

Evercare Hospital begins operations in port city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Global healthcare consortium Evercare Group has started operating its second chain hospital Evercare Hospital Chattogram, providing both outdoor and indoor health services since early April.

The 470-bed hospital is located in the Ananna Residential Area of the port city's Hathazari area. It is the first ever multi-disciplinary super-specialty tertiary care hospital in Chattogram, said officials.

"Evercare Hospital Chattogram is determined to support the people of Chattogram and take care of all their healthcare needs," hospital COO Nilesh Gupta told The Daily Star on Thursday.

The hospital is also well-equipped with Covid-19 treatment facility, officials added. In a press conference last month, Evercare Group CEO Massimiliano Colella said it is the only 470-bed multidisciplinary hospital of international standard in Chattogram.

Officials said Evercare built the hospital with treatment of heart diseases in mind, given its high incidence in the city.

Construction for the hospital started in September 2014 on about one acre of land. The construction cost was Tk 850 crore. The hospital will be officially inaugurated after the Covid-19 situation improves in the country.

Protect

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Mathura Bikash said, "We have been facing acute water shortage this time of the year for many years. One of the main reasons behind it is that we have already chopped down most of the large ancient trees. The barren hills cannot conserve water which is why we cannot find water in the rivers, canals and springs."

Anurag Chakma alleged that the forest department is itself involved in eliminating forests. They are collaborating with local ruling party leaders, thugs and elites in eliminating the natural forests, he added.

Susmita Chakma said, "We have been living with water scarcity for years. But, this year, we have witnessed a severe crisis of drinkable and usable water."

"Usually, women are responsible for fetching water and they often have to walk miles away from home. So, they are fearful of rape, kidnap and sexual violence.

Also, they have to spend so much time for domestic chores which is why they cannot participate in income generating activities," added Susmita.

Pavel Partha said, "Unplanned urbanisation has destroyed our entire ecosystem. Excessive emission of carbon dioxide and overpopulation are some of the reasons behind such unbearable heat. The government should prepare a list of all hilly rivers, lakes and springs which are used as water sources and protect those at all cost."

Mohammad Zahed Hasan said, "Many women go out to fetch water even at around 3am. The water scarcity has taken a severe turn in the hill tracts areas. The number of NGOs that used to implement projects on solving water crisis is dwindling."

The speakers demanded that the government take pragmatic steps immediately to solve water crisis in the indigenous districts and villages.

Press Freedom Day observed in Barishal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

On the occasion of World Press Freedom Day, journalists in Barishal yesterday sought a safer work environment and demanded assurance of their livelihoods.

They also demanded repealing of Digital Security Act and sought equal payments for journalists outside Dhaka. Speakers made the demands at a discussion organised by Barishal Reporters Unity at its office. It was presided over by the organisation's president Nazrul Biswas.

Journalists Mohammad Ali Khan Jasim, Gazi Shahriaj, Kamrul Ahasan, Sushanta Ghosh, and Mithun Saha addressed the programme, among others.

They said the freedom of journalists is being endangered again and again. This is not only due to influential people or because of the Digital Security Act, but also because journalists don't have any financial safety.

Moreover, the profession as a whole is losing its attractiveness due to low wages, the speakers observed. Given the difficulties, everyone must come forward to ensure a free mass media, they said.

Meanwhile in Patuakhali, Patuakhali Press Club held a human chain marking the day, reports our local correspondent. Journalists also brought out a procession on the occasion.

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Nur said, "We have already taken the decision that we will celebrate Eid Ul Fitr in front of Gono Bhaban if our colleagues aren't released before Eid."

Most of the arrested are students. Three are students of Dhaka University.

The activists met with Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Professor M Akhtaruzzaman afterwards and requested him to ask for bail for the arrested students as a guardian.

"As teachers and guardians, the students always have our sympathy. I am requesting the authorities concerned to not harass students unnecessarily. I also ask them to not frame them in false cases. Cases were not filed against students by the university authority. They were arrested by law enforcement agencies. So the legal procedure will go on. I have only that one request, otherwise there is nothing else to do about it," the VC said.

Stop character

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However, with the death of the college girl at Gulshan, some media outlets influenced by the key accused in the case, became quick to discredit the victim and her family members, it said.

According to BNPS, whenever the perpetrator or accused is an influential person, some media outlets try to protect him, and as part of this, they try to divert the investigation by spreading stories on the character of the victims.

Such practice creates a strong public opinion against the victims and women in the society, which not only harms the victims and their family but also affects the wider society, and even provokes further violence against women and girls, read the statement.

BNPS informed the media that no matter the identity, lifestyle or occupation of a victim of violence, rape or murder, there is no scope to condone the crime itself.

In the spirit of the Liberation War, the media has an important role to play in building a violence-free, gender-equal society, it said.

If media is diligent in fulfilling this role, its benefits will not only reflect on women, but it will also accelerate the overall progress of the country since women make up half of the total population, it added.

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rainfall intensity at the locality and available catchments from where rainwater shall be collected.

Two major aspects of this facility are rooftop rainwater harvesting, and artificial groundwater recharge (replenishing groundwater by the harvested rainwater), according to BNBC.

To ensure only fresh rainwater is used for recharge, aquifers and qualified plumbers will be involved in the process. The revised BNBC said rainwater harvesting system should not be installed without permission from authorities concerned, which will be formed to enforce the code.

"An application for a permit for rainwater harvesting and drainage work shall be submitted... by a licensed plumber and the [building] owner, or by their appointed person or agent..." reads the code.

WHAT EXPERTS SAY

Adil Mohammad Khan, general secretary of Bangladesh Institute of Planners, said there are no rules and regulations to construct buildings in rural areas outside Dhaka, but BNBC has specified the authorities, and what types of buildings are allowed to be constructed in which area.

He said to construct any building in the country the owners will have to go through a legal procedure due to the code. He said a post of "building official" has been proposed in BNBC, and they will monitor construction activities.

The code also fixed engineering and planning standards among other requirements for buildings. They also fixed building categories and occupancy requirements, he added.

Even issues like submitting plans and taking approvals, special procedures for big projects, taking occupancy certificates, the kinds of procedures that were earlier only applicable for big cities will be enforced in small towns and villages, after the code comes into effect.

BNBC also has given emphasis on keeping facilities for people with disabilities. There are provisions for constructing disabled-friendly buildings, he said.

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon joint secretary Iqbal Habib said they want its implementation as soon as possible.

Except the obligation of maintaining setbacks while constructing buildings, all other things during and after construction of a building have proper guidelines or directions in the code, he said.

"But the building regulation authority is very important, and we want an authority to enforce BNBC," he said. "We failed to implement the Detailed Area Plan, as we failed to construct an authority, and again territorial dispute and duplicity could not be solved due to the lack of an authority," he said.

There are many things in the code, but there is a lack of details and explanations, which is the code's weakness, he said.

"We hope the authority that will be formed will prepare those details to make it more effective," he said. M Abu Sadeque, immediate-past director of Housing and Building Research Institute, said, "Compliance with the building code would ensure a life-saving, built-in system with sufficient fire-safety and earthquake resistance measures in a building."

"Bangladesh has had its own code since 1993, but enforcement is not at all satisfactory. For a safer Bangladesh as well as well-being of people and properties, we have no other alternative but to implement the national building code all over the country," he said.

Cabinet clears

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For setting up a medical college outside any metropolitan area, the land requirement is four acres and it is two acres for a dental college, said Anwarul Islam.

For a medical college, Tk 3 crore will have to be deposited with any commercial bank and Tk 2 crore for any dental college as reserve funds.

The proposed law says any medical college must have one lakh square feet of space for academic purposes and another one lakh square feet of space for hospital purposes.

For a dental college, the hospital space has to be 50,000 square feet each.

The cabinet secretary said the authorities concerned will inspect such colleges and hospitals from time to time.

He also said medical and dental colleges will have to be affiliated with a public university.

Anwarul Islam said the government will fix the academic fees for medical and dental colleges.

Besides, he said, private medical college or dental college authorities will have to dispose of their wastes in a scientific manner.

In case of violation of the law, the cabinet secretary said the maximum punishment will be two years' imprisonment or a fine of Tk 10 lakh or both.

Currently, there are some 70 private medical colleges and 26 private dental colleges in the country.

At yesterday's meeting, the cabinet also gave the final approval to the draft of Territorial Waters and Maritime Zones (Amendment) Act, 2021 to make it a more time-befitting one.

The cabinet secretary said the old law, which was enacted in 1974, has to be amended amid the evolving situation.

The cabinet also approved in principle the Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Resources Act, 2021 for scrapping two ordinances that were promulgated in the military regimes in 1976 and 1986.

There will be a corporation for which the authorised capital will be Tk 5,000 crore while the paid-up capital Tk 200 crore. The corporation will have a chairman. As per the proposed law, it can form a company, too.

Bracing for

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buses are not running. If the service is resumed, it would help members of lower-middle income group, as they have no alternative but to go to work.

The government-imposed "lockdown" appears to be in place on paper only, as there is little to no restrictions being implemented in reality, he said.

Some said resumption of public transportation will pose a risk of spreading coronavirus more, as buses carry more passengers.

Traffic police were seen busy at some key intersections like Bijoy Sarani, Karwan Bazar, Manik Mia Avenue, Shabbagh, Kalabagan, and Nilkhet areas, to control tailbacks.

Meanwhile, sellers at different shopping centres and malls think that the number of customers may increase from Thursday, when intra-district public transport services resume.

They said many customers from the city and surrounding districts of Dhaka would

rush to the markets ahead of Eid.

Visiting some major shopping malls and markets in Dhaka -- including New Market, Chandni Chawk, Gausia, Noor Mansion, Metro Shopping Mall and Bashundhara City Mall -- yesterday, The Daily Star correspondents found customers pouring into shops from 11am.

At most shopping centres, maintaining health and safety rules appeared to be a big challenge due to the heavy flow of customers.

In the afternoon, the crowd got heavier in the markets.

To attract more customers ahead of Eid, shop owners demanded business hours be extended till 12am, keeping iftar time in mind.

Talking to this correspondent, a police official, wishing not to be named, said they now rarely check for movement pass, as it may increase tailback on the streets.

"However, random checking of vehicles is going on," he added.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer, DPHE
Lakshmipur District, Lakshmipur

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e-Tender Notice No. 19 (2020-21)

1. Ministry/Division	Local Government Division.
2. Implementing agency	Department of Public Health Engineering.
3. Project/program name	Fourth Primary Education Development Program (PEDP-4).
4. Tender ID	574506, 574527
5. Description of works:	1. Major Maintenance of 16 Nos. Government Primary School at Ramgonj Upazila in Lakshmipur District under Primary Education Development Program-4 (PEDP-4). 2. Major Maintenance of 29 Nos. Government Primary School at Sadar Upazila in Lakshmipur District under Primary Education Development Program-4 (PEDP-4).
6. Name, designation & address of official inviting tender	Md. Rafiqul Islam, Executive Engineer, DPHE, Lakshmipur District. Tel. No. 0381-61405
7. This is online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. Interested person/firms can see details in the website: www.eprocure.gov.bd	

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Pubali Bank Limited, the largest online commercial Bank in Bangladesh, is hereby inviting sealed Tenders from the eligible Tenderers who can participate in the following Tender as defined in the tender documents of the under mentioned work as per Terms and Conditions stated below:

1. Supplying, Installing, Commissioning and Maintenance of **15 (Fifteen) different Servers and related Software for IDTP, BACH-II, RTGS and Management Zone** at Data Center of Pubali Bank Limited.

Please visit <https://www.pubalibangla.com/tender.asp> for more details. Interested Parties may purchase Tender documents by **20 May 2021** duly fulfilling all other requirements.

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Memo No. 25.36.2680.534.14.170.21-2200 Date: 29/04/2021

e-Tender Notice

This is to notify all concern that the following tenders are invited in the National e-GP Portal:

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	LTM/OTM	Last selling date	Opening date
01	574056	OTM	16/05/2021	16/05/2021
02	574066	OTM	16/05/2021	16/05/2021
03	574245	OTM	20/05/2021	20/05/2021
04	574036	OTM	23/05/2021	23/05/2021
05	574053	OTM	23/05/2021	23/05/2021

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Memo No. 125/mkc/2021 Date: 04/05/2021

e-Tender Notice 08/2020-2021

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Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of works	Last date and time of tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
1.	575962	Procurement of Laboratory Equipment and Instruments of Mohammadpur Kendriya College, Dhaka.	20-May-2021 13.00	20-May-2021 14.00

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3rd Corrigendum Notice

Project name: Construction of 12 (G+11) Storied Modern Residential cum Commercial Office Building with 02 (two) Basements of Padma Oil Company Limited at 6, Paribag, Dhaka-1000. Invitation Ref. No. 28.22.2675.854.17.001.21, date: 24/02/2021. This is for inform of all concerned that the above tender has been published on the Daily Samakal, The Daily Observer on 24/02/2021 & the Daily Kalerkantho, the Daily Jugantor, The Daily Star on 25/02/2021 and the websites of POCL, CPTU, BPC from 24/02/2021; 1st Corrigendum Notice has been published on the Daily Kalerkantho, the Daily Samakal, The Daily Observer, The Daily Star on 05/04/2021 & the Daily Jugantor on 06/04/2021 and the websites of POCL, CPTU, BPC from 05/04/2021 and 2nd Corrigendum Notice has been published on the Daily Kalerkantho on 22/04/2021, the Daily Samakal, The Daily Observer, The Daily Star on 23/04/2021 & the Daily Jugantor on 25/04/2021 and the websites of POCL, CPTU, BPC from 22/04/2021. Now due to unavoidable circumstances the following amendments have been carried out:

Clause No., Page No.	Description in original documents	Description as per 2nd Corrigendum Notice	To be read (Corrected as)
In Tender Notice SI No. 15	Tender last selling date: 11/04/2021	Tender last selling date: 04/05/2021	Tender last selling date: 18/05/2021
In Tender Notice SI No. 16 and in Technical Offer ITT 42.1, ITT 42.3, ITT 42.4 Page No. 38	Tender submission date & time: 12/04/2021 up to 1400 hrs.	Tender submission date & time: 05/05/2021 up to 1300 hrs.	Tender submission date & time: 19/05/2021 up to 1400 hrs.
In Tender Notice SI No. 17 and in Technical Offer ITT 48.1 Page No. 38	Tender opening date & time: 12/04/2021 at 1500 hrs.	Tender opening date & time: 05/05/2021 at 1400 hrs.	Tender opening date & time: 19/05/2021 at 1500 hrs.

All other terms and conditions of the tender schedule shall remain unchanged.

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