



BR to run cattle trains June 12-14

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Bangladesh Railway will operate special trains from June 12 to 14 to carry sacrificial animals to Dhaka from different regions ahead of Eid-ul Azha.

Two "cattle special" trains will be operated between June 12 and 14 to carry sacrificial animals to the capital from the western zone, BR Director General Sardar Shahadat Ali said at a press conference at Rail Bhaban yesterday.

Two more trains will run on June 12 and 13 to shift sacrificial animals to Dhaka from the eastern zone, he said.

The railway has been running special trains for the last few years so that cattle traders can transport their animals to Dhaka at a relatively low cost, he added.

Even though BR has been rolling out this cattle train service for the last few years, the service is yet to get expected popularity among traders.

Citing traders, BR officials said traders prefer truck service to transport cattle as the vehicles can deliver the sacrificial animals to their desired markets.

However, while transporting cattle by trains, the locomotives stop at specific stations and traders have to carry the cattle to markets using trucks.

EID-UL-AZHA Advance train tickets from June 2

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Bangladesh Railway will begin selling advance train tickets from June 2 to ensure a hassle-free journey ahead of Eid-ul-Azha.

Tickets for June 12 will be sold on June 2, while tickets for June 13, 14, 15 and 16 will be sold on June 3, 4, 5 and 6 respectively.

All tickets will be sold online like previous occasions. Sale of tickets for trains of western zone will start at 8:00am, while eastern zone at 2:00pm.

BR will also operate 10 pairs of special trains, two more than the Eid-ul-Fitr.

The authority will start selling return tickets from June 10. On that day, BR will sell return ticket of June 20. Return tickets for June 21, 22, 23 and 24 will be sold on June 11, 12, 13 and 14 respectively.

BR Director General Sardar Shahadat Ali announced the schedule at a press conference at Rail Bhaban yesterday.

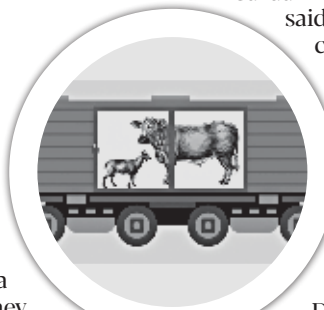
He said they have prepared the plan considering that Eid-ul-Azha will be celebrated on June 17.

A total of 366 pairs of trains -- including 104 intercity ones -- will provide service during the Eid rush, apart from the 10 pairs of special trains, he added.

Railways Minister Zillul Hakim

said they have been able to control ticket scalping but it is still there. "We are working on the issue," he added.

Replying to a question, he said they



TRAINS FROM DHAKA

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RETURN TO DHAKA

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SOURCE: BR

were able to maintain train schedule during the last Eid, except for the last day. "We are hopeful about better management this time," he noted.

HIGH-INCOME COUNTRY BY 2050 Bangladesh likely to miss target: ILO report

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Bangladesh is unlikely to achieve its aim of becoming a high-income country by 2050, according to a report released yesterday by the International Labour Organization.

In order to achieve this target, Bangladesh needs to increase its labour productivity by 1.5 percent every year, said the report titled "Asia Pacific Employment and Social Outlook 2024."

"Bangladesh also needs to attain an annual productivity growth rate of 6 percent to become a high-income country by 2050," it said.

Asia-Pacific labour markets have recovered well since the global pandemic but face deep-seated challenges that are being aggravated by the region's rapidly ageing

population, the report also said.

Labour productivity in emerging economies throughout Asia and the Pacific stands at less than a third of that in high-income countries in many sectors, said the report.

"Unemployment in the region is projected to remain roughly unchanged in 2024 and 2025, at 4.2 percent, which corresponds to 87.8 million out of work in 2024," it added.

The report points out that across the Asia-Pacific region, two in three workers were in informal employment in 2023, an improvement of only 2 percentage points over the course of 10 years.

"While Bangladesh currently has the potential to reap massive demographic dividends from a youthful labour force, investments are needed for modern skills and

access to quality employment. It is also important to recognise that the ageing population is also increasing rapidly, with estimates that the country will transform into an ageing society in 2048," said Tuomo Poutainen, ILO's country director for Bangladesh.

"Adequate investments in the development of care economy and social protection systems -- including pension schemes -- will become increasingly important," he added.

The report also states that South Asia is expected to see its demographic dividend decline a lot.

Bangladesh's old-age dependency ratio is expected to rise from 0.09 at present to 0.23 in 2050, said the report. This means that there will be 23 percent of senior citizens relative to the working population.

Advertisement for Bangladesh House Building Finance Corporation (BHFBC) e-Tender Notice. Includes details about repair and renovation works of mosque, common toilet and verandah at BHFBC Head Office Building.

Official document from the Ministry of Education, Bangladesh, regarding the 2023-24 financial year. It lists various items and their quantities for procurement, including stationery, furniture, and other office supplies.

Official document from the Bangladesh Police regarding recruitment. It details the number of posts, exam dates, and other relevant information for various police posts.