



This is all that remains of the 500-year-old Nashrat Shah Dighi, locally known as Boro Dighi, in Hathazari, Chattogram. Structures built on the banks and dried portions have shrunk the Sultanate-era reservoir to a small pond, threatening a heritage site once dug as a lifeline for local communities. Bottom, a signboard describing the history of the waterbody.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

NOAKHALI GOVT COLLEGE Unsafe buildings leave students, teachers at risk

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

The teachers and students of Noakhali Government College are in distress as six of the institution's eight buildings have become dilapidated and hazardous.

Following the 5.7 magnitude earthquake on November 23, student attendance has dropped sharply amid fear that the vulnerable buildings could collapse at any time.

Established on March 1, 1963 and nationalised in 1968, the college spans 20.50 acres and has two campuses. The old campus hosts Higher Secondary courses, while the new campus offers honours, masters and degree pass courses. The college has around 22,000 students.

"After Friday's earthquake, student attendance was low today [Sunday]. We were in panic the entire time while in class because our academic building is vulnerable. Plaster has fallen off from the ceiling in several rooms, exposing rusty rods," said Rashedul Islam Sohag, a Sociology student.

Taslima Akter of the Botany Department said, "Our science building is extremely hazardous. Plaster often falls onto us. Many classmates did not attend today's class due to fear of collapse after Friday's earthquake."



Principal Prof Zakir Hossain said the Education Engineering Department has identified six out of eight buildings of the college as hazardous. "Students have long been attending classes amid risk. The earthquake on Friday further spread panic among them as well as among the teachers. Class attendance has been very low," he said.

The principal said the old tin-shed building of the higher

secondary section is being replaced with a new structure, but the six dilapidated buildings may collapse at any time or in the event of a stronger earthquake. "These should be demolished and new ones have to be constructed," he said.

The college is also facing other problems, including lack of security measures at the female students' hostel, persistent waterlogging during monsoon and inadequate transportation facilities for students and teachers.

"I have written to the authorities concerned about these issues time and again, but no response has come so far," the principal said.

Khandaker Nazmul Islam, executive engineer of EED in Noakhali, said construction has begun for a seven-storey academic building and a five-storey male dormitory at the old campus.

"For the new campus, an allocation for constructing the first floor of a six-storey academic building has been approved. Renovation work on some other buildings will also commence soon," he said.

NASHRAT SHAH DIGHI

Once a vast reservoir, now trapped in concrete

SIFAYET ULLAH, Ctg

The Nashrat Shah Dighi in Chattogram's Hathazari upazila, a Sultanate-era reservoir dug in 1519, is on the verge of disappearing due to rampant grabbing.

Locally known as Boro Dighi, the waterbody once served as a vital source of drinking water for surrounding communities.

Over the years, at least 20 to 25 residential and commercial structures have been built by filling portions of the reservoir. Semi-pucca houses, makeshift structures, and small shops now occupy much of what remains.

Unchecked construction has turned the historic dighi into a dense settlement, erasing its significance and posing risks to a crucial natural water source.

During a visit, this correspondent observed that while some water remains at the centre, the area has been divided for fish farming. On dried-up portions along the edges, locals have cultivated vegetables. Most structures have been built

along the reservoir's western and northern sides.

"During my childhood, I remember the dighi was a vast expanse of clear water. Now, the entire western side has been turned into a settlement," said local resident Mohammad Iqbal.



Local trader Mohammad Oman echoed him.

Citing the late historian Shamsul Hossain, who was also a former curator of the Chittagong University Museum, Banglapedia notes that Crown Prince Nashrat Shah, son of Alauddin Husain Shah, excavated the dighi and built a mosque beside it in 1519. Both were named after him.

The reservoir originally spanned

45 acres and is considered one of the major Sultanate era waterbodies excavated in Chattogram.

The Nashrat Shah Mosque, located on the western bank of the dighi near the Oxygen-Hathazari road, no longer retains any Sultanate era architectural features. It appears entirely modern, but a small glass enclosure inside the compound preserves two pillar fragments reportedly unearthed during reconstruction work in 1988.

"Lack of preservation has already cost the area a valuable piece of Sultanate era history," said Bangla Academy fellow and Chattogram-based researcher Md Shamsul Haque. He warned that if encroachment continues, the dighi will soon survive only as a name.

Contacted, Abu Isa Anchari, chief city planner of the Chattogram Development Authority, said the dighi has been designated as a "vegetation area" in the new master plan.

"As such, no one will receive approval to construct buildings within its boundaries," he said.

28 rescued in Teknaf while being trafficked

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
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Members of coast guard and police rescued 28 people during an anti-trafficking operation at Baharchhara in Teknaf early yesterday.

Coast guards' media officer Lt Commander Siamul Haq said a joint team from Baharchhara coast guard outpost and police raided the location and rescued 28 individuals who were waiting to be trafficked to Malaysia.

During preliminary questioning, the rescued individuals said several organised trafficking groups had lured Bangladeshi and Rohingya citizens from Teknaf and other parts of the country with promises of a better life abroad.

The traffickers fled after sensing the presence of law enforcers.

The coastguards said operations are continuing to detain those involved.

Ctg faces rabies vaccine shortage

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chattogram

Stock of government-allocated rabies vaccine is running out across Chattogram.

Chattogram General Hospital's free rabies vaccination programme has been suspended for past 16 days due to vaccine shortage.

Patients bitten by animals are now being forced to purchase expensive vaccines from private pharmacies.

Sunil Karmakar, a driver from Anwara, brought his six-year-old son to the hospital yesterday. "Doctors told me to buy it from outside as there is no vaccine in stock. The price is too high and will put a strain on me."

Chattogram General Hospital and Bangladesh Institute of Tropical and Infectious Diseases (BITID) in Fauzdarhaj are the only two institutions that provide free rabies vaccination in the district.

Between March and September this year, a staggering 15,884 people received rabies vaccines, including 4,000 for dog bites alone.

The Anti-Rabies Vaccine -- priced at Tk 500 per dose -- is used for minor wounds while the Rabies Immunoglobulin -- priced at Tk 1,000 per dose -- is for deep wounds.

Dr Ekram Hossain, acting superintendent of Chattogram General Hospital, said, "At present, we get only 300-500 vials against a monthly demand for 2,000 vials of rabies vaccine. Perhaps the supply will increase from next year."

Meanwhile, the patient numbers spiked at BITID as vaccine supply ran out at Chattogram General Hospital, confirmed Dr Iftekhar Ahmad, deputy director of BITID.

Supply of rabies vaccine to upazila health complexes remained suspended since June last year.

Chattogram Civil Surgeon Dr Jahangir Alam said a Development Project Proposal for the operation plan of Communicable Disease Control of Directorate General of Health Services will soon be approved and vaccine supply to upazila health complexes will resume.

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Notice for 3rd Time Extension

Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 230/132/33 KV AIS Substation at Madhabpur and Monohardi including two nos. 132KV bay extension at Bajipur 132/33KV grid substation and associated 230KV and 132KV Transmission Lines on turnkey basis

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Ref: (i) IFB No: 27.21.0000.101.07.429.25.4270, September 16, 2025

(ii) Memo No: 27.21.0000.101.07.319.25.5012, October 27, 2025

(iii) Memo No: 27.21.0000.101.07.319.25.5368, November 17, 2025

The deadline for submission of bids for the above Works has been extended from December 01, 2025, 11:00 AM Bangladesh Standard Time (BST) to December 11, 2025, 11:00 AM BST.

All other terms and conditions for the above Bidding Document shall remain unaltered.

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EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM) OF THE SHAREHOLDERS AND CREDITORS OF TEKWIN (BD) LIMITED PURSUANT TO THE DIRECTION OF THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the direction of the Hon'ble High Court issued by Justice Ahmed Sohel on 9th November, 2025 in Company Matter No. 2015 of 2025, an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Shareholders and the Creditors of Tekwin (BD) Limited ("the Company") will be held in the following manner:

Particulars	Date	Time	Venue
Shareholders	18th December 2025	10:00 am	Plot # 28 & 30 Gausul Azam Avenue, Sector 13, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka - 1230
Creditors	18th December 2025	11:30 am	

AGENDA of the EGM Shareholders and the Creditors

Approval of the Scheme of Amalgamation Tekwin (BD) Limited ("Transferor Company") with Tekwin (BD) Limited ("Transferee Company") to consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as Special Resolution with or without modification:

"RESOLVED THAT draft Scheme of Amalgamation of Tekwin (BD) Limited ("Transferor Company") with Tekwin (BD) Limited ("Transferee Company") be and is hereby approved subject to the sanction of the Scheme by the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh in accordance with the provisions of sections 228 and 229 of the Companies Act, 1994, and approval of the same Scheme by the Shareholders and creditors of Tekwin (BD) Limited in the similar manner. Let the Transferor Company be amalgamated with the Transferee Company in terms of the Scheme."

By order of the Board

Dated: 24th November 2025

Notes:

Draft Scheme of Amalgamation of Tekwin (BD) Limited with Tekwin (BD) Limited shall be kept open in the registered office of the Company for inspection by all concerned during office hours.

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)

1. For Selection of Structural Engineer for Birdem General Hospital invites EOI from qualified Structural Engineers/Consulting Firms for structural design, BOQ preparation, and construction supervision of a Steel-Structure Based 3-Storied Building (GF to 2nd floor Total area: 2,528sqft).
2. Minimum Qualifications: Five years experience. At least 2 similar steel-structure projects, IEB membership (for individual engineer), Valid TIN, BIN, Trade License.
3. Submission Deadline: 5 December 2025.
Address: Room No. 208, BIRDEM General Hospital, The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOs.
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