jobaida Sarwar told The Daily Star yesterday.

The mother went on a hunger strike on November 27 demanding immediate arrest of her son's alleged killers.

Diaz, assistant secretary of BCL central unit, was found hanging in his residence near Gate No-2 of Chittagong University (CU) on November 20, 2016.

The first post mortem report made by Chittagong Medical College Hospital said Diaz killed himself by hanging.

Rejecting the report, Jaheda, a CU employee, lodged a complaint with a Chittagong court accusing nine BCL men and a CU teacher on November 24, 2016.

The second autopsy report prepared by Dhaka Medical College Hospital said Diaz was strangled.

The Criminal Investigation Department is now investigating the case. On October 23, 2017, a court ordered Hathazari police to treat the complaint as FIR (first information report).

DNCC, SEEDS Asia launch photo contest on disaster risk reduction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A photography competition on disaster risk reduction (DRR) has been launched in Dhaka recently to raise awareness among city residents.

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) and SEEDS Asia, a Japanese NGO, initiated the competition titled, "Tell Us Your Story".

It is open for professionals and amateurs. The deadline for submission is January 15, 2018, says a press release.

Selected photographs will be exhibited at a three-day photo show at Bishwo Sahitto Kendra in Dhaka from February 9 to 11. Photographs by Japanese participants will also be featured.

DNCC and the SEEDS Asia will award 10 people.

Annisul laid to rest with love

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father if Annisul had offended any one. His namaz-e-janaza followed soon after.

The coffin wrapped in national flag was then moved in a convoy towards the Banani graveyard, where the mayor was laid to eternal rest around 5:00pm beside the graves of his mother and son.

Earlier, a flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines carrying Annisul's body arrived at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka at around 12:30pm. General Belal received the body at the airport. The body was then taken to Annisul's Banani residence. Awami League leaders including Road Transport and Bridges Minister

Obaidul Quader, Joint General Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif, Prime Minister's Principal Secretary Dr Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury and senior officials of the city corporation were present at the airport.

Around 2:30pm, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina accompanied by senior Awami League leaders went to the mayor's residence to pay her last respect to the deceased mayor.

At the age of 65, Annisul Huq lost the battle for life in a London hospital on Thursday after nearly three months' treatment left for neurological problems. Annisul left behind his wife, two daughters and a son to mourn his death.

Bangladesh epitome

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Addressing Pope Francis, Holy Cross College student Upasana Ruth Gomes said his compassion for the poor, refugees and migrants makes them proud.

However, she said, there are many youths who are frustrated and think their life has become meaningless. "Your [pope's] presence makes us optimistic," she said.

Expressing his joy to see the pope, Sajid Shahriar of Notre Dame College said he was inspired by pope's words to work for peace in the country.

"There is so much violence in various corners of the world. We can forget our communal thoughts and work together for our country, for peace," he told The Daily Star.

Irina Sharmin of Holy Cross College said she was particularly encouraged by the words that the youths should keep moving forward, despite challenges, to work towards humanity.

In the morning, the pope visited a home of sick and elderly people run by the Missionaries of Charity at Teigaon. He went from bed to bed in the wards where seriously-ill adults and children are kept. He prayed for them.

Jhantu's annual income

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The former mayor mentioned honorarium from his mayoral post, freedom fighter allowances and rents from houses and markets as his source of income.

Babla, on the other hand, earned Tk 50,000 from farming, Tk 2.04 lakh from rents. He has a bank deposit of Tk 1.50 crore. His property includes a car and jeep, three flats and gold ornaments.

Mostafa earned Tk 72,000 from rents, Tk 2.92 lakh from business. He has a bank deposit of Tk 1.50 lakh whereas his wife Tk 1.20 lakh. His property includes gold orna-

ments, six decimals of land and a motor-bike.

Manik has a bank deposit of Tk 5.66 lakh while his wife Tk 40.25 lakh. His property includes 32 decimals of land, a four-storey and a tin-shed building.

Asif's income sources are rents from houses and business. His property includes a jeep worth Tk 37.45 lakh and gold ornaments.

The other two candidates are Golam Mostafa Babu (Islami Shason Andolon Bangladesh) and Selim Akter (National People's Party).

Case backlog a matter

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ever-evolving and changing laws, technological advances and social values," he said.

He said introduction of the e-court system in higher and lower courts, keeping and preserving records through digital methods, introduction of video conference facility in district and central jails, introduction of information management system in the judiciary are demands of the time.

Justice Wahhab Miah said time and money will be saved if the depositions of hardened criminals are taken through video conferencing during the trial proceedings.

He emphasised the need for increasing the number of judges at all the courts of the country in order to enhance the rate of disposal of cases.

Law Minister Anisul Huq also spoke on the occasion.

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