

CLIMATE CHANGE AND UNCHECKED INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Asia's rivers under 'great threat'

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A glacial burst that triggered a deadly flash flood in the Indian Himalayas at the weekend was a disaster waiting to happen, and one likely to be repeated in a region transformed by climate change and unchecked infrastructure development, experts warn.



"This area is prone to vulnerability, it is not appropriate for this kind of bumper-to-bumper hydro-power development," Himanshu said.

Is Trump's impeachment trial constitutional?

REUTERS

The impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump on a charge of inciting last month's deadly riot at the US Capitol will begin on Tuesday with arguments over whether the proceedings are constitutional.

former federal appeals court judge, and Jonathan Turley, a George Washington University law professor.



NEWS IN BRIEF

La Nina has peaked: UN

The 2020-2021 La Nina phenomenon has passed its peak, the UN weather agency said yesterday, but its impact on temperatures, rain and storm patterns is set to continue.

Arab ministers back Palestinian state

Arab foreign ministers has reaffirmed their commitment to a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, warning against "any unilateral moves" by Israel.

China's new births fall 15pc



The number of new births in China plummeted 15% in 2020 from a year earlier, according to the Ministry of Public Security, with the onset of the novel coronavirus disrupting the economy and weighing on decisions to have a family.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

US flexes muscle in S China Sea

2 carrier groups conduct drills in the disputed waters angering China

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Two US carrier groups conducted joint exercises in the South China Sea on Tuesday, days after a US warship sailed near Chinese-controlled islands in the disputed waters, as China denounced the United States for damaging peace and stability.



Beijing, a French nuclear attack submarine was among two navy ships that recently conducted a patrol through the South China Sea.



A man walks along a bridge over the Yauza river in front of trees covered with hoarfrost on a cold day in Moscow, yesterday. A cold wave that has gripped Europe recently plummeted temperatures in much of the northern part of the continent.

PHOTO: AFP

UN: Iran, N Korea resumed missile collaboration last yr

AFP, United Nations

North Korea and Iran resumed cooperation on the development of long-range missiles in 2020, according to a UN report that also confirmed Pyongyang continues to violate various nuclear resolutions.

Graphic with a portrait of M. Anis Ud Dowla and text: 'EXCERPTS FROM THE INTERVIEW OF M. ANIS UD DOWLA A TALE OF PASSION, DEDICATION AND SUCCESS'. It also features the logo of 'প্রেরণার কথা' (Prerona Kotha).

M. Anis Ud Dowla, one of the eminent industrialists and business leaders of the country, started his career with the "British Oxygen" group. His 27-year tenure in the British multinational took him to various parts of the world leading different subsidiaries of the company.

In the third episode of Prerona Kotha, Mr. M. Anis Ud Dowla, Chairman of ACI Group talked about his childhood, his professional life and the opportunity to start ACI, how it has become a brand in every family, and about various aspects of industry and commerce in Bangladesh.

M. Anis Ud Dowla grew up in a disciplined environment. While reminiscing his childhood, he said, "Everyday, we had to return home before sunset so that we could say our prayers together with our father. He taught us to speak in English and inspired us to listen to BBC, so that we could fit into any society in future."

A scholarship from Asia Foundation turned things around for this veteran entrepreneur. Upon completion of his studies in Physics from University of Dhaka, he went to Karachi University to complete his Masters in Public Administration with a scholarship from Asia Foundation.

He also discussed his work ideals in both his career and business. He always focused on the fundamental and technical sides of things he worked on. He always wanted to be the most knowledgeable person regarding the products in the office, something that he thinks helped him a lot during his time in British Oxygen.

The versatile industrialist said that the population of Bangladesh is an asset. As GDP increases, so will the purchasing power of the vibrant middle class and then fulfilling the demand of that large market will be a huge opportunity.

Towards the youth, M. Anis Ud Dowla said, "Everyone has something that they love and is good at. You have to figure out what you are good at. Success will definitely come if you constantly pursue your dream."

This learned business leader sees failure as a learning step. He believes that there will always be failures, what matters is how one views it. It is important to improve oneself through a constant feedback mechanism.

Mr. Dowla emphasized that our youth is lucky to have the Liberation War as a source of inspiration. "Very rarely does a country's youth get this strong an inspiration. The youth of our country have got tremendous inspiration. They need to use this inspiration and work towards building the nation. Nothing is impossible and sky is the limit", he added.

A stalwart champion for professional ethics, Mr. Dowla does not believe in shortcuts. "Honesty pays. Integrity is very important. People should practice these qualities for their individual growth and development". He thinks that people who make an honest living by working hard and not taking any shortcut are loved by everyone for their nation building activities.

M. Anis Ud Dowla believes that Bangladesh is a land of possibilities. Every human being in this country is an asset. The youth will take this nation to greater heights of prosperity and success will definitely come as long as quality of business is not compromised.

The interview was conducted by Dr. Melita Mehjabeen, Associate Professor, IBA, University of Dhaka as part of "Prerona Kotha", an initiative by Prerona Foundation.

You can watch the full interview on the YouTube channel of Prerona Foundation.