



Star report saves rural library

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

The Sarpukur Jubo Forum Pathagar, a library located in Tiparbaraz area of Sarpukur union in Lalmonirhat's Aditmari upazila, has recently been renovated.

Previously in a dilapidated condition, the library, which houses 15,000 books, was in danger of collapsing.

Following a report titled "Library with 15,000 books on verge of collapse" published in The Daily Star on May 20, Shaheen Hussain, director of Robin Printing & Packages Ltd in Dhaka, donated Tk 50,000 for the renovation.

Jamal Hossain, 24, founder president of the library, said, "We have been trying to build a permanent structure for our library. Over the past four years, we have constructed 13 pillars for a three-story library building on five decimals of land. However, due to a lack of funds, we have been unable to construct the roof."

The land for the library was donated by Abdul Sattar, a farmer from Tiparbaraz village.

Shaheen Hussain, donor from Dhaka, said, "I will do my best to support the construction of the library's permanent structure."

The library, initiated by Jamal and a group of schoolchildren in 2014, started with 10 books. It now serves as a vital resource for the local community.

UNIVERSAL PENSION SCHEME MPO-listed teachers, staff to be included

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has taken the initiative to include teachers and staff of Monthly Payment Order (MPO)-listed private educational institutions in the universal pension scheme.

To implement this initiative, the government formed a 14-member committee, its convener Additional Secretary of Secondary and Higher Secondary Division (Secondary-2) Rabiul Islam told this newspaper.

He said the committee was formed to prepare recommendations to permanently resolve the existing complexities of the welfare fund and retirement benefits for MPO-listed teachers and staff, and to bring them under the universal pension scheme.

"We already had a meeting regarding the implementation of the initiative today. Initially, we discussed identifying problems and looking for possible solutions in incorporating these teachers and staff into the pension scheme," he added.

The government will take steps accordingly based on those recommendations. If everything goes well, private school teachers will also receive pensions like those of government employees, he added.

Asked if the existing retirement and welfare trusts will be dissolved if the pension scheme is implemented, Rabiul replied, "We are not discussing it in our committee. The government will decide."

In April, the issue of including private teachers and staff under the universal pension scheme was raised at the second meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Education Ministry.

Education Minister Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury instructed that a report be prepared and presented to the parliamentary committee. On May 6, the ministry formed the committee.

The committee also includes representatives from the Ministry of Finance, the National Pension Scheme, and officials from various educational departments. They are instructed to submit a comprehensive report within a short period.

Asked about any possible date for submitting the report, Additional Secretary Rabiul Islam said, "We just held our first meeting today. We will try to submit the report and recommendations as soon as possible."

Currently, there are nearly 30,000 MPO-enlisted schools, colleges, madrasas, and technical educational institutions. These institutions employ over 5 lakhs teachers and staffs. Since 1990, they have been receiving benefits from the welfare trust and retirement benefits from 2005. Under these two schemes, teachers receive a lump sum payment based on their length of service.

The government rolled out the universal pension scheme in August 2023 with an aim to bring all citizens aged above 18 under the coverage.

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In the meantime, new land acquisition law came into force in 2017, which stipulates that landowners will get three times the actual price, which was twice the price in previous law.

Moreover, land prices have increased in the last few years, resulting in a hike in land acquisition costs, he said yesterday.

He said their project was supposed to end some 100 metres away from Chachra intersection on Dhaka-Bhanga-Narail-Jashore Benapole highway.

"RHD is going to turn the Bhanga-Benapole highway into a four-lane highway but it would take some more time. So, we will build an interchange at Chachra point for seamless vehicular movement at this intersection," he said.

If the interchange has to be built under Bhanga-Benapole highway expansion project, it will take some more time, which will increase the construction cost of the interchange, he said.

"So it was decided that the interchanger would be constructed under our project and it would cost around Tk 500 crore," he said.

Consultants are now designing the interchange, whose length would be around 3km, he said.

An interchange, also known as a grade-separated junction, is a set of roads usually designed on several levels. It allows vehicles to move from one highway to another without having to stop.

He said incorporating the interchange is the reason behind seeking six months more time for the project.

Besides, hike in dollar rates, increase in the height of some bridges following the vertical limit set by Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority, and construction of a flyover near Jashore cantonment are other reasons behind the cost hike, show project documents.

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lizards have been swept away by an 8 to 12-foot tidal surge.

SALINITY INTRUSION
Saline water intrusion into freshwater ponds in the Sundarbans has led to a crisis of fresh water, impacting both wildlife and human communities.

Dr Abu Naser Mohsin Hossain, divisional forest officer of Sundarbans West Forest Division, said 14 ponds in the division are now submerged in saltwater. "Desalination will be a major challenge," he added.

Mihir Kumar Doe, conservator of forest in Khulna circle, echoed him.

INFRASTRUCTURAL DAMAGE
The forest department estimates infrastructural damages at over Tk 6 crore. Sundarbans West suffered Tk 2.15 crore in losses, while Sundarbans East incurred Tk 3.50 crore in damages, according to Nurul Kabir, DFO of East Sundarbans.

The nipa palm forests spanning 11km were severely affected by the cyclone, with a tidal surge of up to 12 feet for nearly 36 hours. Eleven kilometers of Golpata forest in Burigolaini, Nalian, and Baniakhali areas of the west forest department sustained severe damage.

Naser reported damages to one pontoon gangway, 18 jetties, roads, barracks, solar plates, wireless towers, and generators. Nurul Kabir mentioned damages to forest offices, patrol posts, freshwater ponds, and jetties, with 20 forest stations and 50 ponds affected, making quantification difficult.

Estimates on the number of trees uprooted were not made as of filing this report, but forest officials say it was not as much as previous super cyclones.

WHEN WILL SUNDARBANS RECOVER
Naser said while infrastructural losses can be recovered, the damage to the forest's biodiversity is irreparable and difficult to quantify.

"The Sundarbans might need 30-40 years to restore its natural balance," he added.

Dr Wasiul Islam, a forestry professor at Khulna University, expressed confidence in the Sundarbans' ability to recover within its ecosystem if left undisturbed. He suggested employing scientific methods in post-disaster management. Islam also suggested that effective protection against poachers and providing a conducive environment could help replenish animal populations like deer in the Sundarbans.

Benazir must return Situation

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that. Now, you are blaming the government. You can't do that," he said.

He said it's important to look at whether the government provides impunity to anyone after the allegation of corruption proves true.

Quader said the government does not interfere in the operations of the Anti-Corruption Commission and fully

supports the investigation into the corruption allegations against Benazir.

Asked if it was a failure of the law enforcement or intelligence agencies for not finding out about Benazir's corruption, Quader said, "If there was any failure [on their part], they would also be brought to book. Every criminal will be tried. No leniency will be shown," he said.

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circular that 400 tonnes of rice and 1,250 sacks of dry food have been allocated for the flood-affected areas.

Sheikh Russell Hasan, deputy commissioner of Sylhet, said, "Around 5,000 people had been staying in 550 shelters across 13 upazilas in Sylhet district during the flood. At present, around 1,806 people are still staying at the shelters [figure reported till Sunday]."

75pc slum dwellers

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of Institute of Architects Bangladesh, said without the slum residents, it is impossible to achieve the clean energy goal of 2030 or 2040.

Prof Adil Mohammed Khan, president of Bangladesh Institute of Planners, advocated for shifting slum residents to formal housing and integrating them into urban plans.

Prof Khosru Mohammad Salim, director of Green

Energy Research Center, suggested bio-plants as a viable energy solution for slums.

Chairman of CAPS Prof Ahmad Kamruzzaman Majumder presided over the programme, where pro-Vice Chancellor of State University Prof Nawzia Yasmin, DNCC Chief Town Planner Maksud Hashem, and Joint Secretary of Bangladesh Portbesh Andolon Aminur Rasul also spoke.

Focus on economic

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CPD noted that the employment elasticity of GDP is declining, indicating that economic growth in Bangladesh isn't creating enough jobs. They observed a shift in employment from agriculture to industry and services sectors, with a reversal during the pandemic.

CPD recommended focusing on fiscal space, prioritising expenditure, ensuring good governance, and protecting vulnerable groups in public finance management for the next fiscal year.

The government must prioritise curbing illicit financial flows to prevent leakages. Efforts to reduce tax evasion should also be intensified, CPD said.

It also recommended continuation of directives to limit "unnecessary and luxury" public expenditure, including government

vehicle purchases and international travel.

Additionally, the focus should shift towards improving factors like labour and capital productivity, skills, technology incorporation in exports, and the overall business environment to enhance competitiveness, as export earnings growth has been slowed despite currency depreciation incentives, CPD added.

Muntaseer Kamal, a CPD research fellow, warned that rising loan repayment and interest payments are increasing pressure on the external sector. He emphasised that controlling imports alone won't effectively boost foreign exchange reserves without addressing hundi and capital flight.

Kamal stressed the need for strong political will to halt capital flight.

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1	990948 33.01.0000.344.07.001.24-366 Date: 02.06.2024	Procurement of Wheat Bran, Gram, Soyabean Meal and Vitamin Minerals Feed Premix (DB) under Government Goat Development Farm, Tilagor, Sylhet.	20-June-2024 12:00	20-June-2024 14:00
2	990949 33.01.0000.344.07.001.24-367 Date: 02.06.2024	Procurement of Khashari Bran, Maize, Di-Calcium Phosphate and Salt (Iodine Mix) under Government Goat Development Farm Tilagor, Sylhet.	20-June-2024 12:00	20-June-2024 14:10

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JUNE 3

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-05	12-45	5-00	6-45	8-15
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Tender ID No.	Brief Description	Tender Documents Publication Date & Time	Tender Documents Last Selling Date & Time	Tender Documents Closing/Opening Date & Time
993991	Construction of Multi storied residential flat for Government Officers in Azimpur Govt. Colony Zone-A, Dhaka. (Package no. W-8/A: Remaining works for Construction of 2 nos. 1500 sq. ft. 20 storied building i.e. facing bricks, shower enclosure, granite, kitchen cabinet, kitchen hood, aluminum louver, WPC door shutter, MS gas pipeline related internal electric works & other finishing works). FY: 2023-2024.	02-Jun-2024 17:00	12-Jun-2024 15:00	12-Jun-2024 17:00

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Sylhet Gas Fields Limited
(A Company of Petrobangla)

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