

The fight to save

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required for the ward. And yet, this is the lone playing field, Manik explained.

In 2017, the prime minister issued a directive saying that this place will remain a playing field, he mentioned. The 1994 allotment is unethical and should be cancelled, Manik demanded.

Ashrafun Nesa Parul, senior teacher of Jannat Academy High School, was brought up in the area. She said this field is crucial for the children's physical and mental development. "We want our children to lead a healthy life; every family here wants that," she added.

Mohammad Anwar Hossain Ripon, principal of Mirpur Science College, said his institution has no playground or field, and locals have almost no place to play. So, the lone field is the only bastion for the youngsters. Elderly people also benefit, as they have a place for regular physical activities.

Showing solidarity with the movement, DNCC Mayor Md Atiqul Islam requested the prime minister to allot the space as a playing field.

The mayor, who visited the area on Thursday, said the area has over three lakh residents and around 60 educational institutes. But there is no field for them.

The field is designated as an open space in the new

DAP, but National Housing Authority has allotted it as plots. This is absolutely unacceptable, he said. "We will protect this field with the support of locals."

Thirty percent of Dhaka city wards do not have any playground or park. This situation hinders the mental and physical growth of children, as they have no space to play and interact with friends, say experts.

According to the DAP, 25 out of 75 wards under Dhaka South City Corporation and 10 out of 55 wards under DNCC do not have a single park or playground.

About 20 million people live in the capital, and considering the population density, there should be over a dozen parks and play areas in each ward, said Adil Mohammad Khan, former general secretary of Bangladesh Institute of Planners.

"But there's a dearth of open spaces, and available places get too crowded. Ultimately, many children are discouraged to go to few parks or playgrounds we have," he said.

Seeking anonymity, an official of the housing authority said many places were allocated as plots in 1994 and this [field] was one of them. He said they do not know whether the location in question was designated as an open space. "We are looking into it," he added.

Battery-run vehicles

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Rabiul Alam, license officer of Khulna City Corporation (KCC), said KCC issued license for 8,000 battery-run easy-bikes in the city and is in process of approving another 2,000.

Mohammad Tazul Islam, deputy commissioner of Khulna Metropolitan Police (Traffic), said it's impossible to control unregistered easy bikes for manpower shortage.

"The city corporation should play a major role to control it. Before giving out

licenses, they should keep the traffic department in loop," he added.

Azharul Islam, managing director of WZPDC, said they conduct drives against those who are doing commercial business with the permission of residential connection to charge battery-run vehicles.

He claimed that due to the illegal charging, WZPDC couldn't prepare the total electricity demand data accurately many times.

Life of a lone crafter

Mymensingh family continuing ancestral profession of making rhythmic musical instruments

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Mymensingh*

A lone family of the Moni-Wrishi community has been continuing their ancestral profession of making rhythmic musical instruments despite facing several pitfalls.

Narayan Chandra Das (84) came to Mymensingh with his parents as a 13-year-old boy from Manikganj. He now runs the instrument business along with his son Suvash Chandra Das and grandson Gopal Chandra Das.

Narayan claimed now they are the only family involved in making rhythmic instruments in Mymensingh.

"It is a great relief that stability in business has returned after the pandemic. Things have started to look up with the upcoming puja celebrations," said Narayan.

"We continued this profession facing serious odds and had to pass days with no food or half-filled stomachs. We could not leave the profession due to our eternal fascination of musicals instruments," he added.

Visiting the site, this

correspondent saw Narayan and his workers were busy completing orders from Mymensingh, Jamalpur, Sherpur, Netrakona and Kishoreganj.

Suvash, proprietor of "Taal Torongo" in Mymensingh's Boro



Kalibari area, said, "With the number of puja mandaps in Mymensingh and its adjacent districts increasing this year, the demand for musical instruments will also increase."

"The number of orders we

received is satisfactory and they will increase at the last moment," said Narayan's grandson Gopal Chandra Das.

"We also repair old one instruments," he said.

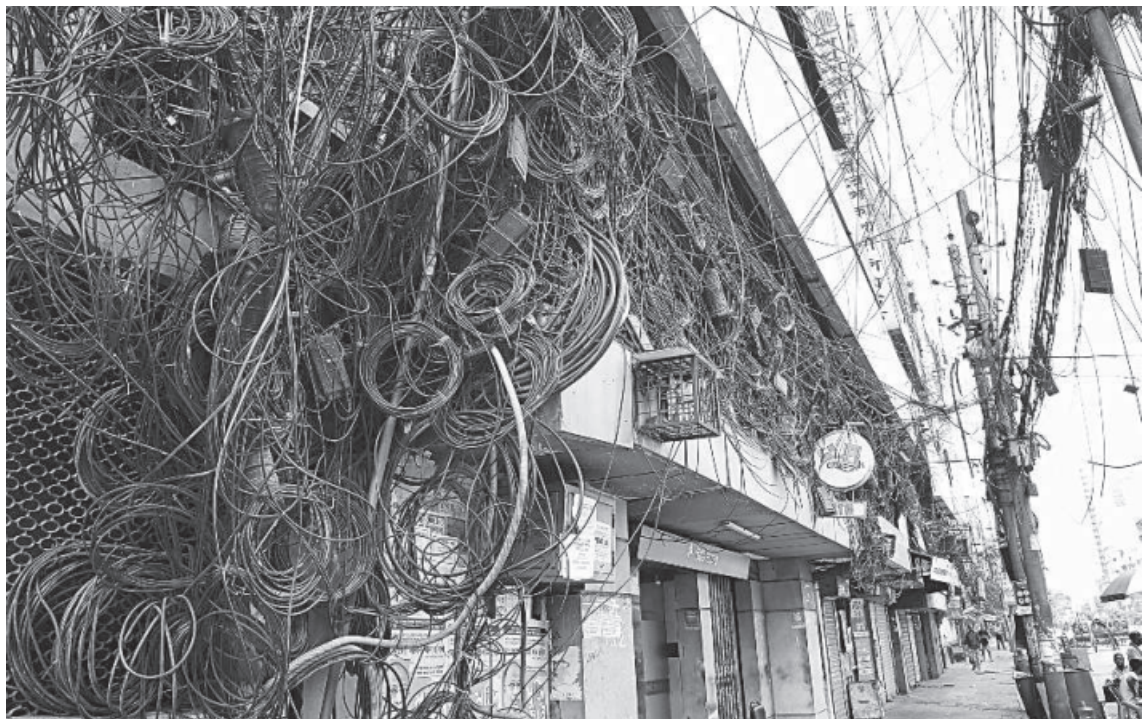
The price of Instrument materials has also increased this year. However, as both making charges and orders have increased, the workers are also earning better this season, Gopal added.

The artisans said instruments like Dhak is being sold at Tk 8,000 to Tk 12,000, Khol at Tk 6,000 to Tk 10,000, while Dholok is being sold at Tk 3,000 to Tk 6,000.

Khol (Mridanga) is being sold at Tk 3,000 to Tk 6,000, while a Bangla Dhol is sold at Tk 8,000 to Tk 14,000, according to size.

Rezaul Karim Aslam, proprietor of renowned instrument house Nobab & Co, said other instruments like Dugi-Tabla, Khamok, Naal, and Khonjoni are also in high demand this season.

Hoping an overall better business this year, the artists said a worker could earn Tk 50,000 to 60,000 in three months marking puja.



A cobweb of cables hanging from a power pole not only acts as an eyesore but also poses danger to pedestrians. This photo was taken in Motijheel near Modhumita Cinema Hall yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Funeral of Ranesh

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advocate Shamsul Haque Tuku, lawmaker of Pabna-5 constituency, and Golam Faruk Khandaker Prince, deputy commissioner in Pabna, were present. Later, the body was taken to Pabna Press Club where his fellow colleagues paid tributes to him and commemorated his role in establishing the press club.

Afterwards, his body was taken to Pabna Mohashashan for his last rites.

Born on October 4 in 1933, Ranesh entered political arena during the Language Movement. A key organiser of Bangladesh Chhatra Union, he later joined the National Awami Party (NAP) and the Gonoforum. Ranesh organised valiant freedom fighters during the Liberation War. He went to

India for arranging training for freedom fighters.

He spent years behind bars during the East Pakistan period and independent Bangladesh for fighting injustice. Ranesh started his career in journalism in 1951 with "Nawbelal", a weekly paper of Sylhet.

After serving Indian newspaper the Sottogug, he joined the Daily Sangbad in 1955. He worked for the Daily Morning News since 1961 before joining the Daily Observer in 1967, where he served until 1992.

The veteran journalist then joined the Daily New Nation as the country editor. He worked for The Daily Star from 1993 to 2000. The journalist was awarded Ekushey Padak in journalism in 2018. He received many other awards.

Short in stature

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Mirpur and gained awareness regarding the government allowances for people like her.

Currently, she receives Tk 750 monthly, which is given every three months.

"How can a person survive with this amount in this economy?" she asked.

She also said the receivers do not get the allowance amount in time. After awareness related to the issues dawned on her, she started working for three organisations and attending policy advocacy meetings.

"I try to help other people with disabilities get wheelchairs, financial aid and support," she said.

Around six months ago, Shantona was able to get a loan of Tk 30,000 from an organisation that provides loans to persons with disabilities, through which she bought a secondhand battery-driven auto rickshaw.

Since she is unable to drive it herself, she rented it to a driver. The auto-rickshaw earns her around

Tk 3,000 monthly. She is yet to repay the loan.

Around six months ago, her entire family was abandoned by her father. Life is becoming increasingly difficult for Shantona as she has to support her younger brother and bedridden mother as well, with this little income.

Shantona believes that even if she could complete her education, it would be hard for her to manage a job because of her condition and the stigma attached to it.

"If the government could arrange rehabilitation and employment opportunities for people with disabilities, our lives would get better," she said.

All Shantona hopes for is an accessible society, where her height will not be a barrier to any opportunity.

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Dhaka's canine

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Lutfar Rahman said there is no workforce or logistical support for controlling the dog population.

"In the current economic situation, there is not enough budget for this work. Efforts are being made with limited workforce. A lack of awareness leads to people killing dogs," he said.

DSCC Chief Health Officer Dr Fazle Shamsul Karim echoed the same. He said five veterinary doctors have joined DSCC's health department recently.

Dr M Mujibur Rahaman, DGHS expert of mass dog vaccination programme,

said due to excessive pollution in Dhaka city, lack of adequate waste management, and overcrowding, most dogs have some sort of sickness.

"Bites and other untoward incidents are reduced when dogs are healthy and in controlled numbers," he said.

"Coordination between the two city corporation authorities is required to conduct neutering programmes," he added.

DNCC has been running such programmes for 10 years despite the lack of human resources. However, DSCC has not shown much zeal, he added.

Ensure quality

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DAP Project Director Md Ashraful Islam.

Criticising the violation of plans by different government agencies, IPD advisor Dr Akhtar Mahmood said different government agencies, including National Housing Authority, converted playgrounds or civic amenities into plots

illegally.

IPD Director Muhammad Ariful Islam said it is important to formulate action plans and necessary facilities in this regard.

Dr Chowdhury Md Zaber Sadeque, Dr Neelopal Audri, and Dr Farhadur Reza also spoke in the programme, among others.

Afraid of

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engineer of Lalmonirhat WDB, said they haven't finished dumping all the geo bags to prevent erosion yet.

Some geo bags have washed away due to rising water levels. New ones will be dumped at these places soon, he added.

"Erosion is temporarily prevented by dumping geo bags. We're formulating a plan for a permanent solution," he said.

Both the officials denied allegations of mismanagement and irregularities in this regard.

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An application under section 241 read with section 245 of the Companies Act, 1994
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2	Agency	National University, Gazipur		
3	Procuring Entity Name	Director (Current Charge), Engineering Department, National University		
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not Applicable		
5	Procuring Entity District	Gazipur		
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Firm for Design and Construction of Mural of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in front of Senate Building of National University, Gazipur		
7	EOI Ref No	ENGG17-0/00242/2022(3)/1/1149		
8	Date	29/09/2022		
KEY INFORMATION				
9	Procurement Method	Two Stage Tendering Method		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Own fund of National University		
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	Not Applicable		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12	Project/Programme Code (if applicable)	Not Applicable		
13	Project/Programme Name (if applicable)	Not Applicable		
14	EOI Closing Date and Time	Date	Time	
15	EOI Opening Date and Time	16/10/2022	12:00 PM	
16	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address		
	- Receiving EOI	Office of the Registrar, 2nd Floor, Administrative Building, National University, Gazipur		
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17	Eligibility of Tenderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The tenderer shall have up to date Trade License, TIN Certificate and VAT Registration Certificate. The tenderer shall have a minimum of 07 (Seven) years of overall experience. The tenderer must have minimum 05 (Five) years of specific experience in the related works. The tenderer shall have at least 02 (two) successful completion record of similar type of works. The tenderer shall have a record of working not less than Tk. 10 lac in a single project. The tenderer shall have at least 10 (ten) technical personnel (Team leader, Assistant team leader, Artists, etc.). 		
18	Brief Description of Goods or Works	1. Design of Mural of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman 2. Construction of Mural of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in a suitable material		
19	Brief Description of Related Services	Not Applicable		
	Ref No	Phasing of Services	Location	Indicative Start Date
20	S1	All works	National University at Gazipur	From Contract Agreement
21	Name of Official inviting Expressions of Interest	Mohammad Amdadul Hoque		
22	Designation of Official inviting Expressions of Interest	Director (Current Charge), Engineering Department		
23	Address of Official inviting expressions of Interest	National University		
24	Contact details of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest	Tel. 02996691534		
25	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.			
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