

Man arrested over rape in Moulvibazar

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A Moulvibazar court yesterday sent a man to jail after he was shown arrested and produced before the court in a case filed over rape of a child.

The arrestee, Sudhir Kar, 28, is a resident of Moulvibazar Sadar upazila. According to the case statement, Sudhir lured the child to an empty house by giving her chocolate when she was returning home from private tuition on Monday evening, and raped her.

Later, when the matter came to light, local people apprehended Sudhir and informed police. Police later went to the spot and detained him, and a case was filed in this connection on Monday night.

He was produced before court and shown arrested in the case yesterday morning. The court ordered to send him to jail, said Gazi Md Mahbubur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Moulvibazar Sadar Police Station.

E-waste a growing concern in Khulna

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Electronic waste, or e-waste, is rapidly becoming a menace for Khulna city dwellers due to Khulna City Corporation's lack of facilities to manage this type of waste.

These discarded electronic items, including worn-off TVs, fridges, computers, mobile phones, and cables, among others, often contain non-biodegradable and hazardous components that pose severe environmental and health concerns.

According to KCC data, around 1,200-1,400 tonnes of waste are produced in the city daily. Of this, 800-900 tonnes are collected and dumped at designated sites, while the remaining 400-500 tonnes often end up being abandoned in the open, clogging drains and polluting waterbodies.

Of the total waste produced in the city daily, around 5-8 tonnes are e-waste, including expired batteries from around 25,000 battery-run rickshaws and 42,000 easy-bikes that run in the city.

Experts opined that city authorities must adapt and



develop robust, effective systems to manage e-waste and safeguard the environment and public health, as these are bound to proliferate in quantity over time due to technological advancement.

Around 400 small and large shops in the city are engaged in trading scrap materials, including discarded electronic items.

Iqbal Jahid, who has been running such a shop in Sheikhpara area for past 25 years, said they sort and sell all types of

electronic scrap, ranging from mobile phones to electric motors. "No one in this market uses any protective gear for sorting these items," he added.

Shirajul Mia, a vendor who buys e-waste from door-to-door in the city and sells those to different scrap shops, said they recycle the collected waste as much as possible.

"Firstly, we separate and clean the valuable components for sale. The rest are sold as scraps and do not fetch much value," he said.

"I burn the cables to remove the copper and throw the rest. I've developed rashes in my hands while doing this work," he added.

Workers in scrap material businesses often face health issues such as rashes and other complications due to the harmful substances they have to encounter.

Professor Dr Abdullah Harun Chowdhury, head of the Department of Environmental Sciences at Khulna University, said e-waste contains various toxic compounds, including lead, cadmium, and mercury, which are harmful to people, animals, and the environment.

"The toxic compounds, like mercury, can pollute the environment and waterbodies in numerous ways, affecting soil and water quality, and consequently the flora and fauna that are dependent on these resources," he added.

Dr SM Farid Uz Zaman, former head of psychiatry department of Khulna Medical College Hospital, said the toxic elements found in e-waste can pose risks of devastating health hazards.

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Sundarbans tiger population rises to 125: survey

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The tiger population in the Sundarbans, the world's largest mangrove forest, has increased by 11 since the last survey in 2018, according to the latest "Sundarbans Tiger Survey 2024".

In the 2018 survey, the number of tigers was recorded at 114, whereas 125 tigers were found in the latest survey.

Syed Rizwana Hasan, adviser of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, shared this information during a press conference held at Secretariat yesterday.

Rizwana said, "The 2023-24 tiger survey conducted in the Sundarbans found the tiger population to be 125, with a density of 2.64 tigers per 100 square kilometres of the forest."

"To determine the tiger population, the first modern camera trapping survey was conducted in 2015, which estimated the tiger population at 106. At that time, the tiger density per 100 square kilometres was 2.17."

The 2023-24 survey also observed a significant number of tiger cubs, though they were not included in the official count due to the high mortality rate amongst cubs.

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Chattoogram set to celebrate Durga Puja CHATTOGRAM set to celebrate Sharadiya Durga Puja, the largest festival of Bangalee Hindus, with preparations complete across the city and upazilas. Shopping malls remain crowded as families purchase new clothes, a tradition for the occasion.



Artisans are giving final touches to the idols. They usually work in their workshops that are traditionally known as Pratimaloys. Paresh Paul is the chief artisan of Shib Durga Mrit Shilpaloy, a Pratimaloy located in Chatteshwari Road area. Visiting his workshop yesterday, it was seen that idols of Durga and other deities were being made.

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