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DNCC, JU team up to curb dengue

Plan to set up research centre on campus; DNCC allocates Tk 122cr for mosquito control

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka North City Corporation has announced its annual budget for the financial year 2023-24, with a primary focus on addressing the mosquito menace, allocating Tk 121.84 crore for this purpose, which constitutes 2.32 percent of the total budget.

In the previous fiscal year, DNCC allocated Tk 111 crore on mosquito control. However, according to the revised budget, the expenditure on this sector was reduced to Tk 74.84 crore.

This year's allocation is significantly higher, approximately 1.5 times more than the expenditure in the last year's revised budget.

The current budget allocates Tk 84.50 crore for mosquito control activities, including Tk 45 crore for the purchase of mosquito repellents and Tk 30 crore for outsourcing mosquito control measures.

Additionally, Tk 30 crore has been allocated for the procurement of necessary equipment to carry out mosquito control activities. Furthermore, Tk 7.34 crore has been set aside for dengue prevention, cleanliness activities, and campaigns.

Mayor Md Atiquil Islam announced the Tk 5,269.45 crore budget for the fiscal year 2023-24 during a press conference at the DNCC hall room yesterday afternoon.

The previous year's revised budget was Tk 2,950.98 crore. Experts emphasised the importance of consistent

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Midst a backdrop of clouds, boats gently glide over the clear waters of Buriganga. This pleasant but unique sight is because of the recent rise in the river's water level. However, challenges still persist as the Dhaka's lifeline is often under threat due to industrial pollution and encroachment. This photo was taken in Sadarghat area yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Are you the owners of the state?

HC slams two cops for arresting student on bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday rebuked two police officers of Patuakhali for arresting a college student, Ashraful Hawlader, in a case although he was on bail.

"You have arrested him [the college student] though he was on bail. You did not abide by this court's order. You disconnected the phone calls [made by his lawyer] over this issue saying that you were in a meeting. Even after the meeting you did not take any step," said the HC.

"Are you the owners of the state? You have responsibility to protect the dignity of the court," the HC bench of Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice Md Aminul Islam told Patuakhali Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Moniruzzaman and its

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9TH WAGE BOARD FOR JOURNOS SC to hear state's plea Aug 28

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday fixed August 28 for hearing a leave to appeal petition filed by the state challenging the High Court verdict declaring the cabinet committee's recommendations in the 9th Wage Board illegal.

In the 12 Chapter of the 9th Wage Board, the cabinet committee recommended that journalists and employees of newspapers and news agencies themselves will pay their income taxes, they will get only one gratuity in a year, and the decisions of the 9th wage board might be implemented in phases.

Yesterday, Justice M Enayetur Rahim, chamber judge of the Appellate Division of the SC, sent the state's petition to its full bench and fixed August 28 for hearing.

Following a petition filed by Md Mabubuzzaman, the then secretary of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha Employees Union, the HC on November 6 last year delivered the verdict.

The state filed the petition recently seeking a stay on the HC verdict.

They feud, people suffer

DSCC suspends birth, death certificates issuance for over a month

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka South City Corporation has suspended issuing birth and death registration certificates for more than a month over a feud regarding the revenue generated from these activities, leaving citizens in utter distress.

The corporation has to spend Tk 100 to issue a certificate, but the fees paid by the people for the service go to the government exchequer, said DSCC officials.

The corporation has to bear all the expenses, including salaries and allowances for employees and printing costs.

"We bear all the expenses. For example, the printing cost of a birth or death certificate is Tk 40. We have to provide salaries and allowances to the people who do the work, but we don't get the fees that people pay for the certificates. So, we have temporarily suspended the services," said Mizanur Rahman, chief executive officer of DSCC.

"We have held several discussions with the LGD division over the issue. We will resume the services once the issue is sorted.

MIZANUR RAHMAN

Chief executive officer of DSCC

"I want to get my son's passport done, and for that I need his birth certificate. But I was told by the corporation that the birth registration process is on hold for the time being on the orders of the mayor. No one knows when the services will resume," she said.

Mehedi Hasan, a resident of Armanitola, said, "I need a birth certificate for my daughter's

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