Built at Tk 11 crore, water treatment plant lies idle

Handover dispute leaves Munshiganj residents without promised water supply

TANJIL HASAN, *Munshiganj*

A water treatment plant built at a cost of around Tk 11 crore in Hatlakshmiganj under Munshiganj municipality has remained inoperative for years due to delays and disagreements over its handover, leaving residents without its intended benefits.

The project was initiated on April 11, 2018, under a water supply scheme for 37 district towns. Younus & Brothers was awarded the contract at an estimated cost of Tk 10,26,90,237.

Scheduled for completion and handover by May 2019, the project faced repeated delays over land-related complications, concerns about pipe quality and other issues.

After three deadline extensions, construction was completed in July 2023, followed by three months of trial operations beginning in August that year.

During a recent visit, this correspondent found the 3,300-square-foot plant completely shut, with stagnant water emitting a foul smell and algae covering the water and various structures.

Caretaker Anil Barman blamed the situation on the municipality's failure to formally take over the facility.

The plant was designed to draw water from the adjacent Dhaleshwari river, treat 3,50,000 litres per hour and supply it to municipal residents.



PHOTO: STAR

The 3,300-square-foot plant is completely shut, with stagnant water emitting a foul smell and algae covering the water.

Mohammad Nabil, a Hatlakshmiganj resident, said industrial waste and pollution from establishments along the riverbanks had made the water unfit for use. Tube wells also failed to provide adequate supplies, he added.

Md Touhidul Islam, chief executive officer of Munshiganj municipality, said then adviser Adilur Rahman and senior officials inspected the plant in January and found construction defects.

"The adviser and the secretary told the chief engineer that the construction work was unsatisfactory. Plaster had fallen off in some places, the paintwork was defective, the floor was damaged, and algae had grown on the structures. They asked for repairs to make the plant fit for handover," he said.

Touhidul said the municipality had requested two production tube wells as river water was unusable during the dry season, but only one had been installed. The requested repairs also remained incomplete.

"Detailed letters on all these issues have been sent to the ministry several times," he added.

However, Md Humayun Kabir, chief engineer of the Munshiganj DPHE, disputed the claims, saying the defects identified by an initial committee had been addressed.

"Subsequently, another committee asked us to install a tube well because river water is unusable during the dry season. That tube well has also been installed. The plant is now ready for handover. We will hand it over whenever the municipality is ready to take it," he said.

IN BRIEF

Journo hurt in machete attack

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Jamalpur*

A journalist was injured in a machete attack in Singua area of Jamalpur's Sarishabari upazila early yesterday.

Mohammad Hafizur Rahman, secretary of Dhanbari Press Club and upazila correspondent for Amar Desh and NTV, was returning home from Dhanbari when he was attacked around 3:00am.

Hafizur said he left Dhanbari around 11:00pm after work, but his motorcycle broke down on the way, delaying his journey. As he reached Singua, a pickup van blocked his path and five to six men armed with machetes emerged from it. They first damaged his motorcycle before hacking his left hand. "When I shouted for help, they fled," he said.

Locals took him to Sarishabari Upazila Health Complex, where he received first aid.

Sarishabari Police Station OC Iqbal Hossain said police were investigating the attack and a case was being filed.

Govt decides to relocate Secretariat to Agargaon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided in principle to relocate the Secretariat to the old trade fair ground in the capital's Agargaon.

Housing and Public Works Minister Zakaria Taher said the decision was taken at a meeting chaired by the prime minister at his office last Wednesday.

"Various aspects of this matter have been under consideration for a long time. For now, a decision in principle has been made, but the final decision will be taken by the cabinet," Zakaria said last night.

During the Awami League government's tenure, decisions to relocate the Secretariat to Agargaon were taken multiple times, but none were implemented.

According to PMO sources, policymakers now want to begin work on the project as soon as possible during the current government's term.

Seven more die with measles-like symptoms

UNB, *Dhaka*

Seven patients died with measles-like symptoms in the 24 hours until 8:00am yesterday, taking the combined number of confirmed and suspected measles-related deaths in the country to 1,162 this year.

The DGHS classified all seven latest fatalities as suspected measles deaths. With the latest deaths, the number of suspected measles fatalities has reached 1,058, while confirmed deaths remain unchanged at 104.

A total of 1,180 new suspected measles cases were reported, taking the number nationwide to 2,05,028.

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Corrigendum/Amendment Notice

With reference to the Notice published on 28 September 2026 for REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REoI) FOR ENLISTMENT OF DEMAND AGGREGATORS (DAs) FOR THE DOMESTIC ROOFTOP SOLAR (DRS) PROGRAM, It is to notify all concerned that the Submission date has been modified as follows:

	Original	Modified
Submission Date & Time	12/10/2026 4:00 PM	19/10/2026 4:00 PM

NB: REoI has also been amended and is available at **www.idcol.org/home/downloads.**

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ID	Title of Works
1349185	Tree Trimming works of 230kV and 132kV transmission line of all substation under GMD, Kaliakair, Power Grid Bangladesh PLC.
1349128	Dead line checking of 132 & 230 kV Transmission Line and Disk Insulator change work at all Substation under GMD, Kaliakair, Power Grid Bangladesh PLC.
1348867	Supplying, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 2X10kWp Grid Tie Solar System at Kabirpur & Tangail 132kV Grid Sub-Station under GMD, Kaliakair. Power Grid Bangladesh PLC.

আগ্রহী ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে www.eprocure.gov.bd সাইটের মাধ্যমে দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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SHANTO-MARIAM UNIVERSITY OF CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY

Vacancy Announcement for the Position of Vice-Chancellor

The Board of Trustees (BoT) of Shanto-Mariam University of Creative Technology (SMUCT) invites applications from distinguished, dynamic and accomplished academics for the position of Vice-Chancellor.

The incumbent will be responsible for implementing duties & responsibilities in accordance with the Private University Act, 2010.

Academic Qualifications & Experience

Candidates must meet the qualifications and applicable requirements prescribed under the Private University Act, 2010. In general, candidates should possess:

1. Professor with a PhD from a recognized university, preferably in a discipline relevant to the academic programs/disciplines of SMUCT. Third Class/Division/C grade at any stage of educational level will not be accepted.
2. At least 20 (twenty) years of combined experience in university teaching, research, academic administration and institutional management, including substantial experience as a Professor.
3. Experience as Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dean of a Faculty/School, or equivalent senior academic leadership position in a private university will be given preference.
4. Demonstrated experience or contribution in implementing and managing Outcome-Based Education (OBE) curricula and accreditation will be an added advantage.
5. A strong record of research, scholarly publications, research development and academic collaboration will be considered an added advantage.

Terms & Conditions

- The appointment shall be subject to the approval of the Hon'ble President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Chancellor of the University, upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees, as applicable under law.
- The University reserves the right to shortlist candidates and conduct an interview/selection process.
- Salary, benefits and other terms and conditions will be offered as per University policy and commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the selected candidate.

Application Procedure

Interested and eligible candidates are requested to submit:

1. A detailed and updated Curriculum Vitae (CV) with cover letter.
2. Copies of academic certificates and transcripts;
3. Details of teaching, research and administrative experience;
4. List of publications and major research achievements;
5. A brief Vision/Strategic Plan for the Development of SMUCT; and
6. Names and contact details of three professional referees.

Applications should be submitted on or before 31st October 2026 in a sealed envelope marked "Application for the Post of Vice-Chancellor" or by email to:

The Chairman, Board of Trustees
Shanto-Mariam University of Creative Technology Trust
Plot-06, Road/Avenue-06, Sector-17/H-1,
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রেজিস্ট্রেশন সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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১.	i) স্নাতক (পাস) ii) স্নাতক (সম্মান)	২০১৩ থেকে ২০২৪
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৬.	এমএসসি ইন সিএসই (MSc in CSE)	২০১১ থেকে ২০২২
৭.	বিবিএ ইন ট্যুরিজম এন্ড হসপিটালিটি ম্যানেজমেন্ট (BBA in THM)	২০১৯ থেকে ২০২৩
৮.	i) বিএসসি অনার্স ইন অ্যারোনটিক্যাল এন্ড এভিয়েশন সায়েন্স এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং ii) বিবিএ ইন এভিয়েশন ম্যানেজমেন্ট	২০২০ থেকে ২০২৪
৯.	অনার্স ইন থিয়েটার এন্ড মিডিয়া স্টাডিজ (TMS)	২০১৯ থেকে ২০২২
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১৩.	এমপিএড (MPEd)	২০২০ থেকে ২০২৩
১৪.	এমএসএড (MSEd)	২০১০ থেকে ২০২৪
১৫.	অন-ক্যাম্পাস এমএএস (MAS)/এএমবিএ (AMBA)	২০১৫ থেকে ২০২৫
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Invitation Ref. No	Tender ID	Name of work	Tender publishing Date and Time	Tender Closing and opening Date & Time
HO/ICT/2026/49, Date: 11.10.2026	1348885	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Server [For Application (7) & For Backup Solution (1)], Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization Engine (Bare Metal Node), Premium (102 Sockets up to 128 Cores), Oracle Linux, Premium Support & Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server and Premium (Physical or Virtual Nodes) for DC & DRC of Rupali Bank PLC.	12.10.2026 4:00 PM	02.11.2026 4.00 PM
HO/ICT/2026/50, Date: 11.10.2026	1348340	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Backup Software Solution, SAN Storage [for Production (2) & for Disk Based Backup (1)] and SAN Switch for DC & DRC of Rupali Bank PLC.	12.10.2026 4:00 PM	02.11.2026 4.00 PM
HO/ICT/2026/51, Date: 11.10.2026	1348042	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 08 (Eight) sets CISC Server for ICT Operations Division of Rupali Bank PLC.	12.10.2026 4:00 PM	02.11.2026 4.00 PM

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- The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank's branch.
- Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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