

## Awareness session on PCOS held at Star

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In order to raise consciousness on Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS), Renata Limited took the initiative to arrange a physical awareness session at the capital's The Daily Star Centre yesterday afternoon.

Prof Dr Laila Arjumand Banu, chief consultant of Obs and Gynae department at Labaid Specialised Hospital, was the key speaker at the session.

The session went on for an hour, participated by the staffers of The Daily Star.

## Country gets two new river ports

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The government has announced the opening of two new river ports in the country. The ports – Najirganj of Pabna's Sujanagar and Dhawapara in Rajbari – have been designated as the 42nd and 43rd river ports, respectively.

The shipping ministry issued a notification in this regard yesterday.

According to the ministry, the new river ports will help facilitate transport and trade.

## Ensure access to water

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sanitation services in the country and highlighted the need for sustainable development and innovative solutions to overcome future challenges.

"We are committed to achieving SDGs by 2030. But we also have a specific goal for Bangladesh. We want to make a Smart Bangladesh by 2041. With the combination of these two goals, we are setting our plans and moving forward accordingly," said Md Tajul Islam, local government,

rural development and co-operatives minister.

Dr Tanvir Ahmed, a professor of civil engineering at Buet, called for a flexible regulatory environment to encourage innovation in mitigating these challenges.

SMA Rashid, executive director of NGO Forum for Public Health, and Anwar Zahid, director of Ground Water Hydrology and BWDB, also spoke.

Daily Bhorer Kagaj's Editor Shyamal Dutta moderated the event.

## Dog awarded for heroic

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Director General of Rab M Khurshid Hossain awarded 50 members of the force with special awards (Gallantry and Service) in recognition to their courageous job

and services. He also paid his respect to Rab members who died during operations. The Rab DG also exchanged greetings with the family members of the martyred Rab members.

## Quota not met after

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private and government management this year, Tk 1.61 lakh more than the previous year's amount.

HAAB and ATAB leaders said a pilgrim will have to spend around Tk 8 to 9 lakh on average to complete all hajj formalities, for which many are finding it difficult to manage the money.

Both ATAB and HAAB leaders said this year's airfare is very high, for which the cost of hajj

packages have increased significantly.

"The airfare of Biman was Tk 1.40 lakh last year. But this year, it is around Tk 1.98 lakh," said HAAB President M Shahadat Hossain Taslim.

Sources at HAAB and ATAB said in India, the airfare is around Tk 1.25 lakh, and in Pakistan it is less than Tk 1 lakh.

This year, hajj will be held on June 27 depending on the moon's sighting.

## No eyes on the poster boards

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While visiting the three areas, this correspondent waited for over an hour and only saw dozens of pedestrians out of hundreds looking at the boards.

Meanwhile, residents have criticised the location choice for the boards, with many saying that they are not placed strategically enough to attract people's attention.

"Banglamotor area's poster boards are not placed at the right locations, or enough visibility has not been ensured to make a difference," said Altaf Hossain, a local.

"It's a waste of public funds if people don't even notice these boards," he added.

Shagor Hossain, a pedestrian, said, "If residents don't understand the initiative or what the rules are for posting on the boards, they're not likely to comply."

According to DNCC's 19th board meeting, the ward councillor will choose locations for the boards and the committee will work accordingly. However, councillors have also criticised DNCC's approach, with one saying that the boards have been set up disregarding their suggestions.

Muktar Sardar, councillor of ward-35 under DNCC, said, "The

poster board has been set up ignoring my suggestion. I was only informed after the work was done."

"I have not seen the board yet," he said.

Meanwhile, the corporation has formed a committee, led by ward-14 councillor Humayun Rashid, to form a policy for the boards. However, he seems to be unaware of when the policy will be ready.

Humayun said, "I don't know when the guidelines will be completed."

Asked about the location choice, he said, "We will visit the spot again and fix the issues."

Humayun did not give a satisfactory answer about ignoring the councillors' suggestions.

"There are doubts about whether these [boards] will work or not. That's why this work is not being done in all wards," he said.

Adil Mohammed Khan, professor of urban and regional planning at Jahangirnagar University, questioned the need for these boards. He said if the location is not appropriate, the whole plan will be futile.

"There are many walls in the city, so it would have been better to specify them [to put up posters]. There was no need to spend unnecessarily," he said.

He is concerned that if these boards are not standing firm, they can fall during storms and cause accidents.

## DNCC reclaims

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The drive was led by the chief estate officer of DNCC, along with Mohammad Mahbub Hasan, regional executive officer, and Mahmudul Hasan executive magistrates of zone-4.

At least 30 illegal shops, 20 houses, and two rickshaw garages, along with various illegal structures, were removed from the land during the drive.

Locals initially tried to resist the eviction, but police intervention brought the situation under control, said the chief estate officer.

"Despite giving them notices at different times, they did not comply. We have removed all illegal establishments on this land. Drive against illegal encroachment will continue," he added.

## Private univs can

essential in a constantly evolving world.

Prof Syed Mahfuzul Aziz, pro-Vice Chancellor and acting VC, Brac University, and Tamara Hasan Abed, chairperson, Board of Trustees of the university, also spoke at the event.



### Invitation to Bid (ITB)

#### (UNDP-BGD-00100)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and other UN agencies in Bangladesh are inviting potential **Cleaning, Housekeeping, and Messenger Service** providers to participate in an open tender for a three-year long-term agreement.

This specific tender will be managed via "Quantum", a new ERP portal of UNDP. Interested Service Providers must register in the system to access the bidding document (ITB).

Applicants can register a profile and apply using the registration link shared via the procurement notice: [https://procurement-notice.undp.org/view\\_negotiation.cfm?nego\\_id=3504](https://procurement-notice.undp.org/view_negotiation.cfm?nego_id=3504) and by following the instructions in the guides available on the UNDP website: <https://www.undp.org/procurement/business/resources-for-bidders>.


Do not create a new profile if you already have one. Use the forgotten password feature in case you do not remember the password or the username from the previous registration.

The Pre-bid meeting is to be held on:

- Date & Time: 27 March 2023, 11:30 a.m. (Local Time)
- Address: UNDP Bangladesh (19th Floor), IDB Bhaban, Begum Rokeya Sarani, Agargaon, Dhaka

For any queries please write through E-mail: [bd.procurement@undp.org](mailto:bd.procurement@undp.org)

The **deadline** for submission of the proposal is **Monday, April 10, 2023, at 4:30 PM ( BD TIME Zone)**.




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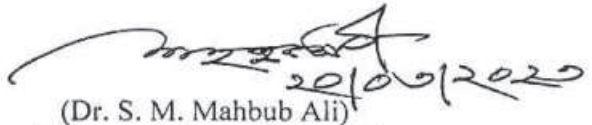
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### e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the national e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement as below:


SL No.	Tender ID	Procurement Method	Name of Works	Tender Publication Date & Time	Tender last selling Date & Time
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2	803216	OTM	Procurement of Laboratory equipment	19-Mar-2023 16:00	05-Apr-2023 16:00

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. Interested Persons/Firms can see details in the website: <http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>



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