

Water logging thwarts CCC mosquito eradication prog

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Chattogram City Corporation (CCC) Mayor Md Rezaul Karim Chowdhury said that the accumulated water has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes due to dumping of garbage and construction of dams in different parts of the canal to implement CDA waterlogging project.

He made the remarks while exchanging views with reporters on the progress of his first 100-day crash programme after taking charge as CCC mayor. The programme was held at the KB Abdus Sattar auditorium in Anderkilla on Thursday afternoon.

He said that in the 100-day mosquito eradication campaign, 2 workers in each ward are engaged in spraying liquid medicine with fogger (smoke) spray and 5 hand sprays. A team has been formed under the leadership of Professor Dr. Rabiul Islam of Chittagong University to determine the effectiveness of liquid medicine in mosquito eradication.

Necessary decisions and steps will be taken after receiving their report. The mayor said, "On February 15,



CCC Mayor Md Rezaul Karim Chowdhury exchanges views with reporters at the KB Abdus Sattar auditorium in Anderkilla on Thursday, on the progress of his 100-day crash programme.

I took over the responsibility of the mayor, while CCC was under a debt of Tk 1,000 crore and struggling with various other problems. Then I started the 100 day crash programme."

Although the CDA has the overall responsibility of cleaning more than 3 feet wide ditches and canals under the waterlogging elimination project, CCC has cleaned the garbage as well as lifted soil from many large ditches and canals in the interest of eradi-

ating mosquito breeding growth and water flow. 10,600 tonnes of garbage has been dumped in 2,120 trips.

CCC mayor said 4,011 LED lights have been installed on 2,960 poles in 76 kilometers of 30 roads.

Tk 67 lakh 25 thousand 110 has been paid to 33 retired employees of CCC since last 15th February. 22 crore 17 lakh 97 thousand 860 taka, 1 crore 12 lakh 34 thousand 416 taka

of road lights and 2 crore 38 lakh 77 thousand 774 taka of various installations have been paid from the outstanding bills of the contractors.

The design of 5 income generating projects has been called for to increase the financial capacity of CCC, while 37 more projects are under review. The first dose was given to 2 lakh 53 thousand 572 people in 41 wards of CCC and the second dose was given to 1 lakh 83 thousand 598 people. The CCC Executive Magistrate Court has disposed of 926 out of 2,086 arbitration cases in 100 days. Of these, 14 have been associated with 44 previous complaints. 241 cases were disposed of and fines amounting to Tk 1,84,600 were collected in 68 mobile Court raids, while 17 eviction raids were conducted.

CCC CEO Kazi Muhammad Mozammel Haque delivered the welcome address. Chattogram Press Club President Ali Abbas, General Secretary Chowdhury Farid, CCC Panel Mayor Abdus Sabur Liton, Gias Uddin, Afroza Kalam, Mayor's Private Secretary Muhammad Abul Hashem and other councilors were present at the meeting.



Turkish Ambassador to Bangladesh Mustafa Osman Turanon Thursday pays a courtesy call on Dhaka North City Corporation Mayor Barrister Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh in the capital.



Acting Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General SM Shafiuddin Ahmed on Thursday handed over various medical supplies to Nepalese Ambassador to Bangladesh Dr Bansidher Mishra.

Bikorno Kumar Ghosh joins BHTPA as MD

Staff Correspondent

Dr Bikorno Kumar Ghosh joined the post of managing director of Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority (BHTPA). Earlier, on May 30, by the order of the President, a notification in this regard was issued by the Ministry of Public Administration.

He has successfully served as the Additional Secretary of the Department of Information and Communication Technology for so long prior promoting to this post.

Director (Finance and Administration) of Hi-Tech Park Authority ANM Shafiqul Islam (Joint Secretary), Director (Technical) Syed Zahurul Islam (Joint Secretary) and all officials of Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority and all project directors and deputy-Directors welcomed Dr Bikorno Kumar Ghosh with floral welcome on Tuesday.

Expressing his gratitude to all Dr. Bikarna Kumar Ghosh said he is determined to work more dynamically in the coming days. He expressed his sincere gratitude to the Prime Minister for appointing him as the Managing Director of BHTPA. He wished peace to the father of the nation, the great language movement, the great war of liberation and the martyrs of 15th August.



Proposed tobacco tax not expected

Anti-tobacco platforms' instant reaction to proposed budget

Staff Correspondent

Different anti-tobacco organisations have given instant reaction over the proposed tobacco tax in the proposed national budget for 2021-2022 fiscal year, which was placed in the Parliament on Thursday (June 3).

According to the anti-tobacco platforms, although there is a target to bring tobacco use down to 5% to make Bangladesh tobacco-free by 2040, the proposed tax will have no contribution to reduce the tobacco use in the country. However, the tax system will support the tobacco companies to generate new smokers.

In a joint statement, Bangladesh Anti-Tobacco Alliance (BATA), Bangladesh Network for Tobacco Tax Policy (BNTTP) and Tamak Birodhi Nari Jote (TABINAJ) said that although tax increase is the effective measure for reducing tobacco use, it has been ignored in the proposed budget. The government has not given importance on the issue even in the current pandemic situation.

In the statement, it was said that the proposed price and tax on tobacco products are frustrating. For this reason, the tobacco related disease and death would increase, while the government will lose a huge amount of revenue. However, the tobacco companies will be benefited for not introducing specific tax system.

Dr Rumana Huque, a professor of Department of Economics of Dhaka

University and convener of the BNTTP, said that in the proposed budget without bringing any change in the price of lower and middle tier, the 10 sticks cigarette price remains same Tk. 39 and Tk. 63 as previous year. However, there are also no changes in the price of bidi, jorda and gul. But, with the increase of per capita income, the price of regular essential products increases. Considering that, the price of tobacco products is not increased comparatively, she added. She commented that the proposed tobacco tax would increase the tobacco companies' earning due to the faulty ad-velorem system. She expects that considering the protection of public health and increase of revenue, the proposed budget will be changed by adopting specific tax system and imposing the rational amount of price and tax of tobacco products as per our recommendations.

About 72% smokers in Bangladesh smoke lower tier cigarettes. The lower and middle tier cigarette users combine almost 88% of smokers. The number will increase and proposed budget will encourage the youths to start smoking due to not increasing the price.

The anti-tobacco organisations said that they have submitted proposal of tobacco taxation and prices with the demand of imposing specific tax system. If the proposed tax is imposed, about 11 lakh adult smokers will quit and 8 lakh new smokers will be discouraged.

Skill Development Week held at CU

CU Correspondent

Excellence Bangladesh's Chittagong University (CU) unit is organizing a week-long skill development training workshop 'Skill Development Week 2021'. The registration for this completely free training workshop has already begun where any students of the University Of Chittagong can participate for free of cost.

From June 8 - June 14, the workshop will be held online. In this workshop masterclasses will be taken by Expert Instructors on CV writing, Job Profile Making, Personal Branding, and Tech Savvy Skills.

CU Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Shireen Akhter will be present in the inauguration ceremony of the workshop as the Chief Guest. As the special guest for the event CU Proctor Dr. Robiul Hasan Bhuiyan, CEO of Excellence Bangladesh Mr. Benjir Abrar, and the Chief Operating Officer of Excellence Bangladesh Mr. Riaz Hossain will be present. Regarding the Upcoming event, the Ambassador of Excellence Bangladesh and the event coordinator Mr. Mahbub A Rahman says, "The four skills that we are arranging masterclasses on are very important at present. These skills will be crucial to keep us one step forward than the others. To be a part of this kind of event is a matter of great joy." Excellence Bangladesh is a skill development platform that connects the youth of Bangladesh with the corporate world which is relentlessly working for transforming the youth as skilled and eligible for a beautiful Bangladesh.



DNCC Mayor Md Atiqul Islam on Thursday attends a MoU signing ceremony between DNCC and Robi at Nagar Bhaban in Gulshan, to build a smart city.

Everyone must follow the rules: JUST VC

JUST Correspondent

Taking charge in the second term Vice-Chancellor of the Jashore University of Science and Technology (JUST) Prof. Dr. Md. Anwar Hossain along with the teachers, students, officials and employees of the university paid homage to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on Thursday.

"Everyone has to follow the rules," he said at the time.

Everyone has to work together to make this university a research university.

On Thursday afternoon, Taking charge as the Vice-Chancellor for the second term, Pro. Dr. Md. Anwar Hossain paid homage with flowers at the mural of Bangabandhu at Bakultala in Jashore city and at the main gate of JUST. He later planted a tree on campus.

On Tuesday, June 1, with the approval of His Excellency the President and the Chancellor, the Department of Secondary and Higher Education of the Ministry of Education issued a circular appointing him as the Vice-Chancellor of JUST for the second term.

After joining the second term as vice chancellor of JUST, Professor Dr. Md. Anwar Hossain was warmly greeted by the teachers-students, officers, employees, various departments and institutes. At the time, various social and cultural organizations of the university including JUST Nil Dal, JUST Chhatra League, Journalist Association, Sohayak, Rotaract Club, Bangabandhu Sahitya Parishad greeted the new VC.

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Beneficiaries of Asrayan-2 project having new dreams

Kalidas Roy, Natore

Homeless couple Amal Mandal and Dipali Rani Mandal, who live on khas land in Shankarbagh Bazar area of Natore Sadar Upazila, are very happy with their new pucca house provided by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina marking the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Amal, a day laborer, used to spend his days with his children in a makeshift dilapidated house on govt Khas land. Now they are weaving new dreams in their new house. Saying that now they have no worries about home and it will not be difficult to stay in the rain. He thanked Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for providing them with the new house.

Shripod Mandal, who is a day laborer in the same area said, "I never thought that one day I will get a chance to live in a pucca home. He is now overjoyed to get a house provided by the government. He said he would praise Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as long as he lived in the house."

Like other places, on May 20, local MP Shafiqul Islam Shimul, beneficiary Amal and Shri Pad handed over the houses of 20 homeless families to the shelter project. The district administration and local people's representatives are working



A portion of the houses built under Asrayan-2 project for distribution among homeless families, marking Mujib Barsho in Natore.

in coordination to rehabilitate the homeless and homeless people declared by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the entire district.

According to district administration sources, the current government is working on the Asrayan-2 project for the homeless on the occasion of the Mujib Barsho. In the first phase, 558 houses were allotted in Natore district. In the second phase, 1,382 houses have been allotted in 7 upazilas of the district. Of these, 100 have been allotted in Natore Sadar Upazila, 800 in Singra, 135 in Gurudaspur, 166 in Baraigram, 50 in Lalpur, 120 in Bagatipara and 10 in Naldanga. Of these, 1179 houses

have been completed.

Work on the remaining 202 houses will be completed by June. With utmost importance, in accordance with the instructions of the Prime Minister, sincerity, transparency and in the shortest possible time, pucca houses allotted for the homeless are being constructed. To ensure transparency in the work, Natore-2 MP Shafiqul Islam Shimul and Deputy Commissioner Md Shahriaz have repeatedly inspected the work of the shelter project in 6 upazilas. Being monitored regularly.

Gurudaspur Upazila Nirbahi Officer Tamal Hossain said the work of allocating houses to 50 people in

the upazila has already been completed. Beneficiaries have started living there. In the second phase, work on 135 more houses is in the final stage. The house is being built according to that design plan centrally. The allocation for each house was 1 lakh 61 thousand rupees.

"I personally, as a government employee, think this is one of the most memorable events of my working life. A man's dream is to have a house. The government has certainly done a very good job for the poor people. Because, the condition of those whose houses and lands have been given by the government in the area is really very bad.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Matore Md. Shahriaz said the district administration is working in coordination with the local people's representatives to rehabilitate the homeless and homeless on the basis of transparency with utmost importance in the entire district as per the directives of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The house is being handed over to him as a gift from the Prime Minister so that not a single family is left homeless.