

DNCC among Bloomberg's 'best climate projects'

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Dhaka North City Corporation has been recognised among the World's Best Climate Projects at the C40 Cities Bloomberg Philanthropies Awards 2022.

C40 and Bloomberg Philanthropies revealed the 10 winners of the awards at the C40 World Mayors Summit in Argentina, according to a press release published on Wednesday on Bloomberg.org.

Awards were given out in five categories to represent the most ambitious and effective projects undertaken by mayors to address the global climate catastrophe, aligning with this year's summit theme, United in Action.

Dhaka North City Corporation was recognised for their work on "Expansion of green spaces to create a greener, more inclusive and livable city in DNCC."

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Media can help navigate bilateral issues

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The observations were made at a seminar titled "Role of Media in Bangladesh-India Relations: Challenges and Prospects", organised by Jatiya Press Club at its premises yesterday, marking the golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence and 68th founding anniversary of the club.

In his speech as guest of honour, The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam proposed that Bangladesh establish a specialised centre, like a "India Study Institute", to explore all potentials of Indo-Bangla ties. India can also set up a similar institute on Bangladesh.

These centres can provide intellectual guidance on how to further deepen the relations.

He also suggested that the institutes be funded by the private sector.

Anam said the bilateral relations between the two nations are deep, but there are many complexities as well, which need to be addressed through a friendly, cooperative approach.

One of the major concerns for India was security in its northeast, which was rightly addressed by Bangladesh, and such cooperation

should continue, he said.

Anam said although the two countries signed the Ganges Agreement in 1996, the water-sharing issue has not evolved smoothly. The Teesta deal remaining unsigned is frustrating for Bangladesh.

Besides, he requested the Indian journalists not to look at Bangladesh through its relations with any other country.

Stressing on water sharing, Indian Journalists' Union President Geetartha Pathak said Bangladesh, as a lower riparian country, has the right to get sufficient water from the 54 common rivers, but that is not being ensured.

Bangladesh suffers from both flooding and drought, he said. "I hope journalists of both countries will focus on this issue."

He said in Assam, so-called "illegal infiltrators from Bangladesh" have been made into a big issue

because of power politics. If political parties' motives go against human rights, the media should highlight it.

Pathak said if a society is dominated by its religious identity, there is a high risk that the society will be divided. Journalists of the two countries should work on these issues.

Prothom Alo Joint Editor Sohrab Hossain said political leaders face various obstacles, as they need to make their voters happy, but the media should not give into those forces. They should report objectively.

However, the media sometimes play the religion and nationality card, he said, calling upon journalists to have more collaboration and cooperation.

Press Club of India President Gautam Lahiri said water scarcity is shown as a reason for not signing the Teesta deal.

"But I think whatever water is there should be shared because it is a right of Bangladesh."

He said the Citizens Amendment Act (CAA) – which was enacted to give citizenship to Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis or Christians from Afghanistan, Bangladesh or Pakistan – could not be implemented yet because of media pressure.

When Lahiri talked to the Hindu community in Bangladesh, they said they want to solve problems in their own country, not take shelter in India, taking advantage of the CAA, he said.

Lahiri said border killing has been a thorny issue, but the media has not

properly reported on it. He suggested the media of both countries take a joint initiative of investigation for such issues.

Ekator TV Editor-in-Chief Mozammel Babu, GTV Editor-in-Chief Syed Ishaque Reza, Bhoror Kagoj Editor Shyamal Dutta, Indian journalist Mohua Chatterjee, Jatiya Press Club General Secretary Elias Khan, Dhaka Union of Journalists President Sohel Haider Chowdhury, senior journalist Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, and Dhaka University International Relations Prof Imtiaz Ahmed also spoke at the event, chaired by Jatiya Press Club President Farida Yasmin.

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party's anger over police raids on the houses of opposition leaders and workers, sending them to jail in other cases despite obtaining bail from courts.

Referring to a newspaper report, Fakhrul said the government is now unable to repay the loans it borrowed from abroad and different lending agencies. "So, what will happen now? All foreign lending agencies will stop giving loans while the reserves are falling."

He categorically said the current regime has now no right to rule the country. "You have turned the country into a failed state through corruption and misrule. You please quit power with dignity..."

It was an eyewash

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and empowering BTRC to cancel the registration if their activities go against the regulation will put them in a body suit.

It said it puts foreign companies at risk of surveillance and disincentivises them from operating in Bangladesh.

These concerns –

among many others – were not addressed and the finalised draft still retains these provisions.

The BTRC submission to the HC reads, "It was agreed that the Regulation shall be finalised after necessary consideration and/or evaluation of the feedback/input from several concerned stakeholders in this regard."

Yet this commitment to evaluate feedback from stakeholders is not reflected in the meeting minutes.

During the eleventh session, held on September 4, the committee reviewed the definitions of terms like "content", "digital device", "intermediary" and "curated content".

Two weeks later, on September 18, the committee met again for their twelfth session. They discussed and decided that companies that are already registered, do not need to register again. However, it did not speak of doing away with the requirement.

During this meeting, they decided to adopt one feedback made by Global Network Initiatives (GNI), a collective whose members

include Meta, Microsoft, Uber, Zoom, Telenor Group, Yahoo, Google, Nokia, Vodafone, Verizon, Human Rights Watch, Wikimedia, Committee to Protect Journalists and others.

GNI had expressed alarm at the fact that the draft regulation features excessive penalties for violations, including fines of up to Tk 3 billion and/or imprisonment for up to 5 years and targets company personnel.

During the 12th meeting, the committee decided to scrap criminal liability, and include corporate liability instead. The latest draft kept intact provisions for fines if the regulations were violated but removed the ceilings that were mentioned in the previous drafts. Instead, it just added that the "fine should not be excessive".

In addition, during the 12th meeting, the committee dropped the section in the previous draft that forced companies to circumvent end-to-end encryption and identify "first originators" of any content or message sent.

Ten days later, the committee met for the 13th time, and finalised the draft, leaving key concerns up in the air.

Ashish Kumar Kundu, the director-general (legal and licensing division), who signed the meeting minutes, told this newspaper that many stakeholders were consulted and met with before this draft was finalised.

The commissioner of the division was contacted several times over the phone, but this newspaper was unable to reach him.

New Recruitment for
a Deputy Program Officer or Program Officer
at JICA Bangladesh Office

JICA Bangladesh Office invites applications by 10th of November from qualified candidates for the position of **Deputy Program Officer or Program Officer** to work in the human development sector, including health and humanitarian issues, in the Human Development section of JICA Bangladesh Office. The candidate will also work on public relations (PR), in addition to other works such as training coordination, NGO facilitation, and other activities instructed by the office.

The requirement of the candidate is as follows:

1. Master's Degree in either economics/international relationship /development studies/business administration or engineering.
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6. **Age:** Principally from 27-35 years old.

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For detailed information about the application, please access the link below.
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INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY, BANGLADESH (IUB)

Purchase & Procurement Department

Plot 16, Block B, Aftabuddin Ahmed Road, Bashundhara R/A, Dhaka-1229

TENDER FOR SELECTION OF CATERER FOR IUB CAFETERIA & FOOD COURT

Sealed bids are invited from the prospective caterers to deliver food items & catering service at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) as follows:

- a. **Student Cafeteria with kitchen & store (3800 sft.) and**
- b. **Food Court (two stalls without kitchen 240 sft. each)**

The details of the service and other terms & conditions are mentioned in the tender schedule. Interested bidders are requested to collect tender schedule from the Purchase & Procurement Department on payment of Tk.1,500/- (non-refundable) in the form of cash to the Finance & Accounts Department of Independent University, Bangladesh between the office hrs. from 9.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (Sunday through Thursday) **till November 1, 2022.**

Interested bidders are requested to submit the bids to the Purchase & Procurement Department on **November 3, 2022, before 2.00 p.m.** The bids will be opened on the same day at **2.30 p.m.** in presence of the bidders who wish to remain present.

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Semester Fee	7,000/- x 3=21,000/- (7,000/- per semester)
Tuition Fee	7,000/- x 12=84,000/- (36 credits/12 courses) (7,000/- per course)
Total Cost	1,30,000/-

Key Dates

Application Deadline:	Nov 09, 2022
Admission Test	Nov 11, 2022
Result Published	Nov 14, 2022
Date of Admission	Nov 15 to Dec 08, 2022
Commencement of Class	Dec 09, 2022

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