

Accreditation Council to distribute certificates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Accreditation Council is all set to provide certificates to universities to ensure quality of higher education at public and private institutions.

Education minister Dipu Moni will officially inaugurate the Accreditation process tomorrow, chairman of the council Prof Dr Mesbahuddin Ahmed said in a press conference yesterday.

“The accreditation certificate is the recognition of quality. It will be given following a total of 63 criteria,” he added.

Accreditation means that a course or university has gone through a rigorous review and evaluation process by experts in the field and has been considered as standard as per international requirements, said Prof Mesbahuddin.

Holding tax based

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Pahartali, used to pay Tk 18,000 as holding tax per year for his four-storey building based on the land itself. But under the new system, he will now have to pay Tk 1.35 lakh.

“We would’ve been able to pay if it had doubled, but almost 10 times the original amount is beyond our ability,” he said.

Kordata Surokha Parishad, a platform of homeowners, has been staging demonstrations against the reassessment, demanding CCC restore

the previous system.

Amir Uddin, general secretary of the parishad, said, “We knew that CCC has initiated the process of collecting holding tax based on the new system.” But the reassessment will inflict a huge burden on homeowners.

Contacted, Mohammed Nazrul Islam, chief revenue officer of CCC, told The Daily Star, “We will be collecting holding tax from this July, as per the reassessment and rule for fiscal 2017-18.”

“If homeowners deem

it to be unjust, they can appeal to the CCC review board. The board will consider the matter, based on homeowners’ financial condition,” he added.

Mentionable, the main source of CCC’s income is municipal tax. CCC can collect 17 percent of the city tax, in both public and private sectors, under the powers granted to it by City Corporation Act 2009. Within the 17 percent, seven percent is holding tax, three percent electrification tax and seven percent garbage removal tax.

Demand for justice reverberates

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communal attacks on the Hindu community in Narail.

Speakers under the banner of Udbigno Nagorikbrindo (anxious citizens) at a rally demanded a judicial probe into the mayhem in Narail.

Activists of different left-leaning, democratic and progressive organisations staged the demonstration at Cheragi Pahar intersection

in the afternoon, after a procession.

They also demanded cancellation of the constitutional provision recognising Islam as the state religion, which has been crucial in the treatment of minority communities as “second class citizens” of the country.

Terming the mayhem in Narail a pre-planned attack, they blamed the lack

of proper trial in previous communal attacks across the country.

Udbigno Nagorikbrindo organiser and general secretary of Jatiyo Mukti Council Chattogram Amir Abbas Tapu and Bangladesh Samyobadi Andolon Chattogram’s general secretary Satyajit Biswas addressed the rally.

Meanwhile, president of Jatiyo Mukti Council East Zone Advocate Bhulan

Pran launches nursing college in Natore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Pran-RFL group launched a nursing college in Natore after its founder Amjad Khan Chowdhury yesterday morning.

Uzma Chowdhury, chairman of the nursing college and director of Corporate Finance at Pran-RFL Group, inaugurated the college through a programme, said a press release.

Bhowmik, Gonotantrik Chhatra Council and Pahari Chhatra Parishad leader Amit Chakma spoke at a human chain formed under the banner of Nipironer Biruddhe Chattogram (Chattogram Against Oppression) at the same venue.

Jago Hindu Samaj also brought out a procession and formed a human chain in front of Chattogram Press Club yesterday.

Bangladesh seeks time

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on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances has communicated with the government about at least 76 cases of enforced disappearances over the decades, requesting information and explanations.

Finally, on January 10 and February 5 this year, the government replied to the Working Group, which then said the Bangladesh government’s explanations were “insufficient”.

In its June 27 letter, OHCHR said it is seeking a response from the Bangladesh government to include it in an annual report, which will be presented to the UN General Assembly in September. It wanted to get the response by July 15.

Asked why the response was late, Secretary Momen said the government is working on it.

“Sometimes, we don’t get responses from various

agencies in the required formats,” he told reporters on Sunday.

Momen said the government informed the UN body that there was an Eid vacation and that it will be a little late in sending the response. “But, the response will be given.”

Early this year, a human rights cell was formed under the foreign ministry’s UN wing, to better analyse the country’s human rights situation and rightly present it to the international community.

The move came following US sanctions on Rapid Action Battalion and seven of its current and former officials on December 10 last year, on grounds of extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances.

Besides, 12 international human rights organisations in November had written to the UN, calling for banning Rab from UN peacekeeping missions.

In late January this year, Momen said many times that “the way the human rights situation of Bangladesh was presented to the UN or other international bodies was not the whole fact”.

Flood-affected

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from spreading further.

The Ministry of Education organised the meeting.

Other relevant issues like recovery of educational activities in Sylhet district after the flood, damaged educational institutions, new textbooks and curriculum of SSC and educational institutions under MPO were discussed at the meeting.

Under the chairmanship of the deputy commissioner of Sylhet, Md Mujibur Rahman, education department officials of the four districts of the division were present at the event.

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their goods and filed a case with the Moulvibazar Forest Court. Saju Marchiang, a resident of Lawachhara Khasia Punji, said the shooting has been going on deep in the forest, considered a haven for endangered owls, spectacled monkeys and hanumans.

Sreemangal assistant conservator of forest Shyamal Kumar Mitra said disciplinary action has also been taken against an officer-employee of the Forest Department due to negligence in duty.

Asked, Kamruzzaman Kamal, director of marketing, Pran-RFL

Group, said, “We do not have any employee named ABM Rintu. He used to work with us two years ago. Many people work for us from outside on a freelance basis. I don’t understand why Pran’s name is brought up in this incident,” said

However, Moulvibazar Wildlife and Nature Conservation Department divisional forest officer Md Rezaul Karim Chowdhury said all vehicles used for shooting in Lawachhara on that day had Pran-RFL stickers.

In the case statement, ABM Rintu introduced himself as the line producer of Pran Company’s production house.

Wait for BRT service

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now estimated to be Tk 4,268.3 crore. The latest deadline was June 2022.

In the meantime, passengers using the adjacent roads suffer immensely, especially during the rainy season, due to construction work. The work has battered the existing pathway, causing severe traffic congestion.

The project authorities have already sought time till December 2023, including a one-year defect liability period and an additional Tk 268.13 crore.

If approved, the project cost would total Tk 4,536.46 crore.

Roads and Highways Department, Bangladesh Bridge Authority and Local Government Engineering Department are implementing different parts of the project’s works, while Dhaka BRT Company is overseeing operations.

The 20.5 kilometre bus corridor will allow people to reach Dhaka from Gazipur, the nearby city where cost of living is much lower, in 35-40 minutes. This journey now takes somewhere between 1.5 and four hours. From the airport, one will be able to take the metro rail – now under construction – to reach other parts of Dhaka.

DETAILS OF DESIGN

As per the plan, dedicated buses would be operated on two central lanes of the

highway, while four lanes would facilitate mixed traffic, two more lanes for slow-moving vehicles, with footpaths on both sides.

The service would start with 100 new buses, which would be able to transport 20,000 passengers per hour from Gazipur’s Shibbari area to Dhaka airport. There would be 25 stations on the corridor.

On July 4, Dhaka BRT Company published advertisements seeking invitation for preliminary expression of interest for procuring buses and operators.

As per the advertisements, the authorities would procure electrically (battery-powered) propelled, air-conditioned buses.

The operator will operate and maintain the buses for a contract period of 10 years, which may be extended for a year.

Interested companies were asked to submit their papers within August 7 this year.

Shafique said they will see presentations from interested companies and then will go for final bidding. He said they would procure 130 high-quality buses and will allow operation by both local and foreign companies. However, they would prefer joint-ventures of both local and foreign companies, so that local companies can develop their capacity.

Another life-term

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sentenced to death by the lower court, commuted the death sentence of four to life imprisonment and acquitted two others.

According to Rab, Kamrul fled to a neighbouring country following the killing of Biswajit but returned home in 2013. At first, he started a garment business under a fake name. He later got acquainted with – Khokon and Sohel – the

masterminds of a question paper-leaking racket. Kamrul earned around Tk 50 lakh selling leaked questions of different recruitment tests from 2014 to 2021.

With the money, he started a hotel business in Cox’s Bazar which incurred losses due to pandemic.

On July 15, police arrested another life term convict in the case, Alauddin (32), from Bogura’s Shibganj upazila.

A story of scarcity

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For months, Shuli Begum shuttled between her hometown Nazirpur of Pirojpur district and Khulna several times for radiotherapy at the cancer institute.

Every time, the 33-year-old had to return home without the therapy she badly needed.

Taking into account the transport expenses, this also meant a waste of money, the last thing a low-income family of a cancer patient needs.

Her family has already spent a huge amount of money on her treatment as she received eight chemos, so there is no room for such “system loss”, she added.

The last time she visited the hospital was on June 9. On the same day, several other cancer patients were refused immediate radiotherapy.

“There is no other service in the cancer unit other than buying medicines from outside and giving chemotherapy during the day,” said another patient Mahmudul Hasan.

He also alleged that he had to wait for hours with

a fragile body to access the facilities and often, the doctors refused to see him even after the agonisingly long hours.

“Moreover, I have to conduct many tests and most of them are not available in this hospital. In private clinics, the cost of the tests is almost double. I had to spend Tk 11,800 per chemo at private facilities,” he added.

When the lone cancer hospital in Khulna was established on October 18, 2014, it had only outdoor facilities. Five months later, it got a new one-storey building in March 2015.

But it is nowhere near enough because the number of patients seeking treatment there is on the rise. On average, 50 to 60 patients seek appointments at KMCH for cancer treatment every day.

During the visit, this correspondent also saw long queues of patients and relatives in front of the main gate. The lone radiotherapy machine was boxed beside the gate.

Inside the one-storey building, the correspondent observed

the same chaotic situation. There were only 10 beds in the chemotherapy room, each shared by two patients.

Latifa Khatun, senior staff nurse of the unit, said seven nurses are working relentlessly to provide maximum service despite insufficient allocation.

“Earlier, eight patients would be given chemotherapy three days a week. Due to the increase of patients, chemotherapy is now given five days a week, sometimes even six days.”

“Previously chemo was given in one shift but now it is being given to about 24 patients in three shifts a day,” she added.

In 2018, some 3,600 patients were treated in the cancer unit of KMCH while 2,259 patients took chemotherapy.

The number of patients increased to 5,404 in 2019, while 2,998 received chemo. In 2022, 3,427 patients received treatment up to May while 1,572 patients took chemo.

Besides, around 1,296 patients came for regular check-ups during this time.

Keep market

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Mohammed Faruque said the government has to cancel licences of 25 recruiting agencies, which are allegedly trying to send workers to Malaysia by creating a “syndicate” after the MoU signing in December last year.

Besides, there has to be a probe and trial to address the irregularities in sending workers to Malaysia in 2016 by a 10-member syndicate, he added.

Rezaul Islam, senior vice president of the platform, said an international racket has been trying to influence Bangladesh’s labour migration sector, a key sector for the country’s economic progress.



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- ✓ প্রশিক্ষণ শেষে প্রশিক্ষণার্থীদের কর্মসংস্থানের ব্যবস্থা করার অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।
- ✓ প্রাইভেট/সেইং/ইন্ডাস্ট্রি সাথে পার্টনারশীপে কাজ করার অভিজ্ঞতা থাকলে তা বাড়তি যোগ্যতা হিসেবে বিবেচিত হবে।
- ✓ প্রতিষ্ঠানের হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ভাট ও আয়কর সনদ থাকতে হবে।

দরপত্র ক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখঃ ০৩/০৮/২০২২খ্রিঃ (বাংক চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত)।
দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও স্থানঃ ০৪/০৮/২০২২খ্রিঃ (বেলা ২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত), সিটি কর্পোরেশনের সচিবের কক্ষে।
দরপত্রের সিউল মূল্যঃ ৫,০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)।
সিউল প্রাপ্ত স্থানঃ পূর্ব শাখা, প্রকৌশল বিভাগ, সিলেট সিটি কর্পোরেশন।
অত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি সংক্রান্ত আকারে প্রচারিত। বিস্তারিত তথ্যাবলী পূর্ব শাখা, প্রকৌশল বিভাগ হতে জানা যাবে। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যেকোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার পূর্ণ ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক সংরক্ষিত।

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