

Can Horibol pursue his dreams?

Defying odds, visually impaired boy gets GPA 5

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

"I didn't think I could come this far," said a beaming Horibol Bonarjee, a student of Moulvibazar Government High School, who passed this year's Secondary School Certificate (SSC) exams.

Blind from birth, life has not been easy for the 17-year-old.

Belonging to a family of poor tea workers, he faced many obstacles from the beginning. But neither blindness nor other hardships he faced in life could stop him from achieving his goal.

Defying all odds, he scored GPA 5, touching the hearts of everyone in his locality as well as those who heard his story.

Horibol's house is in Hooghlichhara Tea Estate of Moulvibazar's Sreemangal upazila. His Father Anil Bonarjee and mother Vishakha Bonarjee both are workers in the tea garden.

Horibol started his education at a local school run by Brac. After passing fifth grade, he went to Moulvibazar Government High School. Since then, he has been staying at Visually Impaired Hostel in Moulvibazar Sadar next to the school.

Expressing his delight, Faruq Ahmad, headteacher of the school, said the result showed that Horibol's hard work paid off.

"We wish him success. Hope, he will be successful in his life," he added.

Admitting he wasn't expecting such a result, Horibol said his determination pushed him this far.

"I was always motivated for studies. And my interest in studies increased when I passed the PECE exam. I achieved a GPA of 4.83 in that exam, which helped me get admission to Moulvibazar Government High School," he said from his hostel.

"I have come a long way. Now, I want to become a social worker and teacher," said Horibol, who had to rely on a class VIII student for writing his exam papers.

Despite his success at the SSC exam, the future isn't all bright for Horibol.



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This brick-making factory has been running right beside a protected forest for years, with no clearance from the DoE. According to the law, setting up such an establishment within 2 km of a forest is illegal; this factory is within 200 metres. This photo was taken recently.

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As if rules don't apply to him

Zilla parishad chairman running brick factory beside a forest

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The newly-elected Chattogram zilla parishad chairman has set up a brick-making factory right beside a protected forest in the district's Fatikchhari upazila. The factory is operating without any clearance from the Department of Environment (DoE).

Chairman ATM Pearul Islam, also vice president of Awami League's Chattogram north district unit, started building the factory in the upazila's Shubonchari area in 2013. The establishment started operation in 2019.

According to the Brick

Manufacturing and Brick Kiln Establishment (Control) (Amendment) Act 2019, brick-making factories cannot be within 2km of any forest, and such establishments cannot operate without obtaining licences and environment clearance certificates from the DoE. Before this act was passed, the restriction was within 1km.

But this correspondent recently visited the area and saw the brick factory within about 200 metres of the protected forest and the surrounding hills.

Locals, seeking anonymity, said hills were chopped to establish

the factory. The establishment has been polluting the neighbourhood by burning coal.

This correspondent also found that a hill near the factory is being cut, and the soil is being used to make bricks.

Mofidul Alam, director of the DoE's Chattogram region, told The Daily Star that earlier, the factory obtained environmental clearance through fraudulent means. "DoE revoked that clearance, issued in 2017. The factory has been operating without clearance for years, which is completely illegal."

He claimed that according to

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Witness killed by rape accused

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

A witness of a gangrape case was allegedly killed by the accused on Tuesday in Bagerhat Sadar upazila.

The deceased was identified as Shamim Hawladar, a resident of the upazila's Bara Banshbaria area.

Shamim's family and police said he was a cousin of the victim, who was raped on July 25 by a group of criminals.

The victim filed a case against them on the same day.

Feroz Hawladar (40), his brother Faruq Hawladar (55), and their relatives Afzal Hawladar and Hriday Hawladar of Bara Banshbaria area, along with some five to six unnamed persons, were made accused in the case.

Shamim, who was one of the witnesses of the case, came under attack by the accused on Tuesday evening around 7:30pm in the village.

"Firoz Hawladar led the attack," said Shamim's wife Hira Begum.

Shamim, who was critically injured, was rushed to Bagerhat Sadar Hospital. He was later shifted to Khulna Medical College Hospital as his condition deteriorated.

Shamim succumbed to his injuries around 11:30pm at KMCH while undergoing treatment, said his wife.

"I want the killers of my husband to be punished," she said.

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CHATTOGRAM CANAL

Body parts suspected to be Ayat's recovered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg



Members of Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) yesterday recovered two severed legs from a Chattogram canal close to the area where the prime accused in the murder of a five-year-old girl said he had dumped her body parts.

PBI Inspector Manaj Dey, also the case's investigation officer, said they suspected the limbs used to belong to Alina Islam Ayat, the five-year-old girl who went missing from EPZ area on November 15.

"We will send the body parts for forensic and DNA test to confirm whether it belonged to Ayat," said Manaj.

PBI officials recovered the limbs from the Akmal Ali Ghat canal area in the city's Outer Ring road around 4:00pm, he said.

On November 25, PBI officials arrested Abir

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Over 300 workers to get back insurance money

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT


South Korea will arrange insurance money for more than 300 Bangladeshi workers who returned from Korea without collecting the amount that they were entitled to.

According to a statement of the Korean embassy in Dhaka issued yesterday, all Bangladeshi workers going to Korea under Employment Permit System get insurance coverage.

They bring that money home when they return after working for the stipulated period. However, sometimes the migrants forget to collect that money. The amount of money for each migrant ranges from Tk 30,000 to Tk 3 lakh.

Over the years, Human Resources Department

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জাতীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে শিক্ষক ও কর্মকর্তাগণের অফিসে যাতায়াতের জন্য অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ০১টি কার ও ০১টি মাইক্রোবাস (এসি) ২০১৪ এবং তদপরবর্তী মডেলের গাজী ভাড়া নেওয়ার জন্য প্রকৃত গাজীর মালিক/পরিবহন ঠিকাদার-এর নিকট থেকে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।		
১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়।
২।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী সংস্থার নাম	জাতীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, গাজীপুর, বাংলাদেশ।
৩।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী	পরিচালক, প্রকিউরমেন্ট এন্ড স্টোর দপ্তর, জাতীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, গাজীপুর।
৪।	তহবিলের উৎস	নিজস্ব তহবিল থেকে ব্যয় নির্বাহ করা হবে।
৫।	দরপত্রের নাম	গাজী ভাড়া।
৬।	সেবার সর্বমুখ্য বিবরণ	অফিসের কার্যক্রম শুরুর ১.৩০ ঘট্টা পূর্বে অফিস কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত স্থান হতে কর্মকর্তাদের নিয়ে নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে অফিসে পৌঁছাতে হবে এবং অবস্থান করতে হবে। অফিস ছুটির পর নির্বিঘ্নে নির্ধারিত স্থানে পৌঁছাতে হবে।
৭।	গাজী ব্যবহারের স্থান	মাইক্রোবাস (এসি)ঃ উত্তরা, ঢাকা হতে জাতীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ক্যাম্পাসে যাতায়াত। কার (এসি)ঃ গাজীপুর সদর থেকে জাতীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ক্যাম্পাসে যাতায়াত।
৮।	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
৯।	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	২৯/১১/২০২২ইং।
	সিডিউল বিক্রয়	২৯/১১/২০২২ হতে ১১/১২/২০২২ইং তারিখ (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে) পর্যন্ত।
১০।	দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১২/১২/২০২২ইং তারিখঃ ১১.৩০ ঘটিকা।
১১।	দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের তারিখ ও সময়	১২/১২/২০২২ইং তারিখঃ দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকায় প্রাপ্ত দরপত্রসমূহ উপস্থিত দরদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে।
১২।	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের স্থান ও ঠিকানা	পরিচালক, অর্থ ও হিসাব দপ্তর, জাতীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, গাজীপুর।
১৩।	সিডিউল মূল্য	২,০০০/- (দুই হাজার) টাকা।
১৪।	দরপত্র দাখিল এবং খোলার স্থান ও ঠিকানা	প্রকিউরমেন্ট এন্ড স্টোর দপ্তর, জাতীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, গাজীপুর।
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১৬।	গাজী ব্যবহারের সময়কাল	অফিস সময়সূচি মোতাবেক।
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১৭।	অন্যান্য তথ্যাবলী	পিপিএ-২০০৬ এবং পিপিআর-২০০৮ বিধিমালা অনুসরণ করা হবে।
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'Implement CHT peace accord, ensure stability'

Eminent citizens urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On the eve of the 25th anniversary of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Accord, forty-one eminent citizens of the country yesterday called upon the government to fully implement the accord and ensure peace and stability in the region.

The accord, also known as the CHT peace accord, was signed on December 2, 1997, between the government and regional political party Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti -- which brought an end to an armed conflict.

In a statement, they called upon the government to show its visible commitment and support for the

effective functioning of the CHT Land Commission, which was formed under the accord.

They also stressed the allocation of the required budget and recruitment of the workforce to the commission.

Although the CHT Land Dispute Resolution Commission Act was formulated in 2001 in line with the accord, the commission is yet to start its activities properly due to the absence of rules, the eminent citizens said.

"We are deeply worried as the CHT Land Commission has been kept nonfunctional," reads the statement.

The eminent citizens urged the government to nationally address any

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NID SERVICES

Stop the harassment Hijra community urges CEC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Members of the Hijra community yesterday demanded an end to the harassment they face while correcting information on their NID cards.

Leaders of Shustha Jibon -- an organisation of the Hijra community -- who were holding a meeting with Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Habibul Awal, said they want three reserved seats for their community at the parliament.

Shustha Jibon Chair Parbati Ahmed said many of them have NID cards with a male identity.

"If members of the community show the card anywhere, the authorities do not accept it as we look different. We have been a victim of discrimination," said Parbati.

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