Drumstick (sajna) trees in different areas of Khulna have started to bloom. Slowly maturing into peak form, they have started to bear flowers, predicting a good yield for this season. In this photo taken yesterday, a bee is seen eagerly inching towards a drumstick flower, looking to sip on some of its sweet nectar.

PHOTO: **DIPANKAR ROY**

BNP seeks deferral of CCC polls

Party mayor candidate submits 5-point demand to EC

ARUN BIKASH DEY, *Ctg*

BNP's mayoral candidate Shahadat Hossain demanded that the Election Commission change the date of Chattogram City Corporation (CCC) elections as many people may leave the city getting a three-day weekend before the polls day.

He said the election should be held on March 31 instead of March 29.

He also demanded that army should be deployed for safeguarding electronic voting machines (EVM) in every booth and preventing vote rigging. Also, presiding officers' power of casting vote should be reduced to 1 percent from existing 5; no one should be allowed on the premises of polling centres without NIDs and a summary of the polls has to be provided to the candidates by 5:30pm on the polls day.

Shahadat called on Mohammad Hasanuzzaman, returning officer (RO) of CCC polls, at his office yesterday and made the demands.

Contacted, Shahadat said he argued for changing the polls date as he thinks voter turnout will be very poor if the date is not changed.

"March 26 is a national holiday and the following two days are Friday and Saturday," he told The Daily Star, adding, "Many people may go outside the city to their village homes on this three-day weekend. If the Election Commission wants to increase voter turnout, it should change the date."

About his other demands, Shahadat said, "Army will be

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Digital archive on partition opens at Netaji Subhas univ

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A digital repository on the partition containing writings and memories of people who have experienced 1947 and 1971 was inaugurated by Netaji Subhas Open University, India.

The university's Centre for Language, Translation and Cultural Studies developed the archive that was opened during the third international conference titled "Partition Katha", held in Kolkata recently.

Audios and videos narrating historic incidents are available at the repository and researchers will be able to use those from the university website.

Indian litterateur Debesh Roy was present as special guest at the opening ceremony presided over by the university Vice Chancellor Prof Subha Sankar Sarkar.

Bangladesh Open

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Teacher, 2-yr-old daughter die in road accident

STAR REPORT

In another day of tragedy on the road, five people were killed and at least 24 injured in separate accidents across the country yesterday, report our district correspondents.

In Noakhali's Begumganj, school teacher Poly Rani Majumdar (37) and her two-year-old daughter Mittika Dey Midi died after a pick-up van collided head-on with a CNG-run auto-rickshaw carrying them.

Deceased Poly Rani was an assistant teacher of Alipur Government Primary School. Two school students were also injured in the incident. Their identities could not be confirmed as of filing this report.

The accident occurred in Majumdarhat area around 9am, locals said.

Chowmuhani Highway Police's SI Ripon said police have seized the pick-up and the CNG auto-rickshaw.

Meanwhile in Dinajpur, seven people of an upazila chairperson's entourage were injured after the microbus carrying them fell into a roadside ditch at Ambari area in Parbatipur upazila in the morning.

The injured are Minfuzur Rahman, chairman of Kalai upazila; Talukdar Belal, former mayor of Kalai municipality; Ali Akbar, chairman of Ahmedabad Union under Kalai upazila; Ziaur Rahman, chairman of Zindapur UP; Saiful Islam, joint convener of Kalai upazila BCL; Nayan Chowdhury, GS of Udoypur AL; and driver Saifur Rahman.

They were taken to M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital for treatment.

Police said they were coming to Dinajpur from Joypurhat with JS Whip Abu Sayeed Al Mahmood Swapon, also lawmaker of Joypurhat-2 and organaisational secretary of AL, who was travelling in another vehicle.

In Faridpur, a bus driver was killed and 15 others were injured after a Dhaka-bound bus collided with a truck at Maligram Kolatola under Bhanga upazila.

Deceased Masud Mia (50) hailed from Patuakhali and worked as a driver for Mallik Paribahan.

Md Anish, SI of Bhanga Highway Police Station, said, "The accident occurred on the Dhaka-Khulna Highway around noon. The collision killed Masud on the spot. The injured were taken to Faridpur Medical College Hospital. Police seized the bus."

In Brahmanbaria, an on-duty police constable was killed after being run over by a speeding truck at Khariala bus stand under Ashuganj upazila in the afternoon.

The deceased is Syed Hossain (58) of Ashuganj Police Station.

Jabed Mahmud, OC of the station, said a team of police, including constable Hossain, were carrying out their night duty in the area from Ashuganj Toll-plaza to Bogoir bus stand. Around 4am, a speeding truck hit the victim and killed him on the spot.

In Jamalpur, Habibur Rahman Habu (70) was killed after being run over by a truck at Beltia Jangalpara area. The accident occurred as he was crossing a road around 1pm. Suddenly, a sand-laden truck hit him, leaving him dead on the spot, said Tariq Ahmed, SI of Sadar Police Station.

Police seized the truck but the driver managed to flee, said the SI.

Dreams unfulfilled

2 Bangladeshis killed in KSA

MINTU DESHWARA

Md Zaker from Kulaura upazila of Moulvibazar grew up in a family with never-ending financial crisis. Around six months ago, the 20-year-old made the journey to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The dream was to work so hard that his family's troubles end once and for all. With this in mind, he recently finished his driving training and was in line to receive a licence.

Abdul Mukit (40), a resident of Chharagaon village in the same district, had been living in KSA for the last 10 years. His visa had recently expired. On Tuesday, he met up with Zaker and friend Shawan (19) and decided to visit offices of the authorities concerned to get documents for their visa extension and driving licence.

However, all plans the duo had came to a screeching halt after they were killed in a road crash.

On the Jeddah highway, the rented car carrying them turned over after one of its wheels came off. This killed Zaker and Mukit on the spot and injured Shawan.

The suddenness of this accident is a big blow for both of the Bangladeshi men's families. Zaker's father Nasim Uddin said, "He was the oldest of my six children. I had to sell my land and take loan from relatives to get him there."

"On the night before the accident, he called me and said he will start work after he gets his driving licence. He said he wants to start sending money home as soon as possible," he said, clearly in pain.

On the phone call, Zaker told his father, "We will finally be relieved of all our woes."

But there's no way that dream can come true now, Nasim despaired.

Mukit had left home around ten years ago. His home in Chharagaon was kept alive by his wife, son, and two daughters. Mukit's cousin Abdus Sukkur last talked to him on Saturday afternoon.

"The family is fully dependent on Mukit's money," Sukkur lamented.

Ever since the news arrived, Mukit's heartbroken parents are spending their time sitting in the backyard

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A safe home for geckos

This little fellow is among the 25 rescued geckos. PHOTO: **SHEIKH NASIR**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Sylhet*

Twenty-five tokay geckos, which were rescued from Sylhet's Zakiganj upazila in December last year, were released at the district's Khadimnagar National Park yesterday afternoon.

Following a court order, the geckos were released in the forest said Islam Uddin, forest ranger in Sylhet.

On December 1 last year, law enforcers rescued 28 tokay geckos from a house at the upazila's Mobinpur area and arrested one Bilal Ahmed who was keeping them with him, said Paritosh Paul, sub-inspector of Zakiganj Police Station.

Trading and selling wild geckos is a punishable crime, he added.

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও পঃপঃ কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়

ছাগলনাইয়া, ফেণী

স্মারক নং-ইউএইচসি/হিসাব/এমএসআর/দরপত্র/১৯-২০/ তারিখঃ ০১/০৩/২০২০ইং

উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও পঃপঃ কর্মকর্তা, ছাগলনাইয়া, ফেণী ও নিয়ন্ত্রণাধীন স্বাস্থ্য প্রতিষ্ঠান সমূহের জন্য ২০১৯-২০২০ইং অর্থ বৎসরের স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয় এবং স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর থেকে নিয়মিত, থোক ও অতিরিক্ত বরাদ্দের অনুকূলে (চিকিৎসা এবং শৈল চিকিৎসা সরঞ্জামাদি) এমএসআর সামগ্রী সরবরাহ ও মেরামত করণ এর নিমিত্তে পিপিএ-২০০৬ ও পিপিআর-২০০৮ এবং ২০০৯ (সংশোধনী) অনুযায়ী যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী প্রতিষ্ঠান/ঠিকাদার/প্রস্তুতকারী/সরবরাহকারীদের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	ঃ	স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়,স্বাস্থ্য বিভাগ।
২।	সংস্থা/এজেন্সী/প্রতিষ্ঠান	ঃ	স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর।
৩।	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান	ঃ	উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও পঃপঃ কর্মকর্তা, ছাগলনাইয়া, ফেণী ।
৪।	সংগ্রহ সংস্থার নাম	ঃ	উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও পঃপঃ কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, ছাগলনাইয়া, ফেণী।
৫।	দরপত্রের নাম/কাজের বিবরণ	ঃ	উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য কমপ্লেক্স, ছাগলনাইয়া, ফেণী ও আওতাধীন স্বাস্থ্য প্রতিষ্ঠান সমূহের জন্য ২০১৯-২০২০ অর্থ বছরের এমএসআর গ্রুপ 'ক' হইতে 'চ' পর্যন্ত, ইডিসিএল বহির্ভূত ঔষধসহ বিভিন্ন এমএসআর সামগ্রী সরবরাহ ও মেরামত করণ।
৬।	এমএসআর দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির স্মারক নং ও তারিখ	ঃ	স্মারক নং-ইউএইচসি/হিসাব/এমএসআর/দরপত্র/১৯-২০/৩৯৩ তারিখঃ ০১/০৩/২০২০ইং।
৭।	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	ঃ	উন্মুক্ত/(ওটিএম) দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
৮।	ফান্ডের উৎস	ঃ	স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয় এবং স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর থেকে প্রাপ্ত রাজস্ব ও উন্নয়ন বাজেট বরাদ্দ।
৯।	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	পত্রিকায় প্রকাশের তারিখ হইতে ২২/০৩/২০২০ইং অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত। (সরকারি ছুটির দিন ব্যতিত)
১০।	দরপত্র জমা প্রদানের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	২৩/০৩/২০২০ইং সকাল ০৮ ঘটিকা হইতে দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১১।	দরপত্র তফসিল বিক্রয়কারীর নাম ও ঠিকানা।	ঃ	উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও পঃপঃ কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, ছাগলনাইয়া, ফেণী।
১২।	যে অফিসে দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে	ঃ	উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও পঃপঃ কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, ছাগলনাইয়া, ফেণী।
১৩।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	ঃ	২৩/০৩/২০২০ইং দুপুর ১২.৩০ ঘটিকায় সময় উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও পঃপঃ কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, ছাগলনাইয়া, ফেণী। উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন)।
১৪।	দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যাতা	ঃ	পিপিএ-২০০৬ ও পিপিআর-২০০৮ এবং ২০০৯ (সংশোধনী) অনুযায়ী যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন সকল প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী প্রতিষ্ঠান/ঠিকাদার/প্রস্তুতকারী/সরবরাহকারী ও বিজ্ঞপ্তির সাথে সংযুক্ত দরপত্রের অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী প্রযোজ্য।
১৫।	সিডিউলের মূল্য (অফেরতযোগ্য)	ঃ	গ্রুপ "ক" হইতে "চ" পর্যন্ত প্রতি গ্রুপের জন্য প্রতি সেট ৭৫০/- টাকা কোড নং-১৪৪১২৯৯ তে ট্রেজারী চালানের মাধ্যমে সরকারি কোষাগারে জমাদানপূর্বক চালানের মূলকপি জমা দিয়া অত্র কার্যালয়ের ক্যাশিয়ারের নিকট হইতে সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে।
১৬।	কার্য সম্পাদনের সময়সীমা	ঃ	২০১৯-২০২০ অর্থ বৎসর, ৩০শে জুন ২০২০ইং পর্যন্ত।

১৭। **বিশেষ জ্ঞাতব্যঃ**

ক) দরপত্র দাখিল সংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত শর্তাবলী অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয় হইতে জানা যাইবে এবং সিডিউলের সাথে সংযুক্ত থাকবে।

খ) দরপত্র কমিটি সর্বনিম্ন দরদাতার দরপত্র গ্রহণে বাধ্য নয়।

গ) দরপত্র মূল্যয়ন কমিটির সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলিয়া বিবেচ্য হইবে এবং কোন কারণ দর্শনো ব্যতিরেকে এই দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি বাতিল/স্থগিত/সময় বৃদ্ধি/পরিবর্তন/পরিবর্ধন সহ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা কমিটি সংরক্ষণ করেন। দরপত্রের শর্তাবলীতে ও নিয়মাবলীতে উল্লেখ নাই এমন কোন সমস্যা বা জটিলতা দেখা দিলে দরপত্র কমিটির সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ নির্ধারিত তারিখে দরপত্র বিক্রয়, গ্রহণ ও খোলা সম্ভব না হলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে তাহা প্রযোজ্য হইবে।

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Reopen RMG factory

Workers demand

Workers of Ducati Apparels Ltd rally in front of Ashulia Press Club yesterday. PHOTO: **COLLECTED**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Savar*

Workers of a closed readymade garment factory in Ashulia demonstrated yesterday, demanding resumption of the plant and increase in their pay.

Under the banner of National Garments Workers Federation, around 200 workers of Ducati Apparels Ltd at Kathgora brought out a protest possession on Nabinagar-Chandra highway around 10am from Baipail area.

Later, they staged a rally and sit-in in front of Ashulia Press Club for one-and-a-half hours.

The authorities shut down the factory on February 24 without any prior notice, rendering the workers unemployed.

"After losing our jobs we went to the Department of Inspections for Factories and Establishments (DIFE) on February 26 to place our demands, but to no avail," said a worker.

Foridul Islam, president of National Garments Worker Federation (Ashulia unit), said Ducati Apparels manufactures sweaters and its owners pay workers in piece rates.

Under the deal, the workers were supposed to be paid Tk 22 each for per product. However, they got just Tk 16, claimed Foridul.

"If the workers' logical demands are not met within 24 hours, we will surround the factory owner's house on March 6," said Foridul Islam.

The Daily Star tried to contact factory Manager (Admin) Kazi Hassan over phone, but he did not response to the calls.

He only sent an SMS that read, "I will talk later."

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

College Education Development Project (CEDP)

Sherpur Govt. College, Sherpur

Rajabari, Sherpur

Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.
2	Agency	University Grants Commission/National University.
3	Procuring entity name	Principal, Sherpur Govt. College, Sherpur.
4	Procuring entity code	N/A
5	Procuring entity district	Sherpur
6	Invitation for	Supply & Installation of Classroom furniture.
7	Invitation Ref. No.	CEDP/IDG/SGC-1084/G-4/01(05)/20
8	Date	04/03/2020
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget (Government & IDA Credit).
11	Development partners	International Development Association (IDA), World Bank.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project code	224017200
13	Project name	College Education Development Project (CEDP).
14	Tender package No.	G-4
15	Tender package name	Supply & Installation of Classroom furniture.
16	Tender publication date	04/03/2020
17	Tender last selling date	21/03/2020
18	Tender closing date and time	22/03/2020, 1:00pm
19	Tender opening date and time	22/03/2020, 2:00pm
20	Name & address of the office	Principal, Sherpur Govt. College, Sherpur.
	Selling tender document	(1) Office of the Principal, Sherpur Govt. College, Sherpur. (2) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sherpur. (3) Office of the Superintendent of Police, Sherpur.
	Receiving tender document	(1) Office of the Principal, Sherpur Govt. College, Sherpur. (2) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sherpur. (3) Office of the Superintendent of Police, Sherpur.
	Opening tender document	Office of the Principal, Sherpur Govt. College, Sherpur.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Will not be held.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
22	Eligibility of tenderer	(1) The tenderer shall have a minimum of 05 years overall experience in the supply of goods and related services; years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. (2) The minimum specific experience as supplier in supply of similar goods of at least 01 contract successfully completed within the last 03 years, each with a value of at least Tk. 15.05 lac. Years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. (3) The minimum supply and/or production capacity of goods is/are: Wooden furniture and 215 supply and/or production capacity per year. (4) The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the tenderer shall be Tk 17.20 lac.
23	Brief description of goods or works	Manufacturing of wooden desk table and chair with painting (1) Desk table (for one person): 25"x 25" x 32" (2) Chair (for one person): 18" x 15" x 31"
24	Brief description of related services	Related service shall be in accordance with Section 4: Particular Conditions of Contract, Section 6: Schedule of requirements and Section 7: Technical Specification of the tender document.
25	Tender document price	BDT 1,500.00 (one thousand five hundred).

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Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months
N/A	G-4	Sherpur	45 thousand	2 (two) months

27	Name of official inviting tender	Professor Md. Sarwar Jahan.
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Principal
29	Address of official inviting tender	Sherpur Govt. College, Sherpur.
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 0931-61219 Fax: N/A E-mail: sgovcollege@yahoo.com
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

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