

## RU entry tests begin

RU CORRESPONDENT

The undergraduate admission tests for the 2024-25 academic year at Rajshahi University (RU) began yesterday with the B Unit (commerce) examination, held simultaneously at the RU campus and five regional centres.

The one-hour multiple-choice question (MCQ) test began at 11:00am and concluded at 12:00pm.

A total of 42,433 candidates applied for 559 seats, with 76 students competing for each seat. Among these, 367 seats are allocated for Commerce, 166 for Science, and 26 for Humanities stream students.

**Two bikers run over by bus in Kushtia**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Two motorcyclists were killed after being run over by a bus in the Bottail area of Kushtia Sadar upazila yesterday morning, prompting locals to protest and block the Kushtia-Jhenaidah highway.

As a result, a tailback, stretching over eight kilometres on both sides of the Bottail intersection, was formed.

The deceased -- Nayon Islam, 25, and Roni, 26 -- were workers at Kiam Metal Industries.

They were on their way to work from their home in Durbachara when the accident took place around 7:40am in front of Feroz Hatchery, said Chowrhas Highway Police Sub-Inspector Joydev.

**Dengue claims 2 more lives**

UNB, Dhaka

At least two people died of dengue and 22 were hospitalised across the country in the 24 hours till yesterday morning, raising this year's death toll to 16 and the total number of cases to 2,074, according to the DGHS.

The latest fatalities were reported from the Barishal division.

Currently, 102 dengue patients are receiving treatment at different hospitals across the country.

Last year, the country experienced a severe dengue outbreak that resulted in 575 deaths and 1,01,214 reported cases. A total of 1,00,040 patients recovered during that period.



A woman casts a net in the Shiba river in Khulna, hoping to catch various types of fish including shrimp. In the coastal areas, both men and women rely on fishing for their livelihood. Every day, they are able to earn Tk 300-500 by selling their catch in the local market. The photo was taken from the Kalabogi village in Dakop upazila yesterday.

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## JAMALPUR DISTRICT

# Doctor crisis pushes healthcare to the brink

SAHIDUL ISLAM NIRAB, Jamalpur

Healthcare services in Jamalpur are in dire straits as hospitals across the district's seven upazilas struggle with an acute shortage of doctors.

Of the 186 government doctor posts sanctioned for the district, around 60 are currently active, according to both official records and field-level observations.

The Sadar Upazila Health Complex, which does not have a separate facility and operates from the general hospital, is severely understaffed. Of the 20 sanctioned posts, only 11 doctors are present.

Meanwhile, four others are reportedly drawing salaries from Jamalpur while working on deputation in Dhaka.

According to data from the Civil Surgeon's Office, around 100 doctors are listed as posted across the district, but at least 18 of them are serving in other parts of the country, mostly in Dhaka, while continuing to draw their salaries from Jamalpur.

In effect, around 104 posts remain vacant, depriving the district's nearly 2.6 million residents.

In Bakshiganj upazila, only four doctors are working against 33 sanctioned posts. The hospital was upgraded to a 50-bed facility more than a decade ago, but locals say it has never operated at full capacity due to a persistent shortage of doctors and medical equipment.

In Dewanganj, four doctors are serving against 16 sanctioned posts, with two others on deputation. In Melanda, 12 doctors are officially

including one on deputation, are serving against 29 approved posts.

In Islampur upazila, home to nearly 4.5 lakh people and among the poorest and most flood-prone areas of the district, only five doctors are available on a rotational basis out of 32 sanctioned posts. Four others are on deputation elsewhere.

The health complex has no gynaecologist, while some medical assistants have reportedly taken



up consulting roles unofficially. Rafiqul Islam, a radiographer, has been serving in the same position for 32 years.

"The shortage of doctors is making it very difficult to ensure even basic healthcare," said Dr AAM Abu Taher, upazila health officer of Islampur.

In Dewanganj, four doctors are serving against 16 sanctioned posts, with two others on deputation. In Melanda, 12 doctors are officially

posted, but only 10 are currently working due to deputations. The hospital in Madarganj, upgraded from 50 to 150 beds nearly 15 years ago, still runs at limited capacity. Of the 23 approved doctor posts, 14 are present, while two are posted elsewhere.

"I came here for treatment and waited in the outdoor department for an hour, but there were no doctors. I don't have the money

to go to private clinics," said Moazzamul Haque of Manikpotol village in Sarishabari.

Bokkor Ali, from Gutail village in Islampur, echoed similar concerns.

Contacted, recently OSD-posted Civil Surgeon Dr Fazlur Rahman said discrepancies between official figures and actual doctor attendance might arise due to delays or errors in data reporting from the upazila health complexes.

## Hold polls without delay

BNP's Farroque urges chief adviser

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Chairperson's Advisory Council member Zainul Abedin Farroque yesterday urged Chief Adviser Dr Muhammad Yunus to move forward with the national election plan without any delay.

"A conspiracy is underway to delay the elections. So, we call upon the chief adviser to proceed towards the election swiftly by carrying out the necessary reforms and bringing Awami League criminals to justice," he told a rally.

The Senbagh Jatiyatabadi Forum organised a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club, demanding proper trial of former Awami League MP Morshed Alam for his alleged misdeeds.

Farroque said those who killed people and plundered the country's assets are yet to be brought to justice.

He alleged that Morshed was involved in widespread corruption and looting during the AL's tenure.

On Tuesday night, former Member of Parliament from Noakhali-2 (Senbagh-Sonaimuri) and Chairman of Bengal Group, Morshed Alam, was arrested by

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## Jamuna turns furious in Pabna

### Devours riverbank areas of three villages



AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Jamuna's erosion has taken a serious turn over the last couple of months, devouring riverbank areas of Neolapara, Morichapara and Batiakhora villages under Bera upazila of Pabna.

Residents of the three villages are passing sleepless nights, worrying over safety of their homesteads and other establishments.

"Just a month ago, the river was more than half kilometre away from my house, but now it has come much closer, eroding away vast stretches of land during this time. If the erosion continues in this way, we may eventually lose our homestead," said Md Emdadul Haque, a resident of Neolapara village.

Md Rafikul Islam of Batiakhora village said around 1,000 bighas of land along the riverbank in the village got eroded over last few years.

Villagers urged the authorities concerned for immediate measures to check river erosion and save their land.

Md Abu Daud, chairman of Notun Varenga Union Parishad, said they have already informed the matter to the Water Development Board for taking necessary steps to prevent river erosion.

Md Jahidul Islam, executive engineer of WDB in Bera upazila, said high officials have visited erosion hit areas recently.

"The affected Neolapara, Batiakhora, Morichapara villages are mainly sandy shoal areas. It is a busy river channel on Baghabari route, with regular dredging going on to keep the channel navigable. As such, the river is quite deep in the area with strong current, which is causing the erosion," he said.

"We have already engaged a contractor for dumping sand bags in the riverbank areas to prevent erosion. Work will begin soon," Jahidul added.

## 3 bodies recovered in Narayanganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Police recovered three bodies in Sonargaon and Rupganj upazilas in Narayanganj yesterday morning. The bodies were sent to Narayanganj General Hospital for an autopsy.

The deceased are Sirajul Islam, 70, Delowar Hossain Noyon, 46, and a newborn girl.

Sirajul's body was found in a bushy field in the Kandargao area of Pirojpur, said police.

According to his family, he had been missing since April 6 after he left home in the morning. A general diary was filed with the local police station the following day on April 7.

Mofizul Rahman, officer-in-charge of Sonargaon Police Station, said, "Sirajul had been suffering from respiratory issues and other age-related illnesses. His body was recovered from a bush not far from his home. We suspect he died due to respiratory complications. His family has not raised any allegations of foul play."

Meanwhile, Noyon, whose body was recovered from Purbachal's sector-1 in Rupganj, was murdered at least 36 hours earlier, said police.

Rupganj Police Station OC Liaquat Ali said

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## KUSHIYARA RIVER

# Promises made, decades passed, no bridge built

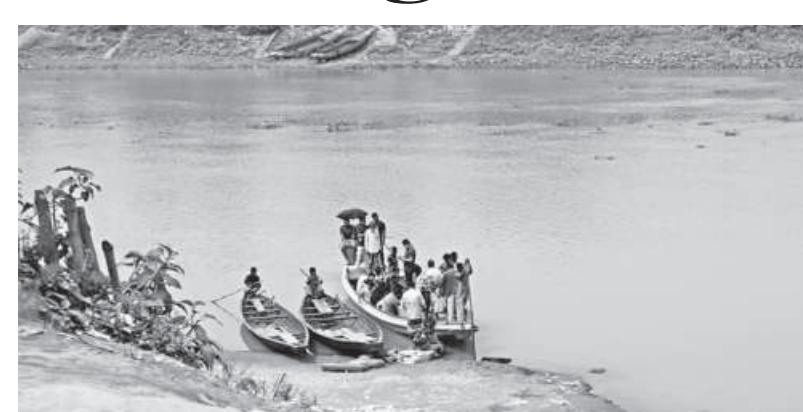
MINTU DESHWARA

"Since I was 12, I've been hearing that a bridge over the Kushiyara river will be built here," said Nepal Ranjan Das, 55, a resident of Bilbari in Rajnagar upazila of Moulvibazar. "Whoever comes to power promises the bridge -- but nothing happens."

This long-standing frustration is shared widely among locals. Talking to 13 residents in the area, nearly all voiced similar concerns over the delayed bridge project.

Balaganj Kheyaghat is located in Fatehpur union of Rajnagar upazila in Moulvibazar. However, locals have far more frequent interaction with Balaganj upazila in Sylhet, situated just across the Kushiyara. Students from the Rajnagar side regularly attend schools and colleges in Balaganj, and many residents depend on the Balaganj Upazila Health Complex due to its proximity.

Geographically, the Kheyaghat area lies on the northern edge of Rajnagar. While the upazila headquarters is nearly 15 kilometres away, Balaganj is easily reachable by a short river crossing. As a result, the Sylhet town has become the preferred destination for education,



healthcare, and trade for locals.

Despite promises from successive governments spanning four decades, no bridge has yet been constructed over the Kushiyara River at Balaganj Kheyaghat -- an important crossing that links Rajnagar upazila with Balaganj in Sylhet.

The Rajnagar Balaganj road, which connects to Kheyaghat, serves as a vital link for communities across both upazilas and neighbouring haor areas. However, with no bridge, river crossings rely on two engine boats and around 20-25 small boats operating daily from early morning to late at night.

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## বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক

বৈদেশিক মুদ্রা নীতি বিভাগ

প্রধান কার্যালয়

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## নগদ সহায়তা/রপ্তানি প্রযোজন সংক্রান্ত নিরীক্ষা কার্যক্রমের জন্য যোগ্য সিএমএ ফার্মের তালিকা প্রণয়নকালে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান

ব্যাংকের মাধ্যমে পরিশোধিত নগদ সহায়তা/রপ্তানি প্রযোজন নিরীক্ষা সংক্রান্ত কার্যক্রমের লক্ষ্যে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক কর্তৃক যোগ্য সিএমএ ফার্মের তালিকা প্রযোজনের উদ্যোগ করা হচ্ছে। এ লক্ষ্যে মার্চ ১২, ২০২৫ তারিখে ফার্মের প্রতিষ্ঠাকাল নূনতম ৪ (চার) বছর হওয়া সাপেক্ষে আঞ্চলীয় সকল যোগ্য কস্ট এন্ড ম্যানেজমেন্ট একাউট্যুন্টস্যু (সিএমএ) ফার্মকে আগমনী মে ১২, ২০২৫ তারিখের মধ্যে পরিচালক (এফইপিডি), বৈদেশিক মুদ্রা নীতি বিভাগ (ডিভিএল-১), বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়, এনের-২ ভবন (১৪ তলা), মতিয়াল, ঢাকা বরাবর প্রযোজনামূলক নিয়ন্ত্রণ নির্বাচিত ফরমেন্ট মাধ্যমে আবেদনের জন্য অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে। প্রযোজনামূলক নিয়ন্ত্রণ নির্বাচিত ফরমেন্ট কর্তৃত কার্যক্রমের অন্তর্ভুক্ত হতে ব্যর্থ হলে তালিকা প্রকাশের পরবর্তী ১৫ (পনের) কর্মসূচির মধ্যে পুনর্বিতোনার জন্য উপরোক্ত চিকিৎসা আবেদনের সুযোগ পাবে।

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকে প্রযোজনব্রোধে আবেদনকারী সিএমএ ফার্মের কার্যালয়ে সরেজামিনে পরিদর্শন করবে। তালিকাভুক্ত কোনো সিএমএ ফার্ম একটি অর্থনৈতিক সার্বোচূর্ণ প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রতিষ্ঠানে কর্মসূচি করার পরে।

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকে অনিবার্য কার্যক্রমে এ বিজ্ঞপ্তি/বিজ্ঞাপনের অধিবিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি উপরিলিপিতে শর্তাবলী বাস্তিল/পরিবর্তন/সংশোধন করার সম্ভাবনা সংরক্ষণ করে।

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