

SOLAR POWER

Only 6pc khas
land is enough

Says study on
Rangpur division

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

Entire Rangpur division's electricity demand in 2050 can be met by harnessing solar power from six percent of khas land, said a study yesterday.

Available khas land in eight districts of Rangpur division has potential of producing around 11,944MW of electricity from various types of solar-based power plants, while the peak-hour electricity demand in the region will be only 4,854MW in 2050.

The joint study titled "Myths and Reality About Land Availability for

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Death anniv of
Enayetullah Khan

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Today is the 18th death anniversary of Enayetullah Khan, founding editor of the daily New Age and editor-in chief of the weekly Holiday.

Enayetullah Khan passed away in Canada on November 10, 2005, aged 66. He had been suffering from cancer of the pancreas.

He began his journalism career as a cub reporter for the then Pakistan Observer in 1959. Enayetullah founded the daily New Age as its editor and publisher in June 2003.

He was also the editor of the Bangladesh Times between 1975 and 1977.

He was awarded the Ekushey Padak for excellence in journalism. He was president of Jatiya Press Club during 1973-76.

Born on May 25, 1939 in Mymensingh, Enayetullah was the third son of the late Justice Abdul Jabbar Khan, a former speaker of the Pakistan National Assembly.



PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

WHOSE FOOTPATH IS IT ANYWAY? Motorbikes take up a majority of this footpath, leaving little space for pedestrians to walk. The scene is a familiar one in the capital, particularly in the busy areas. The photo was taken in the Karwan Bazar area recently.

BAUFAL UPAZILA HEALTH COMPLEX

Operation theatre locked for 2 years

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

The only operation theatre of the 50-bed Baufal Upazila Health Complex has not been operational for the past two years, causing immense suffering to people.

During a recent visit, this correspondent found the OT locked with medical equipment stored inside.

According to sources, the OT was made operational on June 23, 2021, after the health complex was upgraded. However, it became dysfunctional after its last operation on July 27 that year, a couple of months before the hospital's gynaecologist and surgeon Dr Nupur Akhtar was transferred, along with anaesthetist Dr Jamshed.

Since then, the OT has been lying idle.

In such circumstances, patients who have to undergo surgery have to travel at least 30km to Patuakhali Medical College Hospital, if not to Barishal Sher-E-Bangla Medical College Hospital, which is about



50km away.

"I took my pregnant wife to the hospital when she went into labour about eight months ago. However, due to complications, the doctors recommended undergoing a caesarian section. So, we had to take her to a private clinic, which cost us a lot more and added to our hassles," said Sohrab Hossain of the upazila's Purbo Kalaiya village.

Upazila Health Officer Prashanto Kumar Saha blamed the lack of doctors for this situation.



"No one wants to be posted here as the area is remote and offers very limited scope for private practice... I have repeatedly requested the authorities but to no avail," he said.

A letter has already been sent to the ministry to speed up the recruitment process, said Patuakhali civil surgeon Dr SM Kabir Hasan.

"We cannot resume services until a gynaecologist joins the health complex. We hope someone will join soon," he added.

RAJSHAHI GOVT COLLEGE

BCL men beat
up two journos

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Two journalists were assaulted allegedly by Chhatra League activists at Rajshahi Government College when they were filming an incident of vandalism on campus yesterday.

Abu Sayeed, vice president of the college's reporters' unity; and Abdul Alim, a member, were admitted to RMCH, said Boalia Police Station OC Suhrawardi Hossain.

Principal Prof Abdul Khaleque said the mathematics department did not allow certain students to sit for an exam without having at least 50 percent attendance.

However, Masud Rana, a member of the college unit BCL, asked the principal to allow him to attend the exam, which he refused.

Later, Rana, a follower of the unit BCL general secretary Ashraful Islam Jafar, and others vandalised flower tubs at the department. The journalists were taking videos of the incident.

Jafar denied his supporters' involvement in the incident. Masud Rana could not be contacted.

The college formed a probe body in this regard.

Two Bangladeshis
scale Mt Pharchamo

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two Bangladeshi mountaineers, MA Mohit and Kazi Biplob, successfully scaled Mount Pharchamo, a challenging peak in the Himalayas, on November 3.

The 20,300 feet peak is located in the Rolwaling Himalayas of Nepal, southwest of Mount Everest.

The Bangladeshi team, led by mountaineer MA Mohit, reached the summit around 9:00am and planted the Bangladeshi flag at the peak.

"We began trekking on October 26 and reached Base Camp at an altitude of 4,800 metres on November 1. The next day, we went to Tashi Phuk High Camp at an altitude of 5,700 metres," Mohit said.

"On November 3, we set off for the summit at 3:30am and reached the crampon point half an hour later, Mohit said.

"We stayed at the summit for 15 minutes. It took us until 10:45am to reach the high camp," he added.



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