

Say eminent citizens, demanding reform of education system

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The recent exam questions that hurt religious sentiments and demeaned women and one writer are unacceptable, said civil-society members, demanding an end to such “anarchy” in the education system.

The questions were prepared for HSC and equivalent examinations.

In a joint statement, signed by 24 eminent citizens, they said a universal, secular and science-based education system has not been established even after 50 years of independence, rather a regressive system has been set up.

People are now talking about whether teachers have the skills to prepare creative questions. “Both teachers and students need to acquire creative skills,” they observed.

Pointing to the recent discussions on question papers they said it is high time to think about the whole education system, not just the competency of those who prepare questions. "The demand of dropping Charles Darwin's evolution theory from the curriculum has also concerned us. This will hinder science study and free thinking. It will push the country backwards, towards communalism," reads the statement.

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A farmer shows off his cauliflowers, which are almost ready for harvest. As winter approaches, farmers have already begun preparing their seasonal vegetables that are to be sold at local markets. This photo was taken in Manikganj's Shibhalaya upazila recently.

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DENGUE

One dead, 266 more hospitalised

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At least one dengue patient died, while 266 were admitted to different hospitals across the country in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning.

The death toll now stands at 193, while total cases have risen to 46,752.

According to DGHS, of the deaths, 116 were in Dhaka, 23 in Cox's Bazar, 24 in Chattogram, seven in Barishal, seven in Khulna, five in Mymensingh, two each in Rajshahi and Narail, and one each in Narsingdi, Kushtia, Pabna, Kagrachhari, Bogura, Madaripur and Feni.

A total of 43,307 patients have already been released from hospitals, while 3,252 are still undergoing treatment.

PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 12				
	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib
AZAN	5-05	12-45	3-45	5-21
JAMAAT	5-40	1-15	4-00	5-24

Nilphamari forest officials residing in dilapidated buildings



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Weeds and bushes have taken over the buildings, making them a safe habitat for poisonous insects. The plasters have already fallen off, revealing the inner bricks and iron rods, while doors and windows no longer exist.

This is not the story of some spooky structures one sees in a horror film, rather they



Since then, no renovation work has ever been done.

However, it's mandatory for forest department officials to live in their designated quarters, which are set up in forests adjacent to the nurseries, where thousands of saplings of various trees are grown. Their job is to look after the wildlife, which cannot be done by residing in other areas.

Braving all odds, the forest

officials of Nilphamari live in these dilapidated buildings, away from their families.

Visiting the place recently, this correspondent saw that some residential staffers have hung polythene sheets below the roof, a desperate attempt to save their belongings and themselves from rain, sun and concrete particles falling from the ceiling.

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PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Helium balloons of different colours, shapes and sizes are a quintessential item at almost any tourist spot. These balloons are great for attracting the children who come to visit with their parents. The salesmen sell each one for Tk 50, earning a sum of Tk 2,000 to 3,000 per day. This photo was taken in Kuakata recently.



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Invitation for e-Tender (OTM)

Tender Notice No : EE/EED/Ctg/e-Tender/2022-23/33
Date: 10.11.2022

Sl. No.	Package No.	Name of Works	Tender ID	Last date & time of selling documents	Last date & time of submission documents
01	EED/Ctg/9Govt.Scl/2022-23/WD-01	WD-01: Construction of 10 - Storied Academic Building with 10 - Storied Foundation in/c Sanitary, Water Supply and Electrification Works at Uttar Patenga Government Secondary School, Patenga, Chattogram. (2022-23)	750404	11-Dec-2022 15:00	12-Dec-2022 12:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents of following packages from the National e-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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শিক্ষা নিয়ে গড়ব দেশ
শেখ হাসিনার বাংলাদেশ

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
 Accelerating and Strengthening Skills for Economic Transformation (ASSET) Project
 Directorate of Technical Education
 F-4/B, Agargaon A/A, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

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Request for Expression of Interest (Selection of Skills Training Specialist)

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received credit from the World Bank towards the cost for the Accelerating and Strengthening Skills for Economic Transformation (ASSET) Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for the Project by some individual consultants.

1	Ministry/Division:	Technical & Madrasah Education Division
2	Agency:	Diretorate of Technical Education
3	Procuring Entity Name:	Project Director, Accelerating and Strengthening Skills for Economic Transformation (ASSET) Project
4	Procuring Entity Code:	Not used at present
5	Procuring Entity District:	Dhaka
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Individual Consultant (Time based)
7	Invitation Ref No.:	57.03.0000.000.07.067.22-474
8	Date:	09.11.2022

KEY INFORMATION

9 Procurement Method:	Individual Consultant Selection (Time Based)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10 Budget and Source of Funds:	Development Budget (IDA)
11 Development Partners:	International Development Association (IDA)

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12 Project Code:	P-167506
13 Project Name:	Accelerating and Strengthening Skills for Economic Transformation (ASSET) Project
14 EOI Closing Date and Time:	02.12.2022 and 4.00 P.M.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

15 Brief Description of Assignment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical support to PMU in executing the tasks related to the processing implementation, review, management, monitoring, and evaluation of Skills Development Plans (SDP) proposals for formal short-term training providers who will receive Performance-based Per-Trainee Grants (PTG) under the project. Support to organize the awareness, promote market demanded short courses and SDP in participating institutions and prepare/adopt such awareness, communication and promotional materials; Any other skills training related tasks to be assigned by the project management. 		
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N.B. Please see the detail description of assignment in the ToR.

16 Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least B. Sc. in Engineering or a Master's degree with honors in a Socio-economic Development aspect, from a recognized higher education institution of the country or abroad; At least 15 years' experience of teaching in a university or a tertiary education, or in Civil Service having training experience, or in diploma offering institutions, or short-term training providers, including 3 years experiences in the development projects/programs; Conversant with organizational and operational aspects of TVET system in Bangladesh. 		
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N.B. Please see the detail description of assignment in the ToR.

17 Other Details (If Applicable):	Interested applicants shall obtain ToR, Evaluation Criteria & Application format from the website of ASSET (www.asset-dte.gov.bd).		
18 Association with foreign firm is:	Not Applicable		

19 Ref No.	Phasing of Services	Location	Indicative Start Date	Indicative Completion Date
57.03.0000.000.07.064.22-	24 Person Month	DTE, Dhaka	01 Jan, 2023	31 Dec, 2025

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

20 Name of Official Inviting EOI:	Md. Mohsin
21 Designation of Official Inviting EOI:	Project Director, ASSET Project
22 Address of Official Inviting EOI:	Project Director, Accelerating and Strengthening Skills for Economic Transformation (ASSET) Project, Directorate of Technical Education, Room No - 511, F-4-B, Agargaon A/A, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
23 Contact details of Official Inviting EOI	Tel: 880-2-41024953

24 The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings

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