# A doer knows no barrier

## Despite physical challenges, 17-yr-old excels in studies, contributes to family through freelancing

**MIRZA SHAKIL,** *Tangail*

Ashraful Alam Sami is a doer, prevailing against all odds.

The 17-year-old, despite his physical disabilities, has persevered in his studies and is also working as a freelancer to contribute to his family with hard work and sheer willpower.

According to doctors, Sami sustained damage to his brain nerves caused by excessive pressure on the head while being delivered during his birth. Due to this, he was born with narrow hands, feet, and jaw, and had poor physical development growing up. He even has difficulty walking. Even then, nothing could deter him from making his mark.

Born to Meer Sazzad Hossain Tanveer, a rental car driver, and Kakoli Parveen, a teacher at a local government primary school in Kazibari village under Gopalpur upazila in Tangail, Sami has been a good student at school from the very beginning.

With his sincere effort and interest, Sami earned GPA 5 in primary (PSC), junior (JSC), and secondary school certificate (SSC) examinations. He also received a total of seven scholarships, including in the talent pool, at the primary and secondary school levels.

He is now a second-year student at Gopalpur Govt College and is expecting to do well in his higher secondary examinations (HSC).

Md Moniruzzaman, principal of the college, said Sami is a very talented student despite his physical disabilities.

Atiqur Rahman, headteacher of Suti VM Pilot Model High School in Gopalpur, from where Sami completed his SSC, said students, teachers, and school authorities have been impressed by Sami's talent.

Sajib Miah, a fellow student, said, "Sami is a very good student. His handwriting is beautiful. We get a lot of support from him with our studies."

His mother Kakoli said, "Early on, Sami could not eat solid food due to his physical condition. He had to be given liquid food till nine years of age. Later, he gradually learned to eat solid food over time. He also has slow and unclear speech."

"Initially, I used to take him to school on my lap. Later, when he was in fourth grade, we bought him a small bicycle, which he used to ride to school. His teachers, school staffers, and fellow students also helped him in different ways," she said.

"Sami is good in English. Three years ago, we bought him a smartphone, with which he gradually learned to work as an online freelancer. At present, he is doing well in freelancing besides his studies and has earned foreign currencies worth around Tk 80,000 in the last three months," Kakoli added.

"We took our son to many prominent doctors in the country for treatment, but his disabilities were beyond recovery," said his father Sazzad Hossain.

Sami was last consulted by a five-member board of Japanese doctors at Haluaghat Missionary Hospital in Mymensingh. They said although Sami can make some improvements through physical exercise, there is no chance of full recovery from his condition.

"I had stroke twice and can no longer work. The family runs on the income of my wife. Sami has also started contributing to the family. I hope he successfully completes higher studies and gets a government job in future," he added.

Sami said he has been doing surveys on various international sites.

"I aspire to become a software engineer in the future," he added.

# Swechchhasebak Dal man held from BNP leader's home

**OUR CORRESPONDENT,** *Manikganj*

Police allegedly assaulted a Swechchhasebak Dal leader before arresting him from a BNP leader's house in Manikganj Sadar upazila.

The law enforcers also allegedly broke two gates and the locks of the balcony of the house of advocate Saiful Islam Rimon, joint secretary of the upazila unit of BNP, at Berirchar village in the upazila early yesterday.

Contacted, Saiful Islam said, "Around 2:45am, some 15-20 police members entered the house by breaking two gates and the lock of the balcony grille. They ransacked the almirah, beat up Ripon Mia, joint convener of Manikganj district unit of Swechchhasebak Dal, before arresting him."

Arrestee Ripon Mia, 35, of Sarupai village in the upazila, works for a private company in Mymensingh and lives there with his wife and daughter. On Thursday, he was spending the night with his friend Shakil, caretaker of Saiful's house, after he went to Manikganj to visit him, said his family.

"Ripon Mia was sleeping inside the house. Entering the house, the cops started looking for me. At one stage, they assaulted Ripon before arresting him," said Saiful. The caretaker, and a madrasa teacher, who lives in the house, echoed him.

Manikganj Sadar OC Abdur Rauf Sarkar, however, refuted the allegations. "Ripon was arrested based on specific information. However, a search was conducted in all the rooms to see if there was anyone else," the OC said.

# 25 sued over Tangail train fire

**OUR CORRESPONDENT,** *Tangail*

Around 25 unidentified people have been sued on charges of setting fire to a train at Gharinda Railway Station in Tangail on Thursday.

Tariqul Islam, station master of Gharinda Railway Station, filed the case with Kamalapur Railway Police Station, said Officer-in-Charge Ferrous Ahmed.

The OC said they are trying to identify and arrest the perpetrators.

A fire broke out at a Tangail commuter train at 2:53am on Thursday and two of its compartments were gutted fully and another partially.

The Railways authorities formed a three-member committee to probe into the incident.

# Bhasani's 47th death anniv observed

**UNB,** *Dhaka*

The 47th death anniversary of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani, a legendary political leader of the nation, was observed yesterday with due respect and solemnity.

Bhasani, popularly known as "Majlum Jananeta" (the leader of the downtrodden), passed away on November 17, 1976.

Different socio-political organisations and Maulana Bhasani University of Science and Technology, Bhasani Onusari Parishad and Bhasani Foundation, marked the day with elaborate programmes.

# 'Stop arrest of RMG workers, revise minimum wage'

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Bangladesh Garment Sramik Sanghati, a RMG workers' platform, yesterday held a rally in front of Jatiya Press Club demanding a review of the declared wage of Tk 12,500 along with an end to the arrests of workers agitating for fair wages.

It also demanded release of Babul Hossain, general secretary of the organisation, claiming that he was arrested in a false case.

"Workers Anjuara, Russell, and Imran were shot dead. What was their crime? What is our crime? We are protesting for the sake of the workers," said Taslima Akhter, president of the organisation.

"The owners are looking for conspiracies and politics in the workers' movement. There is nothing political here. The workers have a constitutional right to basic necessities. They are protesting against unfair wages to press home their demands. The profit from the RMG sector must be shared with the workers," she also said.

"The owners have threatened to suppress the movement but we won't yield to this fear. Babul Hossain was arrested on November 14 and kept hidden for 20 hours. After that, he was sent to jail and placed on remand on charges of vandalism in an anonymous case. Not only Babul but many workers have also been arrested," she added.

Taslima demanded the authorities concerned to revise the minimum wage to Tk 25,000 and release all workers and labour leaders including Babul Hossain and withdrawal of all false cases against them. RMG workers have long been demanding their minimum wages be raised to Tk 25,000.

On November 7, Monnujan Sufian, state minister for labour, formally announced Tk 12,500 as minimum salary for the garment workers.

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# EC directs ROs to prepare list of polls

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Election Commissioner Anisur Rahman was in favour of appointing them through a committee consisting of local administration and police representatives, said EC sources.

The four other commissioners were in favour of giving the responsibility to returning officers in line with the Representation of the People Order-1972, the sources added.

This time, the EC will need to appoint over 42,100 presiding officers, one for each polling centre, 2.62 lakh assistant presiding officers, one for each polling booth, and 5.24 lakh polling officers, two for each polling booth.

In the same circular, the commission asked the returning officers to prepare the list of polling centres by December 12, as it will need to finalise those by the next day.

In September, the EC prepared a primary list showing that it would have to set up a record 42,100 polling centres for the upcoming election.

The EC made major changes to guidelines for selecting polling centres for this election, including a provision for involving the local administration and police in the selection process.

The polling centres in the last several national polls were selected by the commission officials.

In the last national election held in December 2018, there were 40,199 polling centres.

There were 37,708 polling centres in 2014 general election; 35,263 in 2008; 29,978 in 2001; 25,952 in 1996 June polls; 24,154 in 1991; 22,393 in 1988; 23,279 in 1986; 21,905 in 1979 polls; and 15,084 in 1973 polls.

The EC also sought applications from entitled voters who want to vote by postal ballot by November 30.

According to the electoral law, people tasked with polling duties, government employees who live elsewhere for job postings, prisoners, and expatriate voters are eligible to use postal ballots.

The commission also instructed the relevant authorities not to transfer the divisional commissioner, metropolitan police commissioner, deputy commissioner, superintendent of police, or officers subordinate to any of them, as well as polling officials, to any place without consulting the commission.

# Labour welfare centre serving

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can get the benefits of its facilities.

"This centre is supposed to provide us services, including free medical facilities, but has not been operational since it opened. It is upsetting," said Abul Kalam, a transport workers' leader.

"Female labourers often face difficulties during pregnancy but they cannot afford to get treatment in private healthcare centres. If the welfare centre was operational, it would have been a great help to the workers," said Moniruzzaman Monir, general secretary of the district's workers' federation.

"I contacted the authorities concerned several times, demanding the centre to be fully operational, to no avail," he added.

"Several letters have been sent to the ministry concerned requesting for doctors and nurses to be posted to this centre but we got no response yet. We are still trying from our end in this regard," said Mohammad Sadequzzaman, deputy director of Divisional Labour Department in Rangpur.

# Four killed, 10 injured

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the island, said Kanchan Kumar Singh, in charge of Hansara Highway Police Station.

The identities of the deceased could not be known immediately, said the OC.

The accident halted traffic movement on the route for some time, the OC said, adding that the bus was removed from the scene and vehicular movement was restored soon.

**Two people were killed and seven injured when a bus hit the traffic island on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Expressway in Sreengara upazila of Munshiganj yestrday morning.** PHOTO: COLLECTED

**বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় সংসদ সচিবালয়**
যুগ্ম-সচিব ও প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়
এসপিসিপিডি প্রকল্প, ঢাকা।

**উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

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| ১. | প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম | : | বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় সংসদ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা। |
| ২. | অর্থের উৎস | : | ইউএনডিপি |
| ৩. | দরপত্র আহ্বানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং ও তারিখ | : | নথি-বাজাসস/এসপিসিপিডি প্রকল্প/পরিচালক/০২/২০২৩/১২৬ তারিখ: ১৫/১১/২০২৩ খ্রিষ্টাব্দ |
| ৪. | দরপত্রের ধরন | : | উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র |
| ৫. | মালামালের সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ | : | ইউএনডিপি এর অর্থায়নে বাস্তবায়নাধীন এসপিসিপিডি প্রকল্পের দাপ্তরিক কার্যক্রম বাস্তবায়নের জন্য গাড়ি ক্রয়/ক্রয়করণ (ডাবল এন্ট্রিযুক্ত মাইক্রোবাস)। |
| ৬. | সরবরাহের সময় | : | ০১ জানুয়ারি ২০২৪ থেকে ৩১ ডিসেম্বর ২০২৪ মধ্যে পর্যায় বন্দরে থাকবে (দেরিলতা কর্তৃক শুল্কযোগ্য)। |
| ৭. | দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা | : | দরপত্রের সাথে ২০২৩-২০২৪ অর্থ বছরের ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ২০২২-২০২৩ কর বর্ষের আয়কর পরিশোধের সনদপত্র, সর্বশেষ ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন আইন অনুযায়ী ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদপত্র, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট (সিডিউল ক্রয়ের পরবর্তী তারিখ হতে), গাড়ীর মালিকানা সংক্রান্ত কাগজপত্র, ব্যাংক হতে ঋণ গ্রহণের মাধ্যমে গাড়ী ক্রয় করা হয়ে থাকলে সংশ্লিষ্ট ব্যাংক এর উপযুক্ত কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক সরবরাহ প্রতিষ্ঠানের নামে মালিকানা সংক্রান্ত যথাযথ ডকুমেন্টসমূহ দাখিল করতে হবে এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট ব্যাঙ্কের ক্ষেত্রে ক্ষেত্রমতে ২(দুই) বছরের অডিটকৃত সনদপত্র দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে (বর্ণিত শর্তাবলী ছাড়াও দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লিখিত অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী এক্ষেত্রে প্রযোজ্য হবে)। |
| ৮. | দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য | : | ১০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য) |
| ৯. | Tender Security Tender Validity Period | : | ২০,০০০/- (বিশ হাজার) টাকা মাত্র (ফেরতযোগ্য) ১২০ (একশত বিশ) দিন। |
| ১০. | দরপত্র তফসিল বিক্রয়ের স্থান ও ঠিকানা | : | সহকারী সচিব (অর্থ শাখা-১) (দক্ষিণ পশ্চিম ব্লক, কক্ষ নং ৫২৩, লেভেল-৫), বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় সংসদ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা। |
| ১১. | দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও সময় | : | দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি পত্রিকায় প্রকাশের তারিখ হতে ০৪/১২/২০২৩ খ্রি: তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে। দরপত্র দাখিলের দিন কোন সিডিউল বিক্রয় হবে না। |
| ১২. | দরপত্র গ্রহণ, খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান | : | গ্রহণ: ০৪/১২/২০২৩ তারিখ সকাল ০৯ টা হতে দুপুর ১২ টা পর্যন্ত<br>খোলা: ০৪/১২/২০২৩ তারিখ বেলা ১২-১০ মিঃ<br>স্থান: সহকারী সচিব (অর্থ-২) এর অফিস কক্ষ, সংসদ ব্লক, কক্ষ নং-৭১১, লেভেল-৭, বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় সংসদ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা। |
| ১৩. | বিশেষ নির্দেশনা | : | কর্তৃপক্ষ কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন/সকল দরপত্র বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। |
| ১৪. | দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম, পদবী, ঠিকানা ও ফোন নম্বর | : | এম. এ. কামাল সিদ্দাকী, অতিরিক্ত-সচিব ও প্রকল্প পরিচালক, এসপিসিপিডি প্রকল্প এর কার্যালয়, বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় সংসদ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা। ফোন: ৮১৭১৪৫৫ |

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| ১১ | দরপত্র সিডিউল সংগ্রহের নাম ও ঠিকানা | পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, কুষ্টিয়া মেডিকেল কলেজ হাসপাতাল, কুষ্টিয়া এবং জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, কুষ্টিয়া। |
| ১২ | সিডিউল দাখিলের স্থান | পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, কুষ্টিয়া মেডিকেল কলেজ হাসপাতাল, কুষ্টিয়া এবং জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, কুষ্টিয়া। |
| ১৩ | দরপত্র তফসিল ক্রয়ের তারিখ ও সময় | পিপিআর-৬১/৪ অনুযায়ী পত্রিকায় প্রকাশের পর ০৯/১১/২০২৩ ইং তারিখ হতে ২৯/১১/২০২৩ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত সাপ্তাহিক ও সরকারী ছুটির দিন ব্যতীত অন্যান্য কর্মদিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে। |

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