

AMAR EKUSHEY BOI MELA

Children’s books lack variety

**DIPAN NANDY**

Around hundred publishing houses have set up stalls at Shishu Chattar at the Amar Ekushey Boi Mela. A number of childrens’ books have been published by these publication houses. However, parents have claimed that there’s little to no variation in these books. Readers also said they’ve noticed carelessness in these books. A lot of poorly written books have been published without any editing. There is no extra care applied to the art, printing, binding and decoration of these books.

Jashim Uddin, a visitor from Rampura, brought his wife and two daughters to the book fair yesterday. He said he wants his daughters to read science fiction or educational books. But his daughter, a second-grader had decided for herself what kind of books she wants. She likes ghost and books with cartoon characters.

He laughed and said, “My daughter hasn’t bought any of my favorite books yet. She said

when she has finished buying her favorite book, she would buy books at her father’s choice.”

Another guardian, Amjad Hossain, also said he visited at least 10-15 stalls. It’s all the same kinds of books. There is less variation in subject diversity.

He said, “My daughter is an English medium student. I couldn’t find a book written in English about our country and our people. Most of the books are about unreal and imaginary subjects.”

“Jhingeful”, a children’s book publishing house, has brought out two books – Muhammad Nurul Huda’s Khokababu of Tungipara and Lutfar Rahman Riton’s “Dabaya Rakhta Parba Na”. Their stall also has selected children’s literature by Sukumar Ray, Rabindranath Tagore’s “Rabi Kishore” and Farrukh Ahmed’s “Shishu-kishore Samagra”.

At the stall of Pragati Publishers, it was noticed that pop-up and flip books are at the top of children’s interest.

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The schoolhouse of newly established Char Bhagabatipur High School at the Brahmaputra river basin village in Kurigram Sadar upazila.

PHOTO: STAR

BHAGABATIPUR HIGH SCHOOL

A ray of hope for char children

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Char Bhagabatipur is a remote shoal village along the Brahmaputra river basin area under Jatrapur union in Kurigram Sadar upazila where nearly 500 families reside.

Though the char village had a primary school and three madrasas, there was no high school previously.

As a result, after passing primary level most of the students of the village could not continue their studies further.

In order to reduce the

number of dropouts, Kurigram district administration took a noble initiative and established Char Bhagabatipur High School in January.

The newly established high school, which has a total of 130 students and four teachers, started its academic activities from last month.

Kurigram District Education Officer (DEO) Shamsul Alam said the dropout rate is pretty high as most of the char villages do not have high schools.

There are about 400 char

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There are about 400 char villages along the Brahmaputra basin areas in Kurigram, and every char village has at least a primary school or a madrasa or both. But there were only six high schools in many villages.

Islamic University postpones recruitment meetings

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Authorities of Islamic University Bangladesh yesterday postponed meetings of three recruitment boards due to “unavoidable circumstances”.

Meetings of the boards, which were formed to recruit a medical officer and two teachers, were scheduled to be held today.

The university’s acting registrar HM Ali Hassan yesterday issued a notice citing postponement of the board meetings.

The revised schedule of the meetings will be announced later, said the circular.

However, sources at the university said the authorities took the decision due to some complexities centring the recruitment.

Earlier on February 16 night, three audio clips went viral on social media.

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The acting registrar HM Ali Hassan filed a general diary (GD) with the local police station in this connection.

Besides, a group of former activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on Sunday staged a demonstration and locked the VC’s office room demanding suspension of the board meetings and wanted jobs for them.

Amid such a complex situation, the university authorities postponed the meetings.

Contacted, VC Salam claimed that he was neither involved in corruption nor tried to provide extra benefit to anyone.

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বিভাগীয় বন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়

চট্টগ্রাম দক্ষিণ বন বিভাগ, চট্টগ্রাম

নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং ৫/রাজস্ব/ফল বাগান অব ২০২২-২০২৩ তারিখঃ ১৯/০৩/২০২৩খ্রিঃ

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, চট্টগ্রাম দক্ষিণ বন বিভাগের অধীনস্থ নিম্ন তফশীল বর্ণিত বিবিধ ফলের বাগান হতে ২০২২-২৩ আর্থিক সালের ফল আহরণ ও বাজারজাত করণের জন্য আগামী ০৬/০৩/২০২৩খ্রিঃ তারিখে বিভাগীয় বন কর্মকর্তা অথবা তাহার প্রতিনিধি কর্তৃক প্রকাশ্য নিলামে বিক্রয় করা হবে। অগ্রহী জেতা/প্রতিষ্ঠানকে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে জ্ঞাতব্য বিষয়াদি জানিয়ে নেয়ার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হল।

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Producing fake birth certificates by hacking govt servers

Five of a gang held in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Counter Terrorism Division of Chattogram Metropolitan Police has arrested five including three hackers of a birth certificate fraud ring from different parts of the country.

The arrestees are Sagar Ahmed Zoban, 23, Sheikh Shezan, 23, Mehedi Hasan, 23, Shakil Hossen, 23 and Masud Rana, 27.

Liaquat Ali Khan, deputy commissioner of the CMP counter terrorism unit, said from February 16 to 18, they conducted raids in various districts including Dhaka, Gazipur, Sirajganj and Narail to arrest the gang members. They seized two desktops, two laptops, one printer, one tab and 6 smartphones from their possession.

The fraud ring was creating birth registration certificates across the country by breaching government servers using cookies, a way for hackers to access and steal personal data from users. The group has already produced thousands of birth registrations in this way, he told a press briefing at CMP Media centre yesterday.

They took Tk 1,200 to Tk 1,500 per customer for creating fake birth registration certificates, he said.

Asif Mohiuddin, additional deputy commissioner (ADC) of CT, told The Daily Star that Shezan is the mastermind of the ring.

Govt to get 300 electric double-decker buses

BSS, Dhaka

The government is planning to procure 300 electric double-decker air-conditioned (AC) buses from India for the state-run Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC).

The discussion came out as Indian Deputy High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dr Binoy George made a courtesy call on Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader at his secretariat office in Dhaka yesterday, said a

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PRAYER TIMING

FEBRUARY 20

| Fazr        | Zohr  | Asr  | Maghrib | Esha |
|-------------|-------|------|---------|------|
| AZAN 5:20   | 12:45 | 4:30 | 6:03    | 7:30 |
| JAMAAT 5:55 | 1:15  | 4:45 | 6:07    | 8:00 |

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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Memo No. 35.01.3532.016.07.016.09-528 Date: 19/02/2023

Amendments/Corrigendum Notice No. 01 for Tender ID No. 780803

Improvement of Ghonapara to Mausoleum of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman (Including Sheikh Lutfar Rahman Bridge Approach) Road at Ch. 41+600 to Ch. 49+064(Z-7704) Portion to appropriate standard and width including construction of 2.0 Nos. New Culvert, 7.0 No. Culvert Extension, 4517.00m Retaining Wall, 4.00 Nos. Intersection, 2.0 Nos. Parking Zone, 9.0 Nos. Bus Bay & Ancillary Work under Road Division, Gopalganj during the year 2022-2023 (Package No. WP-01).

Tender No. e-GP/06/GZ/2022-2023 (OSTETM) (WP-01), ID No. 780803

It is notify to all concerned that, the following amendments/corrigendum notice have been made for the above tender due to unavoidable circumstances.

| Particular information                                   | Old value        | New value        |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Document last selling date & time                        | 22/02/2023 16:00 | 28/02/2023 16:00 |
| Closing date & time                                      | 23/02/2023 12:00 | 01/03/2023 12:00 |
| Opening date & time                                      | 23/02/2023 12:00 | 01/03/2023 12:00 |
| Last date & time for tender/proposal security submission | 22/02/2023 11:00 | 01/03/2023 11:30 |

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Tea Resort & Museum

Srimangal, Moulvibazar

"বেশি বেশি চা পান করুন।  
স্বাস্থ্য সুন্দর সতেজ রাখুন।"

Tea Resort & Museum

"বেশি বেশি লিকার চা পান  
কাল্পার, হৃদয়ে হার মানে।"

Tender Invitation for Electrical Sub-Station

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|-----|--|---|
| 1   | Ministry/Division  | Ministry of Commerce.   |
| 2   | Agency   | Tea Resort & Museum.  |
| 3   | Procuring entity name  | Chairman, Bangladesh Tea Board and Tea Resort & Museum Management Committee.  |
| 4   | Invitation for   | Electrical Sub-Station equipments for Tea Resort & Museum.  |
| 5   | Invitation Ref No. & date  | Tea Resort-BTB/Sub-Station-160/2020-2458(3)(3), Date: 19/02/2023  |
| 6   | Procurement method   | One Stage Two Envelope Tendering for Turnkey Contract.  |
| 7   | Budget and source of funds   | Tea Resort & Museum's fund.   |
| 8   | Tender selling date & places   | From 22/02/2023 to 14/03/2023; Places: 1) Tea Resort & Museum, Vhanugach Road, Srimangal, Moulvibazar, 2) Bangladesh Tea Board (BTB), 171-172, Baizid Bostami Road, Nasirabad, Chattogram.  |
| 9   | Tender receiving date, time & place  | 15/03/2023 on 12:00pm; Bangladesh Tea Board, 171-172, Baizid Bostami Road, Nasirabad, Chattogram.   |
| 10. | Tender opening date, time & place  | 15/03/2023 on 12:10pm; Bangladesh Tea Board, 171-172, Baizid Bostami Road, Nasirabad, Chattogram.   |
| 11. | Eligibility of tenderer  | a) General experience in sub-station work for at least 10 years.<br>b) Experience of sub-station works of minimum Take 1.50 crore in a single contract within last 10 years.<br>c) Average annual construction turnover Take 3.00 crore within last 10 years.<br>d) Liquid asset or working capital or credit facilities of the tenderer shall be Tk 3.00 crore.<br>e) Up-to-date bank solvency certificate.<br>f) Up-to-date income tax clearance certificate, VAT registration certificate & trade license;<br>g) List of necessary equipments, key staff, materials etc.<br>h) List of necessary papers to be submitted complying the conditions mentioned in the tender document. |
| 12. | Special instructions   | (i) The procuring entity reserves the right to amend or change the design if necessity arises.<br>(ii) If the arithmetic error is more/less than 5% the tender shall be rejected.<br>(iii) If the unit rate of one or more items is excessively more or less, rate analysis must be submitted.  |
| 13. | Price of tender document   | Tk 3,000 (three thousand) only each set (non-returnable).   |
| 14. | Identification of works  | Location<br>Tender security in the form of DD/Pay Order amount Tk<br>Completion time in months  |
|     | Supplying, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Electrical Sub-Station equipments.             | Tea Resort & Museum, Srimangal, Moulvibazar<br>6.00 (six) lac in favour of Tea Resort & Museum<br>06 (six) months   |
| 15. | Name, designation & address of the official inviting tender  | Dr. AKM Rafikul Hoque, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Tea Resort & Museum, Vhanugach Road, Srimangal, Moulvibazar, Ph: 08626-71207, E-mail: tearesort@yahoo.com, www.tearesort.gov.bd   |
| 16. | The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings. |   |

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CEO, Tea Resort & Museum



ESSENTIAL DRUGS COMPANY LIMITED  
395-397, Tejgaon Industrial Area  
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Local Press Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from Genuine Manufacturers/ Importers/ Authorised dealers (engaged in related Business) for supply of following items to EDCL, 3<sup>rd</sup> Plant Gopalganj on urgent basis:

| S.L No. | Tender No. Date                                   | Name of the Item  | Cost of Tender Schedule          | Last date of Closing & Opening   |
|---------|---|---|----------------------------------|--|
| 01.     | EDCL(Gopalganj)/PUR/LT/ 2023/86<br>Dt. 19/02/2023 | Supply of Lead Acid (DC) Battery for Sub-Station of EDCL, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Plant Gopalganj Project.<br>(Details as per Tender Schedule & enclosed Sheet) | Tk. 750.00/set<br>Non-refundable | Closing: 06/03/2023<br>at 12.00 PM<br>Opening: 06/03/2023<br>at 12.30 PM |

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

The Tender will be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money mentioned above in the form of Bank Draft/Pay order from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of “Essential Drugs Company Ltd” without which the Tender will be considered as non-responsive.

EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

General Manager  
Procurement Deptt.  
For: Managing Director.

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