

3-day harmony festival kicks off in Sylhet

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
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A three-day Harmony Festival began on Friday at the Kakiachhara Tea Garden grounds in Sreemangal, Moulvibazar, celebrating the vibrant culture of the indigenous communities of the plains.

The festival, which will run until Sunday, aims to introduce visitors to the lifestyles, agriculture, and rich traditions of Bangladesh's indigenous peoples, with a focus on showcasing their unique foods and crops.

Organised by the Bangladesh Tourism Board in collaboration with the local upazila administration, the festival brings together representatives from 26 indigenous communities across the country. The festival also features live demonstrations of traditional crafts, including betel and bamboo items made by the Khasi community, traditional waist looms from the Tripura people, handlooms from the Manipuri people, and processes related to tea and rubber production.

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"Workers of Merim Co. Ltd started the clash by pelting stones at our factory," said Maksudur Rahman, an injured worker of JMS Garments Ltd.

Rafiqul Islam, an injured worker of Merim Co. Ltd, said workers of JMS Garments ensued the clash by throwing brickbats at them.

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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Encroachment, pollution choke Bhola canal

Once a lifeline, the waterbody now in its deathbed



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SUSHANTA GHOSH

The 11-kilometre-long Bhola canal, once a vital waterway for trade and irrigation, has become a source of distress for Bhola city and district due to rampant encroachment and pollution.

Bhola municipality authorities said the canal, which previously facilitated goods transport by boat, has lost its flow over the past six years. Waste accumulation and narrowing from encroachment have rendered it unusable, affecting thousands of residents.

Farmer Hanif Sharif from Bhola Sadar upazila said, "The

canal once provided water for irrigation, but now it holds only one to two feet of water."

This has left about 2,000 hectares of farmland in Sadar upazila without sufficient irrigation.

The Water Development Board said the canal's main section spans 11 kilometres, with an additional 40-45 kilometres of branches connecting the Tetulia and Meghna rivers. The last excavation was carried out in 1980.

Encroachment and indiscriminate waste dumping have drastically reduced the canal's width, which was once

over 50 feet but now measures just 10-20 feet in some areas. Waste from slaughterhouses, vegetable markets, hospitals, and restaurants has worsened the canal's condition.

Local businesses are also affected. Grocer Md Babul said, "We now spend an extra Tk 50-60 on each sack of goods as traders can no longer transport them by boat."

Rice trader Erfanur Rahman added, "Transporting rice through the canal now takes seven days instead of two."

Bhola municipality administrator Md Mizanur

Rahman said a survey by the Upazila Land Office identified 140 encroachers. "We asked them to vacate voluntarily by January 7, but no action was taken. A crash programme to evict them is underway," he said.

Rahman said efforts are being coordinated with the WDB and district administration to restore the canal's flow.

WDB Superintendent Engineer Md Hasanuzzaman said a design proposal will be sent to the Ministry of Water Resources once encroachments are cleared.

Excavation work will begin after approval, he added.

SC upholds

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2019, accused Dr Yunus of wrongful dismissal linked to the formation of a proposed trade union during his tenure as chairman of Grameen Telecommunications. In 2020, Dr Yunus petitioned the HC to cancel the cases.

The HC issued a rule and, after a final hearing, cancelled all five cases in its verdict on October 24, 2024.

The state sought permission to appeal this decision, but the Supreme Court dismissed the application on December 8.

Snatched Jubo Dal

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named individuals and 160-170 unnamed others in connection with the incident, said ASP Anisur Rahman.

"While taking the accused away, they punched and injured policemen," he said.

Meanwhile, Tariqul has been expelled from Jubo Dal.

Last night, a press release signed by Minhajul Islam Bhuiyan, the joint office secretary of Jubo Dal's central executive

committee, confirmed the expulsion.

The action was taken against him for obstructing law enforcers in discharging duties through undue influence, the release said.

The release further said the youth wing of the BNP will not be held responsible for any misdeeds of the expelled leader.

District Jubo Dal member secretary Md Masud Rana said, "Our party won't tolerate any injustice."

Interim government

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Replying to a question, he said other agencies like Roads and Highways Department will also be responsible if road crashes occur due to their failure or negligence.

He also said owners of the vehicles which lack fitness clearance or have drivers without updated licenses will be notified twice to update their documents. If they fail to do this within the stipulated time, licences and fitness certificates will

be revoked.

"In December, we gave BRTA one month to improve their services or face action. They have improved a little bit, but not to a satisfactory level yet," he remarked.

"We will shut BRTA down if it fails to improve its services," he added.

Chiefs of various government agencies, leaders of transport organisations, road safety campaigners, and police officials all took part in the meetings.

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ফলিত রসায়ন ও রসায়ন প্রকৌশল বিভাগের জন্য হিসাব পরিচালক, বাই বিডি হতে আবেদন করে ২০২৩-২০২৪ অর্থ বছরের গবেষণাচার্য সরঞ্জামাদি ক্রয় যাতে ৫,০০,০০০/- (টাকা পাঁচ লক্ষ মাত্র) বরাদ্দ দেওয়া হবে। উক্ত বরাদ্দকৃত অর্থ গত ২৯/০১/২০২৪ তারিখে মাননীয় উপায়্যার্থ কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত হয়েছে। উক্ত বরাদ্দকৃত অর্থ হতে রপদে টেন্ডার পদ্ধতি (OTM) এর মাধ্যমে স্থানীয় মুদ্রার গবেষণাচার্য সরঞ্জামাদি ক্রয়ের লক্ষ্যে উক্ত কাজে অভিজ্ঞরাহস্যপূর্ণ প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারীদের নির্বাচন হতে সীলমোহরযুক্ত বামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্র আবেদন ০১/০১/২০২৫ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.০০টার মধ্যে কোষাধ্যক্ষ দপ্তর, রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে বাবা টেন্ডার বাজে জমা দিতে হবে। ডাকযোগ্যে দরপত্র জমা করা থেকে পাঠে তবে সেক্ষেত্রে অবশ্যই নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের মধ্যে কোষাধ্যক্ষ দপ্তর, রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ব্যাবার পৌছাতে হবে। গবেষণাচার্য সরঞ্জামাদির বিস্তারিত বিবরণ ও শর্তাবলী সিডিউল বর্ণিত রয়েছে। সিডিউল ক্রয় মূল্য ১,০০০/- (টাকা এক হাজার মাত্র) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) অর্থনী ব্যাংক, রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের শাখার সঞ্চালক, ফলিত রসায়ন ও রসায়ন প্রকৌশল বিভাগ, রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় এর অনুমুদিত মোট বরাদ্দের ০৩% টাকার (অফেরতযোগ্য) আবেদনকারীর/পে-অর্ডার/ডিডি (যেহা ব্যাংকের মাধ্যমে কলেবর করা যায়) জমা দিতে হবে।

বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল বা আংশিক গ্রহণ বা সমুদায় দরপত্র কোন কারণ না দর্শিয়ে বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা রাখে। উপরোক্ত যে, দরপত্র বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক পূর্তি হলে অবশেষে মোট মূল্যের ১০% সিডিউলিটি মানি অফশে ১২ (বারো) মাস রাখতে হবে এবং ৩০০০/- (তিনশত মাত্র) টাকার নন-রুজিভিয়াল স্ট্যাম্পে হুঁজ করতে হবে।

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Efforts on to recover

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He cited concerns about certain entities in Dubai exploiting the remittance process to influence currency rates.

"This manipulation is harmful to our economy and needs to be addressed with strict oversight," he warned.

The governor praised

the 2.5 percent incentive on remittances sent through banking channels, which has boosted remittance inflows despite political uncertainties.

He also emphasised the need for transparency in financial systems and the fight against money laundering to support economic growth.

We're not desperate

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"We have supported an interim government and will continue to do so. It is possible for the current government to find a way forward, a path that we can all walk together," Fakhru said, reiterating BNP's support for the current government.

Meanwhile, at the AB party's first national

council, Mojibur Rahman Monju was elected chairman of the party, while Barrister Asaduzzaman Fuad was elected its general secretary.

The election results were announced by the party's internal election commissioner, Akhtarul Alam, during the National Council session yesterday afternoon.

There's no rift

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fairer representation.

"PR is a better system than the current one, and it has been successfully implemented in over 62 countries worldwide. It ensures that every individual's opinion is represented," he explained.

He also discussed the possibility of introducing a bicameral parliament in Bangladesh, suggesting

that the issue could be considered if all parties agreed.

Responding to questions about Jamaat's foreign policy, Taher said, "Our foreign policy is clear -- we seek good relations based on equality, rights, and the recognition of sovereignty."

He also said Jamaat is committed to a positive change in Bangladesh's political landscape.

Dry fish processing

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condition," said Swapna Rani Das, a worker in Daspara.

According to Mohammad Shahidul Islam, the district fisheries officer in Kishoreganj, dry fish production in the region has been increasing annually.

"Last season, the district produced around 1,650 tonnes of dry fish. This year, we expect the figure to rise to about 2,000 tonnes," he said.

He said about 55,000 people across Kuliarchar, Nikli, Bajitpur, Inna, Mithamoin, Astadhar, Tarail, and Karimganj are directly or indirectly involved in the dry fish business.

"We are conducting training sessions for dry fish processors in Inna, Mithamoin, Kuliarchar, and Katiadi upazilas. If the industry continues to grow, it will create additional employment opportunities for many in the district," Shahidul Islam said.

Family members

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received threats, Badsha said "A councillor's decisions make some people happy and others unhappy. Those who are unhappy can hold grudges and turn into enemies."

Contacted, Mir Atahar Ali, officer-in-charge of Daulatpur Police Station, refuted allegations of negligence.

"We ensured that no

disturbances happened during funeral of the deceased. Moreover, no one from the deceased's family has approached us to report any insecurity," he said.

Meanwhile, Tipu's body was taken to his ancestral home in Deyana Uttarpara in Khulna in an ambulance yesterday morning, and was later buried in the local graveyard after janaza.

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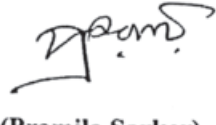
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Addendum No. 8

This is for the information of all Bidders concerned that the following amendments have been made for the procurement mentioned in the subject above;

Ref	Existing Entry	Amended entry
SI No. of 6, SPN ITP-23.1& 26.1	The deadline for Bid Submission is: Date: January 13, 2025, Time : 14.00 hours.	The deadline for Bid Submission is: Date: March 13, 2025, Time : 14.00 hours.
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All the terms and conditions of bidding Documents (RFB) NBR-GD2A.1 shall remain unchanged. This Addendum No. 8 shall be considered an integral part of the Bidding Documents and shall be binding on all Bidders who have obtained or will obtain the Bidding Documents from the Purchaser.


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