

MANIKGANJ DISTRICT HOSPITAL

# Fire extinguishers refilled without any tender

ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj

Sixty-four fire extinguishers at 250-bed Manikganj District Hospital were refilled without any tender.

Manikganj Public Works Department refilled the extinguishers at the eight-storied hospital building without any tender with the help of a familiar person, said SM Abdus Salam, sub-divisional engineer of the department, adding that they conducted the work for the last one month.

However, Resident Medical Officer of the hospital Dr Lutfar Rahman said he has no information about the fire extinguishers refilled by the Public Works Department.

Dr Abdul Awal, acting superintendent of the hospital, said none of the staffers at the hospital has required skill in using fire extinguishers.

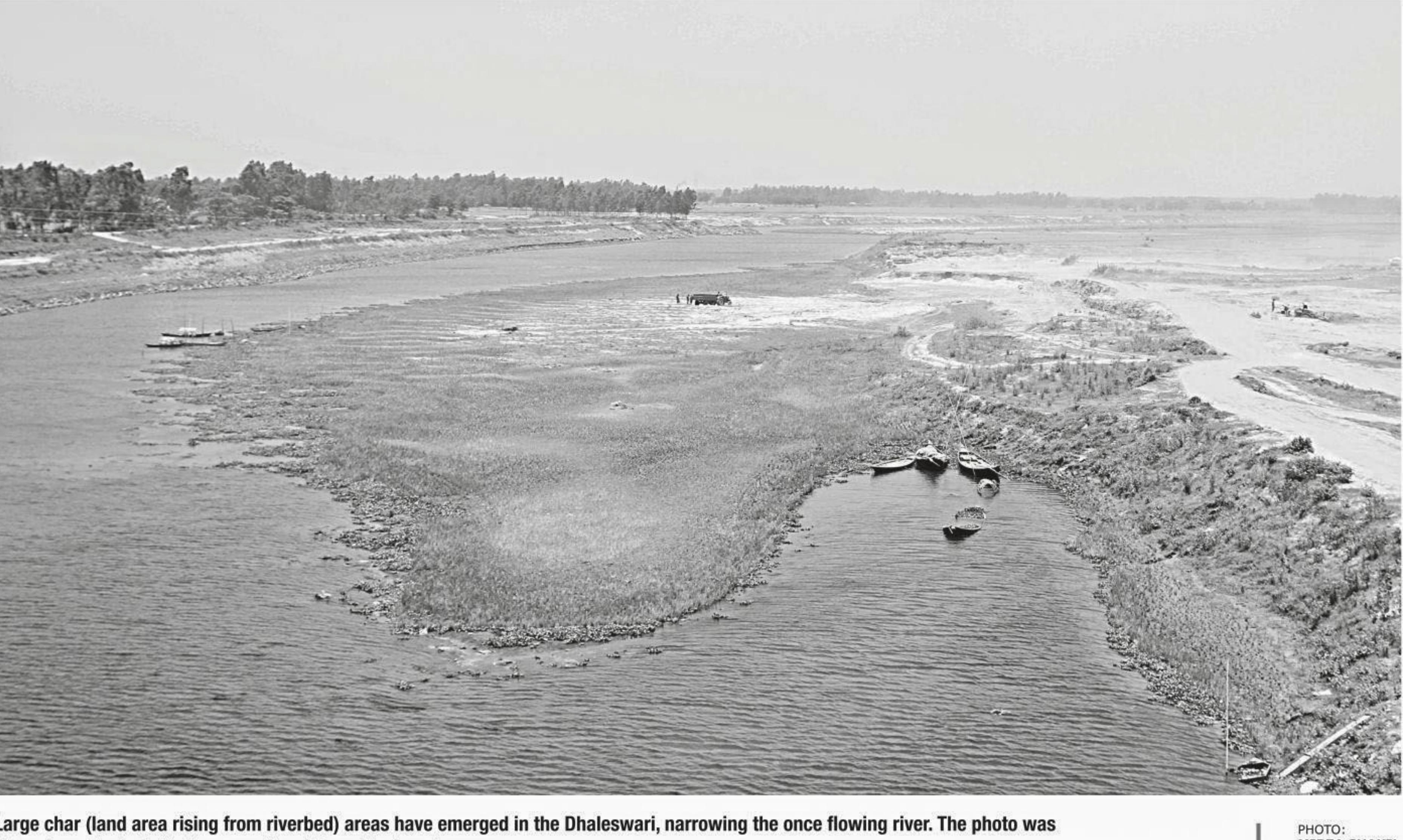
While visiting the hospital, this correspondent found that new stickers were attached to the old extinguishers in every floor of the hospital.

Engineer Abdus Salam said no tender was called for the job.

But when tender will be called next time for refilling the fire extinguishers, the same person will get the work, said Salam.

Meanwhile, Executive Engineer of the department Mahbub Morshed Sohel was not available at his office for the last few days.

After this, despite repeated attempts, this correspondent could not reach Sohel for his comment on the issue as he did not receive the phone calls.



Large char (land area rising from riverbed) areas have emerged in the Dhaleswari, narrowing the once flowing river. The photo was taken from Elasin in Delduar upazila of Tangail a few days ago.

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL

# Tenacious Swarna appears for HSC exams

The amputee credits her success to her mother

MD AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A mother's support and inspiration can work wonders and often help one reach inconceivable heights. No one knows it better than Swarna Rani Sarker, who is attending this year's Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations despite losing both her hands in an accident when she was in fifth grade.

Swarna's mother Swapna Rani Sarker did not let her daughter's physical disabilities or the family's financial hardship get in the way of Swarna's educational aspirations.

When everyone else wondered about what would become of Swarna or how such a young girl would be able to write for her studies, her mother stood by her as a source of hope and encouragement.

Swarna, a resident of Mymensingh's Charpara village in Ishwarganj upazila, has come a long way since then and she gives all the credit to her mother.

"I reached this stage as my mother's inspiration helped me become confident to carry on my studies," said Swarna, a student at Razibpur Islamia Technical and BM (business management) College in the upazila.

In 2008, Swarna along with her older sister (now married off) and parents used to live in a flat of a three-storey building in Razabari area of Gazipur near Dhaka. Her father Dusal Chandra Sarker used to work at a local hardware store.

One fateful day, like any other fifth grader, Swarna went to the roof of the house to play badminton. All hell broke loose suddenly when she fell off the roof onto a power line.

For three months the young girl fought for her life at Dhaka Medical College Hospital where her two hands, below the mid-section of the forearms, had to be amputated.

After losing her writing hand, there was visibly no way that Swarna could carry on her studies, let alone appearing for her Primary Education Completion Examination (PEC) -- only three



Swarna Rani Sarker taking HSC exam at Ishwarganj DS Alia Madrasa centre. PHOTO: COLLECTED

months away.

Swapna, her mother, however, would not give in. She came up with the idea of writing by holding the pen with both forearms.

"With massive practice, I gradually learned to write using my forearms -- the way my mother showed me," Swarna said.

Her mother's avid support and encouragement helped Swarna pass class after class and a few years later, she even passed Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations from Harinal High School in Gazipur.

By that time, her father, Dusal Chandra Sarker, lost his job and moved the family to his village home in Mymensingh after getting into debt.

Without owning any land, Dusal now makes a meagre living by working as a day labourer.

It would be simply impossible for her daughter to come this far with only Tk 500 monthly

disability allowance from the government unless her college tuition was waived by Rafiqul Islam, principal of Razibpur Islamia Technical and BM College, said Swapna.

Despite the tuition waiver and disability allowance, her husband is struggling to cope with the family's day-to-day expenses including the cost of Swarna's books, Swapna also said, adding, "I won't be able to leave any money to support her in future. But her education will provide the support all throughout her life."

Pondering how to reach her goals with present financial setbacks, Swarna with dreamy eyes said, "If I could finish my studies, I would like to be a teacher and help differently abled children in their educational endeavours."

Contacted, Ishwarganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer Umme Rumana Tua said she would take initiatives to provide support for Swarna.

## Tk 2.50 crore smuggled goods seized

STAR COUNTRY DESK

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized smuggled Indian items worth around Tk 2.50 crore from Benapole in Jashore and Hakimpur upazila of Dinajpur in last two days.

BGB members seized a truck with smuggled salt, saris, three pieces, cosmetics and medicines worth Tk 1.50 crore at Amrakhal under Benapole Port Police Station on Friday night, reports our correspondent.

Salim Reza, commanding officer of 49 BGB Battalion, said, "A BGB team, following a tip, raided the area at 10:00pm and seized the goods worth Tk 1.50 crore. The items were deposited to Jashore customs godown."

Earlier on Thursday, BGB seized smuggled items from Ghasuria and Satkuri areas in Hakimpur, reports our Dinajpur correspondent.

The goods include 1,165 bottles of Phensedyl, 63 costly saris and 2.82 lakh cow fattening pills, said Nayeb Subedar Abu Sayed, commander of Mongla BGB camp in Hakimpur.

Tipped off, the border guards raided Ghasuria and Satkuri areas and seized the goods worth Tk 94 lakh while the smugglers managed to flee, he said.

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2	317383	IUIDP-2/MIR/P-9	a. Construction of roadside brick drain from house of Muhur Chan to Sobujbag Mosjid via house of Delower at Halderbari at Goalguni ch. 00m-200m. b. Construction of roadside brick drain from house of Dr. Gazi to house of Rahim Sheikh at Halder Barilink link from house of Abul Kalam to house of Falu Bepari via house of Janu Misri ch. 00m-213m. c. Construction of roadside brick drain from Halderbari road of Nasir via Mohila Madrasa link-house of Aziz Khan to house of Ruhul ch. 00m-143m at Ward No. 01 under Mirkadim Paurashava District Munshiganj.
3	317390	IUIDP-2/MIR/P-10	a. Construction of roadside brick drain from house of Kalu Talukder & Abdul Talukder to Chandontola culvert via at Goalguni Mosque ch. 0.00m-510m at Ward No. 1 under Mirkadim Paurashava Dist. Munshiganj.

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# Shackled housewife rescued

Four arrestees including husband land in jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

housewife. Quoting neighbours, Officer in Charge (OC) of Kalmakanda Police Station Mazarul Karim said Jahangir, a Cable TV operator at Gobindapur Bazar, married his second wife Fatema in December last year.

Soon after the marriage, Jahangir divorced Fatema following a family feud, but again married her in March this year on condition that she would not disclose the matter to anyone else, the OC said.

A feud developed between Fatema and her in-laws' when she went to her husband's house on May 7.

At one stage of alteration, when Fatema refused to return to

her parents house, Jahangir and his family members tortured her mercilessly and at one stage they chained her to a room.

Sensing something wrong, neighbours informed the matter to police, who rescued the victim from confinement around 11:00pm on Friday and admitted her to Kalmakanda Upazila Health Complex.

There were marks of injuries on the victim's body, the OC said.

They detained four people after the victim filed a case with Kalmakanda Police Station against eight people, including the four arrestees, the OC added.



Housewife Fatema Akter, who had been chained up by her leg, is seen crying for help at her in-laws' house at Kharnoi village in Netrakona's Kalmakanda Upazila. Inset, rescued Fatema at Kalmakanda Police Station.

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