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Locals fishing shrimps and crabs from the Jhaphapia river in Pankhali union of Khulna's Dacope upazila during high tide. They make around Tk 300-400 by selling their daily catch to local markets. The photo was taken yesterday.



## Addressing climate challenges stressed

'Bangladesh Youth COP 2023' held in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To empower youth to address the climate crisis and advocate for justice on national and global platforms, ActionAid Bangladesh and Brighters Youth Society organised "Bangladesh Youth COP 2023".

This three-day event was held from September 6 to 8 in the capital, to gear up the potential of youths in tackling the climate crisis.

On first day of the programme highlighted the role of youth-led initiatives and the pivotal Green Manifesto. It also underscored the urgency of prioritising renewable energy, establishing a loss and damage fund, said a press release.

It said, around 100 young individuals attended the programme, who raised concerns about issues such as access to safe drinking water, coastal and wetland crises, challenges in drought and flood-prone areas, and many more.

During the opening ceremony, Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid Bangladesh, emphasised the critical connection between climate justice and sustainable development, urging that the voices and concerns of young advocates must reverberate at COP 28.

Md Al Amin, a youth climate activist,

said, "Salinity is increasing day by day, which is creating a crisis for agriculture and safe water. We see a cry for clean water in coastal areas like Barguna, and Satkhira. Women and children are facing many problems. So, it's the time to take appropriate steps to prevent the climate crisis."

On the second day, participants from disaster-prone regions delved into their vulnerabilities and proposed sustainable solutions to attain climate justice.

The three-day event also organised discussions on the critical issue of loss and damage, particularly in the coastal areas, as well as on adaptation and resilience policies, the perspectives of young people in transition, and the impact of damage on children from the grassroots.

At the conclusion, the Bangladesh Youth COP 2023 committed to advocating for the Green Manifesto crafted during the event. The ultimate goal is to influence political party manifestos in upcoming elections, paving the way for a sustainable, green, and climate-friendly future.

Mattia Ventura from the Italian Embassy, Gwyn Lewis from UN Resident Coordinator's Office, Saleemul Haq, director of ICCCAD, and Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid Bangladesh, attended the closing ceremony.

## Barely runs amid

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The centre also offers training in dairy farm management which is not accredited, but kept within the guidelines of the BTEB under the centre's own management and has 22 trainees.

Of the 15 posts at the centre, 11 have been vacant for a long time. The vacant posts are of assistant general manager, computer operator (braille), assistant engineer, computer operator, four instructors in different subjects, accountant cum office superintendent, storekeeper and nurse. The four staffers employed presently are general manager, hostel supervisor, a trainer and a caretaker. However, the GM is on deputation at the Moulvibazar District Social Services office as deputy director while the hostel supervisor at Sylhet Shishu

Parishad.

Meanwhile, the machinery workshop, automobile, electrical and electronics equipment centre have remained unused since its inception due to a lack of trainers. Also, only two out of six computers and two out of five sewing machines at the centre are operational, making it difficult to provide training properly.

Shamimur Rahman, the only trainer at the centre, said academic and administrative activities at the centre are gravely disrupted due to manpower shortage.

Contacted, Habibur Rahman, general manager of the centre who is on deputation, confirmed the issues to The Daily Star.

"I have discussed about the issue in the departmental (Sylhet) coordination meeting several times, but to no avail so far," he said.

## BRIDGE OVER BOALJHURI CANAL

# Lives of 3 lakh locals to see a major shift

UNB, Chandpur

Dreams of some three lakh people in Kachua and Matlab Dakkhin upazilas of Chandpur district are finally coming true following the opening of a 42-meter long bridge over Boaljhuri canal.

Socio-economic life in the locality will see a major change through the inauguration of the bridge.

The two upazilas — Matlab Dakkhin and Kachua — are separated by the Boaljhuri canal and people of the two upazilas had to cross the canal through boats.

To mitigate the suffering of the people of two upazilas, local lawmakers took an initiative to build a bridge in an effort to ease communication.

Once the bridge is opened, the social and economic lifestyle of Prashannacup, Banglabazar villages in Kachua bordering area and Kalikapur, Chartbhanga, Kashimpur villages under Matlab Dakkhin upazila will be changed.

People can easily go to the

district headquarters in a short period of time and at low cost.

A Alim, upazila engineer of Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED), said they have completed the construction work of 42-meter concrete bridge

over the Boaljhuri canal, at a cost of Tk 2.55 crore, financed by the government, and it will be opened on September 12.

Former minister and MP of Kachua constituency Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir will inaugurate the bridge, he said.

The construction work of the bridge started in the 2020-21 fiscal year but it was delayed due to the

pandemic. Approach roads have been built on both sides of the bridge, said A Alim.

During a recent visit to the bridge area, the UNB correspondent saw that the painting of the bridge is underway.

A number of stalls offering fuchka, coffee and tea were set up near the bridge while the construction of many shops is underway on both sides of the river.

People were seen roaming around the bridge before the opening ceremony.

Locals Abul Hossain, Shafique Patwari, said they had suffered a lot due to the absence of a bridge over the canal. The commute to the district headquarters used to be long. The bridge will help boost trade and income in the two upazilas, they believe.

Teachers of Matlab Dakkhin Kalikapur High School said they had to cross the canal by boat to go to the school but now students and teachers can easily go to the school in a short time using the bridge.

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commonly found in 90 of the patients with suicidal tendencies. The study found that female drug addicts are more psychologically affected than male drug addicts, making them more vulnerable to suicide.

According to World Health Organization, Bangladesh ranks 10th worldwide in terms of suicide rates. The leading cause of suicide is drug addiction and dysfunctional family, said Dr Md Rahanul Islam, psychiatrist at the Central Drug Addiction Treatment Centre.

"However, opinion

sharing among family members, mutual respect for loved ones and a positive attitude are key to reducing drug addiction among the youths," he added.

Rakhi Ganguly, senior psychologist (health sector), Dhaka Ahsania Mission, said, "Suicide is never a personal decision, it involves many pre-existing factors. Social media should play a prominent role in suicide prevention through extensive campaigns on this issue."

Iqbal Masud, director (health and WASH) of the organisation, urged urgent steps to address the issue.

AL Joint General Secretary Mahbul Alam Hanif said, "Failing in the street movement, BNP relied on foreign forces. But they have failed there too."

"The cloud of conspiracy is disappearing.... All the conspiracies of the BNP have failed," he added.

Among others, AL Presidium Members Quamrul Islam, Matia Chowdhury, Dr. Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin spoke at the programme.

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## Farmers unhappy

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Aslam Mia, a jute trader from Kurigram Sadar said, "I bought jute at Tk 1800 to 1900 per maund and had to sell it today at the same price. There is no profit if the transport cost, labour cost and market toll is calculated. The price of jute was Tk 2200 to Tk 2300 per maund in the last week. The price is decreasing day by day."

When asked, another small jute trader Jahedul

Islam repeated almost the same.

ATM Khairul Haque, inspector of Kurigram district chief jute inspector's office, said, "The price of jute was good two weeks ago. Now the price is decreasing because most of the traders did not get their due money from the factories after supplying jute the previous times. So, the traders are not interested in buying jute now."

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Shinhan Apparel Co. Ltd Liaison office House # 22, Road #12, Block F, (2nd Floor) Niketon, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212 had been closed on 31st July 2023 in Bangladesh. However, if anyone has any type of claims, please contact to the authorized representative Md. Yasin Miah FCA House # 22, Road #12, Block F, (2nd Floor) Niketon, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212. Cell: 01711957242

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
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(ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)  
COMPANY MATTER No. 338 of 2023

IN THE MATTER OF:-  
Anisur Rahman Khan. .... PETITIONER

.....-VERSUS-.....  
Thianis Apparels Limited and others. .... RESPONDENTS

This is to notify public at large that an application under Section 85(3) of Companies Act 1994 has been filed before the Hon'ble Company Court of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh for passing a special resolution in an extraordinary general meeting and the application was accepted by the presiding Justice His Lordship Mr. Justice Syed Rezaat Ahmed and was fixed for hearing on 09.11.2023. Anyone concerned with the aforesaid companies having any objection or alternative plea, may participate in the hearing of the application.

Copy of the application can be obtained by paying necessary fees from the office of the undersigned.

Yours faithfully-  
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