# Report Writing (প্রতিবেদন লিখন)

Report একজন Reporter-এর অভিজ্ঞতার আলোকে লিখতে হয়। একজন Reporter কোনো ঘটনাকে সরেজমিনে অবলোকন করে, প্রত্যক্ষদর্শীদের কিংবা ঘটনার সাথে জড়িতদের সাক্ষাৎকার গ্রহণ করে। প্রয়োজনে বিশেষভাবে তদন্ত করে একটি Report পত্রিকার জন্য প্রস্তুত করে। তাই ঘটনাটিকে সঠিক এবং বস্তুনিষ্ঠভাবে উপস্থাপন করতে হয়, যাতে পাঠক প্রকৃত ঘটনাটিকে হৃদয়ঙ্গম করতে পারে। Report Writing-এর ক্ষেত্রে পরীক্ষার্থীকে Report-এর বৈশিষ্ট্যগুলো অবশ্যই অনুধাবন করতে হবে।

**Kinds of Report :**

Report ম–লত দুই প্রকার। (i) news report (ii) office report

**(i) News report**

এ ধরনের রিপোর্ট অবশ্যই objective হতে হবে। অর্থাৎ এক্ষেত্রে রিপোর্টারের ব্যক্তিগত মতামত বা সুপারিশ প্রকাশের সুযোগ থাকে না। তবে এখানে ঘটনা সম্পর্কিত ব্যক্তি বা তৃতীয় ব্যক্তি বা প্রত্যক্ষদর্শীর বক্তব্য দেওয়া হয়। এ জাতীয় প্রতিবেদনে নিম্নের অংশগুলো থাকবে :

- **একটি শিরোনাম (Headline) :** এটা সংক্ষিপ্ত ও আকর্ষণীয় হতে হবে।
- **প্রতিবেদকের নাম/ পদ (Name/ Post of Reporter) :** সাধারণত বড় ধরনের প্রতিবেদনে প্রতিবেদকের নাম দেওয়া হয় এবং ছোট রিপোর্টে রিপোর্টারের পদ লেখা হয় :
- **স্থান ও তারিখ (ঐচ্ছিক) (Place & Date) :** রিপোর্টের স্থান ও রিপোর্ট এর তারিখ লিখতে হবে।
- **ভূমিকা (Introduction):** ম–ল ঘটনাটিকে একটি অনুচ্ছেদে সংক্ষিপ্তাকারে লিখতে হয়। এক্ষেত্রে ব্যাখ্যা দিতে হবে। অর্থাৎ ঘটনাটির সাথে সম্পর্কিত কে, কোথায়, কখন, কেন, কীভাবে এর উত্তর দিতে হবে।
- **বর্ণনা (Body):** বিভিন্ন উৎসের বরাত দিয়ে ঘটনাটির বর্ণনা দিতে হবে। বর্ণনার সময় অবশ্যই অধিক গুরুত্বপ–র্ণ তথ্য দিয়ে শুরু করে ধীরে ধীরে কম গুরুত্বপ–র্ণ তথ্যের দিকে যেতে হবে।

| Parts of News Report | Example |
|---|---|
| Headline | 3 burnt to death in Sitakundu |
| Name/ Post of Reporter | Sitakundu Correspondent |
| Place & Date | Sitakundu, Jan 4: |
| Introduction | Three persons were burnt to death in a devastating fire at ship-breaking yard at Madam Bibi area of Sitakundu upazila on Thursday night. |
| Body | According to Sitakundu upazila sources, the dead bodies were identified as Rashed (26) and Azhar Mian (30). Rashed belonged to Mirerhat of the same upazila; while Azhar, son of Jainal Abedin was of Panchagarh district.<br>Besides, three persons have been missing since the incident. They are Firoz, Babul and Abdullah.<br>The fire occurred when the workers were engaged in breaking the ship. It was followed by a big bang in the yard. The two persons were burnt and the bodies were recovered by the fellow workers. The fate of the missing persons is yet to know.<br>A case has been filed with Sitakundu upazila in this connection. |

## Headline লেখার কৌশল

Headline (শিরোনাম) রিপোর্টিং এর একটি গুরুত্বপ–র্ণ অংশ। এটা ম–লত একটি রিপোর্ট এর গুরুত্ব ফুটিয়ে তুলে। তাই এটা যেমন আকর্ষণীয় তেমন সংক্ষিপ্ত হতে হয়। এর ফলে শিরোনাম লেখার ক্ষেত্রে শব্দচয়ন ও গ্রামারের সচরাচর নিয়মকে অনুসরণ করা যায় না; বরং শিরোনাম যথারীতি ইংরেজি থেকে একটু ভিন্ন style-এ লেখা হয়।

১. Headline (শিরোনাম) সাধারণত সম্প–র্ণ বাক্য নয়। এক্ষেত্রে সাধারণত verb বিহীন noun phrase ব্যবহার করা হয়। যেমন: More wage cuts
২. Headline (শিরোনাম) লেখার ক্ষেত্রে অনেক সময় তিন বা ততোধিক noun ব্যবহার করা হয়। এ ধরনের Headline (শিরোনাম) বুঝতে কষ্ট হয়। এক্ষেত্রে উল্টা করে পড়লে সুবিধা হয়। যেমন : Holiday hotel death (Death at hotel during holiday)
৩. Headline (শিরোনাম) লেখার ক্ষেত্রে প্রায়শ article ও be (am/is/are/was/were) verb বাদ দেয়া হয়। যেমন: Shakespeare's play ~~is~~ immortal
৪. Headline (শিরোনাম) লেখার ক্ষেত্রে continuous tense ও perfect tense এর পরিবর্তে simple tense ব্যবহার করা হয়। Simple

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present tense বর্তমান ও অতীত উভয় ঘটনার ক্ষেত্রে ব্যবহার করা হয়। যেমন: Blind girl climbs Everest (~~--- has climbed ---~~), Students fight for course changes (---- are fighting----). কিন্তু হ্রাস/ বৃদ্ধি প্রকাশের ক্ষেত্রে continuous tense ব্যবহার করা হয় এবং এক্ষেত্রে be verb বাদ দেয়া হয়। যেমন: Bangladesh getting warmer

৫. Headline (শিরোনাম) লেখার ক্ষেত্রে একই শব্দ noun/ verb হিসাবে ব্যবহৃত হয়। যেমন: US cuts aid to third world (এখানে cuts শব্দটি verb এবং aid শব্দটি noun), Aid cuts row (disagreement about the reduction in aid; এখানে cuts এবং aid উভয় শব্দটি noun)

৬. Headline (শিরোনাম) লেখার ক্ষেত্রে future tense বুঝানোর জন্য প্রায়শ infinitive/ for ব্যবহার করা হয়। যেমন: PM to visit USA, Troops for Afghanistan.

৭. Headline (শিরোনাম) লেখার ক্ষেত্রে passive structure-এর be verb বাদ দেয়া হয়। যেমন: Six killed in explosion; Boy rescued safe; Bomb explosion; Five held

৮. Headline (শিরোনাম) লেখার ক্ষেত্রে ম–ল ঘটনা থেকে তার পরবর্তী ঘটনা আলাদা করার জন্য semicolon ব্যবহার করা হয়। যেমন: Strikes : PM to act; Launch sinking : Death toll rises

৯. Headline (শিরোনাম) লেখার ক্ষেত্রে যখন কোনো ব্যাপারে অনিশ্চয়তা থাকে তখন প্রশ্নবোধক চিহ্ন ব্যবহার করা হয়। যেমন: Price cut by October?

**Sample of News Report**

Suppose you are a reporter of an English newspaper. In Netrokona seven persons have been killed in a suicide bomb attack. Now make a report on it.

**Suicide bomb attack**

Seven killed, 40 injured

Staff Correspondent

Two suicide bomb attacks rocked Netrokona killing seven civilians and wounding more than 40 on Friday.

Eyewitness said the blasts took place at the Udichi premises in the town during a cultural function at 5:00 pm. The function was organized commemorating the language martyrs.

Police sources said two men suspected of involvement in the attacks were also killed

After the incident, State Minister for Home Affairs and the IGP visited the place. They said it might be a preplanned attack. They also said that it was done in order to create panic among the people.

Police said "It is the deed of the outlawed Jamatul Mujahidin Bangladesh."

People are in great panic in fear of further attack.

**(ii) Office Report**

একটি প্রাতিষ্ঠানিক প্রতিবেদনে সাধারণত যে অংশ বা কাঠামো থাকে সেগুলো হল :

- **তারিখ :** আবেদনপত্রের মতো প্রতিবেদনের একেবারে উপরে বামের মার্জিন থেকে তারিখ লিখতে হবে।
- **প্রাপকের পদমর্যাদা ও ঠিকানা :** তারিখের নিচে দুই স্পেস দিয়ে প্রাপকের পদমর্যাদা ও ঠিকানা লিখতে হবে। রাষ্ট্র ও জনপ্রতিনিধির পদের প–র্বে Honourable লিখতে হবে। তবে রাষ্ট্রের ও নির্বাহী ব্যক্তির পদের প–র্বে Honourable লিখতে হবে না ।

The Honourable Parliament Member, The Secretary

- **বিষয়:** প্রাপকের পদমর্যাদা ও ঠিকানার নিচে দুই স্পেস দিয়ে বিষয় লিখতে হবে এবং বিষয়টি আন্ডারলাইন করে দিতে হবে।
- **সম্ভাষণ :** বিষয়ের নিচে Sir শব্দ দ্বারা সম্ভাষণ লিখতে হবে।
- **ম–ল বক্তব্য :** সম্ভাষণের পর ম–ল বক্তব্য লিখতে হয়। এর দুটি অংশ থাকে। প্রথম অংশে আদেশপত্রের উল্লেখ এবং দ্বিতীয় অংশে প্রতিবেদনের তদন্ত-তথ্য লেখা হয়।
- **বিদায় সম্ভাষণ :** বক্তব্যের নিচে দুই স্পেস দিয়ে sincerely yours দ্বারা বিদায় সম্ভাষণ লিখতে হবে।
- **প্রতিবেদনকারীর স্বাক্ষর ও নাম :** বিদায় সম্ভাষণের নিচে প্রতিবেদকের স্বাক্ষর ও নাম লিখতে হবে।
- **সংযুক্তি :** প্রতিবেদন প্রস্তুতকারীর নামের নিচে দুই স্পেস দিয়ে সংযুক্তি লিখতে হবে। প্রতিবেদন সংশ্লিষ্ট কোনো প্রমাণাদি উপস্থাপন করা হলে তার নাম এ অংশে লিখতে হয়।

■ Suppose you are an officer of Power Development Board, Chittagong. You have been asked to do a study on a particular area Syedpur Union and write a report to show whether PDB should immediately provide the people with electricity or not.

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| Parts of Office Report | Example |
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| Date (তারিখ) | 07-04-17 |
| Designation and address of Recipient (প্রাপকের পদমর্যাদা ও ঠিকানা) | The Chairman<br>Power Development Board<br>Dhaka |
| Subject (বিষয়) | **Subject: <u>Extension of electricity facility to Syedpur Union, Chittagong</u>** |
| Salutation (সম্ভাষণ) | Sir |
| Body (ম–ল বক্তব্য) | Directed through your letter memo no PDB 189-14/ 14 dated 01-04-17, did a study about extending electricity facility in Syedpur Union of Chittagong District. The followings are the findings:<br>➢ The communication between Syedpur Union and the nearly port city Chittagong has improved significantly in the last two years. The union is easily reachable both by waterways and roads.<br>➢ A large quantity of vegetables especially tomato and bean are produced here.<br>➢ A tomato juice plant is supposed to be established shortly.<br>➢ There are two high schools and one of them is going to be an intermediate college soon.<br>➢ The prospect of small scale industries like Rice Mill, Flour Mill, and Saw Mill is very good.<br>➢ The Syedpur Union is a very big union and its population is about 75000. 45% of the population are educated.<br>➢ As the 132 KV lines run through the union the extension of the electricity will not cost much.<br>➢ The Power Development Board will get reasonable return from the investment.<br>Considering the points given above, I recommend the extension of electricity facility to Syedpur Union of Chittagong District. |
| Subscription (বিদায় সম্ভাষণ) | Sincerely yours |
| Signature and name and designation of reporter (প্রতিবেদনকারীর নাম) | *Hasnat Mahbub*<br>**(Hasnat Mahbub)**<br>Executive Engineer<br>Power Development Board<br>Chittagong |
| Enclosures (সংযুক্তি) | |

## Example of Office Report

**Suppose you are a researcher of ASA. You have been asked to make a report on the problems of the farmers of Kurigram district.**

07-04-2017

The Chairman
ASA
Dhaka

**Subject: Problems of the farmers of Kurigram District**

Sir
Directed through your letter memo no ASA 189-13/ 13 dated 25-03-2017, I did a study about problems of the farmers of Kurigram district. The followings are the findings:

- The main problem they are facing is that there are not enough water channels to irrigate their fields. So they are mainly dependent on the mercy of nature, that is, rain. That's why they cannot grow crops round the year.
- Most of the time crops fail as rain is not timely and proportional to the need.
- The next vital problem is that they cannot procure good quality seeds for growing various crops.
- They also do not get good supply of fertilizers. As a result their lands do not yield sufficient crops.
- Furthermore, they cultivate their lands with traditional tools and in ancient method.

Considering the points given above, I recommend the addressing of the problems so that the farmers can get rid of poverty.

Sincerely yours
*Hasnat Mahbub*
(Hasnat Mahbub)
Researcher
ASA
Kurigram

**01** **Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily. Now write a report on the bad impact of facebook on the young generation.** ***[DB '17; JB '16]***

## Using Facebook 'can lower exam results'

***Staff Correspondent :***
Students who use Facebook while they study get significantly lower grades than those who do not, according to psychologists (মনস্তত্ত্ববিদ).
A study has found that the exam results of those who used the social networking site while studying were 20 per cent lower than non-users.
Researchers say the findings undermine (ভিত্তি দুর্বল করা) the theory that young people's brains are better at multitasking on digital gadgets.
Study author Professor Paul Kirschner said, 'Our study, and other previous work, suggests that while people may think constant (অবিরাম) task-switching allows them to get more done in less time, the reality is it extends (বৃদ্ধি করে) the amount of time needed to carry out tasks and leads to more mistakes.'
His team studied 219 students aged between 19 and 54 at an American university.
The Facebook users among them had a typical grade point average - a score from zero up to four - of 3.06. Non-users had an average GPA of 3.82.

**02** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. **Now write a report on "The Prize Giving Ceremony of Govt. Commerce College, Chittagong".** ***[RB '17; SB '12]***

## Prize giving ceremony held at Govt. Commerce College, Chittagong

**Chittagong Correspondent**

***Chittagong, 03 January, 2017 :*** A prize giving ceremony was held at Govt. Commerce College, Chittagong on 3rd January.
The programme started at the auditorium with the tune of the national anthem. The principal of the college presided over the programme, and the Education Secretary was the chief guest.
The big college campus was very nicely decorated with flags and festoons. The principal in his speech thanked the students for their performances. He read out the annual report of the college. After that an excellent cultural programme was held. The students of the college performed songs, dances and staged mini drama. The audiences were highly impressed by the programme. The chief guest then distributed the prizes among the winners. He advised the students to concentrate more on studies and keep away from politics and any bad habits. He also said that students should take an oath (শপথ) to serve the country through honesty and integrity.
The entire programme was a nice display of discipline by students and organisers. The invited guests and journalists praised the initiative and hoped for further such programmes.

**03** You are a reporter of a daily newspaper. You have covered the news of massive fire on a factory. **Now write a report on it.** ***[DinajB '17; CB'16; CtgB'16; SB '14,'09; DB '13; BB '10]***

## 20 injured in fire at RMG factory, Gazipur

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***Gazipur Correspondent***

***Gazipur, 10 January, 2017 :*** A massive (বিশাল, মারাত্মক) fire broke out (ছড়িয়ে পড়েছিল) on the ground floor of Zaman Knit and Sweater factory at Zirani in Gazipur yesterday morning. At least 20 people were injured (আহত হয়েছিল).

Garment workers said the fire broke out on the ground floor around 7:30 am and engulfed (গ্রাস করেছিল) the first and second floors.

Dyeing division and chemicals are located on the ground floor of the building, they added.

On information (খবর পেয়ে) 10 fire fighting units from Gazipur Sadar, Tongi, Savar EPZ and Mirpur rushed (দ্রুত এসেছিল) to the spot and brought the blaze (আগুন) under control after four and half-hours.

The wounded (আহতরা) include fire fighters Akhtaruzzaman, Ratan Kumar Sarkar, Nurul Islam and Payel Hossain and garment workers Badshah Miah, Atikul Islam, Sohel Miah, Md Mostafa, Kamal Hossain, Saiful Islam and Aslam.

They were admitted (ভর্তি করা হয়েছে) to local hospitals and clinics.

Abdur Rashid, Deputy Director of fire service and civil defence of Dhaka division, said the fire might have originated (সৃষ্টি হতে পারে) from a room beside the warehouse of the garments factory.

**04** You are a reporter of a daily newspaper. You have covered the news of food poisoning in Comilla. **Now write a report on that issue.** ***[JB '17; CB '15]***

## 30 People fell sick due to food adulteration in Comilla

**Comilla Correspondent**

***Comilla, 20 April, 2017 :*** At least 30 people fell sick (অসুস্থ হয়ে পড়ে) after taking marriage feast (খাবার) at a reception (সংবর্ধনা) ceremony at the groom's residence at village Dighipara in Barura thana under Comilla district. Among them 21 were admitted (ভর্তি করা হয়েছে) to Comilla Medical College Hospital out of which five were in critical condition.

Sources said the incident took place on thursday at the residence of Jabbar Mollah. His son Waliur Mollah married the daughter of Shaikh Abdur Rahim of village Nanda Para under the same union. The guests from the bride's side were invited on the occasion.

Eye witnesses (প্রত্যক্ষদর্শী) reported that the guests were invited to take their meal at around 1 pm. After some time, few of the guests started vomiting and fell unconscious (অচেতন হয়ে পড়ে). They were rushed (দ্রুত নেয়া হয়) to the Upazilla Health Complex. As their conditions deteriorated (অবনতি হল), they were rushed to Comilla Medical College Hospital. Subsequently, many more fell sick and were taken to the hospital. Some of them were given first aid and released. In the meantime police reached the scene and spoiled (নষ্ট করে ফেলল) the cooked food and the cook and his staffs were taken to custody.

A case has been filed in this connection with Barura police station.

**05** Suppose you are Faroque, a student of R. K. College. You all have celebrated the Independence Day at your college gorgeously. **Now write a short report on the celebration of the Independence Day.** ***[CB '17]***

## R.K. College celebrates Independence Day

*Staff Correspondent; Dhaka, 27 March 2017* :

The students and teachers of R.K College in the capital celebrated the 46th Independence Day gorgeously (জাঁকজমকপ–র্ণভাবে) and in a befitting manner yesterday.

The day-long programme started with raising the national flag during sunrise on the campus. After that the students and teachers attended a discussion on the Independence Day at the college auditorium at 8:00am. The Principal of the college chaired the programme. Speakers highlighted different aspects of the Liberation War and the duties of the citizens of an independent country.

An amusing cultural programme organised and performed by the students followed the discussion. The audience enjoyed the patriotic songs and folklore dance very much.

The second part of the programme included sports and film show. The students of class XI section A versus Section B played a friendly football match. The match ended with a draw, each team scoring two goals.

In the afternoon, the film "Ora Egarojon" was showed at the auditorium. It was a movie on the Liberation War. The teachers, students, guardians and invited guests watched the movie.

The Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka attended the programme as the chief guest.

**06** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. **Make a report on a day-long programme against corruption.** ***[CtgB '17]***

## Corruption in Our Country

***Staff Correspondent*** **:** Today corruption is a talked about subject in our country. It is also a key (গুরুত্বপ–র্ণ) issue which has spread every nook and corner (সর্বত্র) of the world. In our country, in particular, it influences the key sectors of our national life. Actually all the government sectors are now riddled with (জর্জরিত) a wide-spread corruption. It has broken all the records of the past. But there is none to raise voice against this social vice.

Political corruption is beyond description. The corrupt politicians do not try to realize the fact that by adopting corruption they harm not only the society but also their own families.

The corrupt officials are sucking up the blood of our economy and are delaying the socio economic advancement of our country. Without taking bribe no person in authority does anything. It is high time we brought the corrupt politicians and officials to book and gave an exemplary punishment. The mass media can play significant role in this regard.

**07** Suppose you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. You had a chance to pay a visit to a book fair. **Now write a report on that fair.** ***[SB '17; DB '12]***

## Visit to a book fair

***Staff Correspondent :*** This year book fair at Bangla Academy Premises was held with all its joviality (আমোদ) and spontaneous (স্বতঃস্ফূর্ত) rhythm. It is the biggest and most gorgeous book fair of the country. There were a lot of rows of bookstall beautifully decorated. The premises of Bangla Academy took a festive look. Visitors were moving from one row to another just like the rows of ant.

There were hundreds and thousands of books in the stalls. People were looking for their favourite and chosen books. Some visitors were looking for new publications.

This fair has special significance in this regard. This correspondent visited a lot of stalls. Of the books there were story books, science fictions and autobiographies. While I was about to finish my visit, I noticed that the great writer Muhammad Jafar Iqbal was sitting on a chair in front of a stall. I also noticed that the great poet Al Mahmud was also sitting beside him. Two great personalities (সমাদৃত ব্যক্তিবর্গ) were talking to each other and curious people were gathering round them for taking their autograph. I interviewed these two personalities. They told me that the fair assumed a huge festivity (উৎফুলতা).

**08** You are a reporter of a renowned newspaper. **Now write a report on "The Cultural Week of Rajshahi Government Mohila College".** ***[BB '17; RB '09]***

## Cultural week held at Rajshahi Govt. Mohila College in Rajshahi

**Rajshahi Correspondent**

***Rajshahi, 12 January, 2017 :*** Cultural Week 2017 was held at Rajshahi Government Mohila College amidst (মাঝে) a festive (উৎসবমুখর) mood last week.

The Principal of the College, Prof Dr Abdur Rahman, inaugurated (উদ্বোধন করেন) the programme at the college auditorium at 10:30 am on Sunday.

All the programmes were scheduled for five days and started at 9:30 am each day. The programmes were classified (ভাগ করা হয়েছিল) into songs, dance, recitation, acting, debate, speech, essay writing, quiz and other forms of arts and entertainment (বিনোদন).

Apart from the teachers, distinguished (বিখ্যাত) resource persons from the city were invited to be judges in the competitions. After everyday's competition, the names of the winners were announced.

Bilkis Mahmuda of Science group, class eleven, became champion of the cultural week. Keya Huq of Business Studies, class twelve, and Sakila Islam of Arts and Humanities, class twelve, became second and third respectively (পর্যায়ক্রমে).

The final day of the week was on Thursday. There was no competition that day. The best performers of each event performed before the audience. The Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation was present as the chief guest. He distributed (বিতরণ করেছিলেন) prizes among the winners (বিজয়ী).

**09** Suppose, you are a reporter of a local daily newspaper of Barisal. The young people of your area are becoming drug addicted. **Write a report on the devastating consequences of "Drug Addiction".** ***[DB'16; BB-09]***

## Drugs crippling young generation in Barisal

**Barisal Correspondent**

***Barisal, 20 April, 2017 :***

Millions (লাখ লাখ) of people, mainly the youth (যুবক), are addicted (আসক্ত) to drugs in Bangladesh. A study by CARE Bangladesh revealed this yesterday.

The survey found that drug addiction (আসক্তি) in the young, between the ages of 18 and 30, are mainly for depression (বিষাদ). People try to remove depression using drugs as a tool. And this is how they become addicts. Failed relationships and broken hearts are also major causes (কারণ) of drug abuse (অপব্যবহার).

Besides, crores of taka are wasted (অপচয় হয়) every year for drugs. Drugs not only destroy the users but also ruin the family harmony. Crimes in the society also increase as a result of drugs. Overall, the country badly (ব্যাপকভাবে) suffers in financial and social context.

Prof Amina Islam, Head of Psychology Department of Dhaka University says, 'Government should solve unemployment problem and law enforcing agencies should be active to curb (কমাতে) drug addiction.'

**10** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. Price of rice is going down whereas price of some essentials is soaring**. Now make a report on it.** ***[RB'16; DinajB '12; JB '12; SB '11; CB '09]***

## Price of daily commodities soaring up

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***Staff Correspondent :*** The prices of all daily commodities are on the increase (বৃদ্ধি পাচ্ছে). From the interview of the common people it is found that the prices of all the necessary items of commodities excluding rice are rising so high that the common people can hardly afford (যোগানো).

A buyer at Babubazar said the rice price has decreased between Tk 1 and Tk 2 per kg because the new harvest of Boro started arriving in the market. Different varieties of powdered milk have also increased between 2.19 percent and 11.11 percent. The price of garlic has increased between 15 percent and 25.93 percent, beef 2.13 percent, mutton 4.11 percent, broiler chicken 3.70 percent and Hilsha fish 11.76 percent for the last one-month, according to state owned Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB).

However, vegetables price remained (ছিল) same as in the previous week. The prices of loose soybean, palm oil and mug dal remained high.

Common people have shown great concern over this price hike. They want government to take immediate steps to keep the price of daily commodities within their reach.

**11** Suppose, you are a reporter of a reputed daily. **You have interviewed many slum-dwellers about their ways of life. Now write a report on them.** ***[DinajB '16; DB '09]***

## Perils of city slum dwellers

***Staff Correspondent :*** Thousands (হাজার হাজার) of slum dwellers in the capital are leading (যাপন করছে) their lives miserably (শোচনীয়ভাবে) amidst (মাঝে) lack (ঘাটতি) of basic needs (মৌলিক চাহিদা). But the city dwellers are spending (ব্যয় করছে) huge sum of money only for luxury (বিলাসিতা).

Most of these slum dwellers are deprived of (বঞ্চিত) education, nutrition (পুষ্টি), medical treatment (চিকিৎসা), sanitation and other metropolitan facilities (সুবিধা). Besides, criminal activities (কর্মকান্ড) are increasing due to lack of vigilance by the law-enforcement agencies (আইনপ্রণয়নকারী সংস্থা).

Md. Abul Hashem, resident of Mirpur slum, said they are living inhuman (অমানবিক) lives in the slum. There is no supply of water and the women collect water from ponds. As the water is often polluted, they suffer from different water-borne (পানিবাহিত) diseases all the time, he added.

Sakhina Begum, resident of Lalbagh slum, said no doctors agree to come to their shanties if anyone falls sick and need immediate care.

Before every election political leaders come and promise to solve their problems. But after the election they do nothing, allege the slum dwellers. They say they always live with the fear of eviction (উচ্ছেদ) anytime either by the government or by any powerful person of the society.

**12** Suppose you are a reporter of 'The Daily Sun'. You are asked by the authority to write a report on Jainta-Jafflong Tourist Spot in Sylhet. After your visit of the spot, write a news report of about 120 words for the proper maintenance of the tourist spot. Give a title to your report. ***[SB '16]***

## Jainta-Jafflong Tourist spot in peril
### Sylhet Correspondent

***Sylhet, 5 May, 2017 :***

Based on Jafflong and Jaintapur tourist spots, Sylhet has a bright prospect to develop its tourism sectors, but these two tourist spots are going to miserable situation in the absence of proper plan and realistic steps.

Jafflong is a scenic spot amidst tea gardens and rare beauty of rolling stones from hills. It is situated beside the river Mari in the lap of Hill Khashia. Jainta Rajbari was the palace of Kings of Jainta. Though the condition of this king's palace is already damaged enormously, a huge number of tourists visit here due to the historical background of Jainta Kingdom.

To make the best use of the natural gifts, the country has to develop facilities of modern hotels, motels, rest houses, youth inns and restaurants, modern modes of communication, that are available at almost all tourist sites.

The issue of security of the tourists of both domestic and foreign origins is also very important for the development of tourism in Sylhet.

In spite of having every resource in a place, tourists may not be increased at some points because of harassment, hassle and difficulties during visiting. So the government should monitor the activities of travel agencies which are involved in tour operations.

**13** A huge number of students fail in English every year in public examinations despite studying it as a compulsory subject from class 1 to honours level. **Now prepare a report focusing on causes of their failures in English for a Daily Newspaper**. ***[BB'16; JB' 11]***

## Reasons for students' failure in English

***Staff correspondent :*** A fair number (অনেক) of students fail in English every year in public examinations though they study it as a compulsory subject from class 1. A survey conducted (পরিচালিত) by the British Council found out different facts (বিষয়) responsible (দায়ী) for this condition (অবস্থা).

Firstly, students are not motivated (উদ্বুদ্ধ) to learn this foreign language, rather (বরং) they are given short cut technique (কৌশল) to pass the examination. Secondly, the textbooks are unsuitable (অনুপযোগী) and teaching

method (পদ্ধতি) is difficult. Besides, students are not encouraged (উৎসাহিত) to use English in the practical (বাস্ত্রব) life.

Most of interviewees said they are afraid (ভীত) of using English while communicating with others. Above all, they added that their vocabulary knowledge is very poor.

While talking to this correspondent a leading intellectual of the country said, 'To overcome this problem we should put emphasis (জোর দেয়া) on learning English rather than passing the exam barrier (বাধা).' He also emphasized listening to and watching English programmes on radio and television regularly.

**14** Suppose, you are a reporter of a national daily. **Write a report on "A Day Long Hartal".** ***[RB '14]***

## Day long hartal observed

***Staff Correspondent :***

A day long (দিনব্যাপী) hartal was observed throughout the country yesterday. It was called by the opposition party alliance demanding the decrease of the price of the daily commodities.

At least four cars were set on fire at different spots. The supporters of the four party alliance held a procession in front of their party office and tried to go out but they were confined (অবরুদ্ধ) by the police. There was a great clash at about 11 am at Ramna. A procession of the hartal supporters was hindered by the police near Shahbag area.

At that time they were locked in a clash with police. As a result several students were injured. They were sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. The picketers broke the glasses of many buses. The number of vehicles was thin (সামান্য) on the road and the government and non government offices, banks, garment factories were found open. All kinds of classes and exams of the educational institutions were postponed. Police arrested 50 persons and about 20 persons were reported to have been injured. Additional police forces have been deployed (মোতায়েন করা) in and around the important areas to avert (ঠেকানো) any untoward (বেয়াড়া) situation.

**15** Suppose, you are a reporter of a renowned newspaper. **Write a report for your newspaper on 'Deforestation and its devastating consequences/ bad effect of indiscriminate cutting trees'.**

***[DinajB '14; BB '14; CtgB '12]***

## Experts Blame Deforestation for Bangladesh Disaster

***Staff Correspondent :***

Flooding on a massive scale may soon become the norm, and development in the already poor and developing country like Bangladesh might come to a dramatic halt, says the experts.

The experts observed this at a seminar organized by the Daily Star yesterday.

"What we seem to be looking at with the floods is a remarkable collapse of the Himalayan ecosystem," said A. Atiq Rahman, Director of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Dhaka.

The speakers at the seminar said the adverse impact of deforestation on climate has been noticed conspicuously. The humidity (আর্দ্রতা) of air has been drastically reduced which affects the rainfalls in the country. If reforestation programmes are not taken, there is every possibility that Bangladesh will turn into a desert within a short span of time.

They also said the government and the private organisations must come forward. There is a universal formula on reforestation that when you cut one tree, plant two more trees to compensate (ক্ষতিপ–রণ করা) the loss.

**16** Suppose, you are a reporter of the Daily Star. **Now prepare a report on "A Terrible Road Accident" you have come across very recently**. ***[JB '14]***

## 5 killed in road crash on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway

**Narayanganj Correspondent**

***Narayanganj, 15 March, 2017 :***

At least five people were killed and 10 others injured in a road accident at Sonargaon on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway yesterday.

The accident occurred as a Dhaka-bound bus collided head-on with a truck. It was going to Comilla from Manikganj. Two of the passengers and driver of the truck were killed on the spot. Two of the injured including the helper of the bus died at the hospital.

Three passengers received serious injury and were sent to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital. Their condition was critical. Other injured persons were admitted to different local hospitals and clinics.

Police seized both the bus and truck. The driver of the bus could not be arrested.

Local witnesses said several accidents had already occurred at the same spot. The Roads and Highways Department has been asked many times to construct a speed breaker there. But no step has yet been taken.

The Superintendent of Police or SP of Narayangonj visited the spot. A case was filed with Sonargaon Police Station.

**17** Suppose, you are a reporter of a reputed daily. **Now, write a report on "Traffic Jam".**

***[CB-14; DinajB '13; CtgB '09]***

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## Chittagong traffic jam worsening
### Chittagong Correspondent

***Chittagong, 5 May, 2017 :***

Traffic situation (অবস্থা) is worsening (খারাপ হচ্ছে) day by day (দিনদিন) in the port city of Chittagong as the authorities concerned are keeping a blind eye to the problem for long.

Huge working hour is wasted (অপচয় হয়) every day due to traffic jam. Besides (অধিকন্তু), they have economic loss as extra fuel is consumed (খরচ হয়) for the jam.

Prof Anu Mohammad of Urban Development Department of Chittagong University said, 'Lack (অভাব) of proper planning (পরিকল্পনা), neglect (অবহেলা) by traffic department and illegal (অবৈধ) parking are the main causes of traffic jam.'

Passengers allege (অভিযোগ করেন), 'Instead of performing duty, the traffic policemen are busy taking bribe from drivers who violate (অমান্য করে) different laws.'

The roads should be more spacious and the traffic laws should be strongly enforced, the experts suggest. They also say all roads should be free from hawkers and illegal parking to solve the problem.

**18** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. **Write a report on "Victory Day".** ***[CtgB-14]***

## Victory Day Celebrated in Mymensingh
### Mymensingh Correspondent

***Mymensingh, 18 December, 2016 :***

In my home town Mymensingh, Shaheed Syed Nazrul Islam College organised a two-day Victory Day programme on the campus on December 16 and 17.

On December 16, the Principal of the college inaugurated the event. The programme started with a discussion (আলোচনা) attended by teachers and students. The Deputy Commissioner and the Superintendent of Police of Mymensingh attended the programme as special guests.

Speakers at the discussion narrated the country's road to independence and highlighted the facts about the Liberation War. They also asked the students to be a true citizen of the country.

After the discussion a cultural show was also held. Students of the college performed patriotic (দেশাত্মবোধক) songs which entertained the audience a lot.

The next day was a public holiday. But the college was open for different programmes that include discussion, cultural show and competitions on different events at the college auditorium.

**19** Suppose, you are a reporter of a renowned newspaper. You have experienced an unexpected/terrible fire in a number of furniture shops**. Now make a report on it.** ***[SB '14,'09]***

## Fire guts furniture shops in Sylhet
### Sylhet Correspondent

***Sylhet, 3 May, 2017 :***

A fire burned down a number of furniture shops at Sreemangal in Sylhet in the early hours yesterday.

Witnesses said the fire broke out at around 4:00 am on the second floor of the five-storeyed building. Soon the fire spread and engulfed the entire building.

On information, firefighters rushed to the spot and doused the flames after three hours. The firefighters suspect the fire might have originated from short-circuit but could not confirm it.

The shop owners said they had suffered a loss of over Tk 5 crore in terms of equipment and furniture. They allege some rivals might have been behind the incident.

A case was filed with the concerned police station.

Senior officials from the police and administration visited the spot in the morning.

**20** Suppose you are a reporter of the Daily Star. **Now, write a report on "The Role of the Satellite Channels in Our Present Society".** ***[JB '13]***

## The Satellite Channels : Impact on our society

***Staff Correspondent :***

In a recent survey, it has been found that the Satellite Channels are much more responsible for the moral degradation (অবনমন) of our young generation. The bad impact (প্রভাব) of these channels has surpassed the good service they render/ serve.

People all over the world became happy when satellite channels were introduced. But now they are alarmed of the misuse of these channels.

These channels can render a useful service telecasting educative and informative programmes. They can also be a great source of entertainment. But now they are destroying the moral values and character of the young generations by telecasting immoral programs. Sometimes, they show such nasty and naked scenes that the youths can not but be morally degenerated. As a result they are now being involved with crimes, eve-teasing, acid throwing etc. For this, social peace and harmony is severely hampered.

Experts believe that if this situation continues further, our young generation will completely go to the dogs and

the social stability will be crushed.

**21** Think you are the local correspondent of a national daily newspaper. You have visited the spot of an accident that took place on Dhaka-Barisal highway. **Now write a report for the newspaper.** ***[BB '12]***

## Call to ensure road safety

***Staff Correspondent :*** Several hundred people carrying placards and photographs of crash victims yesterday staged a road march in the city as part of road safety campaign amid reports of growing road accidents.

Family members and friends of some victims joined the procession organized by cultural personalities and parliamentarians.

"The existing law should be amended to ensure adequate punishment of killer drivers," they said at a brief rally held in front of Jatiya Press Club.

About 3,000 people are killed in road accidents in the country every year. This makes Bangladesh high on the list of countries with high road crash fatalities. Recently a severe accident took place on Dhaka-Barisal highway. About 50 people were killed and many were injured.

All the reasons which can cause road crashes are there in Bangladesh. Roads are not spacious enough, drivers are not skilled, vehicles are not always fit and the people are not aware of traffic rules.

The government should intervene immediately with strict traffic laws. Besides, public awareness campaigns should be conducted frequently to reduce road hazards.

**22** Suppose, you are Amin. A few days ago a fair was held in the village. **Now write a report on it.** ***[CB' 11, SB '10]***

## A joyful village fair in Faridpur

**Faridpur Correspondent**

***Faridpur, 15 February, 2017*** *:* The age long traditional Baishakhi Mela in Rasulpur was held (অনুষ্ঠিত হয়েছে) yesterday with all its characteristic joviality (আনন্দ) and spontaneous (স্বঃতস্ফুর্ত) rhythm (ছন্দ).

The fair took place (অনুষ্ঠিত হয়েছে) under the country old banyan tree. Traders and craftsmen (কারিগর) gathered (জড়ো হয়েছিল) there with their whole stock of sales. Magicians (জাদুকর), snake charmers (সাপুড়ে) and sweet makers came also. Artists came with their flutes, kites, pottery (মৃৎপাত্রাদি) and toys.

Men, women and children came and cheered with joy. Even the aged (বৃদ্ধরা) came. Flutes were played on (বাজানো হয়েছিল), kites flew up (উড়ানো হয়েছিল) in the sky. People enjoyed cakes and sweetmeats. They also bought many household (সংসারের) accessories (আনুসাঙ্গিক) such as earthen (মাটির তৈরী) pitchers (পাত্র), plates, lampsticks, bowls and so forth (অন্যান্য).

The magician played amazing (বিস্ময়কর) tricks and the snake charmers charmed (মুগ্ধ করেছিল) the snake as well as the viewers with their fearless skill.

**23** Suppose, you are a reporter of a national daily. You have recently visited the area affected by the erosion of Meghna. **Now, write a report on the miseries of the people living in the area.** ***[BB '11]***

## Miseries of the People caused by the erosion of the Meghna

***Staff correspondent*** **:**

The erosion of the Meghna has destroyed (নষ্ট করেছে) 20 acres of land in its both sides. Two thousand people living by its sides are badly (মারাত্মকভাবে) affected. They have lost their dwelling (আবাস) places and cultivable (চাষযোগ্য) lands. People of this area spend their day and night in the open air.

They have acute (তীব্র) food and sanitation problem. Many of them starve (না খেয়ে আছেন) for days. One of these suffering people has informed (জানিয়েছেন) that no aid (সাহায্য) from govt. has yet come (এখনো আসেনি). A few NGOs have come with inadequate (অপর্যাপ্ত) help. Because of food problem they are suffering (ভুগছে) from malnutrition (অপুষ্টি) and diarrhoea.

Severe cold (ঠান্ডা) adds pain to their miseries (দুর্ভোগ) as they have no shelter (আশ্রয়) at night. Some personnel of local government have visited the affected area and given some promises to solve the problems. But affected people demand (দাবি করেন) long lasting (দীর্ঘস্থায়ী) solution to their problems.

**24** Suppose you are a reporter. Meritorious students of Rifles College were awarded. **Now make a report on it.** ***[DB '10]***

## Annual merit awards at Rifles College in Dhaka

***Staff Correspondent :***

Annual Merit Awards Distribution and Cultural Function of Birshreshtha Munshi Abdur Rouf Rifles College was held (অনুষ্ঠিত হয়েছে) at Darbar Hall of Peelkhana yesterday.

The students were awarded (পুরস্কৃত করা হয়েছে) for academic excellence (শ্রেষ্ঠতা) and cultural (সাংস্কৃতিক) performance (কৃতিত্ব).

Brigadier General S M Golam Rabbani, Deputy Director General of Bangladesh Rifles and Vice Chairman of the College Governing Body, was present as the Chief Guest.

The function was held in two different phases (ভাগ). In the first phase, the awards for academic excellence and

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cultural activities were distributed (বিতরণ করা হয়েছিল) by the Special Guest Nasima Rabbani.
In the second phase, students of the institution exhibited (প্রদর্শন করেছিল) a colourful cultural performance, which enchanted (মুগ্ধ করেছিল) the audience (শ্রোতাবৃন্দ).

**25** Suppose, you are a reporter of a national daily. HSC result has been published. The pass percentage has broken the previous record. **Now make a report on it.** ***[JB '10]***

## HSC result published - Record breaking GPA–5

***Staff Correspondent :*** The results of HSC Examinations under eight Education Boards were published (প্রকাশিত হয়েছে) yesterday. The pass percentage as well as the number of GPA 5 broke all the previous records.
7,80,000 students appeared (অংশগ্রহণ করেছিল) in the examination out of which 6,51,512 came out successful (সফল হয়েছে). The percentage of passing is 83.5% which is 20% higher than the last year's. Total 80000 students in all boards secured (অর্জন করেছে) GPA 5. The percentage of successful students in Dhaka Board is 90%, while in Rajshahi 75%, Jessore Board 80%, Chittagong Board 85%, Sylhet Board 70%, Comilla Board 76%, and Barisal Board 82%. Of all the colleges in Dhaka Board Rajuk Uttara College, Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, Residential Model College and Mirzapur Cadet College showed the best performance (কৃতিত্ব). Securing GPA-5 is higher in cities than in rural areas. Though the guardians are happy with the result of their children, at the same time they are anxious (উদ্বিগ্ন) of their children's getting chance of admission into better universities.

**26** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. You have covered the news on birth anniversary of our rebel poet. **Now write a report on it.** ***[CB '10]***

## Birth anniversary of rebel poet observed

***Cultural Correspondent :***
The hundred and sixteenth birth anniversary of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam was celebrated with festivity yesterday here.
Different cultural organizations and institutes held elaborate (বিশদ) programmes on the occasion. The programmes included (অন্তর্ভুক্ত করেছিল) seminars, discussion, Nazrul Sangeet and Nazrul Mela. The main programme was held at 10 am at the Nazrul Institute Auditorium. The speakers (বক্তারা) at the programme shed light on (তুলে ধরেছিল) various aspects of Nazrul's life, his contribution (অবদান) to Bengali literature and the need of taking inspiration (উৎসাহ) of nationalism (জাতীয়তাবাদ) and patriotism (দেশপ্রেম) from his poetry, songs and essays. The scholars (পন্ডিত) and researchers (গবেষক) of Nazrul expressed that Nazrul's writings have inspired (উৎসাহিত করেছিল) us for our identity (পরিচিতি) and freedom. They demanded (দাবি করেছিল) that the teachings of Nazrul should be spread (বিস্তৃতি) among our young generation (প্রজন্ম) so that they can stand upright (সোজা হয়ে দাঁড়ানো) and fight against corruption, injustice (অন্যায়) and discrimination (বৈষম্য) in the society.

**27** Suppose, you are Hasan Utpol, a reporter of a daily newspaper. You have visited a polling-centre. **Write a report on your observation.** ***[JB '09]***

## Jessore municipality poll ends peacefully

**Jessore Correspondent**

***Jessore, 10 April, 2017 :***
Thousands (হাজার হাজার) of voters cast their votes (ভোটাধিকার প্রয়োগ করেছে) to elect (নির্বাচিত করতে) the public representatives (প্রতিনিধি) at the Jessore Municipality (পৌরসভা) yesterday.
The voting started at 9:00 am and continued (চলেছে) till 4:00 pm without any halt (বিরতি). No clash (সংঘর্ষ) or any untoward (অপ্রীতিকর) incident (ঘটনা) was reported from any of the 36 polling centres (ভোট কেন্দ্র).
Enthusiastic (উৎসাহী) voters started to queue up (সারিবদ্ধভাবে দাঁড়ানো) at the Jessore Zilla School centre from 8:00 am. The presiding officer of the centre opened the voting right at 9:00 am.
There were eight booths at the centre – five for men and three for women. The centre had around 15,000 voters and 80 percent of them cast their votes.
Nine candidates were contesting (প্রতিযোগিতা করছে) for the Mayor post, while 54 people were competing for the posts of ward councillor.
Members from the law-enforcement agencies (আইনপ্রয়োগকারী সংস্থা) including police, Rapid Action Battalion and BGB kept vigil (নজরে রেখেছিল) in and around the centre.
As the voting ended, all polling officers started counting the votes in presence of the polling agents of different candidates.
Till filing of the report at 7:30 pm, vote count was going on.

**28** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily. Recently your locality has been hit by a flood. **Now write a report on "Flood Affected Area in Your Locality".**

## Flood situation worsens in Netrokona

**Netrokona Correspondent**

***Netrokona, 2 January, 2017 :***

Flood situation has deteriorated in Khaliajuri upazila in Netrakona as 15,000 people have been marooned and 20,000 hectares of Boro crops damaged.
Floodwater damaged 15,000 hectares of Boro crops at Baghatia, Gondamara, Nogor, Ballobpur and Jagannathpur haor in Khaliajuri.
A 10-kilometre portion of Jatrabari flood protection embankment (বাঁধ) was washed away by floodwater.
Water Development Board sources said the water level of the rivers Kongsha, Dhonu and Ubdakhali rose sharply.
As more people have been flood affected, shortage of drinking water and food has become acute. Different water-borne diseases have spread among the flood victims.
Government relief has yet to reach the flood affected areas. A number of local NGOs and some charity organizations are conducting limited-scale relief activities. But it is very inadequate (অপর্যাপ্ত) for the victims.
If relief is not distributed among the affected, people have to starve. Oral saline and medicines have become a must for the patients. Doctors say if saline and medicines are not distributed immediately, epidemic may strike the flood affected areas.

**29** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily. Some youths of your locality were teasing a girl frequently. Being frustrated she committed suicide. **Now write a report on it.**

## A victim of eve-teasing in Jessore

**Jessore Correspondent**

***Jessore, 15 March, 2017*** **:** Long days' harrassment (হয়রানি) by culprits has led to a girl's early demise (মৃত্যু). This sorrowful incident has happened in Jessore town.
Nipa Noor was continuously being disturbed on street by her neighbour boy Shahidul Alam who is an unemployed young man of about 27 years of age. The girl (15) used to study at Jessore Adarsha Samad Girls' High School. She was a serious and meritorious (মেধাবী) student of class ix.
For many days on her way to school she was being continuously teased by that miscreant (দুষ্কৃতকারী) boy and his companions. They used to make ill comments and gestures (অঙ্গাভঙ্গি) at her.
On the last Monday, she fell under their brutal (বর্বর) attack. One of them put off her scarf. They assaulted her physically. They also warned her not to expose (প্রকাশ করা) the incident to the police or her family.
She could not bear (সহ্য করা) this insult. At night, she took at least 20 sleeping pills (ঘুমের বড়ি). Her sleep did not break in the morning.
The students of the school made a human chain (মানব বন্ধন) demanding punishment to the culprits.

**30** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. Load shedding has become a major concern in your locality. **Now write a report on the frequent load shedding/ failure of electricity in your area.**

## Load-shedding cripples city

***Staff Correspondent*** **:**
People of the capital are going through acute power crisis in the peak hours as gas supply is poor.
The crisis persists as four power plant units are not working well. Two other units had to shut last week due to lack of gas supply.
Technical faults (স্বল্পস্থায়ী ত্রুটি) and shortage of gas supply force power supply authorities to enforce load-shedding, PDB sources said.
Reports from different areas in the city confirm that load-shedding occurs five to eight times till 12:00 am every day. This disruption in power supply is severely hampering daily life and business activities.
Power Development Board officials say they are trying to improve the situation.
The officials said the country now produces around 4,000 MW of electricity against the demand of over 6,500 MW.
Academic activities of students at both home and educational institutions are being hampered due to load-shedding. Besides, production at mills and factories, treatment at hospitals and clinics and business activities are also suffering badly.
With the growing demand for electricity, the situation is likely to turn worse if the government fails to find an immediate solution.

**31** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily. **Now write a report about "Eve-easing" focusing on its causes and effects.**

## Causes and effects of Eve-teasing

***Staff Correspondent*** **:** Eve-teasing has become a much-talked social disease in Bangladesh nowadays with thousands of women falling victim to it every day.
Whenever the issue comes up, men usually comment that modern women are "responsible" for it. They also point to the clothes women wear in public places.
However, except a few exceptions in the posh zones, women usually wear dresses that cannot be blamed for instigating eve teasing.

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Fourteen female students committed suicides in Bangladesh / our locality in the last few months. They were teased, harassed verbally and physically while they were going to educational institutions. All of these unfortunate girls were in uniforms.

In most cases men don't hesitate to show disrespect (অসম্মান) towards women. Besides, movies and TV often present eve teasing or stalking as a mode of convincing beautiful girls.

In reality, men become verbally and physically abusive if girls refuse to accept their indecent proposals. Sometimes they harass girls only to show their machismo (পৌরুষ বা সাহস).

The existing laws need to be revised to address the present situation. Besides, social awareness is also a must to check this disease.

**32** Suppose, you are a reporter and you are sent to interview ten wounded persons who were rescued from Rana Plaza this year. **Now, write a report on it.**

## Interview with Victims of Rana Plaza

***Staff Correspondent*** **:** Mahmudul Hasan suddenly felt a jolt (বিস্ময়). Within a moment, he noticed his colleagues running back and forth, screaming. It took Mahmudul a moment or two to realise that something ominous (অশুভ) was going to happen.

As soon as he along with others moved 20 feet towards the staircases (সিঁড়ি), the building began collapsing.

"Darkness engulfed (গ্রাহ্য করা) the entire place with dust. I heard screams (চিৎকার) around me. My heart started pounding," said Mahmudur, a quality inspector of Ethar Tex Ltd.

After sometime, a ray of hope emerged when he saw a faint (ম্লান) light.

"A lot of things and memories came across my mind. I was thinking about my wife and children,"

Shipu Begum, a sewing operator of Phantom Apparels said: "I saw the hole of an exhaust fan around 20 feet away. With every bit of energy in me, I crawled to the hole."

Some rescuers (উদ্ধারকারী) saw her after she started screaming for help, she said, adding that a few more workers came out through the same hole.

The workers said many of their colleagues trapped in debris (ধ্বংসস্তূপ) were still alive and they could not move, as walls and machines had fallen on them.

**33** Suppose, you are a reporter of a national daily. **Now write a report on a fire that gutted a city shanty.**

## 200 shanties gutted in city fire

***Staff Correspondent :*** About 200 shanties (বস্তি), including 15 shops, were gutted (ধ্বংস হয়েছে) in a fire that engulfed (গ্রাস করেছিল) the whole Jurain Balur Math Bholar slum in Shyampur in the city yesterday afternoon.

Local and police sources said the fire originated (উৎপত্তি হয়েছিল) from the shanty (বস্তি) of Jahanara Begum at around 3 p.m. while she was cooking. Soon the fire engulfed the whole slum and the shanties were reduced to ashes (ছাই হয়ে গিয়েছে).

The slum dwellers could only come out of the shanties to save their lives but lost most of their belongings (অস্থাবর সম্পত্তি) in the fire. A youth named Mohammad Khokon sustained (পেয়েছে) burn injuries (ক্ষত) and was rushed (দ্রুত নেয়া হয়েছে) to a local hospital. Pushpa Rani, a vegetable vendor (বিক্রেতা), said she was selling vegetables when she saw her house in flames (আগুন) and rushed to rescue (উদ্ধার করতে) her 10 year-old child, Babu, who was sleeping inside the shanty. Although (যদিও) she was able to save her child, she could not save her belongings worth Tk 8,000.

Fire Brigade sources said six fire fighting units rushed to the spot immediately and was able to douse (নিভানো) the flame at around 3:45 pm.

**34** Suppose, you are a reporter of a local daily. BRAC and Dinajpur Lekhak Forum arranged an Inter College Debate Competition. **Now make a report on it.**

## Inter college debate competition in Dinajpur

**Dinajpur Correspondent**

***Dinajpur, 03 January, 2017 :*** The concluding (সমাপনী) ceremony (অনুষ্ঠান) of the 1st Inter College Debate Competition organized (আয়োজিত) jointly (যৌথভাবে) by BRAC and Dinajpur Lekhak Forum was held (অনুষ্ঠিত হয়েছে) recently at Dinajpur Nattya Samity auditorium. The theme (ম—ল প্রতিপাদ্য) of the debate competition was "Finding ways of empowering (ক্ষমতায়ন করা) women in the society".

Dinajpur Commerce College emerged (হয়েছে) as the champions of the tournament defeating (পরাজিত করে) Parbatipur Rajabashar Degree College in the final round.

Professor Md Ruhul Amin, former Vice Chancellor of Hajee Danesh Science and Technology University, was present as chief guest at the prize giving ceremony while Chitta Ghosh, President of Dinajpur Press Club, presided over (সভাপতিত্ব করেন) the event. Hosney Ara Haidar, Principal of Dinajpur Government College, and Md. Mofazzal Hossain Dulal, Chairman of Dinajpur Sadar Upazila, and other BRAC high officials were present as special guests of the programme.

At least 17 colleges from different upazilas of the district participated in (অংশগ্রহণ করেছে) the weeklong debate competition.

**35** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily. RK College in the capital celebrates Independence Day. **Now write a short report on the celebration of the Independence Day.**

## RK College celebrates Independence Day

***Staff Correspondent*** **:** The students and teachers of R.K College in the capital celebrated the 34th Independence Day gorgeously (জাঁকজমকপ–র্ণভাবে) and in a befitting manner yesterday.

The day-long programme started with raising the national flag during sunrise on the campus. After that the students and teachers attended a discussion on the Independence Day at the school auditorium at 8:00 am. The Principal of the college chaired the programme. Speakers highlighted different aspects of the Liberation War and the duties of the citizens of an independent country.

An amusing cultural programme organised and performed by the students followed the discussion. The audience enjoyed the patriotic songs and folklore dance very much.

The second part of the programme included sports and film show. The students of class XI Section A versus Section B played a friendly football match. The match ended with a draw, each team scoring two goals.

In the afternoon, the film "Ora Egarojon" was showed at the auditorium. It was a movie on the Liberation War. The teachers, students, guardians and invited guests watched the movie.

The Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka attended the programme as the chief guest.

**36 Suppose, you are a reporter of a national daily. Write a report on the reception programme arranged to welcome the new students of the Rajdhani Ideal College.**

## Freshers' reception held

***Staff Correspondent :***

Rajdhani Ideal College organized a “Freshers' Orientation Programme” for the new students of HSC level in the auditorium yesterday.

The programme was divided into two segments (ভাগ). The first segment included the speeches, rules and regulations and introductions of different teachers and organizations. The second segment was a cultural programme to entertain (আনন্দ দেয়া) all the freshers, teachers and guests.

In the opening of the function Jahangir Alam spoke about the growth and development of the college. Prof. Syed Anwarul Huq in his speech welcomed the freshers and asked them to be serious in studies for better grades. Then the teachers were introduced and the freshers were asked to take their help in case of academic problems.

Next all the different organizations were introduced, such as, English Language Club, Computer Club and one by one all the coordinators of these forums spoke to the freshers about these forums, their aims, background and involvements.

At last they staged the drama "Raktakarobi" written by Rabindranath Tagore. The new students enjoyed the programme and vowed (প্রতিজ্ঞা করা) to study properly to uphold the image of the college.

**37** Suppose, you are a reporter of a national daily. **Write a report on clash between two rival groups.**

## 3 killed, 60 wounded as villagers clash in Rajshahi

### Rajshahi Correspondent

***Rajshahi, 14 March, 2017 :*** Three people were killed and at least 60 injured, 10 of them critically, as rival villagers locked in a clash (সংঘর্ষ) over a trifling matter at Harupur village under Paba Upazila yesterday morning.

Police picked up 16 people of both groups during the clash.

The clash ensued around 10:00 am following previous enmity (শত্রুতা) between two rival groups — one led by Shahjahan Laskar and another by Asir Mondol.

Supporters of both the groups swooped on their rivals with sticks and sharp weapons that left at least three killed and 60 injured from both sides.

They also vandalized (ধ্বংস করেছিল) several houses of rivals (প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বী) and looted valuables.

On information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Additional police forces have been deployed in and around the area to avert (ব্যাহত করা) any untoward situation.

Of the injured, Edbar Mondol, Turab Mondol, Jarina Khatun, Edu Biswas, Alam Hossain, Abdul Kuddus, Ariful Laskar, Tota Miah, Rownak, Aminur Rashid Patal were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital with severe (মারাত্মক) injuries.

**38 Suppose you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. Now write a report on a tree fair.**

## Tree fair held in Rajshahi

**Rajshahi Correspondent**

***Rajshahi, 3 April, 2017 :*** Recently, a tree fair was organised in Rajshahi. From the opening of the fair on 25 June, 2013 and till its closure on 10th July, the Rajshahi Madrasa field was full of enthusiastic (উৎসাহী) visitors. Many were seen taking interest in the wide variety of plants and a lot of people were also buying them.

As a part of the tree plantation movement, this initiative (পদক্ষেপ) taken by the Forest Department, District Administration and Agriculture Extension Department was a tremendous (অসাধারণ) success. Cultural functions in the evening were also organised to entertain the locals. There were numerous (অসংখ্য) stalls showcasing medicinal herbs, little fruit trees, flower plants and even a nursery was training people on how to cultivate

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mushrooms.
To maintain a solid ecological structure, every country should have at least 20% of natural vegetation. But unfortunately (দুর্ভাগ্যজনকভাবে) only about 4% of forest land has been left in our country. As a result, we are facing the adverse (ক্ষতিকর) effects of the changing global climate changes. To combat the natural disasters, tree plantation has to be increased further for a better Bangladesh. Such fairs should be organised on a regular basis.

**39** Suppose you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. **Now write a report on frequent hartals highlighting the devastating consequences in our daily life.**

### Hartal disrupts daily life

***Staff Correspondent*** **:** A seminar on "The culture of hartal should be ended" was held at Dhaka National Press Club yesterday. The organization called 'Shushil Samaj' arranged it. Almost all participators harshly criticized (সমালোচনা করেছিল) hartal remarking that it is harmful for the economic progress (উন্নতি) of the country.
They said that frequent hartals generally disrupt (ব্যাহত করা) the normal life. Moreover, the poor suffer more during the hartal as they lose their income. It is generally believed that frequent hartals not only disrupt normal life, they also have a negative effect on the poor income earners of the city like the rickshaw pullers, day laborers, slum dwellers etc. During the hartal, they can't go to their work. So they don't earn money. Both major political parties have the financial resources (সম্পদ) and the country wide organizations need to employ outside workers. Both can afford to hire tokais, armed cadres or poor slum dwellers to ensure a good turnout at their programmes. On hartal day laborers are worked for economic interest and sometimes they are victim (শিকার) of this politics.
While the negative economic consequences of hartal draw a great deal of attention, its social consequences should not be overlooked, said the civil society.

**40** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily in Sylhet. **Write a report on the celebration of Pahela Baishakh celebrated by Sylhet Cadet College.**

### SCC celebrates Pahela Baishakh amidst fun in Sylhet

**Sylhet Correspondent**

***Sylhet, 15 April, 2017 :*** The students of Sylhet Cadet College celebrated Pahela Baishakh by holding a cultural function at the college auditorium yesterday.
The Principal of the college inaugurated and presided over (সভাপতিত্ব করা) the programme that started at 10:00 am. The General Officer Commanding was present as the chief guest.
The auditorium was specially decorated (সাজানো হয়েছিল) on the occasion. The college authorities formed different committees comprising teachers and students to stage the programme. All the committee members worked hard to make the show a success.
The programme began with a chorus in which every student, both from stage and audience (দর্শক-শ্রোতা), took part.
Other items that followed included songs, dance, recitation, band music and so on. The programme ended through staging a short drama that criticized the unruly (দুরন্ত) youths and their manner to celebrate the New Year.
All the teachers and students were present and enjoyed the programme very much.
Earlier in their speeches, both the principal and the chief guest conveyed their New Year greetings to the students and faculty (অনুষদ) members. They also thanked everyone for holding such a wonderful show.

**41** Suppose you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. Recently you have interviewed a number of young boys and girls who have become derailed and started trafficking drugs. **Now write a report on it.**

### An interview of the drug addicts in Cox's Bazar

**Cox's Bazar Correspondent**

***Cox's Bazar, 13 March, 2017 :*** Alam (not his real name), a twenty-seven year-old Bangladeshi, smuggled Yaba tablets across Bangladesh from the Burmese border without the knowledge of Bangladeshi authorities for over six months. The only reason he decided to stop his involvement (সম্পৃক্ততা) with the drug trade was that he was cheated by a partner.
Alam said in a recent interview that he smuggled Yaba tablets from Teknaf to the capital of Dhaka because of the high profitability, and that he bought Yaba tablets from a dealer who lives in Teknaf.
Alam has now stopped smuggling (চোরাচালান) Yaba tablets since the fall-out with his main partner. He also said that Bangladeshi authorities are becoming more alert about Yaba smuggling across Bangladesh.
Like Alam, many Bangladeshi and Burmese nationals have engaged themselves in Yaba smuggling from the Bangladesh-Burma border. They are doing it as they realize the tremendous possibility for profits compared to working in normal, legal jobs.
According to different sources (উৎস), several Bangladeshi and Burmese nationals were recently arrested with thousands of Yaba tablets by different departments of Bangladeshi authorities in multiple places along the

border, in Chittagong, and in Dhaka.

**42** You are a reporter of a national daily. Yesterday there was an earthquake in the Dhaka city. **Now write a report on it.**

### Midnight tremor jolts capital

*14 injured, no damage reported*

***Staff Correspondent :*** A moderate (মাঝারি আকারের) earthquake shook the capital in the early hours yesterday, causing panic (আতঙ্ক) among the people.

The official sources said the tremor (ভূকম্পন) measuring 5.6 on the Richter scale that struck at 12:25 am. Its epicentre (ভূকম্পন বিন্দু) was 238 kilometres north-east off the Dhaka seismic centre.

At least 14 students at Jagannath, Mohsin and Ziaur Rahman halls of Dhaka University (DU) were injured as they jumped off the balconies in fright (ভীতি).

Abul Kalam Azad of Bangla department who jumped from the window of his second-floor room at Ziaur Rahman Hall broke his leg, reports our DU correspondent.

People from different parts of the city including Dhanmondi, Mirpur, Kataban, Shantinagar, Rajabazar, Eskaton, Jatrabari, Uttara and Lalmatia also came out of their houses in fear.

Abul Kalam, who works at a private organisation, said he suddenly woke up with the feeling that he was sleeping on a cradle. "In seconds I realised that it was earthquake. I screamed in fear and immediately (তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে) took everyone of my family out of home."

Ten minor or moderate (মাঝারি মাত্রার) earthquakes have so far hit the capital this year.

**43** Suppose you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. You are assigned to cover a program on Eve-teasing. **Now write a report on it.**

### Call for concerted efforts to curb Eve-teasing

***Staff Correspondent :*** Speakers at a seminar on Friday stressed (জোর দিয়েছে) the need for united (ঐক্যবদ্ধ) effort to curb Eve-teasing.

They said alongside strict law enforcement and building social awareness, teachers, guardians and the civil society have to come out to remove this rampant (অবাধ) social evil.

Bangladesh Govt. Secondary Assistant Teachers' Association (BGSATA) organised a seminar titled "Teachers' role to protest Eve-teasing" at the National Press Club in the capital.

It is not enough to just implement laws against Eve-teasing; a combined social movement is required to fight it, the participants said.

Terming eve-teasing a socio-psychological disease, The Daily Sun editor Prof Dr Syed Anwar Husain said, "Eve-teasing occurs due to biological, psychological, social and administrative reasons. To remove this prevalent (প্রচলিত) social menace, teachers at all levels, administrative bodies and above all the society itself have to play a strong role."

BGSATA President Mofazzal Hossain presided over the seminar which was addressed by NCTB member Dr Momtaz Uddin Patwari, Director of Bangladesh Mohila Ainjibi Parishad Kohinur Begum and Prof Dipok Kumar Nag.

**44** Suppose you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. Recently there has been an exciting ODI series between Bangladesh and New Zealand, in which the New Zealand team underwent a gentle Bangla wash. **Now write a report on it.**

### Bangla-washed

***Sports Correspondent :*** Bangladesh completed the whitewash mission over New Zealand by a four-wicket defeat. But New Zealand in their bid to avoid the white-wash, left the spectators (দর্শকবৃন্দ) in tension by posting 307 for five.

Bangladesh however took the challenge despite (সত্ত্বেও) the absence of two key players- Shakib Al Hasan and Tamim Iqbal.

But soon his absence was forgotten with Shamsur Rahman, playing his only second ODI took New Zealand's interim (অন্তর্বর্তী) captain Kyle Mills in disdain plundering 16 runs with a six and a four in the third over of the chase. He never stopped after that start and Bangladesh never lost the momentum. Before the cunning slower off Corey Anderson undid him on 96, Shamsur was simply irresistible (অপ্রতিরোধ্য). The victory was also complimented by a string of partnership (জুটি) and fine knocks from Naeem Islam and Nasir Hossain who smashed 63 and unbeaten (অপরাজিত) 44 runs respectively.

The Kiwis claimed (দাবি করেছিল) to have been better prepared this time around and wanted to take a revenge of their 0-4 drubbing in 2010 made no difference indeed. Bangladesh remained the absolute favourites from the first ODI of the series and made it a lucky seven in a row.

**45** Suppose you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. **Write a report on the observance of International Mother Language Day.**

### Amar Ekushey observed in Rangpur Division

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**Rangpur Correspondence**

***Rangpur, 22 February, 2017*** **:** The Amar Ekushey and International Mother Language Day-2017 has been observed here yesterday amidst enthusiasm (উৎসাহ) among the common people, especially youngsters.

Observance of the day began at one minute past midnight last night through placing wreaths (পুষ্পমাল্য) at the Central Shaheed Minar by mayor of Rangpur City Corporation (RCC) Alhaj Sharfuddin Ahmed Jhantu, Divisional Commissioner Jashim Uddin Ahmed, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police Iqbal Bahar at the Central Shaheed Minar to pay due respects to the martyrs of Language Movement.

In the morning, thousands of people of all ages in bare feet (খালি পা) brought out a mourning procession (শোক মিছিল) singing 'Amar Bhayer Rakte Rangano Ekushey February, Ami Ki Bhulite Pari'. The daylong programmes also included hoisting of the National Flag at half-mast (অর্ধনমিত) atop all government, semi-government, autonomous, private, commercial buildings and educational institutions and inauguration (স–চনা) of a weeklong Ekushey Book Fair on the Central Shaheed Minar premises. Special prayers were offered at Mosques, Mandirs, Churches, Pagodas and other places of religious worships.

The local daily, weekly, fortnightly, monthly, online and other newspapers have published special supplementary issues and Rangpur Betar Kendra has aired special programmes narrating importance and significance (তাৎপর্য) of the day.

**46** **Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. Write a report on farewell to the HSC examinees held in X College.**

## Farewell held at Notre Dame College

***Staff Correspondence :***

Farewell to the HSC examinees was held amidst befitting (যথাযথ) manner yesterday at Notre Dame College.

The day was marked by addresses by NDC principal Father Hemanta P. Rozario, C.S.C and the senior teachers of the college, wishing the very best to the outgoing students. Dr Kamal Hossain, also an ex-Notre Damian was invited as the chief guest for the occasion and he delivered an inspiring speech.

A prize giving ceremony followed the addressing session, where special prizes were awarded under: Best Performance, Extra-curricular Activities, and Perfect Attendance categories achieved throughout the whole academic course at NDC.

After that the students were called to their respective classes where the final progress reports (প্রতিবেদন) were distributed. Light refreshments then followed with everyone while biding goodbye.

**47** Suppose, you are a reporter. Ekushey February was observed at your college. **Now make a report on it for a newspaper.**

## Ekushey February observed at NIC

***Staff Correspondent :*** Ekushe February was observed at National Ideal College with huge participation (অংশগ্রহণ) of the students and locals.

Elaborate (বিস্ত্মারিত) programmes were held at the college premises. The programmes included offering flowers at Shaheed Minar in the campus, seminars and Ekushe Book Fair.

In the very morning the students came bare footed to the Shaheed Minar. Most of them put on black badges. The local people also attended the programme. In the afternoon, seminar was held. The speakers put emphasis (জোর) on Bangla medium education. They also urged the renowned scholars to translate the books of higher education in Bangla so that the students are not dependent on English.

The book fair which started yesterday will come to an end on Friday.

**48** You are a reporter of a daily newspaper. You have covered the news of HSC examinations beginning. **Now write a report on the beginning of HSC examinations.**

## HSC exam begins today

***Staff Correspondent :***

Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and its equivalent (সমমানের) examinations begin today with a total of 7,36,373 examinees sitting for the exams in 2,037 centres across the country.

This year the number of HSC and its equivalent Alim, Business Management (BM) examinees (পরীক্ষার্থী) is around 1.15 lakh more than last years.

Some 4,00,464 male and 3,35,909 female students of 7,202 educational institutions will appear for the examinations under 10 education boards.

The authorities concerned (সংশি-ষ্ট) took necessary measures (পদক্ষেপ) including tough security to ensure (নিশ্চিত করতে) peaceful (শান্ত্মি-পূর্ণ) atmosphere (পরিবেশ) at the examination centres.

A total of 1,96,197 students will sit under Dhaka Board; 83,715 under Rajshahi Board; 54,525 under Comilla Board; 80,080 under Jessore Board; 43,256 under Chittagong Board; 35,656 under Barisal Board; 20,125 under Sylhet Board; 73,986 under Dinajpur Board; 74,413 under Madrasa Board and 70,504 under Technical Board.

Besides, 3,916 students of Diploma in Business Studies (DIBS) will sit under Dhaka Board.
Education Minister is likely to visit some of the exam centres in Dhaka as well as a few outside the city, said sources.

**49** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. You have been asked to make a report on world climate change. **Now write a report on it.**

## World Climate Change

Bangladesh to go under water

***Staff Correspondent :***

World temperatures (তাপমাত্রা) are increasing (বাড়ছে) day by day (দিনদিন). This increase in global warming (উষ্ণায়ন) is caused by increased amounts of carbon dioxide around the earth. Most climatologists (জলবায়ুবিদ) believe that the greenhouse effect is the likely (সম্ভাব্য) cause of this global warming.

The speakers (বক্তারা) opined (মত দিয়েছেন) this at a seminar on Trend of Environment of Bangladesh. The seminar was organized (আয়োজন করা হয়েছিল) at Ruposhi Bangla Hotel by different Environment organizations in observance of World Environment Day.

The speakers said the main culprits for global warming are carbon dioxide gas. It results (ঘটে) from the destruction and burning down of tropical rain forests, traffic that clogs up city streets, the rapid growth of industry, the use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) in packaging and manufacturing commercial products, the use of detergents such as washing powder and washing-up liquid.

Climatologists predict (ভবিষ্যদ্বাণী করেন) that midway (মাঝামাঝি) through the next century, temperatures may have risen (বাড়তে পারে) by as much as $4^0$C. This could catastrophically reduce (হ্রাস করতে পারে) mankind's ability to grow food, destroy or severely (ব্যাপকভাবে) damage wildlife and wilderness, raise sea levels and thereby flood coastal areas and farmland. The alarming news about Bangladesh is that as a result of the rise of the sea level, the lower southern part of the country may one day go under water.

**50** Suppose you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. Women and child trafficking has become a serious problem in our country. **Now write a report on it.**

## 'Come forward to prevent human trafficking' in Rangpur

**Rangpur Correspondent**

***Rangpur, 10 May, 2017*** **:** Participants at a views-sharing meeting here have stressed for launching vigorous movement involving the common people to prevent human trafficking and repression (দমননীতি) on women and children.
They underscored the need for a countrywide massive campaign (দেশব্যাপী ব্যাপক প্রচারণা). Upazila Human Trafficking, Women and Children Repression Prevention Committee organised the meeting under assistances of Upazila Women Affairs Department and BRAC at Badarganj Upazila parishad auditorium on Monday. Badarganj UNO Khandker Istiaque presided over the meeting participated by GO-NGO officials, teachers, students, community and religious leaders, civil society members, union parishad chairmen and members, professionals, women leaders and elite.
Upazila Women Affairs Officer Roksana Habib, Chairmen Azizul Haque of Damodarpur union, Altaf Hossain of Gopalpur union, Illias Ahmed of Lohanipara union and Abdul Wahed Ali of Radha Nagar union, Legal Aid Officer of BRAC Enamul Haque, its Filed Officer Rafikul Alam and journalist Zahidul Haque Sarder, addressed.
The speakers blamed poverty, unemployment, illiteracy, ignorance (অজ্ঞতা), drug-addiction and cross-border trade etc as the main reasons behind human trafficking and identified dowry, child marriage and social curses as reasons for repression on women and children.

**51** Suppose you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. You have recently attended an international seminar on the 'Status of Rural Women in Bangladesh'. **Now write a report on it.**

## Call for better socio-economic status of rural women in Bangladesh

**Staff Correspondent**

***10 March, 2017*** : Speakers and activists called for raising the socio-economic status of rural women in seminars held in Comilla and Noakhali districts to observe the International Women's Day, marked on March 8.
Social activist (কর্মী) Zahida Aktar lamented (দুঃখ করেছে) that women in rural areas faced a lot of problems, including unavailability of healthcare and proper nutrition (পুষ্টি). She was speaking at a day-long seminar organised by Nari Mancha in the Comilla Press Club.
Nari Mancha director Anwara Rahman said that charity began from home and so did the fulfilment of women's rights.
She urged men to fulfil their duties and take care of their women by protecting their rights inside houses so that their rights can be protected in the society too. Another speaker Anika Chowdhury said that democracy could not prevail (জয়ী হওয়া) in a society which did not give its women their due rights.
She demanded abolition (বিলোপ সাধন) of the feudal (সামন্ততান্ত্রিক) system and called upon the government to provide justice to women.

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Advocate Ahmed Noor said that in rural societies, mostly women were the breadwinners of the family but were deprived of education and rights.
He said that the government should launch (চালু করা) programmes for girls' education.

**52** Suppose, you are a reporter of a local daily in Faridpur. Yesterday a building collapsed in Faridpur. **Now write a report on it.**

### 12 killed in Faridpur building collapse

**Faridpur Correspondent**

***Faridpur, 20 April, 2017 :***
At least 12 people have been killed and six injured after an old three-storeyed apartment building collapsed (ধসে পড়ল) in Neeltuli in Faridpur in the early hours yesterday.
The incident (ঘটনা) happened while people were sleeping in the building at around 1:00 am.
Hanif, caretaker of the building, said he was having a chat with the night guard outside when the building collapsed. He said he heard loud noises and saw the building falling.
Firefighters and rescue workers rushed to the spot and pulled 12 bodies out of the rubble (ধ্বংসস্তূপ). They also rescued (উদ্ধার করেছিল) five survivors from the scene. Of the survivors, the injured were sent to Faridpur General Hospital.
The rescue workers are continuing to search for more survivors.
Experts visiting the spot suspect structural faults might be the reason behind the building's collapse.
Police have launched an investigation (তদন্ত) into the cause of the collapse. No arrest has been reported in this connection.
Building collapses are common in Bangladesh as construction regulations (রীতিনীতি) are often ignored.

**53** You are a reporter of a daily newspaper. You have covered the feature of Tagore's Birth Anniversary. **Now write a report on Tagore's Birth Anniversary.**

### Music, Dance and Drama at Shilpakala

***Staff Correspondent :*** He made his presence (উপস্থিতি) everywhere : Rabindranath Tagore was a great poet, playwright, novelist, musician, painter and much more. Almost all forms of art that Tagore had contributed to Bengali literature were presented at the National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy on May 8 (25 Baishakh) to mark the 147th birth anniversary of Kabiguru.
As part of Tagore's Birth Anniversary celebration at national level, Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Banglasdesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) jointly organized the event performing dance, music, poetry recitation (আবৃত্তি) and dance-drama. Leading artists of the country paid homage (শ্রদ্ধাঞ্জলি) to Tagore. Ayub Quadry, Adviser to Ministry of Education, Primary and Mass Education and Cultural Affairs - was the Chief Guest of the programme.
A publication featuring Tagore's paintings and articles, evaluated by leading scholars of the country was also launched at the programme. Another attraction (আকর্ষণ) of the evening was the staging of Tagore's dance-drama *Chitrangada* by Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts.

**54** You are a reporter of a daily newspaper. You have covered the news of dirty and polluted water supply in WASA pipeline. **Now write a report on dirty and polluted water supply in WASA pipeline.**

### Polluted water triggers outbreak of diarrhoea

***Staff Correspondent :***
The number of people suffering from diarrhoea is increasing day by day because the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) is continuing to supply polluted water to Dhaka residents.
Eighty percent of the patients at the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Diseases and Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) reported that the drinking water supplied by WASA is foul smelling and dirty (নোংরা).
Each day more than 800 patients seek treatment (চিকিৎসা) at the ICDDR,B. In the last fortnight, the number of patients being admitted each day has increased by around 30 percent.
The majority (অধিকাংশ) of patients requiring treatment at the ICDDR,B are from the capital's Mirpur, Khilkhet, Demra, Badda, Wirelessgate, Rampura areas, as well as Pagla in Narayanganj.
Managing Director of WASA Taksin A. Khan has acknowledged that the water supplied by WASA is foul-smelling in many areas.
Khan believes that the majority of people suffering from diarrhoea are slum dwellers (বস্তিবাসী) that have accessed the water using illegal (অবৈধ) rubber pipelines.

**55** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily. **Make a report on sports and cultural function or programme held in your college.**

### Sports and cultural function held at Shah Zafor Technical College in Faridpur

**Faridpur Correspondent**

***Faridpur, 10 January, 2017 :*** The annual cultural function and games in a befitting manner ended today at Shah Zafor Technical College campus at Boalmari, Faridpur with the participation of all students, teachers and staff.

The students of the college decorated the college campus with colourful (রঙিন) flags and paper designs. A decorative gate was put up in front of the college building. The sports started at 8:00 am as soon as the sports flag along with the national flag was hoisted by the principal. There were total 10 events such as 200 metres race, 100 metres race, sack race, high jump, long jump etc. The students of this college took part in these competitions.

In the afternoon, there was a cultural competition programme in the college campus. The students took part in different events including patriotic (দেশাত্মবোধক) songs, Palli Geeti, Rabindra Sangeet and Nazrul Geeti and recitation of poems. Last of all, the students staged the drama "Kabar" written by Munir Chowdhury.

The students, teachers and guardians enjoyed the cultural programme. Towards the end of the programme the principal gave away the prizes among the winners of the competitions.

**56** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. You have covered the news of arsenic pollution. **Now write a report on it.**

## Arsenic Pollution Grips a Village in Rangpur

**Rangpur Correspondent**

***Rangpur, 15 April, 2017 :*** Choto Pakuri in Pirganj thana under Rangpur district has been affected by poisonous (বিষাক্ত) water of arsenic. When this reporter visited this remote village, he found people of all ages seriously affected by this poison.

A village with a population of 300 had only three tubewells and the water was arsenic affected. When asked, the villagers said that they had heard about the arsenic water. But they were unaware (অসচেতন) that such poison has hit their village. An NGO had already collected the water sample and confirmed that the tubewell water is arsenic polluted. But little has been done so far by the local Govt. The villagers immediately need fresh drinking water and adequate treatment. Most of the residents of the village were found with incurable (অনারোগ্য) sore in their palms and feet.

The local authority should wake up immediately and send medical team to the village to control the situation and provide medical care and fresh drinking water before it is too late.

**57** You are a reporter of a daily newspaper. You have covered the news of a tornado at Rangamati. **Now write a report on that issue.**

## One killed, 400 houses destroyed in Rangamati

**Rangamati Correspondent**

***Rangamati; 5 April, 2017 :*** A youth was killed and several hundred thatched houses were destroyed as a tornado lashed (তীব্রভাবে আঘাত করেছিল) different villages in remote Borohorina union under Barkal Upazila of the district on Tuesday night.

At least 400 houses of six villages-Tagolakchhara, Bheibonchhara, Doganghat, Kukichhara, Toibang and Marishyachhara-- were razed (বিনষ্ট হয়েছিল) to the ground while many banana orchards were destroyed, sources said.

Sumon Chakma, 22, son of Jyoti Bikash Chakma of village Tagolagchhara in frontier Borohorina union under Barkal Upazila died as an uprooted (উৎপাটিত) tree fell on their house.

Sujit Chakma, 18, son of Kamini Chakma and Gita Debi Chakma, 22, daughter of Debojoy Chakma of the same village were injured during the storm. The sufferings of the affected people know no bounds. They badly need help to recover (সামলে ওঠা) from the situation.

**58** You are a reporter of a daily newspaper. You have covered the news of female garment workers. **Now write a report on their role.**

## Female workers keep the garments export rolling

***Staff Correspondent :*** Millions of female garment workers have kept the industry rolling, says a recent study.

The report was made jointly by UNDP, BGMEA and BKMEA. It shows that 95% garment workers both in woven and knit sectors are female who are working relentlessly (নির্মমভাবে) to earn foreign exchange (মুদ্রা) for the country which is the highest amongst all export (রপ্তানী) sectors. This ratio is on increase since a number of female workers are joining this industry everyday.

Nasima, a female worker from a knit factory at Tongi says, "It's a great pride for me that I earn myself and support my family. But unfortunately, my wages (বেতন) are not enough to live a decent life."

Though these female workers are contributing to our economy, unfortunately their living standard has not improved, especially in health care and family planning. Some NGOs are working with them but that's not enough.

Mrs. Sumita, an NGO worker says that much needs to be done for these impoverished (দরিদ্র) workers and it's not possible to improve their living standard without the support from the Govt.

**59 Suppose, you are a reporter of a national daily. Now write a report on the rights of the disabled people.**

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## 'Protect the Rights of Disabled People'

***Staff Correspondent :***

Speakers at a discussion yesterday urged the government to adopt a national plan in the light of UN Convention on the rights of the persons with disabilities. They also urged the government to take measures for the promotion of equal rights and dignity of people with disability. National Alliance of Disabled People's Organization (NADPO) organized the discussion at its office in the city yesterday.

Adviser for Social Welfare, Women and Children Affairs, Geete Ara Safia Chowdhury was the Chief guest at the programme while President of NADPO Abdus Satter Dulal, its Senior Vice President Saiful Islam, Secretary Ayub Nabi were also present. They all spoke about how to help these people to preserve their right. They also suggest some initiatives to help the disabled people.

**60** Suppose, you are a reporter of a national daily. Recurrent quakes in recent years have alarmed the people of Bangladesh. **Now make a report showing the possibility of a major quake.**

## Bangladesh runs high quake risk

***Staff Correspondent :*** Bangladesh faces a high risk (ঝুঁকি) of moderate (মাঝারি) to strong (শক্তিশালী) earthquakes that may result in (ঘটাতে পারে) widespread (ব্যাপক) damage and loss of thousands (হাজার হাজার) of lives, said experts.

The observatory (মানমন্দির) at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) recorded (চিহ্নিত করেছে) 86 tremors (ভূকম্পন) of over 4 magnitude during January 2006-May 2009. Another four earthquakes took place (ঘটেছে) with a magnitude of over 5 during the period.

Experts say it is these minor tremors that indicate (নির্দেশ করে) the possibility (সম্ভাবনা) of much more powerful earthquakes.

According to a seismic zoning map prepared by the BUET, 43 percent areas in Bangladesh are rated (গণ্য করা হয়েছে) high risk, 41 percent moderate and 16 percent low, said Prof Mehdi Ahmed Ansary.

The map, which is being drawn up under the supervision of Prof Ansary divides the country into three earthquake vulnerability (প্রবণ) zones (অঞ্চল).

ASM Maksud Kamal, an expert on earthquake and tsunami preparedness, said four sources (উৎস) of earthquake in the Bay of Bengal are active (সক্রিয়) and can generate (ঘটাতে পারে) tsunami too.

**61 Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. Crop lands have gone under water due to heavy rainfall in your area. Now make a report on it.**

## Boro on vast areas goes under water in Moulvibazar

**Moulvibazar Correspondent**

***Moulvibazar, 5 June, 2016 :*** About two-thirds of the standing boro crop in Kawadighi and Korayer haor areas under Rajnagar upazila of Moulvibazar district have gone under water due to heavy rainfall and on-rush (সম্মুখধাবন) of water from hills across the border.

Farmers in the affected areas are cutting unripe boro, fearing further loss as water levels in the haors continue to rise, inundating (পানিবিত করা) new crop lands.

The affected Kawadighi Haor areas are Harirkun, Kashimpur, Pealarkandi, Rangadhivi, Rokkharban, Jainerghup, Alirghup, Niamaterban, Kushuabil, Bhubannacha, Boroiuri and Ulauli.

Three pump machines installed at Kashimpur to pump water out of Kawadighi Haor still remain inoperative (অকার্যকর) as Monday night's storm damaged power supply lines.

When contacted, Rajnagar Upazila Agriculture Officer, Abul Kalam Chowdhury said boro on 1605 acres of land in Kawadighi Haor areas and on 988 acres in Karayer Haor areas have gone under water. Boro in some of the submerged (নিমজ্জিত করা) Kawadighi Haor areas has become ripe and farmers are cutting the crop to avoid further loss, he added.

Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, executive Engineer of the PDB Moulvibazar office, said "PDB workers are working round the clock to restore power."

**62** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily. **Write a report on gender discrimination that exists in your family or locality.**

## Gender discrimination still prevails

***Staff Correspondent :***

Gender discrimination prevails more or less in everywhere around the globe. From family to national level it exists as a social phenomenon.

At family level, gender discrimination begins even before a girl is born. It is always seen that both the parents expect a baby boy. Gender discrimination in our locality has reached such a height that even a man often unjustly breaks up the marriage tie because his wife has given birth to a baby girl.

During visits to different families, it is found that boys get more nutrition (পুষ্টি) than the girls. The mothers, despite being women, commit this ill practice thinking that boys need more food. They don't believe that both girls and boys need equal amount of nutrition to grow up healthily.
In education the discrimination is also severe. The parents are found more willing to send their sons to good schools and colleges. Many of them plan an early marriage for their daughters and thus don't let her go for higher education.
In job sector, a female applicant is sometimes turned down even if she is more qualified than many of her male counterparts. During interviews of different human resource personnel (কর্মকর্তা), it is learned that hiring companies don't want to take women in administrative posts.
Although there is widespread prejudice against women that they are not as skilled as men, scientific and social researches rule down this view as mere superstition (কুসংস্কার).

**63** Suppose, you are a reporter of a national daily. **Write a report on the trial of war criminals of 1971.**

### Stage set for trial of war criminals

***Staff Correspondent :***
The long wait for the trial of war criminals and bringing them to justice is about to end as the government has formed a tribunal, fixed prosecutors (অভিযোক্তা) and assigned people to probe the allegations (অভিযোগ).
The government has initially listed 25 people from two major political parties as alleged war criminals for the trial. The listed 25 were also on the list of 50 prepared earlier by the Sectors Commanders' Forum.
The Chief of the Tribunal has assured that no innocent person will be punished.
People from different sectors expressed satisfaction over the move. They said the trial must be a fair one, transparent (স্বচ্ছ) and of international standard. The accused also should fight the case legally and in no way they should resort to violence to jeopardize (বাধাগ্রস্ত করা) the legal procedure (কার্যপ্রণালী).
Different national crises and compromise by political parties delay the trial of the war criminals. But relentless efforts by some social groups and increasing awareness among the new generations have made it possible.
The media have also played a strong role to raise awareness among the people. The last parliamentary polls (গত সংসদ নির্বাচন) also paved the way for the trial of war criminals.

**64** Suppose, you are a reporter of a national daily. **Write a survey report on the impact of climate change on the people of southern part of the country.**

### Impacts of climate change on the people of southern part of Bangladesh

***Staff Correspondent :*** Bangladesh is particularly vulnerable to climate change. The entire country is basically a vast delta (বদ্বীপ). It has always left the country at the mercy of weather. Bangladesh as a low-lying country has become the worst victim of climate change. The following findings (নিচের অনুসন্ধানকৃত তথ্য) were made after a survey on the impacts of climate change in southern region (দক্ষিণাঞ্চল).

**1. Disappearing seasons**
Seasons are disappearing due to climate change. Summer and rainy seasons are prolonging (দীর্ঘস্থায়ী হওয়া), whereas winter is shrinking. The change in season patterns is affecting the health of the people.
**2. Salty water intrusion** (অপ্রত্যাশিতভাবে প্রবেশ করা)
About 8.3 lakh hectares of cultivable land has been damaged by saline water intrusion from the Bay of Bengal.
**3. River bank erosion**
River bank erosion is increasing day by day making thousands of people homeless.
**4. Drought**
Huge amount of crops are being damaged due to drought every year.
**5. Floods**
Thousands of tones of rice are damaged due to floods every year. Besides, thousands of people get marooned because of floods.

**65** Suppose, you are a reporter of a national daily. **Now write a report on "Population explosion is the root obstacle to our national progress".**

### Population Explosion Hinders National Development

***Staff Reporter :*** Population explosion (জনসংখ্যা বিস্ফোরণ) in Bangladesh is a major obstacle (বাধা) to national development, said speakers at a conference held at Ruposhi Bangla Hotel yesterday.
The Planning Minister (পরিকল্পনা মন্ত্রী) attended the seminar styled "Population Explosion is the root obstacle to National Progress" as the chief guest (প্রধান অতিথি).
The minister stressed the need for checking growth of the country's population to ensure sustainable development.
"Over population growth is a major barrier (প্রধান বাধা) to the country's development. At any cost, we have to bring back the growth rate close to zero," he said while addressing the daylong workshop in the city.
National Planning and Development Academy (NPDA) organized the seminar attended by several noted population experts.

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Chaired by (সভাপতিত্বে) NPDA Director General, the seminar was addressed by Economics Division chief of Planning Commission Dr Shamsul Alam and NPDA Director Fatema Zannat.
The NPDA DG said agricultural land is declining (কমছে) gradually due to development work and urbanization to keep pace with the population growth.

**66** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. Make a report on **"A Science Fair".**

## Science fair held at Adamjee Cant. College

***Staff Correspondent :*** A grand science fair was held at Adamjee Cantonment College in the capital with the aim of promoting science and removing fear of the discipline from students' minds.
The Principal of Adamjee Cantonment College inaugurated the three-day fair at the college compound with the slogan "Promote science, remove darkness" (বিজ্ঞানের উন্নয়ন, অন্ধকার দ–রীকরণ).
At least 30 colleges from Dhaka and elsewhere took part in the fair as teams. Each team consisted of five members who displayed at least one of their own scientific creations. Each team got their own separate stall for presentation of their projects.
The fair was open for all. Students from the participating colleges (অংশগ্রহণ করা কলেজ) and other institutions came to visit the fair. The participants presented their projects before the audience with patience.
After three days of display, the Principal of Adamjee Cantonment College presented awards among the winning teams.
Besides the demonstrations, the fair arranged science quiz, documentary film show and scientific book exhibition for the viewers.

**67** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. The students of Muminunnisa Govt. Women's College have arranged a blood donation programme. **Now make a report on it.**

## Blood donation camp held at Kazi Sirajul Islam Mohila College in Faridpur

**Faridpur Correspondent**

***Faridpur, Boalmari 8 April, 2017 :*** A one-day blood donation camp was arranged yesterday at Kazi Sirajul Islam Mohila College at Boalmari, Faridpur on the occasion of the World Health Day.
The Staff Council, Rover Scouts, BNCC and Girl's Guide jointly organised the camp in cooperation with the Sandhani Blood Centre, Faridpur Medical College unit.
The Principal of the college inaugurated the camp as the chief guest. The Principal in his speech said donated blood can save the life of a serious patient. He urged the students and teachers to step forward and donate blood regularly.
Every physically fit person can donate blood once in every four months, he added.
A good number of teachers and students donated blood at the camp. Inspired by the move, some locals also came forward and donated blood.
As many as 45 bags of blood were collected from the camp. Besides this, the members of Sandhani also provided free blood group tests for the students.

**68** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. **Write a report on Anthrax menace in your locality.**

## Anthrax hits Sirajganj, affects livelihood

**Sirajganj Correspondent**

***Sirajganj, 5 April, 2017 :*** At least 35 people of Chithulia village in Shahjadpur upazila have contracted anthrax, evoking great tension in the locality.
Some villagers claim they are still unaware of the symptoms of anthrax as the number of awareness raising programmes is scarce.
The government has yet to send sufficient vaccines to the affected areas, making the residents of Belkuchi, Kamarkhand and Shahjadpur upazilas vulnerable in the fight against an outbreak.
The businesses in these areas have also taken a hefty (জোরালো) blow. The supply of milk has waned drastically, especially in Shahjadpur, where the trading of milk is a chief source of livelihood.
"There is nothing to be worried about as the chances of mortality is pretty much nil," assures Prof Shamshad Murtaza, Chairman of the veterinary department, Bangladesh Agriculture University.
During a visit to the affected areas, it was found that the cattle were not periodically vaccinated and dead animals were disposed of in the rivers or open places.
This ill practice helps spread the disease, experts warn. Lack of awareness among farmers is also one of the reasons behind the spread of the bacterium, they add.

**69** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. **Write a report on a rally protesting Eve-teasing.**

## Rally held against Eve-teasing in Patuakhali

**Patuakhali Correspondent**

***Patuakhali, 12 March, 2017 :*** Different social and human rights organizations yesterday arranged a rally in

the town to protest against recurring of Eve-teasing in the locality.
Hundreds of people from all walks of life joined the rally and took an oath to resist any incident of Eve-teasing by anyone.
The rally started from the Patuakhali Government Girls' College and ended at the Central Shaheed Minar. The Principal of the college, the Deputy Commissioner and the Superintendent of Police attended the rally that marched the main roads of the town.
After the rally the Deputy Commissioner and the Police Super asked the students of all girls' schools and colleges to inform them if anyone tries to tease them anywhere.
The Principal of the college asked the district administration to launch frequent mobile court raids in and around the girls' institutions.
A significant number of students from boys' schools and colleges also took part in the rally. They also took an oath that they would not tease any girl and rather resist any such harassment against women.
The organizers thanked everyone to make their rally a success and promised to arrange more awareness raising programmes in future.

**70** Suppose you are a reporter of a reputed daily. You have covered the final match of the FIFA World Cup-2014. **Now write a report on it.**

## Germany win their fourth FIFA World Cup

***Sports Correspondent*** **:** The FIFA World Cup- 2014 ended with the final match between Germany and Argentina. Germany defeated Argentina 1-0 in extra time. Mario Gotze scored the goal. He collected Andre Schurrle's cross from the left on his chest before volleying a high left-footed shot into the net. The match was the third final between the two countries, a World Cup record, after their 1986 and 1990 matches. The match was also billed as the world's best player Lionel Messi versus the world's best team Germany.
Before the match Germany had reached the World Cup final seven times (six times as West Germany from 1954 to 1990), winning three (1954, 1974, 1990) and being runners up four times 1966, 1982, 1986, 2002). On the other hand, Argentina had reached four finals, winning twice (1978, 1986) and being runners-up twice (1930, 1990).
This is the first World Cup won by a European team in the Americas. The victory meant that three consecutive World Cups have been won by teams from the same continent, following Italy (2006) and Spain (2010). The first time this has happened in the World Cup history. With the win, Germany qualified for the 2017 FIFA Confederations Cup.
Both the teams got some opportunities to score but failed. Especially fortune did not favour Argentina because they created some easy chances but they could not utilize them.
It was one of the most exciting matches of the FIFA World Cup- 2014.

**71** Suppose, you are a reporter of a national daily. **Make a report on the situation of the National Zoo.**

## Poor Condition of the National Zoo

***Staff Correspondent*** **:** Many spectators come to visit the National Zoo at Mirpur, Dhaka. Most of the spectators become disappointed to see the miserable condition of the zoo. At the entrance-gate, there is a cage of monkeys but truly speaking, the cage is kept dirty and all the monkeys live in a polluted environment and most of them are weak. The lion's cage is in the same condition. During my visit there some pieces of rotten meat were found on the floor of the cage. The lion too looked very feeble. The Royal Bengal Tigers in another cage have lost their real appearance. The people coming in the zoo could hardly recognize whether they were Royal Bengal Tigers or not. Other animals in the zoo are in the same state.
One of the officers of the National Zoo said, "These wild animals cannot adjust themselves to this new environment because they are born in the wild and so they should stay wild. They look weak although they eat sufficient food." Another officer said, "Sometimes we can't supply sufficient food to the animals because the number of animals has increased now. So the budget of food-supply should be increased without delay. Otherwise, almost all the wild animals' life will be in danger."

**72** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily. **Write a report on situation/event/incident of illegal grabbing of rivers and canals, impact on navigation.**

## Illegal grabbing of rivers go unabated in Narayanganj

**Narayanganj Correspondent**

***Narayanganj, 5 July, 2016*** **:** In Shitalakhya, illegal grabbing and filling up of rivers and making false documents with the help of dishonest land officials continues unabated (অপ্রতিহত). Despite tough laws, the grabbers could not be resisted (প্রতিরোধ).
In some cases the government agencies themselves (নিজেরাই) violated (ভঙ্গ করেছে) the laws and filled up rivers and other water bodies. By this time, most of the areas of Shitalakhya have gone into the grasp (আয়ত্তে) of the land grabbers. Brick fields, shops, docks etc. are established by grabbing the water land.

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"Once somebody fills up a portion of a river or wetland, it loses (হারায়) its original character", said Rizwana Hasan, one of the college teachers. 'Besides, it creates hindrance (বাধা) to the free movement of water transports. The Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) should also take effective steps against this practice.'

**73** Suppose, you are a reporter of a daily newspaper. Your area has been hit by AILA. **Now write a report on the AILA affected people of Kayra Upazilla.**

## Plight of Aila victims continues unabated in Khulna

**Khulna Correspondent**

***Khulna, 15 March, 2017 :***

Most of the Aila survivors have lost their houses and other belongings in the cyclone and taken refuge on the embankment in Kayra upazila.

The cyclone victims once received Tk 3,000 per head from the government to repair their houses. But that amount was spent meeting their daily needs.

Some of the men and women are engaged in repairing the damaged dam and are getting a small daily allowance. But the old are unable to join this work and are mainly starving.

Ayesha, a mother of two children who left their parents two years ago, said she could not join the dam repairing work due to old age.

Initially there were some aid from NGOs and the government for the victims. Now the flow of aid has suddenly stopped, though the fate of victims did not improve.

Most of the survivors now fish in the river to earn a little livelihood as there is no effective rehabilitation program for them.

A large number of people have already migrated elsewhere with the hope of a job. Every day more people are leaving the area.