

Presidency Int'l School holds annual science fair

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Presidency International School organised Annual Science Fair 2025 on Friday at its Panchlaish campus in Chattogram city.

Young innovators showcased their creativity and scientific curiosity at the fair, attended by more than 1,000 students of the school from Classes II to XII.

The event aimed to foster exploration and strengthen students' understanding of science through hands-on projects and interactive learning.

Dr Imam Hasan Reza, rector of Presidency Education, presided over the event, which Prof Naureen Ahsan of Dhaka University's Physics Department inaugurated as the chief guest.

In her address, Dr Ahsan encouraged students to pursue knowledge with discipline and imagination, and stressed that talent must be paired with experience, ethics, and continuous learning to achieve meaningful breakthroughs.

A total of 335 projects on different themes, including renewable energy, biotechnology, robotics, environmental solutions, and applied physics, were displayed.

LAKSHMIPUR MUNICIPALITY 192km road network turns unfit for traffic



ANWARUL HAIDER, back from Lakshmpur

The 192-kilometre road network within Lakshmpur municipality has become largely unfit for vehicles due to years of neglect.

A visit to Karoliya Road, Meher Khan-Tajul Chowdhury Road, Kalagazi Road, Tuku Miah Road, and Hasan Ali Sardar Road showed widespread damage. In many sections, the bitumen carpeting has peeled off completely, leaving large and small potholes.

Dry water collects in them even after light rain, while overflowing drains often cause waterlogging. Pedestrians are forced to walk through muddy, polluted water, and vehicles, including motorcycles and auto-rickshaws, creep along to avoid accidents that locals say have become common.

Established in 1976, Lakshmpur covers 28.26 square kilometres and has a population of around 1.4 million across 15 wards. Locals alleged that no development work on roads or drainage has taken place in any ward for years.

"Rickshaws often do not want to ply these broken roads on rainy days and usually demand double the fare. We face great inconvenience and risk during our daily commute," said Md Nizam Uddin of ward-11.

Md Saiful Islam, a businessman from South Temuhani, said local businesses are also suffering due to the poor road network.

Md Jashim Uddin, the municipality's administrator and deputy director of the Local Government Division in Lakshmpur, said he wrote to the LGRD ministry secretary in October requesting Tk 92.91 crore for road repairs.

Executive engineer Md Zulfikar Hossain said if the allocation is approved, the unfit roads will be paved and drainage systems improved.



A mother and her son wade through water on a road in the Panchlaish area of the port city yesterday. Water from surrounding areas overflowed onto the street after a makeshift dam was built for the expansion work of the Hija Canal, causing severe suffering for commuters.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

SIFAYET ULLAH, Ctg

Bangladesh Railway's revenue from container transportation, long regarded as its only reliably profitable operation, has fallen to its lowest level in nine years, raising concern among officials and service users.

According to data from the Railway's Transportation and Commercial Department, the segment earned Tk 77 crore in FY 2024-25. The last time earnings dipped this low was in FY 2015-16, when revenue stood at just over Tk 73 crore.

This marks the fourth consecutive year of decline. Revenue peaked at Tk 135 crore in FY 2021-22 before sliding steadily

to this year's level.

Cargo volume has dropped even more sharply. The railway transported 15.6 lakh tonnes of goods in FY 2021-22, but the figure fell by around half to 7.3 lakh tonnes in the last fiscal year.

Officials attribute the downturn mainly to a shortage of locomotives, which has crippled container services on the Dhaka-Chattogram route, introduced in FY 1986-87 to boost freight earnings.

Four pairs of container trains are scheduled to run daily between Chattogram and Kamalapur ICD in Dhaka, but only two pairs operate on most days, said Nazrul Islam, chief master of the Chattogram Goods

Port Yard.

"We need 13 locomotives, but we regularly receive only five to six. Because of this, we cannot operate the scheduled trains," he said.

During a visit to the yard last week, three fully loaded rakes were seen waiting for departure, stalled due to the lack of engines.

Despite delays, many users continue relying on container trains for two key advantages: cargo security and the convenience of completing customs and clearance procedures at Kamalapur ICD, where all relevant agencies are stationed together.

Mohammad Nabi, who represents a Narayanganj-

based garment manufacturer, said delays have worsened significantly.

"We now receive containers 18 to 20 days after they are unloaded from ships. Earlier it never took more than 5 to 7 days," he said.

Tariq Imran, deputy chief operating superintendent of BR (East Zone), said, "We are not getting locomotives on time. As a result, we cannot run trains according to schedule, and revenue automatically drops." Moreover, 82 of the 140 locomotives assigned to the East Zone are more than 20 years old, exceeding their standard lifespan. The zone requires 118 to 120 engines daily to maintain full operations but can use only 78 to 80, according to railway data.

East Zone General Manager Md Sabuktogen said, "We are trying to repair several locomotives on a fast-track basis. The government is also moving ahead with the purchase of new engines."



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2 criminals held in India, handed over to BGB

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

A listed criminal from Brahmanbaria and his accomplice, both of whom fled to India after shooting three people in broad daylight, were held by India's Border Security Force and returned to Bangladesh on Friday.

Shakil Mia, 33, a known gunman from Kandipara area of Brahmanbaria town, and his associate Arian Ahmed, 24, were picked up by BSF in Tripura. Members of BSF's Battalion-49 handed them over to Border Guard Bangladesh during a flag meeting at the 2039 border pillar in Kasba on Friday evening, said Lt Col Md Ziaur Rahman, commanding officer of BGB Battalion 60.

BGB later handed them over to police, and Kasba Police Station filed a case against them under the Passport Act.

According to police, Shakil allegedly opened fire on November 28, around 6:45pm, on Madrasa Road in Kandipara, injuring three men. Hours later, former Chhakra Dal leader Saddam Hossain was shot dead in the same neighbourhood.

Rab has already arrested Delwar Hossain Dilip, convener of the district unit Swecchhasebok Dal, the prime suspect in that murder.

OC Md Azharul Islam of Brahmanbaria Sadar Model Police Station said Shakil crossed into India shortly after the shooting spree and has been hiding there.

8 held with 375 sacks of cement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Bangladesh Coast Guard detained eight people attempting to smuggle a large consignment of cement to Myanmar early yesterday.

Lieutenant Commander Siam-ul Haque, media officer of the Coast Guard, said that acting on information, they conducted a drive near the Bakkhali river estuary in Cox's Bazar.

During the raid, they searched a fishing boat and found 375 sacks of cement.

800 cartons of foreign cigarettes seized

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Airport security and Customs officials recovered 800 cartons of foreign cigarettes, found abandoned, at Chattogram Shah Amanat International Airport yesterday morning.

The consignment, worth nearly Tk 90 lakh, was found inside six luggage bags in the Lost and Found section of the airport, said airport sources.

Md Ibrahim Khalil, public relations officer of the airport, said, "When authorities looked for the owner of the luggage bags, no one claimed them, and upon opening them, 800 cartons of foreign cigarettes were found."

"Legal action is underway in this connection."



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