

Prof Joglul elected IVI trustee

CITY DESK

International Vaccine Institute (IVI) has nominated Bangladeshi scientist Prof Ehsanul Kabir Jaglul as member of its board of trustee.

“Prof Jaglul has been elected by the IVI Global Council among the non-funding state parties to serve on the board to represent your government and the global council,” according to a letter signed by IVI director general Jerome H Kim.

Koea-based IVI is a global platform to discover and develop affordable vaccines for global health.

Prof Joglul has been leading the state-owned Essential Drugs Company since 2014.



‘Readers will discover a new Abul Hasnat’

Speakers tell discussion on his new book

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abul Hasnat was a silent, behind-the-scenes figure in building a nation of rich cultural and literary legacy, said speakers at an event yesterday.

He fought against cultural erosion since his student life, they added, recalling the Kali O Kalom editor’s work and life.

Readers will discover a new Abul Hasnat, through his book “Vidyasagar, Jibananda Das, Neruda, and others”, they said at a discussion after launching the book at Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka.

Attending the programme, Prothom Alo Editor Matuor Rahman shared his six decade-long association and experiences with Abul Hasnat.

“The writing is excellent in terms of words and sentences. I have discovered a new Hasnat,” Matuor



Rahman said about the book.

Director General of Bengal Foundation Luva Nahid Choudhury said, “Abul Hasnat was a man of discerning taste... In this book, Abul Hasnat wrote about those he admired and respected.”

Prof Morshed Shafiqul Hasan said, “I would not be a writer if he were not there, giving me so much space for writing.”

“Abul Hasnat, although being a man of few words, was a

multifaceted person who would step up when needed, as we saw during the Liberation War,” said Prof Syed Manzoorul Islam.

Nasimun Ara Haque, wife of Abul Hasnat, said, “He was a man of strong principles. He never compromised, especially on the question of quality as a literary editor.”

Presiding over the programme, Prof Nazrul Islam said all of Hasnat’s writings are lively and any reader would understand it easily.

Is land scarcity really throttling

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project under Japan International Cooperation Agency.

Currently, the peak hour demand in Rangpur division is 942.01MW. Extrapolating for 2050, based on a 7.6 percent yearly increase in demand (according to IEPMP), the figure will stand at 4,532.51MW.

Sarmin said, “In our study, the potential for electricity production through solar power exceeds both the current and estimated demand for

Rangpur division in 2050.” The reason behind solar power lagging in growth in Bangladesh can be explained by the challenges mentioned in this study. For starters, 38 types of licences and certificates are required to set up a solar power plant in Bangladesh. Even if land scarcity is not an issue, acquisition provides a further challenge as khas lands are often mired in complicated disputes.

Import duties on rooftop solar panels and off-grid small-scale solar plants is yet another obstacle, and

the intermittent nature of electricity production at solar power plants means that a smarter, more advanced grid management technology is necessary moving forward.

“We have carried out similar studies in Khulna, Rajshahi, and Chattogram and identified a large potential that exceeds the existing electricity demand of those divisions. We hope subsequent studies will yield similar positive findings,” said Hasan Mehedi, chief executive of CLEAN.

RE-TENDER NOTICE

NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY

Center of Excellence in Higher Education

Tender No. NSU/23-24/T-10

Rental basis indoor-outdoor plants

North South University is inviting sealed offers from bona fide/ reputed organizations/ business partners/ agents for the rental basis indoor-outdoor plants for the beautification of the NSU Campus.

Interested bidders may collect a schedule of tender from Southeast Bank Ltd. Bashundhara Branch, Dhaka-1229, within banking hours on all working days till Tuesday, November 28, 2023, by paying the non-refundable amount of Taka 1,000.00 (One Thousand) in cash for each schedule. The bidder has to bid for all works mentioned in the Tender schedule.

The bidders must submit earnest money @ 2.5% of the quoted price per year in the form of a Pay Order issued from any scheduled bank drawn in favor of North South University along with their offer. The sealed offer must be submitted on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, by 2.15 p.m. at the office of the undersigned. The offers will be opened at 2:30 p.m. on the same day. Representatives of the participating bidders may remain present at the time of opening the bids. NSU authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without showing any reason.

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10-year-old treks

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passion, the duo, with Ahona leading the way, set out on an unforgettable journey to conquer the ABC in late October.

After arriving in Kathmandu on October 30, the team took an overnight bus to reach Pokhara on October 31 morning. From Pokhara, they embarked on a three and a half-hour motor ride to Jhina, the trek’s starting point.

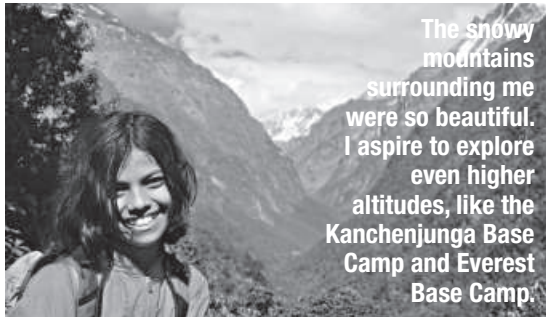
The ascent to ABC started on October 31, culminating at an altitude

reached the basecamp well ahead of us.”

Though she didn’t experience mountain sickness while ascending, she had a brief nosebleed during the descent. However, it was resolved after a half-hour rest.

Mohiuddin of Rope4 said, “We are proud of Ahona. Her parents deserve praise for letting her pursue her interests at such a young age.”

Ahona’s father said her teachers, especially the chairperson of the school,



of 4,130m on November 3, granted by a three-day descent, returning to Jhina on November 6.

Ahona, dressed in a 6-layer jacket to brave the chilling cold, carried a 4kg bag on her back but yet appeared unfazed, mentioned Niket.

She was never exhausted and was eager to see more even after hiking for hours, said the father, adding, “She was even walking faster than everyone and

gave all out support and a brief but warm reception to Ahona as she arrived at her campus yesterday morning.

Safia Ghazi Rahman, founder and chairperson of Sunshine Grammar School, adorned her with a garland of roses. She said Ahona can be a role model for other students for showing such bravery at such a tender age.

Online nomination

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“This in many cases violates the electoral code of conduct. Sometimes there can be conflict. Online submissions will simplify the nomination process,” he said.

The app, named “Smart Election Management BD”, being launched just ahead of the 12th parliamentary polls, will help voters know the location of their polling centres by inputting their NID number. They will also

get the names of candidates and an update on the votes cast every two hours on election day.

With the launch of the app, the EC has also joined the journey of Smart Bangladesh, said Election Commissioner Ahsan Habib Khan.

EC Rashida Sultana said online filing of nominations will make the electoral process much more transparent and accountable.

Erratum

In the story published on November 12 titled “Need master plan for JU construction project: speakers”, we mistakenly mentioned that JU-IBA felled nearly hundred trees to construct three academic buildings. It should be one academic building. We regret the error.

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e-Tender Notice-03/2023-2024

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works details are given below.

SL. No.	Tender ID	Package No.	Name of works	Last date & time of selling tender documents	Tender closing date and time
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	900914	Netr-Div/RandP/2023-2024/01	Repair & maintenance works of Kaliara-Gabragati UH&FWC at Netrokona Sadar Upazila under Netrokona district.	22-Nov-2023 17:00	23-Nov-2023 11:00
2	900947	Netr-Div/RandP/2023-2024/02	Repair & maintenance works of Mendipur UH&FWC (Clinic Building) at Khalajuri Upazila under Netrokona District.	22-Nov-2023 17:00	23-Nov-2023 11:00
3	900948	Netr-Div/RandP/2023-2024/03	Repair & maintenance works of Borotoli-Banihari UH&FWC at Mohongonj Upazila under Netrokona District.	22-Nov-2023 17:00	23-Nov-2023 11:00
4	900949	Netr-Div/RandP/2023-2024/04	Repair & maintenance works of Dhulamulgao UH&FWC at Purbadhala Upazila under Netrokona District.	22-Nov-2023 17:00	23-Nov-2023 11:00
5	900950	Netr-Div/RandP/2023-2024/05	Repair & maintenance works of Chakua UH&FWC at Khalajuri Upazila under Netrokona district.	22-Nov-2023 17:00	23-Nov-2023 11:00
6	900951	Netr-Div/RandP/2023-2024/06	Repair & maintenance works of Moughati UH&FWC at Netrokona Sadar Upazila under Netrokona district.	22-Nov-2023 17:00	23-Nov-2023 11:00
7	900952	Netr-Div/RandP/2023-2024/07	Repair & maintenance works of Krishnapor UH&FWC at Khalajuri Upazila under Netrokona district.	22-Nov-2023 17:00	23-Nov-2023 11:00
8	900953	Netr-Div/RandP/2023-2024/08	Repair & maintenance works of Lakkhigonj UH&FWC (Clinic Building) at Netrokona Sadar Upazila under Netrokona district.	22-Nov-2023 17:00	23-Nov-2023 11:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks/branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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PRAYER TIMING

NOVEMBER 13

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 5:00 12:45 3:45 5:22 7:00
JAMAAT 5:35 1:15 4:00 5:25 7:30

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This is to inform all concerned that notice of the 25th AGM for the calendar year 2023 of the company has already been sent to all shareholders at their respective addresses through the registered AD of Bangladesh Post. The AGM will be held on Saturday, December 02, 2023, at 11:00 AM [Dhaka local time] through the digital platform.

Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83410147715?pwd=2t5avU-MOWENZalbuVcxApHoQyHfXn.1>
Meeting ID: 834 1014 7715
Passcode: 393669

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ব্রহ্মপুত্র সেতুর ইজারা কোটেশন আহবান বিজ্ঞপ্তি (৩য় আহবান)

১।	ইজারা কোটেশন নং	০১/ইই/এসআরডি/২০২৩-২০২৪ই
২।	ইজারার বিবরণ	২০২৪-২০২৫, ২০২৫-২০২৬ ও ২০২৬-২০২৭ই অর্থ বছরের জন্য শেরপুর সড়ক বিভাগধীন জামালপুর-শেরপুর-বনগাঁও সড়কের ২য় কিঃমিঃ-এ ব্রহ্মপুত্র সেতুর উপর দিয়ে যানবাহন পারাপারের নিমিত্তে (০১-০৭-২০২৪ই হতে ৩০-০৬-২০২৭ পর্যন্ত) ১০৯৬ (এক হাজার ছিয়ানব্বই দিন) অথবা চুক্তির তারিখ হতে ৩০-০৬-২০২৭ই পর্যন্ত টোল আদায়ের ইজারা কোটেশন।
৩।	ইজারা চুক্তির মেয়াদ	(০১-০৭-২০২৪ই হতে ৩০-০৬-২০২৭ পর্যন্ত) ১০৯৬ (এক হাজার ছিয়ানব্বই দিন) অথবা চুক্তির তারিখ হতে ৩০-০৬-২০২৭ই পর্যন্ত।
৪।	ইজারা কোটেশনের সিডিউলের মূল্য	টাকা= ৫,০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার মাত্র) (অফেরতযোগ্য)।
৫।	বায়নার টাকার পরিমাণ	উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে।
৬।	ইজারা কোটেশন বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	০৩-১২-২০২৩ই তারিখ বিকাল ৫.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
৭।	মুখ বন্ধ অবস্থায় ইজারা কোটেশন গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	০৪-১২-২০২৩ই তারিখ দুপুর ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
৮।	ইজারা টোল আদায় অংশগ্রহণের যোগ্যতা	ভ্যাট ও আয়কর সনদধারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/নাগরিক, সরকারী/বেসরকারী/স্বায়ত্বশাসিত সকল প্রতিষ্ঠানের ঠিকাদার।
৯।	যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা কোটেশনের সিডিউল ক্রয়ের জন্য পাওয়া যাবে	জেলা প্রশাসক, শেরপুর/ নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, (সওজ), সড়ক বিভাগ, শেরপুর/জামালপুর/টাঙ্গাইল/পরিষ্কলনা বিভাগ-১, সড়ক ভবন, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা এবং শেরপুর সড়ক বিভাগের অধীন উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক উপ-বিভাগ-১/২, শেরপুর।
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১১।	ইজারা কোটেশন খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	স্থানঃ নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, সড়ক ও জনপথ অধিদপ্তর, সড়ক বিভাগ, শেরপুর। তারিখঃ ০৪-১২-২০২৩ই। সময়ঃ বিকাল ৪.০০ ঘটিকা।
১২।	ইজারা কোটেশন আহবানকারী যে কোন সময় কোটেশন বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।	

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