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Couple passes HSC exams alongside their son

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Faruk Hossain and Jakiya Sultana, a couple in their forties, have just passed the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) exams. What makes this achievement even more remarkable? They did so alongside their son, Hujjatul Islam Fahim.

Faruk and Jakiya's story begins much earlier. The two married as teenagers back in 2002.

Caught up in the responsibilities of married life, they dropped out of school and moved to Dhaka in search of work. Over the next two decades, they raised three children, settling into the rhythms of family life and livelihood.

However, somewhere along the way, Faruk and Jakiya felt an urge to return to the books they once put aside. "To be honest, I wasn't serious about my studies back when I was in school," Faruk reflected.

"Life happened -- we got married young, had responsibilities. But later, we realised how important education is, not just for us, but for our children too.'



Determined to continue what they had started as teenagers, the couple enrolled in Khoyran Lukman Hakim Technical School in Sujanagar of Pabna. Fahim, their school-going son, cheered them on.

Together, the family took their Secondary School Certificate exams in 2022. All three passed.

"When I saw how hard they were trying, it gave me the drive to keep going too," Fahim said. They're my role models now," he added.

With Fahim's encouragement, Faruk and Jakiya decided to take things further. Enrolling in Satbaria Degree College in Sujanagar upazila, they set their sights on the HSC exams.

Fahim, who was studying at Willes Little Flower School and College in Dhaka, would take the same exam that year.

The results, published on October 15, painted a picture of collective success. Faruk scored an impressive GPA of 4.71, Jakiya 4.25, and Fahim secured 4.17.

For this family, it's not just about the numbers but the journey they have shared.

"We've always wanted to give our children what we missed out on," said Jakiya. "But at some point, we also realised we owed it to ourselves to finish what we started. Maybe we'll even graduate together."

The couple's determination has inspired those around them. Family members and villagers have praised their perseverance.

Faruk's brother, Rannu Bishwas, recalled how different things were in the past. "When Faruk was a regular student, he'd miss classes to hang out with friends. Now, to see him and Jakiya pushing



Abdur Rouf plies his van through the Chuknagar area in Khulna, carrying various products made from bamboo. He will sell these bamboo baskets, mats and nets in Khulna city, where these items are quite popular. Depending on the size, they sell for Tk 20-150. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

19 YEARS OF JAGANNATH UNIVERSITY

New campus remains a pipe dream

RAKIB MADBER

Jagannath University yesterday marked its 19th founding However, anniversary. an institution that traces its origins back to 1868 when it was established as a school by Kishorilal in Tegharia, Keraniganj. Roy Chowdhury, a zamindar from Manikganj.

In 1947, it became Jagannath College. Eventually, it achieved the status of a public university in 17,000 students on an 11-acre

As the university grew, so did the need for a new campus into a fully residential institution, allocated land were handed over in to accommodate its expanding student body.

In 2016, students launched

campus residential halls. Then, authorities concerned promised to build a campus with dormitory facilities. A project was subsequently approved in October 2018, allocating 200 acres of land

JnU, which began with 22 departments under four faculties in 2005, now boasts 38 departments across six faculties, serving around campus. The proposed new campus aims to transform the university accommodating 30,000 students in 60 departments.

The project, budgeted at Tk

a protest movement for on- 1,920.94 crore, was approved by the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council.

Plans include modern campus buildings, residential administrative offices, cafeterias, medical centres, sports grounds, a Teacher-Student Centre (TSC), and recreational facilities such as a lake and swimming pool.

Originally scheduled for completion by June 2020, the project has been delayed four times, with no visible progress. University sources say 188.60 acres of the January 2020, but the remaining 11.40 acres are still unacquired.

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Safeguard students' mental well-being **Speakers call for** coordinated efforts

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Recent student protests, public demonstrations, and natural disasters have raised concerns about the mental health of primary-level students, leading to increased anxiety and distress, which is affecting their behaviour.

To address the situation, experts called for a collective effort to safeguard students' mental well-being, at a discussion titled "Improving the Mental Health of Primary-Level Students: Our Responsibilities," organised by the Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) and the BRAC Institute of Educational Development at the Krishibid Institute in Dhaka yesterday.

In a presentation, CAMPE said recent protests, violence, and flooding have severely impacted

mental students' It health. conducted nationwide study gathered which insights from over 150 organisations educational institutions, alongside consultations divisional district levels.

The findings revealed that students have been exposed to violent protests, arson, and even shootings, leading to school closures and curfews. This forced them to



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initiatives for parents

Recreational environments to counter depression

Introducing counselling services in schools

stay home, resulting in a range of psychological issues, including fear, anxiety, sleep disturbances, depression, and even violent tendencies.

The floods further disrupted education, causing health problems and school absenteeism, they said in the study.

Kazi Faruk Ahmed, a member of the National Education Policy 2010 formulation committee, pointed out that the curriculum reform before Covid-19 did not adequately incorporate stakeholders' feedback, which negatively affected

He called for greater collaboration among teachers, students, parents, and education stakeholders.

Prof MA Mohit Kamal, senior chief consultant SEE PAGE 4 COL 3



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60	দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান	এনপিও দপ্তরে রক্ষিত টেভারবক্স			
30	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১০-১১-২০২৪ তারিখ, সকাল ১১.০০ টা।			
22	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	১০-১১-২০২৪ তারিখ, সকাল ১২.০০ টা।			
25	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজে অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, আয়কর সনদ, ভ্যা রেজিস্ট্রেশন, ব্যাংক স্বচ্ছলতার সনদ থাকতে হবে। অন্যান্য শর্তাদির বিস্তারিত বিবরণ দরপত্র সিডিউল এ বর্ণি আছে।			
১৩	শর্তাবলী	১) এ দরপত্রে পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন-২০০৬ এবং পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা-২০০৮ এর ক্রয় পদ্ধতি যথাযথভাবে অনুসরন করা হবে। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে উল্লেখ হয়নি এরূপ ক্ষেত্রে পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন-২০০ এবং পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা-২০০৮ এর ক্রয় পদ্ধতি যথাযথভাবে অনুসরন করা হবে। ২) কর্তৃপক্ষ কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে দরপত্র গ্রহণ, পরিবর্তন এবং বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।			
\$8	বিশেষ নির্দেশনা	(ক) দরপত্রের সাথে প্রতিষ্ঠানের হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, হালনাগাদ আয়কর সনদ ও ভ্যাট সাটিফিকেট দা করতে হবে। (খ) দরপত্রের সিভিউলে বর্ণিত স্পেসিফিকেশন অনুযায়ী সকল মালামাল প্রস্তুতপূর্বক অফিসে সরবরাহ কর হবে। (গ) দরপত্র সিভিউলে বর্ণিত সকল শর্তাদি অবশ্যই পালন করতে হবে। (ঘ) কার্যাদেশ প্রাপ্ত প্রতিষ্ঠানকে উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের উপর প্রচলিত বিধি মোতাবেক আয়কর ও ভ্যাট প্রদান করতে হবে (ঘ) কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করে			

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2	DEN-2/DA-eGP- 6/2024-25	1026722	At SSAE/Works/BCI Section: Repairing and Reconstruction of Yard Drain of Bhairab Bazar (BCI) Station and other Related Works as per drawing.	OTM NCT	04-November-2024 14:00:00
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8	DEN-2/DA-eGP- 15/2024-25	1026612	At SSAE/Works/SSJ section: Construction of Brick Ballast Protection wall as per type drawing between NOP-HPX Section including bank repair in between km 223/0-224/0 and 221/0-222/0 with other allied works.	OTM NCT	04-November-2024 14:00:00
¢	DEN-2/DA-eGP- 16/2024-25	1026621	At SSAE/Works/SSJ section: Construction of Brick Ballast Protection wall as per type drawing between SSJ-SHB Section in between km 252/0-253/0 including bank repair with other allied works.	OTM NCT	04-November-2024 14:00:00
৬	DEN-2/DA-eGP- 17/2024-25	1026625	AI SSAE/Works/SSJ section Construction of Brick Ballast wall as per type drawing between NOP-SHB Section in between km 244/5-245/5 including bank repair with other allied works.	OTM NCT	04-November-2024 14:00:00
٩	DEN-2/DA-eGP- 23/2024-25	1026708	At SSAE/Works/BCI section Construction of Brick ballast wall NRC- HTGA Section in different places and with other allied works as per drawing.	OTM NCT	04-November-2024 14:00:00
ъ	DEN-2/DA-eGP- 26/2024-25	1026743	At SSAE/Works/KRF section: Through Repair of 10 Nos Level Crossing gates (T/56, T/57, E/60, E/99, T/10, E/3, E/8, 1/20, T/1, E/2(A) Road Surface, carpeting, Speed breaker, Warming board wirks and other allied works	OTM NCT	04-November-2024 14:00:00
ъ	DEN-2/DA-eGP- 30/2024-25	1026753	At SSAE/Works/SYT Section: Repairs and reconstruction of guard post, electric generator room roof and washpit shed roof with other allied works	OTM NCT	04-November-2024 14:00:00
70	DEN-2/DA-eGP- 33/2024-25	1026653	At SSAE/Works/AKA Section: Repairs to cess & bank at km 206/0-207/0 (DN), 211/0-211/8(UP & DN), 214/3-7(DN), 225/0-226/0 (UP) between AKA-ASZ section with other allied works.	OTM NCT	04-November-2024 14:00:00
22	DEN-2/DA-eGP- 34/2024-25	1026666	At SSAE/Works/AKA Section Repairs to cess & bank at km 202/0- 203/0, 201/0-212/0 at AKA-MCR section and at km 203/0-204/5 at AZPR- AKA Bypass section with other allied works	OTM NCT	04-November-2024 14:00:00
25	DEN-2/DA-eGP- 35/2024-25	1026671	At SSAE/Works/KRF Section Repairs to cess & bank at km 330/0-331/0, 333/0-333/5, 337/0-338/0 between KRF-BCV section with other allied works.	OTM NCT	04-November-2024 14:00:00
20	DEN-2/DA-eGP- 36/2024-25	1026685	At SSAE/Works/AKA Repairs to cess & bank at km 207/0-208/8 (UP), 206/5-207/3(DN), 209/0-210/0(UP), 223/0-225/0 (UP) between AKA- ASZ section with other allied works.	OTM NCT	04-November-2024 14;00;00
\$8	DEN-2/DA-eGP- 37/2024-25	1026675	At SSAE/Works/SSJ Section: Repairs to cess & bank at km 217/0-218/8, km 219/0-219/7, km 229/0-231/0 between MCR-NOP section with other allied works	OTM NCT	04-November-2024 14:00:00

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