

They're out for your money
Fraud gang swindles big money using fake websites

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This is what their process entails. They make fake websites of reputed and government organisations, create fake certificates using the organisation's name and put it all together to embezzle large amounts from job aspirants.

This came to light after the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police arrested five members of such a fraudulent gang, who embezzled a hefty amount of money in the name of providing jobs at merchant ships.

"They made fake eligibility certificates by creating a fake website of the shipping department," Kamrul Ahsan, additional deputy inspector general of CID's Cyber Police Centre, told a press conference at the CID headquarters in the capital's Malibagh yesterday.

The arrestees are -- Sirajul Azad (35), managing director of Oriental Global International Maritime; Manjurul Azad (32), Tariqul Azad (30) -- both directors of the company; IT officer Rashedul Islam (30) and ex-IT officer Mohammad Sohel Rana (29), who is the mastermind of the gang.

Upon receiving a complaint from the shipping department, CID arrested them.

The CID official said the department of shipping is the only body to issue these certificates.

CID's Kamrul Ahsan said Sohel is a skilled web developer and the designer of the fake website.



The front side of this particular toilet has been handed over to sand traders, as the lessee seeks to make some money out of the premises. He said he's compelled to do this as city dwellers don't visit the toilets, mostly owing to their shambolic conditions.

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17 lakh people, 19 public toilets

DIPANKAR ROY, *Khulna*

For a growing city of 1.7 million people, most of whom are constantly on the move, there are only 19 public toilets in Khulna.

Worse, most of these 19 operate under extremely filthy and unhygienic conditions.

At least five of them are for kitchen markets, while three are designated for animal markets during Eid -- that remain closed for the rest of the year.

These public toilets are located within 12 sqkm of Rupsha Bus terminal, Sonadanga bus terminal, BL college gate and Boyra Bazar areas.

While that's good for that region, the other 34 sqkms of the city -- including Phulbari gate, Shiromoni, Gallamary,

Tutpara, Khalishpur, Chanmari, Raligate, Labonchara area -- have no public toilets at all.

This correspondent visited at least 12 public toilets, including those in Mistripara Bazar, Notunrasta mor, Sonadanga truck terminal, Sheikhpara Bazar and Joragata Jetty, but found most of them operating under such unhygienic conditions that they force people to avoid using them.

Dirty water was found spilled across these toilets, all of whom had barely any functional lights inside. The doors don't close. Several taps were found damaged while the pans were clogged.

The condition of the ones at Rupsha Bus Terminal, Rayermahal Kitchen Market and Sonadanga Bus Terminal were hardly

any different.

Zahangir Hossain, caretaker of a public toilet in front of BL college, said every day, 30-40 people use it. Of them, only four to five are women.

"I'm yet to see any staffer from the city corporation coming in to clean it in the last three years. I clean it myself," he added.

Contacted, a lessee, seeking anonymity, said, "We don't get any profit after leasing the toilets, as people are reluctant to use them. To make some money, I leased out the front portion of one toilet to be used for sand business."

Meanwhile, the toilets are almost inaccessible for the city's women, said Advocate Shamima Sultana Shilu, a civil society member. There are no separate

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Pavilions, stalls add to book fair's charm

DIPAN NANDY

With so many books and stalls to peruse over, attracting visitors is imperative for publications. For that reason, big publications have come up with distinct ways to entice readers.

In line with that, colourful pavilions and stalls, showcasing the country's traditional themes of the respective publication houses, have made the month-long Amar Eksuhey Grantha Mela easy on the eyes.

At the entrance of Amar Eksuhey Boi Mela yesterday, this correspondent met Samrina Sultana from Agargaon. Standing in front of Panjeree Publication's pavilion, she immediately took two selfies and proceeded to Srabon Prokashoni.

"For the last two years, pavilions and stalls have been constructed with a certain aesthetic in mind. I saw my friends taking pictures in front of the stalls, so I, too, took some pictures while buying books," said Samrina.



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The pavilion or stall with the most aesthetically pleasing look is expected to be awarded the "Qayum Chowdhury Memorial Award".

Right where the entrance passes through Suhrawardy Udyan, there is a hut, decorated with a wooden frame. This is the stall of Shrabon Prokashani.

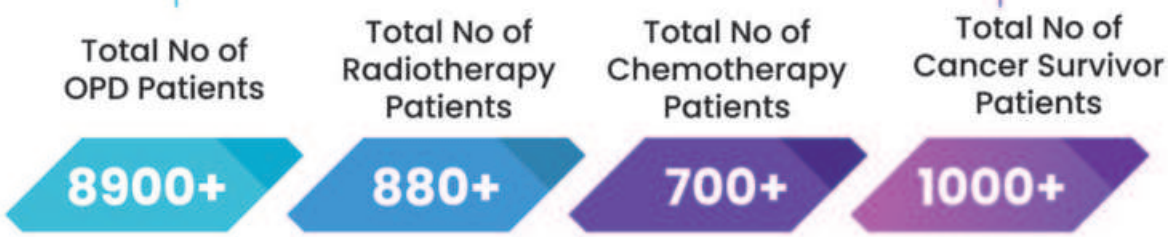
"I designed this stall like a pavilion. It has more space for the readers. It can also work as a shelter for people during rain," said Srabon Robin Ahsan, proprietor of the publisher.

Like every year, Humayun Ahmed is in Anya Prokash's decoration, while Panjeri's stall design paid a tribute to the heroes of the Language Movement and the Liberation War.

According to Bangla Academy, over a hundred new books were launched at the fair yesterday.

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