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No annual exams for primary students for second year

Staff Reporter

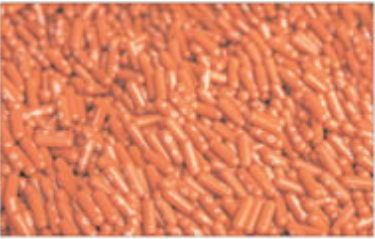
The government has decided to promote primary school students to the next grade without holding a final exam due to the pandemic for the second year. In a meeting on Oct 26, the education ministry had decided to have an alternative assessment system to promote the students to their next grades. The authorities will advise the schools after finalising the decision.

"There'll be no annual exams for the primary students this year. We have already provided some worksheets to the students. We'll evaluate their performance, taking homework, assignment and class-work into account," said Uttam Kumar Das, director of the Directorate of Primary Education. Teachers in Dhaka schools said they would follow the government's advice on the issue, once they receive it.

COVID pill molnupiravir hits Bangladesh markets

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh's pharmaceutical companies have begun marketing generic versions of Merck's COVID-19 antiviral drug molnupiravir, the first of its kind, upon approval from regulators. Beximco began the sales on Tuesday after getting the emergency production and marketing authorisation on Monday, said Maj Gen Md Mahbubur Rahman, director-general of the Directorate General of Drug Administration. Ekayef and Square Pharmaceuticals, who received bids for the production and marketing of the drug, will begin marketing the pill within the next week. Incepta, General Pharma, Beacon Pharma, Renata and three other companies have also received the production go-ahead from the DGDA. Beximco Pharma is supplying the drug with the brand name Emcorvir at Tk 70 per capsule. Ekayef has priced its pills, Molnir, at



Tk 50 each. A patient needs to take eight 200 mg capsules daily - four at a time, two times a day - for five days following a doctor's prescription to treat mild to moderate infections. Trial research has suggested that the pill is likely to be most effective when taken during the early stages of infection. "We think the drug will help eliminate coronavirus from the country," said Mahbubur, the chief of DGDA. Bangladeshi pharmaceutical companies were able to swiftly bring in the medicine due to having rights to "copyright exemption" on some drugs as a "developing country", Mahbubur said. On Oct 27, Merck granted a royalty-free licence for its promising COVID-19 pill to the United Nations-backed nonprofit Medicines Patent Pool, an organisation that works to make medical treatment and technologies globally accessible.

Covid claims three more lives in 24 hrs

Staff Reporter

Bangladesh reported three more deaths from Covid-19 in the last 24 hours until Tuesday morning, taking the tally to 27,904, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS). The number of detected novel coronavirus cases, according to the DGHS, rose to 1,571,434 as 206 more cases were reported in the last 24 hours. The rate of detection in the last 24 hours until 8:00 am decreased to 1.18 per cent from yesterday's 1.28 per cent. The health directorate said a total of 356 people recovered from the highly infectious disease in the last 24 hours, taking the number of the total recovery to 1,535,390. Among the deaths, two were male and one female. Of them, one died in Dhaka division and two in Chattogram.



Students of DU-affiliated colleges block Nilkhet intersection to demand special exam

Staff Reporter

Students from seven government colleges affiliated with Dhaka University held a four-hour protest on Tuesday at Nilkhet to demand that the authorities scrap the results of a recently-held fourth year examination in which a majority of examinees failed and retake it. Students of 2015-16 academic session joined the protest blocking Nilkhet intersection from 1 pm to 4 pm halting traffic movement in the area and causing huge suffering to commuters. They dispersed after police arrived at the scene. The students called the results of the

examination as "disastrous" because of the mass fails, most of them in English. Because of this a large number of students can't now qualify for admission in Masters. In the protest, students chanted slogans demanding special examination and publish the results of this exam as quickly as possible. Al-Amin, a student of Dhaka College, told UNB that they met Ik Salimullah, the coordinator of the seven colleges earlier in the day, but he did not listen to their demand. Salimullah is the principal of Dhaka College.

Auto-truck collision leaves 2 dead in Jamalpur

Staff Reporter

Two persons were killed and two others injured in a collision between a CNG-run auto-rickshaw and a truck on the busy Jamalpur-Dhaka highway in Narikeli early on Tuesday. The deceased were identified as Mintu Mia, 28, son of Shahjahan Ali of Chontia village in Jamalpur Sadar upazila, and Abul Kalam Azad, 45, son of Usman Gani of Mustananga village in Melandah upazila. Eyewitnesses said the accident occurred around 5am when the Jamalpur-bound truck travelling at a high speed hit the auto-rickshaw on the highway in Narikeli in Jamalpur Sadar upazila, after its driver lost control of the heavy vehicle. The impact of the crash was such that it left the four occupants of the auto-rickshaw injured, two of them fatally.

Bangladesh is role model in addressing climate risks: Hasan

Staff Reporter

Information and Broadcasting Minister and environmental researcher Dr Hasan Mahmud has said Bangladesh is now a role model in reducing the risks induced by climate change. He made the remark while speaking at an international dialogue at Bangladesh pavilion on Monday evening on the sidelines of the Conference of Parties (COP) - 26 in Glasgow of Scotland, according to a message received here yesterday. The Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL) arranged the dialogue on 'Prospect of Solar-Powered Irrigation to Enhance Climate Resilience in Bangladesh'.

Speaking as the chief guest, Hasan said the Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy

leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, be added.

He sought cooperation from World Bank and development associate agencies in enhancing the use of solar panel in Bangladesh.

Hasan said the use of eco-friendly and cost-effective solar panel has increased in agricultural irrigation abroad instead of diesel-run pump.

He said now there are 1,240,000 diesel-run irrigation pumps and farmers have to buy a huge amount of diesel for operating the pumps while diesel-run pumps emit massive quantity of carbon dioxide.

If solar-powered irrigation pump can be used instead of diesel-run pump, it will help conserve environment by stopping emission of carbon-dioxide as well as



and Action Plan (BCCSAP) is now showing path to the world in dealing with climate change impacts. That is why, he said, Bangladesh is now a role model in this regard. Hasan, also the Awami League joint general secretary, said the Bangladesh government is implementing the action plan with its own fund, while it has already taken 789 projects involving US\$ 443 million from Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Fund (BCTF).

Addressing the climate change impacts, the country is moving forward at an indomitable pace due to the time-beating initiatives taken under the visionary

save huge amount of foreign exchange, he mentioned. For diesel-run pump, he said, now farmers have to spend huge money in buying diesel and repairing the pumps, but solar-powered irrigation pump can be used for 20 years at a stretch. Lauding the host organization of the programme, the minister said IDCOL has already attained global accolades by setting up 1500 solar-powered irrigation pumps as part of their initiative of minimize the climate change related damages. He said the IDCOL is also playing an important role in attaining the government pledges for renewable energy.



Mr. Farid Ali (David), CEO and innovator of this new source presented his findings with authentic documents. He also displayed some power point presentation and some videos. He told that using this excess pressure of natural gas mining field, we can able to generate 100% Green Energy. There is no other cost. This plant will run 24 hours. It may be 2-6 MW, depending upon pressure of wellhead. No need of any battery. It is currently applicable for Bhola project. He named this new source as "GREEN BANGLA ENERGY". This project is also applicable for any countries of the world like, India, China, USSR, USA, Canada, Australia, Philippines etc. At present we need more and more green energy. If concern apartment and concern people come forward, we can do it in our country.



Dengue claims one more and infect another 106 people

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh reported another death from dengue fever, while 106 new patients were hospitalized in 24 hours till Tuesday morning. With the latest death, the number of fatalities from the mosquito-borne disease this year increased to 96, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS). Of them 88 people died in Dhaka division alone, two each in Chattogram, Mymensingh and Khulna divisions and one each in Rajshahi and Barisal divisions. Among the new patients, 82 were undergoing treatment in hospitals in Dhaka while the remaining 24 cases were reported from outside the division. Some 626 patients diagnosed with dengue are receiving treatment in the country as of Tuesday.

Sports Reporter

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal yesterday said that the government is determined to build a non-communal, educated and prosperous nation based on technology. "We are working for building a nation with non-communal spirit," he told a pre-rally discussion here on the 51st founding anniversary of Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh (IDEB) and Public Engineering Day as the chief guest. IDEB General Secretary Md Shamsur Rahman gave a welcome and introductory speech at the pre-rally discussion chaired by IDEB President AKMA Hamid.

The minister said that the country will not be allowed to destroy non-communal harmony in any way. "Those who want to take political advantage by creating a

volatile environment in the country by creating communal violence will be suppressed at any cost," he said. Kamal said Bangladeshis wanted to build golden people on the basis of modern education along with work force based and undertook extensive activities to make independence a meaningful.

"But the anti-liberation force has pushed the country backwards by killing Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Jannatree Sheikh Hasina is working tirelessly to take the backward Bangladesh forward. Today, the country is moving forward in development through the implementation of the Prime Minister's vision," he added.

The minister said that the country's per capita income has risen to \$2,554.

Biennial election of BGAPMEA Ctg held

Chattogram Bureau

The biennial election for the session of 2021-23 of the Bangladesh Garments Accessories & Packaging Manufacturers Exporters Association, Chattogram Zone held on November 6 last with landslide victory with full panel of Jasimuddin Chowdhury -Md.Iqbal supported panel. Five Director posts of Chattogram zone unanimously elected from this panel. The elected Directors of the panel are Md. Belal, Md.Shahidul Islam Chowdhury, Md. Iqbal Parver, Md.Enamul Hoque and Abdul Wajed Sohel.Member Secretary from the elected panel Md. Nasiruddin greeted the newly elected Directors and other office bearers after their victory. The election was held from 10 am to 5 pm on November 06 last, a release of the association said.



Five directors from chattogram zone chapter were elected with landslide victory

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