

New hope for disadvantaged women

Swanirvar Dhamsona Union Parishad in Savar took initiative for training the disadvantaged women who want to leave current profession

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Sitting in front of an electric sewing machine inside the Swanirvar Dhamsona Union Parishad (UP) building in Savar, Rozina was trying to stitch two pieces of cloths together.

The 40-year-old sex worker has been taking sewing training since the first week of October to develop an alternative livelihood skills.

"I have been trying to leave my current profession for the last three to four years but failed as I had no other means of earning a living," she said.

At the end of the training, Rozina will receive a high-quality electric sewing machine with which she hopes to start a new career.

Swanirvar Dhamsona UP arranged the three-month long training program for the disadvantaged women of the union with fund from the Local Government Support Project (LGSP).

Currently, 30 women, including 17 sex workers like Rozina, aged between 25 and 50 years, are receiving the training five-days a week in two shifts—from 10:00am to 1:00pm and from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

Rozina narrated her story to The Daily Star, when this correspondent visited the training site early November.

She recounted how she had to drop out of school and was married off at the early age of 12. Five years after her marriage, she left her abusive husband's house following the birth of her son.



Initially, she went to live with her parents, but following her father's death she left for Dhaka for a livelihood.

Unable to make a living in the capital, she returned to Savar and started working as a house-help, she said.

Unfortunately, she often faced sexual abuse by her male employers, at many of her

workplaces, she alleged.

In 2004, Rozina came in contact with a couple, who allegedly confined her at their house along with other women and forced her into sex trade. After escaping from that place, Rozina decided to join prostitution.

"I rationalised my decision thinking that at least I will be able to earn some

money," she said.

Now that her son has grown-up, and is seeking admission at a university, Rozina do not want to continue in her present line of work.

"If I get a sewing machine and some financial help, I will leave the profession," she told this correspondent.

Fifty-year-old Komola, echoed similar hope when talking to The Daily Star.

"I used to work at a garments factory but was terminated from the job because I could not sign my name," she said.

Both Komola and her 35-year-old sister, also mother of a child, never went to school and had to enter the prostitution profession 20 years ago for survival.

Now the sisters want to leave that work and learn to sew for a different livelihood.

The sex-workers were selected for the training through Caritas Bangladesh's Caritas Prochesta Project.

The non-government organisation (NGO) has been arranging different services for the sex workers for the last 10 years including treatment, shelter, legal aid, training and rehabilitation.

Faced with fund crisis due to shortage of donors, the NGO recently shared their problems with officials of Local Government Support Project and the chairman of Swanirvar Dhamsona Union Parishad, said Farid Ahmed Khan, project in charge of

Caritas's Prochesta Project.

He said, "Hearing our story, they arranged the three-month sewing training with money from Local Government Support Project-3 (LGSP-3)."

The other trainees mostly survivors of physical, mental and sexual abuse were selected by the UP members and the chairman.

Farida is among them. Five years ago, her husband left her with two children, and she took up construction work to feed her family.

"It was getting very difficult for me to continue construction work. I was searching an alternative job and thought that getting a sewing machine will be very helpful," she said.

Chairman of Swanirvar Dhamsona UP Saiful Islam told The Daily Star that he took initiative for the training to help the disadvantaged women of the society.

He said, "People do not view sex workers positively. To bring them back to the mainstream, we arranged the sewing training, and will continue if more women wish to receive the training."

He will provide financial help personally if any sex worker needed it to become self-reliant after the training, he added.

A 10-member team of representatives of the World Bank, that partially funds LGSP-3, visited the training site on October 26 and expressed their satisfaction.

Disclaimer: The names of the trainees have been changed to protect their privacy.

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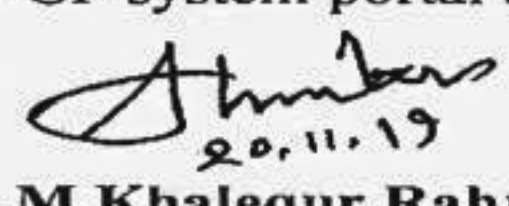
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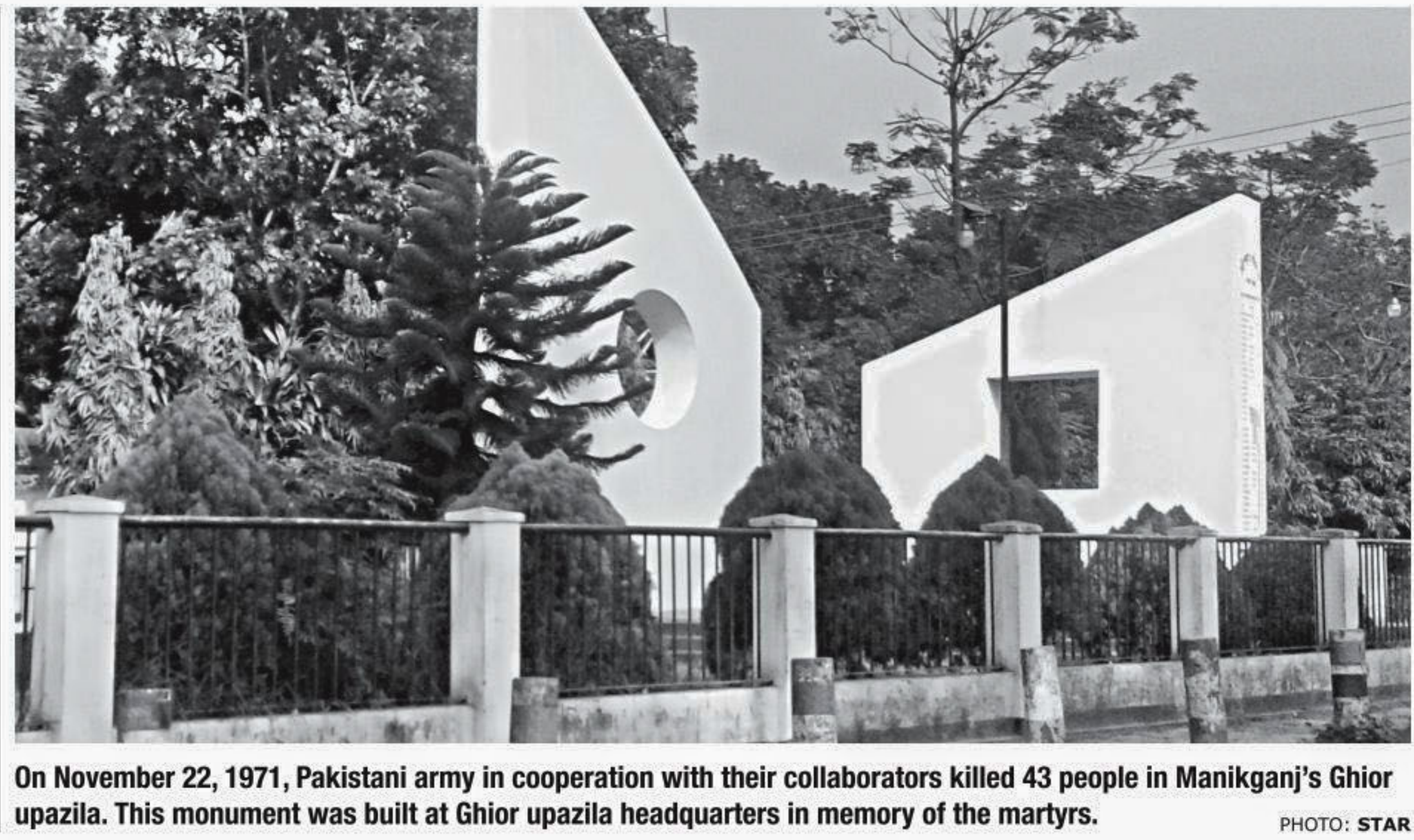
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On November 22, 1971, Pakistani army in cooperation with their collaborators killed 43 people in Manikganj's Ghior upazila. This monument was built at Ghior upazila headquarters in memory of the martyrs.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITY


Essential Drugs Company Limited (EDCL) is a 100% state owned Pharmaceutical Industry will recruit the following positions for EDCL, Gopalganj Plant.

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01.	Sr. Production Officer Post-01	Candidate should have Post Graduate/Graduation degree in 04 (four) years in Pharmacy/ Chemistry/ Bio-chemistry/ Applied Chemistry from any Public University. Computer literacy of the candidate will be an added advantage.	01 Minimum 07 (seven) years working experience in Production Department of a renowned Pharmaceutical Industry. 02 Experience may be relaxed on the basis of academic/ professional qualification. 03 Maximum age limit 35 years.
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Candidates are requested to send the applications to the following address with complete CV, copies of attested relevant certificates, photocopy of national ID Card and 03 copies of recent passport size coloured photograph on or before 10 December, 2019.

Only short listed candidates will be invited for selection process.

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 **Invitation for Tenders**
Bangladesh Bank
Head Office, Dhaka

1.	Ministry/Division	Not applicable.
2.	Agency	Not applicable.
3.	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Bank, Head Office.
4.	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6.	Invitation for	The Procurement of Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Next Generation Antivirus for End User Devices (4500), Next Generation Antivirus for Server (400), Local Sandbox with Anti Advanced Persistent Threat (Anti APT), Next Generation Web Gateway, Next Generation Email Gateway for Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
7.	Invitation Ref. No.	CSD-1 (EQUIP) 69(3)/2019-
8.	Date	24/11/2019
KEY INFORMATION		
9.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method,
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10.	Budget and source of funds	Own source.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
11.	Tender package name	N/A.
	Date	
12.	Tender publication date	
13.	Tender last selling date	Not applicable.
	Date	
14.	Tender closing date and time	17/12/2019 03:00pm
15.	Tender opening date and time	17/12/2019 03:30pm
16.	Name & address of the office(s)	Address
	- Receiving tender documents	BB website and Hard Copy (only tender security).
17.	- Opening tender document	Common Services Department-1, 6th Floor, Annex-2 Building, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000.
18.	-Pre tender meeting	A pre-tender meeting will be held on the date mentioned below.
		3/12/2019 11:30am
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
19.	Brief eligibility of tenderer	Having 5 years overall business experience and minimum specific experience as supplier in supply of similar goods of at least two (2) contract(s) of similar nature successfully completed within the last three (3) years.
20.	Brief description of goods or works	The Procurement of Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Next Generation Antivirus for End User Devices (4500), Next Generation Antivirus for Server (400), Local Sandbox with Anti Advanced Persistent Threat (Anti APT), Next Generation Web Gateway, Next Generation Email Gateway for Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
21.	Identification of lot	Location
	Anti Virus	CSD-1
	Tender security amount (Tk)	8,50,000
	Completion time in weeks/months from the date of contract signing	4 weeks
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
22.	Name of official inviting tender	Ashim Kumar Majumder.
23.	Designation of official inviting tender	General Manager.
24.	Address of official inviting tender	Common Services Department-1, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000.
25.	Contact details	Tel: 9530148 Fax: 9564117 E-mail: ashimmojumdar@bb.org.bd
26.	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	

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