"It was a table agenda which was suddenly placed in the meeting. I opposed the decision and some other syndicate members supported me. The meeting ended without any final decision and we expected that a unanimous and final decision will be taken in the following meeting," reads the letter.

Referring to the letter issued by the chief engineer, Prof Samad said that the permission was given without following due regulations.

Two other members of the syndicate, Professor Hasanuzzaman and Professor M Humayun Kabir, echoed Professor Samad.

Sources inside the administration said, through a letter to the university, the businessman had expressed his desire to have a building named after him on the campus.

In the letter, he said he would bear the expenses of constructing a four-storey building under the condition of having the entire medical centre named after him.

However, authorities asked him to sponsor a six-storey building in the university and only have that named after him.



### Mahfuza Begum no more

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Mahfuza Begum, mother of former Anti-Corruption Commission Chairperson Iqbal Mahmood, passed away yesterday. She was 95.

Mahfuza left behind four sons, two daughters and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

Family members are requested to pray for the salvation of her departed soul.



## ACC petition

investigations are underway in connection with corruption allegations or cases, from leaving the country, the court said.

The bench came up with the judgment after it heard a petition filed by one Ataur Rahman from Narsingdi challenging the ACC's action to restrain him from going abroad as a graft allegation against him was being inquired.

The court declared the ACC action illegal and allowed Ataur to go to Sweden where he lives with his family.

ACC issued a notice on August 24, 2020, asking Ataur, known as Sweden Ataur, to submit his wealth statement to the commission.

After he submitted the statement, the anti-graft body started an inquiry into his wealth and on December 20 that year, and issued a letter to the immigration police to refrain Ataur from going to Sweden.

Ataur then filed the petition with the HC.

Yesterday. Ataur's lawyer told the apex court that he will not leave the county until March 28, the date for hearing the ACC petition.

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Jagannath University student Mousumi Yeasmin said, "All of my cousins were married off before they could sit for SSC exams. I was also threatened with

child marriage." "Luckily I was able to resist these pressures, and even passed my HSC exam. After that, I left for Dhaka

without telling anyone in my village. I attended the university admission test and I did well," she said. "I rebelled against the

pressures. My brother stopped talking to me after that. But today I am receiving higher education and that is what matters,' Mousumi said.

Rawnak Jahan, team leader of Tipping Point initiative of Care Bangladesh moderated the roundtable.

# Mitali Express

of Bangladesh's independence, as the restoration work of Chilahati-Haldibari rail link was nearly complete.

After 55 years, rail communication between the countries via Chilahati-Haldibari route resumed in December. Freight trains were supposed to be regular since then, but that did not happen yet.

The minster said there was uncertainty, even on Sunday, on whether the announcement of the launch would be given, considering West Bengal assembly election and some other issues. But it was resolved yesterday.

He said Sheikh Hasina selected "Mitali Express" as the train's name, and it was approved by the Indian side.

### FARE AND OTHER ISSUES

The train will run from Dhaka's Cantonment Station on Mondays and Thursdays, and from New Jalpaiguri on Sundays and Wednesdays. Customs and immigration facilities will be provided at NJP, Dhaka Cantonment and Chilahati stations.

The minister said more than two coaches would be added with the train from Chilahati to benefit people of the northern district, and they would get customs and immigration facilities at Chilahati station in Nilphamari.

The fare for the 595km Dhaka-NJP route would be Tk 2,705 for chair, Tk 3,805 for seat and TK 4,905 for berth. All prices

include vat and travel tax, and ticket holders will get air-conditioning facility, he said.

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The fare for Chilahati-NJP would be Tk 1,235 for a chair, he added. The 10-coach train would have 864 seats.

### COX'S BAZAR UNDER RAIL NETWORK WITHIN DECEMBER 2022

The minister yesterday said Cox's Bazar will come under rail network within December next year.

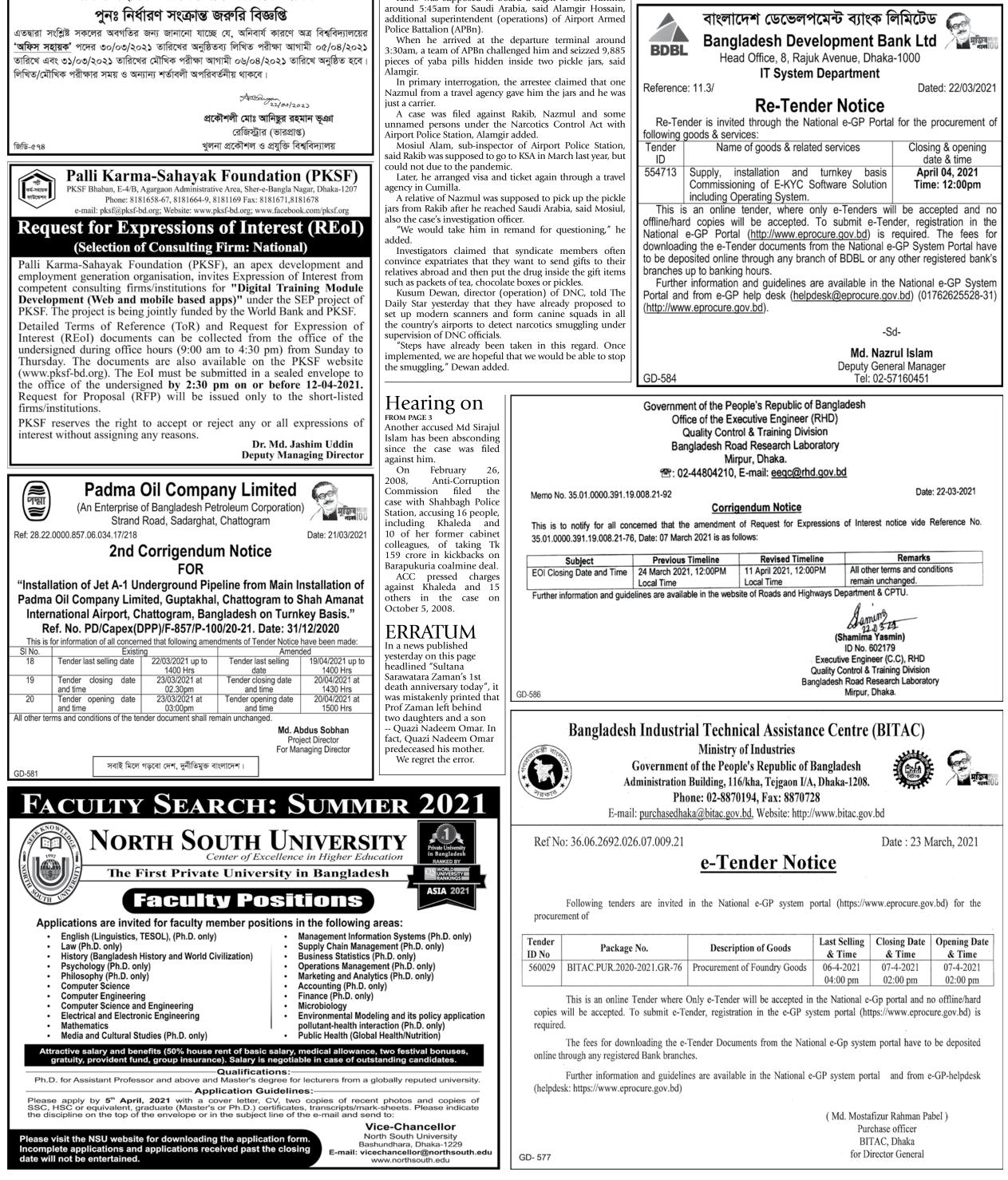
Despite project of the first track witnessing 51 percent physical progress till February, the minister expressed hope while talking to journalists at Rail Bhaban.

The deadline for building a dual gauge single rail line from Chattogram to Cox's Bazar is June next year. "Works [of the project] is ongoing to meet the target, and progress is satisfactory," he said.

"We have kept six more months as grace period, and if we cannot complete the project within June, then we will be able to complete it within the grace period. We will be able to connect Cox's Bazar with rest of the country through rail by December 2022," he said.

Contacted, project director Mofizur Rahman yesterday said, "We are hopeful about completing the project works within December next year, if no major obstacle arises.

In the case of having to revise project deadline, he said, "We will take decision in this regard three months before the deadline's expiry."



## খুলনা প্রকৌশল ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

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### ম্মারক নং খুপ্রবি/২৪২০ তারিখঃ ২২/০৩/২০২১ 'অফিস সহায়ক' পদে নিয়োগ পরীক্ষার তারিখ

Yaba dealers FROM PAGE 3

smuggle nearly 10,000 pieces of yaba pills inside pickle jars. The arrestee was identified as Rakib Hossain (31) of Ramganj upazila in Lakshmipur. Rakib was supposed to board a flight of Gulf Airlines