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HC worried over milk adulteration

Asks, 'How will the nation be built if health of its future generation is not sound?'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a serious warning saying that the companies and individuals responsible for adulterating milk and curd, whoever they were, would not be spared and they must be punished.

None will be allowed to play ducks and drakes with people's lives and health, as safe food is a fundamental right of people, the court said, asking, "How will the nation be built if health of its future generation is not sound?"

Making the observation, the HC sought reports detailing the names and relevant particulars of companies and persons responsible for adulterating raw cow milk, curd and fodder and the steps taken against them.

Bangladesh Food Safety Authority (BFSA) and Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) have been ordered to submit separate reports to the court by June 23.

While hearing a suo moto rule, the court also asked Prof Shahnila Ferdousi, head of National Food Safety Laboratory (NFSL), to appear before it on May 21 along with the study report prepared by her organisation on raw cow milk.

The NFSL, in the study report, said it found the presence of excessive levels of lead and pesticides in raw cow milk, SEE PAGE 10 COL 2



Demonstrating jute mill workers wait to have their iftar on Dhaka-Khulna highway at Natunrasta Mor yesterday evening. They blocked the highway from 4:00pm to 7:00pm demanding arrears.

PHOTO: DIPANKAR ROY

JUTE WORKERS' DEMO

Eleven days on, no end in sight

Tougher movement threatened

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Jute mill workers' demonstration for arrears and better wages entered its 11th day yesterday, but no one from the authorities contacted them till last night to resolve the crisis.

In such a situation, workers' leaders have threatened to go for tougher movements if their demands are not met by Saturday.

Like the previous days, agitated workers blocked roads and railways in Khulna and Jashore yesterday, which was also the third day of an indefinite strike at the state-owned jute mills across the country.

In Khulna, thousands of workers from nine state-owned jute mills blocked the Dhaka-Khulna highway in Kabirbattala, Natunrasta Mor, Daulatpur, Atraj Industrial areas and railway tracks in Notunrasta and Rajkhat from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. It caused suffering to passengers.

Besides, workers from Daulatpur, Khalishpur, Crescent, Platinum, and Star jute mills gathered in front of the main entrances to their factories. They brought out processions from BIDD road to Natunrasta intersection of Khulna city.

Later, they sat on roads in Kabirbattala and Daulatpur SEE PAGE 10 COL 2

Feni teen alleges rape

Four arrested on rape charges in 4 districts

STAR REPORT

A father in Feni filed a case on Tuesday accusing a young man of raping his daughter multiple times over the last one year.

In separate incidents, four suspected rapists were arrested in four districts since Tuesday night.

In Feni, Jamshed Alam Nishan, 18, of Chhagalnaiya was accused of raping a girl several times and attacking her family members during a village arbitration over the rape allegations on Tuesday, said police.

"He fled the area after the case was filed. We are looking for him," said MM Morshed, officer-in-charge of Chhagalnaiya Police Station.

In Panchagar's Atwari, police arrested a 62-year-old man for allegedly raping his eight-year-old granddaughter on Tuesday. In Jhenaidah's Moheshpur, police yesterday arrested college student Jihad Hossain, 18, for allegedly raping a four-year-old girl.

The girl's family members said, Jihad went their home around 11:00am when SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

Soldiers patrol Kolkata after polls violence

100 detained as BJP, TMC supporters clash; Vidyasagar's statue vandalised

AGENCIES

Soldiers patrolled the centre of Kolkata, the capital of India's West Bengal state, yesterday a day after rival political supporters clashed during campaigning for the country's general election.

With the third highest number of parliamentary seats among Indian states, West Bengal has emerged as a battleground where the BJP is attempting to make inroads to offset likely losses elsewhere and retain power.

The BJP is facing stiff opposition from the Trinamool Congress (TMC), a regional party that controls the state and is one of Modi's biggest critics. More than 100 supporters of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) were detained for violence in West Bengal on Tuesday, police said.

The state police said no Trinamool member had been detained, but the independent election commission said it planned to investigate allegations of vandalism by party supporters.

The clashes broke out as BJP president Amit Shah led a campaign procession through Kolkata, and rival party supporters threw stones and water bottles at each other.

"The reason behind the violence is Trinamool Congress, not Bharatiya Janata Party," Shah told reporters yesterday.

The TMC, led by firebrand politician Mamata Banerjee who is a contender for prime minister, blamed the violence on BJP "goons".

A statue of renowned Bengal reformer, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, was destroyed and a college named after him ransacked in the troubles, which the BJP and rival Trinamool Congress (TMC) angrily blamed on each other.

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LGRD needs Tk 75 lakh for testing Wasa water

It mentions in report to AG

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD) ministry has said Tk 75.61 lakh is needed for collecting and examining 1,065 samples of water supplied by the Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) in its 11 zones.

The ministry mentioned the estimated cost in a report submitted to the attorney general's office for placing it before the High Court.

Deputy Attorney General Motaheer Hossain Sazu who received the report told The Daily Star that he would submit it to the HC today.

The bench of Justice JBM Hassan and Justice Md Khairul Alam will pass an order on this issue after SEE PAGE 10 COL 5

Sherpa climbs Everest for record 23rd time



REUTERS, Kathmandu

A 49-year-old sherpa reached the top of Mount Everest for a 23rd time yesterday, creating a new record for the most summits of the world's highest mountain, Nepali hiking officials said.

Kami Rita Sherpa, a native of Thame village located in the shadow of Mount Everest, reached the 8,850-metre (29,035-feet) summit via the Southeast Ridge route, accompanied by another sherpa, tourism department official Mira Acharya said from the base camp.

His latest ascent took him two summits clear of two fellow sherpas, hiking officials said.


Acharya said Kami, who goes by his first name, reached the top at 7:50 am and was descending to lower camps.

She said about 30 other climbers were on the way to the summit and were expected to top the SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

A gas leak, inset, caused this concrete sewage pipe junction to blow up near TNT Masjid in Moghbazar yesterday. Even though the gas supply authorities fixed the leak in the afternoon, the slabs were left like this putting vehicles and pedestrians at risk.

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রচনা প্রতিযোগিতা

২৬ জুন, ২০১৯ "মাদকদ্রব্যের অপব্যবহার ও অবৈধ প্যারার বিরোধী আন্তর্জাতিক দিবস" উদযাপন উপলক্ষে মাদকদ্রব্য নিয়ন্ত্রণ অধিদপ্তর কর্তৃক রচনা প্রতিযোগিতা-২০১৯ এর আয়োজন করা হয়েছে। দুটি গ্রুপে এ প্রতিযোগিতা অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। গ্রুপ এবং রচনার বিষয় নিম্নরূপঃ

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(১) বাংলাদেশের সকল মাধ্যমিক ও সমপর্যায়ের এবং উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক ও সমপর্যায়ের ছাত্রছাত্রীরা গ্রুপ অনুসারে এ প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবে।

(২) রচনা সাদা কাগজে বাংলা ভাষায় স্পষ্টাক্ষরে স্বহস্তে লিখতে হবে। কোনক্রমেই রচনার ফটোকপি গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়।

(৩) রচনার সাথে আলাদা কাগজে প্রতিযোগীর নাম, পিতা/অভিভাবকের নাম, পত্র যোগাযোগের ঠিকানা, টেলিফোন/মোবাইল নম্বর, শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম, অধ্যয়নরত শ্রেণি ও রোল নম্বর উল্লেখ করতে হবে।

(৪) রচনা সংশ্লিষ্ট শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান প্রধানের মাধ্যমে দাখিল/প্রেরণ করতে হবে।

(৫) খামের উপর রচনা প্রতিযোগিতা ২০১৯ এবং গ্রুপ উল্লেখ করতে হবে।

(৬) রচনা আগামী ৩০/০৫/২০১৯ তারিখের মধ্যে ড. এ এফ এম মাসুম রকবানী (ডিআইজি), পরিচালক (অপারেশনস ও গোয়েন্দা), মাদকদ্রব্য নিয়ন্ত্রণ অধিদপ্তর, ৪১, সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা-১০০০ এ ঠিকানায় পৌছাতে হবে।

পুরস্কারঃ প্রতিটি গ্রুপের শ্রেষ্ঠ তিনজন প্রতিযোগীকে প্রথম, দ্বিতীয় ও তৃতীয় স্থান অর্জনকারীদের পুরস্কৃত করা হবে। পুরস্কার হিসেবে ট্রফি, সার্টিফিকেট এবং নগদ অর্থ প্রদান করা হবে। পুরস্কার বিতরণ তারিখ ও স্থান পরবর্তীতে জানানো হবে।

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