



Association for Social Advancement (ASA), one of the largest microfinance institutions in Bangladesh, yesterday announced that it would award scholarships to 1,500 underprivileged students who secured GPA-5 in HSC and SSC exams this year. Planning Minister MA Mannan inaugurated the programme, by awarding scholarships worth Tk 10,000 each to 89 students.

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Newspaper workers express grievances over cut-down of some benefits

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Newspaper workers' associations yesterday expressed grievances for cutting down some benefits -- including reduction of gratuity and individual income tax payment -- in the recently gazetted ninth wage board award for journalists and employees of newspapers and news agencies.

In a joint press statement, Bangladesh Newspaper Workers' Federation and Bangladesh Federal Union of Newspaper Press Workers said the recommendations of reducing gratuity from two to one and introducing income tax payment by individuals instead of institutions were "not reasonable".

The associations urged the government to amend both recommendations and publish an additional edition of the gazette.

They issued the press statement after holding a joint meeting in the capital's Paltan on Monday.

During the meeting, the association leaders, however, thanked Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for approving the wage board, according to the statement.

On September 14, the government published a gazette on the ninth wage board award for journalists and employees of newspapers and news agencies.

The information ministry published the gazette, dated September 12, on its website. The gazette came into effect on the date of publication.

Our admission was valid

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none of the BCL leaders appeared in the tests.

Responding to the report, Prof Shibli Rubayat Ul Islam, dean of the faculty, at a press conference last week claimed that students who completed graduation and post-graduation from the university can be enrolled in evening programmes without any written exam or circular.

He also claimed that the decision was made by the chairman's committee and the interested students only have to face viva voce. Evening programmes are the faculties' own programmes and they conduct it and change rules by themselves, he added.

At the press conference, Ducusu AGS Saddam said the letter Ducusu Vice President Nurul Haque Nur sent to the vice chancellor opposing the 34 BCL leaders' admission was his "personal matter." He added that the issue of Golam Rabbani's presence in Ducusu will discussed in the future.

Media one of the strongest

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attitude and values."

"Based on the findings, different companies designed their marketing, brand and communication strategies," he said.

About the key findings of the research, he said there is a positive impact of reality TV on consumption related cognition and attitude. "Parents through communication, mediation and instruction positively influence teenagers' reality TV involvement," he said about another key finding.

We must change

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stop," said Mahmudul.

Speaking as the chief guest, Mujibul Haque, chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on the ministry of labour and employment, said the number of child domestic workers is going down gradually as people's financial condition is improving.

"However, our feudal mentality is yet to change. The more seemingly civilised and educated we are, the more self-centred we are becoming," he said. "We work about eight hours per day and enjoy one-two days off every week. Do we feel the same about the person who works at our home?" asked Mujibul, also former state minister for labour and employment.

"Employing children as domestic workers will not stop if we don't become aware," he added. He also assured to work on formulation of a separate act for domestic workers.

BSAF Chairperson In-Charge Mahbubul Haque, Director Abdus Shahid Mahmood, and the labour ministry's additional secretary Rezaul Haque also spoke at the programme, among others.

JnU students

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establishments on the footpaths and a human haulier stand beside the university, which used to create problems for students and commuters," JnU Proctor Mostofa Kamal said. "We will be aware so that these establishments are not restored here," he added.

"We have sent a letter to Dhaka district commissioner, and deputy commissioners of DMP's Labagh division and Traffic South division to take necessary steps for removing the illegal establishments beside the university," JnU Registrar Md Ohiduzzaman told The Daily Star yesterday.

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illegal businesses go on surrounding these..."

Depicting the current condition of footpaths, the mayor said, "Councillors blame police and police blame councillors for such a situation... However, if we work together, we can overcome it."

"If any OC finds out that a councillor is involved in such activities [patronising grabbers], you should inform me. Similarly, if any councillor finds out that any OC is involved, you should tell me too," he said.

'TORTURING WOMAN' AT BARISHAL POLICE STATION

Investigation launched against OC, constable

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

A constable was closed to district police lines in Barishal on Monday, following an allegation of torturing a woman at Ujirpur Police Station.

Naimul Haque, additional superintendent of police, said, "The order came as we primarily found Constable Zahidul Islam of the police station involved in the torture."

The woman -- Rashida Begum -- told The Daily Star that she along with her daughter Fatema Begum, 16, went to the police station on August 19 to file a case accusing two local influential men of abducting her another daughter Sonamoni, 13.

Officer-in-Charge Sishir Kumar Paul, however, refused to record the case, slapped Fatema and forced them out of the police station, said Rashida, a widow.

"Afterwards, I went to the superintendent of police on August 20 and filed a complaint against the OC, seeking justice," said the 45-year-old.

"Later, my abducted daughter returned home safely," the woman said.

"Meanwhile, my landlord seized my

household goods over a rent-related dispute. I went to Barishal range DIG (deputy inspector general of police) to get those back. The DIG asked the OC to look into the matter on September 2," she said.

"OC Sishir Kumar called me to meet him at the police station and I went there on September 10," the woman added.

"I was waiting at a tea stall in front of the police station as the OC asked me to do so. At that time, Constable Zahid rushed there, assaulted me and pressed a burning cigarette on my face," she alleged.

"When I went to the OC, he too assaulted me and drove me out of the police station. Rashida further alleged.

Besides, OC Shishir put pressure on Rashida to withdraw the allegation from the SP office, she said.

A committee was formed to investigate the overall incident, said ASP Naimul Haque, chief of the probe body.

Superintendent of Police Saiful Islam said they visited Ujirpur, took statements of 10 to 12 witnesses and the two policemen.

Contacted, The OC refused to comment saying the matter is under investigation. Constable Zahid could not be reached.

Railway knocks down

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Several years ago, when railway authority went to evict the illegal structures, local goons halted the drive and later railway postponed it.

Asked whether railway will continue its

efforts if similar attempts are made again by illegal occupiers, Railways Minister Nurul Islam Sujon yesterday said the drive will continue.

"There is no scope to stop the drive," he said at a press conference at Railway Bhaban.

DMP to contact citizens

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quality of service; were they compelled to give money, how was the behaviour of police and did they face any harassment," said the DMP boss, who took over helm of the force on September 3.

The DMP chief also instructed to put up signboards in public places, displaying phone numbers of assistant commissioners (AC), additional deputy commissioners (ADC) and deputy commissioner (DC) of the area concerned. He urged city dwellers to inform higher officials of any irregularities at police stations.

Contacted last night, several officers-in-charge (OC) of different police stations said

the DC, ADCs and ACs have been sitting at the police stations for the last three days and monitoring activities.

They have been spending around two hours there, and contacting people who filed GDs or cases to know how they were treated.

At the programme, the DMP boss also warned of action against police personnel involved in drug-related offences. "You [police officials] will not take drugs. If any police official does so, contact immediately with your DC concerned. We will arrange for his or her treatment," he said.

Even after that, if anyone is found positive in dope test, they will be sacked, he warned.



United Hospital Ltd recently signed a Corporate Medical Services Agreement with Asiatic 3sixty. Under this agreement, Asiatic 3sixty employees and their dependents will be able to avail special healthcare services at the hospital. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement

Deadline for application: 02 October 2019

The FAO Representation in Bangladesh is inviting applications from qualified national candidates to the following vacant position under the project GCP/BGD/066/NET "Support for Modelling, Planning and Improving Dhaka's Food System", to be filled as soon as possible:

Position: Food Systems City Coordinator (VA No. 1902263)

To apply, visit the FAO employment website at **Jobs at FAO** and complete the on-line application form. No hand delivered applications will be accepted, applications only received through online will be considered.

All recruitment to FAO posts are made on a competitive and transparent basis. Candidates are encouraged to apply directly to FAO and follow the instructions on the above-mentioned website. Please note that no intermediary is allowed to expedite or facilitate such process. All those who represent themselves as such are fraudulent and should be reported to FAO immediately.

Women candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

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e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited through National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for procurement of following works:

Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Tendering method	Description of works	Online (e-GP System) tender publication date & time	Online (e-GP System) tender closing date & time
1.	356962	OTM	Land Development work under Establishment of Agriculture Research Station BARI Gopalganj and eco-friendly agricultural development project in south-western part through strengthening of research at OFRD Khulna	15-Sep-2019 18:00	01-Oct-2019 14:30

This is online tender, only e-Tender will be accepted in National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. Registration is essential to submit e-Tender.

Fees have to be deposited for downloading the tender documents from e-GP Portal through any registered bank. For further information please contact e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

Project Name: Establishment of Agriculture Research Station BARI Gopalganj and eco-friendly agricultural development project in south-western part through strengthening of research

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11-year-old becomes

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admitted to different hospitals across the country in 24 hours until 8am yesterday, of which 417 were in Dhaka and 198 elsewhere.

DGHS data shows 82,454 dengue patients -- 45,377 in Dhaka and 37,077 outside Dhaka -- have been hospitalised across the country this year. Some 2,485 patients are now undergoing treatment.

Electioneering begins

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During the scrutiny, the returning officer cancelled nomination papers of two candidates -- independent candidate and BNP leader Kawser Zaman Babla and Ekramul Haque of Bangladesh Congress.

The RO declared seven submitted nomination papers valid after the scrutiny.

AL candidate Advocate Rezaul Karim Razu withdrew his candidature on Monday, extending his support to the JP candidate, leaving six contenders for the post.

Earlier, the Election Commission announced the schedule for the by-polls in the Rangpur parliamentary constituency on September 1, as the seat fell vacant following the death of JP founder and former president HM Ershad.

Each division to get

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concerned," the minister said.

In the meeting, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina also directed authorities concerned to maintain standards in road construction and not to dismantle too many structures while expanding roads. She also directed them to ensure sufficient trees, ponds and playgrounds as well as safe drinking water while implementing the Asrayan project.

She also opined that the Cox's Bazar airport should be upgraded to international standards.

Request for Proposal (RFP)



Swisscontact was established in 1959 as an independent foundation by notable figures from the worlds of commerce and science in Switzerland. ASTHA, a project of Swisscontact, is inviting proposal for "Content development for Scientific Seminar intended to develop and update knowledge of Community Paramedics" from reputed firms / organisation / individuals. For details please visit:

<https://www.swisscontact.org/en/country/bangladesh/work-with-us/request-for-proposal.html>

Establishment of Research Facilities on Processing of Safe and Healthy Dry Fish and Indoor Farming at BCSIR Centre in Dhaka and Chattogram

Corrigendum

Expression of Interest (EOI)	Existing time of opening	Amended time of opening
➤ Ref. No. 39.02.0000.030. 05.003.19/001 Published on 10-09-2019 For Consultancy Services (Design & Supervision)	02-10-2019, 03:00pm	02-10-2019, 03:30pm

➤ All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

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Office of the Superintendent Engineer
 Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University, Dinajpur
 Memo No. HSTU/Engr-21/2019-2020/195 Date: 11/09/2019

e-Tender Notice-02/2019-2020

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works:

Tender ID No.	Invitation Reference No. & date	Name of works	Tender publication date & time	Tender closing date & time	Tender opening date & time
355993	HSTU/Engr-216/194 11-Sep-2019	Supplying and Installation of IQAC Conference Room Furniture at HSTU Dinajpur	11-Sep-2019 13:00	02-Oct-2019 11:45	02-Oct-2019 11:45
355987	HSTU/Engr-33/193 11-Sep-2019	Supplying Printing and Packaging of Different Sizes of Examination Khata for Controller Section at HSTU Dinajpur	11-Sep-2019 13:00	02-Oct-2019 11:45	02-Oct-2019 11:45
355952	HSTU/Engr-241/192 11-Sep-2019	Supplying and Installation of Office Furniture for Different Department/Office Section at HSTU Dinajpur	11-Sep-2019 13:00	02-Oct-2019 11:45	02-Oct-2019 11:45
355936	HSTU/Engr-422(Part-1)/191 11-Sep-2019	Supplying and Installation of Office Equipment for Different Department/Section at HSTU Dinajpur	11-Sep-2019 13:00	02-Oct-2019 11:45	02-Oct-2019 11:45
355913	HSTU/Engr-436/190 11-Sep-2019	Supplying Manufacturing Fitting and Fixing of Studio Lab Furniture for Department of Architecture at HSTU Dinajpur	11-Sep-2019 13:00	02-Oct-2019 11:45	02-Oct-2019 11:45

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Further information and guideline are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)

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