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Govt to sell 10 products at affordable prices

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Commerce Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed yesterday said the government has taken an initiative to sell 10 agricultural products to consumers at affordable prices to give them relief.

He said this while inaugurating the Agricultural OMS programme at around 11:30am in front of the Food Building in the capital.

"We are making this effort so that consumers can purchase everything within their financial means. We seek everyone's cooperation," he said.

Initially, these products will be provided through truck sales at 20 locations in the capital.

The locations include - Food Building, Manik Mia Avenue, Mirpur-10, Bashabo, Bosila, Rayer Bazar, Rajarbag, Mugda North, Mugda South, Palashi Mor, Hazaribagh, Mohammadpur, Gabtoli, Mohakhali Bus Stand, Begunbari, Uttarkhan, Dakkhinkhan, Kamrangirchar, Rampura, and Jigatala.

Under this programme, the prices are set as follows: 1 kg of potatoes at Tk 30, 1 dozen eggs at Tk 130, 1 kg of onions at Tk 70, 1 kg of raw papaya at Tk 20, and a 5 kg package of various green vegetables.

Speaking at the event, Agriculture and Home Affairs Adviser Lt Gen (Retd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury mentioned that this initiative aims to ensure that eggs, potatoes, onions, and vegetables reach the public at fair prices, with the cooperation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.



Commerce Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed yesterday inaugurated the Agricultural OMS programme, where 10 agricultural products will be sold to consumers at affordable prices. Home Affairs Adviser Lt Gen (Retd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury was also present during the launch of the programme. The photo was taken on the Abdul Goni Road of the capital, where such sales were ongoing.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Action against price-hiking syndicates

Warns adviser Asif Mahmud

UNB, Dhaka

Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuiyan, labour and employment adviser, yesterday said strict action will be taken under the Special Powers Act against those involved in syndicates inflating commodity prices.

Speaking at the Bangladesh Secretariat Reporters Forum (BSRF) views exchange meeting held at the Secretariat Media Center, the adviser stressed that syndicates manipulating prices will face legal consequences, including potential arrests of key figures from corporate entities responsible for intentional price hikes.

Asif highlighted several factors behind the rising commodity prices, including supply-demand imbalances due to crop losses from floods and the

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He'll never get to celebrate his success

Killed on Aug 4, Sabuj got GPA 4.33 in HSC exams

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Sabuj Mia, a student from Sreebordi upazila, Sherpur, had been balancing his studies with a part-time job at a local medicine shop. His wages were modest, but they helped him support his own education. Coming from an ultra poor family, with a paralysed father and three siblings depending on him, Sabuj worked tirelessly to chase a future far removed from the hardships he grew up with.

But Sabuj's dreams came to a tragic halt on the morning of August 4. Like many other students, he joined the protests demanding reforms in the government's quota system.

He wasn't just fighting for a fairer system but

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KRISHNANAGAR COLLEGE

Zero pass rate for third time in five years

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

For the third time in five years, no student from Krishnanagar Abdul Jabbar School and College in Nabinagar upazila, Brahmanbaria, has passed the Higher Secondary Certificate examination. This year, all 12 candidates failed, following similar results in 2018 and 2023.

Krishnanagar College is among four institutions under the Cumilla Education Board with zero pass rates this year. The others include Begum Shamsunnahar Girls School and College in Feni Sadar, Eastern College in Noakhali's Sonaimuri upazila, and Dr M Shamsul Haque Model College in Chandpur's Matlab (Dakhkhin) upazila.

Cumilla Education Board's exam controller, Dr Md. Asaduzzaman, announced the results yesterday.

The board's College Inspector, Prof Zahirul Islam Patwari, revealed that a show-cause notice had been issued to Krishnanagar College after its first zero pass result in 2018, but no

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Madrasa Board tops results with 93.40pc pass rate

ARAFAT RAHAMAN

Amid an overall decline in the pass rate for this year's Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and equivalent examinations, the Madrasa Board has emerged as the top performing board among all education boards.

The Madrasa Board achieved a pass rate of 93.40 percent, outperforming all other boards. Among the students of the board, female students led with a pass rate of 94.87 percent, while 92.16 percent of males passed.

This year's pass rate is higher than the last two years, with 90.75 percent in 2023 and 92.56 percent in 2022.

In terms of GPA-5 achievers, the board set a new record for the past five years. A total of 9,613 candidates achieved the highest grade of GPA-5 out of 85,558 students. Of them, 4,753 are female and 4,860 are male.

The number of GPA-5 achievers is the highest in five years, surpassing the 7,097 achievers in 2023. In previous years, the number was 9,423 in 2022, 4,872 in 2021, and 4,048 in 2020.

TECHNICAL BOARD SEES DECLINE

In contrast, the Technical Board experienced a decline in both pass rate and GPA-5 achievers.

The Technical Board's pass rate dropped to 88.09 percent this year. Of those, 93.03 percent of females passed, compared to 86.20 percent of males.

This is the lowest pass rate for the Technical Board in the last four

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RESIGNATION OF 'FASCIST JUDGES' Hasnat, Sarjis call for laying siege to High Court today

STAR REPORT

Demanding resignation of "fascist judges", the anti-discrimination student movement has announced a siege of the High Court today.

Hasnat Abdullah, a coordinator of the anti-discrimination student movement, announced the programme in a post on his Facebook profile yesterday evening.

Hasnat wrote Awami League's fascist judges will be surrounded at the High Court by 11:00am today.

Coordinator Sarjis Alam also gave the same post.

'WE WANT A PROACTIVE HEALTH ADVISER'

Meanwhile, Sarjis Alam during a visit to the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) in Savar yesterday said the health adviser needs to take a more proactive role in addressing all issues related to the injured protesters.

"An active health adviser is crucial; one who doesn't just sit in an office but runs from hospital to hospital," he said.

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Pro-AL lawyers stage demo on court premises

Demand release of party members; Razzaque, Faruk remanded

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A group of pro-Awami League lawyers yesterday demonstrated in front of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka, demanding release of their party leaders and activists.

Kotwali police detained two AL activists from the spot in this connection.

Witnesses said around 30 to 35 people, mostly pro-AL lawyers, demonstrated on the CMM Court premises around 3:15pm while AL presidium member Mohammad Faruk Khan, also former minister of civil aviation and tourism, was being taken to the court lockup after a remand hearing.

Rab arrested him from his cantonment residence yesterday in a case filed over the killing of BNP

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Where others saw waste, Shihab saw potential. He transformed this old and abandoned covered van to set up a shop inside it, where he sells truck parts and accessories. The van was lying abandoned on the Tejgaon-Satrasra road in the capital for years, and Shihab took this opportunity to set up his small business three years ago. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Mirpur-10 metro station reopens after two months

UNB, Dhaka

The Mirpur-10 metro rail station resumed operations yesterday, almost three months after it was damaged in July.

Road Transport and Bridges Adviser M Fouzul Kabir Khan announced that the Mirpur-10 metro rail station was reopened after repairing it at a cost of Tk 1.25 crore.

"Today [yesterday] we reopened the Mirpur-10 metro station after two months and 17 days. Tk 1.25 crore has been spent to repair the Mirpur-10 metro rail station. Some damaged equipment was replaced here by unused ones from the other two stations," he said.

However, once the equipment for the other two stations is delivered, the total cost for repairing the Kazipara and Mirpur-10 metro rail stations is expected to reach approximately Tk 18.86 crore, he said.

Some unused equipment has been brought from other stations and installed here.

The adviser said this while exchanging greetings with metro rail passengers and journalists at Mirpur-10 metro rail station in the capital on the occasion of reopening the station.

On July 19, miscreants went on a rampage at Mirpur-10 and Kazipara stations amid the student movement for quota reform, which later turned into a student-people uprising that toppled the Sheikh Hasina-led government.