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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the Monoharganj Upazila Parishad Bhaban and Chandina-Eliotganj-Krishnapur Road in Comilla district on April 20, 2013.

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## PM inaugurates Monoharganj UP Complex & Chandina-Eliotganj-Krishnapur Road in Comilla

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina assured the enclave inhabitants of Dahagram and Angorpota that her government would take some measures to improve the Monoharganj UP Bhaban, a four-storeyed building with a total floor area of 38000 square feet, has been constructed by LGED at a cost of Taka 8.21 crore. The entire cost has been funded by the Government of Bangladesh.

Monoharganj Upazila, with an area of 166 square kilometers, has a total population of 1,18,918 in 164 villages under 11 unions. The newly constructed UP Bhaban is expected to render essential services to the people of the upazila with improved infrastructural facilities. This is a manifestation of the successful implementation of the Prime Minister's promised commitment.

Chandina-Eliotganj-Krishnapur Road (chai-nage 00-6705 meters) has been constructed in Chandina Upazila in Comilla district by LGED

under Second Rural Infrastructure Improvement Project (RIIP-II). Funded by ADB, KfW, DFID, GiZ and GoB, the 6.73 kilometer long road has been constructed at a cost of Taka 5.62 crore. The prime objectives behind construction of Chandina-Eliotganj-Krishnapur Road are to create an unhindered road communication network, minimize travel time and travel cost and marketize locally produced agricultural and fisheries commodities.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina also laid the foundation stone of construction of the extended building of Nangolkot Upazila Parishad Complex the same day. Funded solely by the Government, this on-going project will be implemented by LGED and Nangolkot Upazila Parishad jointly at an estimated cost of Taka 4.54 crore. The total floor area of the Complex Bhaban is 21000 square feet. The building has to be provided with rain water harvesting and solar panel electricity technologies.





## Editor's Note

### ICT gaining ground in LGED

LGED has been continuously striving to enhance the capacity building for service delivery by using ICT tools. As a part of this strategy, a huge training program on ICT for human development has been scheduled and that is progressing well. So far 150 Engineers and Assistant Engineers and Senior Assistant Engineers have been completed the training. This program would continue till all the Engineers of LGED are trained. The online tendering is another e-government activities in which LGED is moving forward to bring transparency, accountability and efficiency in procurement process. More than 700 Engineers have so far been given training on e-GP (electronic government procurement) in the positions from Project Director to Assistant Engineer. Throughout the entire country, 100 packages of tender under LGED have been invited through e-GP system. In the next financial year, the e-GP would be rolled out up to Upazila level covering at least 1400 tender packages.

The GIS unit is currently developing cyclone shelter thematic maps for 14 coastal areas under World Bank financed ECRR Project. These maps will be used to plan and implement safe shelters for the coastal people during floods and cyclones. There is a collaborative work going on with LGED, IRRI, BWDB, SRDI and IWM for the development of agriculture and aquaculture system in the coastal area for food security. The objectives of these activities are reducing poverty; improving food security and strengthening livelihood resilience in the coastal area through improved water governance and management and more productive and diversified farm system. The GIS Unit is providing baseline geo-information and analytical support to develop the tools.



Communication Minister Mr. Obaidul Quader was the chief guest at the inaugural session of a workshop on 'Improving the pedestrian environment in Dhaka: steps forward' held in Dhaka on 30 May 2013. Chief Engineer LGED Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Mr. Saifuddin Ahmed, Executive Director, WBB, Mr. David Margonsztern, ADB Specialist, Ms. Debra Efromson, Regional Director of Health Bridge Canada and Mr. Shah Kamal, Administrator, Gazipur City Corporation were present on the occasion.

**'Full transparency, full accountability essential for implementation of development programmes'**  
– Communication Minister at a Workshop on Pedestrian Environment in Dhaka

Minister for Communication Mr. Obaidul Quader underscored the importance of full transparency and full accountability in the implementation of any development programme. Speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural session of a day-long workshop on "Improving the pedestrian environment in Dhaka: steps forward" on 30 May 2013 in Dhaka, the Minister for Communication said, corruptions never go unnoticed and as such we have to be very careful.

Chaired by Mr. Saifuddin Ahmed, Executive Director, Work for a Better Bangladesh (WBB) Trust, the workshop was jointly organized by Asian Development Bank (ADB), Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC), Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Health Bridge Canada, Gazipur City Corporation (GCC), Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA) and WBB Trust. The inaugural session of the workshop was addressed by, among others, were Mr. David Margonsztern, Urban

Development Specialist (Transport), ADB, Ms. Debra Efromson, Regional Director, Health Bridge Canada, Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED and Mr. Shah Kamal, Administrator, Gazipur City Corporation.

The Communication Minister said, people in our country are mostly scared by traffic congestions and road accidents. He said, these two events cause wastage of time and money. He also added, that the government have taken a number of effective measures to improve roads, footpaths, flyovers, overbridges, traffic congestions, accident risks and transportation infrastructures in and around Dhaka city.

Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED said, to create a positive and efficient Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), the needs of pedestrians must be addressed. LGED Chief Engineer said, BRT Walkability Strategy is aimed at creating an environment to make walking more safe, appealing and comfortable. LGED is happy to be involved in such an integrated and comprehensive project that will add a different dimension in the transportation system of the country, he mentioned.

In his address as chairperson Mr. Saifuddin Ahmed, Executive Director of WBB Trust said, it is exhilarating to note that BRT project has been cuff-linked with human instinct to walk on. He said, the project will also prioritize pedestrian facilities.

Earlier, Mr. David Margonsztern, ADB Specialist, delivered an address of welcome.



## Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming in LGED held

A day-long workshop on a study on 'Support to Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) in Institutionalizing Women's Benefits from Rural Infrastructure Initiatives' was held on 6 May 2013 at LGED headquarters in Dhaka. The said study has been conducted by Sustainable Rural Infrastructure Improvement Project (SRIIP) under LGED.

Chaired by Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED, the inaugural session of the workshop was attended by Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED as the chief guest and Mr. M. Nazmul Alam, Project Analyst, ADB, Bangladesh Resident Mission as the special guest. Mr. Md. Ashraful Haque, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED and Mr. M.A. Akhtar Hossain, Project Director, SRIIP, LGED were also present on the occasion among others.

Speaking at the inaugural session as the chief guest Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED said, the study on institutionalizing women's benefits from LGED's rural infrastructure initiatives is undoubtedly an important issue. He said, LGED had initially worked on gender issues in the 1980s, but those were in scattered ways. But since the year 2000, LGED has geared up gender mainstreaming with more intensive care, he added. He however stressed the need for owning the gender issue within LGED in future and suggested to organize more and



more workshops on gender issues at the regional level. Speaking on the occasion as special guest Mr. M. Nazmul Alam, Project Analyst, ADB, BRM said, the present workshop has been organized to sort out which elements are more essential for LGED projects. He said, SRIIP of LGED is now progressing in full swing in 20 UPs under Rajshahi and Naogaon districts.

In his address as Chairperson, Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED said, LGED has achieved a substantial progress in gender mainstreaming in its different rural infrastructure initiatives. He said, a major number of LGED projects have

fulfilled 100% employment of LCS women. He however stressed on the importance of research works on those gender issues that usually dominate and influence negatively to implement gender mainstreaming.

Earlier, Mr. M. A. Akhtar Hossain, Project Director, SRIIP, LGED delivered an address of welcome and an overview of the study.

## LGED Kalyan Samabaya Samity's AGM held

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2013 of the LGED Kalyan Samabaya Samity (LKSS) was held on 20 April 2013 at LGED Headquarters in Dhaka. Chaired by the Chief Engineer of LGED and President of LKSS Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, the AGM presented the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> AGM, the Annual Report 2013 on LKSS activities, Audit Accounts and Audit Report for FY 2011-12, the Revised Budget for FY 2012-13 and approved the Proposed Budget for FY 2013-14. Besides, dividend on shares held by the members of LKSS was also declared and approved. Prominent among those who attended the meeting were, Mr. Md. Zahangir Alam, Vice President, LKSS, Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam Akand, Director (Finance), LKSS and Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Convenor, 9<sup>th</sup> AGM Preparation Committee and Additional Chief Engineer, LGED and Mr. Md. Shahidur Rahman Pramanik, Managing Director, LKSS. Besides, more than two hundred representative members coming from all over Bangladesh attended the meeting.

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President of LGED Kalyan Samabaya Samity (LKSS) and Chief Engineer, LGED Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman speaking at the 9<sup>th</sup> AGM of LGED Kalyan Samabaya Samity held in Dhaka on 20 April 2013. Mr. Md. Shahidur Rahman Pramanik, Managing Director, LKSS and Mr. Md. Zahangir Alam, Vice President, LKSS, Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam Akand, Director Finance, LKSS and Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Convenor 9<sup>th</sup> AGM Preparation Committee also attended the meeting, among others.



## (LKSS AGM)

In his address as chairperson Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman said, LKSS, set up for overall welfare of the officers and employees of all cadres in LGED, has turned out to be an effective socio-economic and profiteering organization by dint of the earnest desires and tireless efforts of its honourable members. He said, LKSS has become capable enough to augment the thrive for savings among its members, who are equally enlightened with the ideals of cooperative movement to reach for a definite goal.

Mr. Md. Shahidur Rahman Pramanik, Managing Director, LKSS and Superintending Engineer, LGED delivered the Annual Report 2013 on LKSS activities and said, an amount of Taka 9 lakh has been allocated for the current fiscal year for providing medical treatment, emergent financial support and educational stipends to the members and their children. He also added, ever since its inception LKSS had been giving 25% dividend on each share upto June 2011.

Mr. Shafiqul Islam Akand, Director (Finance), LKSS, presented Audit Accounts and Audit Report for FY 2011-12, the Revised Budget for FY 2012-13 and the Proposed Budget for FY 2013-14.

Earlier, at the beginning of the AGM Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Convenor of the AGM Preparation Committee and Additional Chief Engineer of LGED in his address of welcome said, LKSS came into being in 2004 and by now a total number of 8715 officers and employees of LGED have been registered as its members. He said, the share money and saving deposits of 8715 members are being invested in different projects to earn adequate annual profits, which has made this organization a profiteering one.

### **LGD Secretary hands over Best Market Awards under MIDPCR of LGED**

Local Government Secretary Mr. Abu Alam Md. Shahid Khan handed over the Best Market Awards to 18 markets in three categories under Market Infrastructure



The Best Market Award giving ceremony under Market Infrastructure Development Project in Charland Regions (MIDPCR) of LGED was held on 30 June 2013 at LGED HQ in Dhaka with Mr. Abu Alam Md. Shahid Khan, Secretary, LGD as the chief guest. Chaired by Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED the ceremony was also attended by, among others, Mr. Md. Khalilur Rahman, Project Director, MIDPCR, Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed, Superintending Engineer, LGED, Mr. G.M. Hasibul Alam, CPO, IFAD and Mr. Md. Nazrul Islam, Project Director, DAE Component, MIDPCR.

Development Project in Charland Regions (MIDPCR), implemented by LGED with financial assistance from IFAD, Government of the Netherlands and Government of Bangladesh, on 30 June 2013, the closing day of the 7-year project. The award-giving ceremony was held at RDEC Bhaban of LGED Headquarter in Dhaka with Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED in the chair. The ceremony was also attended by, among others, Mr. GM Hasibul Alam, CPO, IFAD, Mr. Md. Nazrul Islam, Project Director, DAE Component, MIDPCR, Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed, Superintending Engineer, LGED and Mr. Md. Khalilur Rahman, Project Director, MIDPCR, LGED.

In his address as chief guest Mr. Abu Alam Md. Shahid Khan, LGD Secretary thanked the recipients of the best market awards and urged them to make the optimum use of the 25% share of lease money they get, as per government rules, for the interest of the community people.

Mr. GM Hasibul Islam, CPO, IFAD, in his address said, LGED happens to be a reliable partner of IFAD and as such LGED has been implementing 6 out of IFAD's 8 projects in Bangladesh.

Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed, Superintending Engineer, LGED and Mr. Md. Nazrul Islam, Project Director of DAE Component of MIDPCR also addressed the ceremony.

In his address as chairperson, Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED said, LGED, as an implementing agency, has its own goodwill. He said, LGED has earned this goodwill through its officers and employees' dedication, transparency and accountability as well as through active participation and cooperation from stakeholders and beneficiaries.

Mr. Md. Khalilur Rahman, Project Director, MIDPCR, at the outset of the ceremony, delivered an address of welcome and made a power point presentation highlighting various facets of the project.

Besides, Mr. Humayun Kabir, Upazila Engineer, LGED Barisal, Mr. Rahmat-e-Khoda, Zonal Assistant Engineer, MIDPCR, Bhola Zone, Mr. Abu Talib Md. Hanif, Executive Engineer, LGED Patuakhali and Mr. Liaquat Hossain Mansur, ex-officio President, MMC Bhola also spoke on the occasion.



## Prime Minister urges all to supplement govt's plantation drive

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the World Environment Day Programme, a three-month National Tree Plantation campaign and a month-long Tree Fair-2013 at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka on June 5, 2013. The theme of this year's National Tree Plantation Campaign and Tree Fair was "Let fill the country with trees, create happy environment." The Prime Minister called upon the people of the country to plant at least three types of trees-one for fruit bearing, one of timber and another of herbal- to improve the environment. Putting emphasis on using every inch of land in a planned manner, Sheikh Hasina said her government has taken initiative to bring 20 percent of the country's total land under afforestation.

Listing various programmes taken by her government to protect the environment, the Prime Minister said the present government has taken measures to check air pollution, encouraging pollution free high-tech brick kilns, formulated a Tk. 2,500-crore climate change trust fund, distributed some Tk. 65 crore among the beneficiaries of social afforestation in the last four years and some 1,200 sqk area have been included in the mainland through coastal afforestation.

In observance of the World Environment Day, National Tree Plantation Campaign and Tree Fair-2013, LGED alongwith other organizations had set up a stall at the Fair to display LGED's



During the visit of the World Bank Pre Appraisal Mission for MGSP to LGED HQ on 17 June 2013 Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED presented a crest to Mr. Ming Zhang, Sector Manager, World Bank. Present on the occasion, among others, were Ms. Shenhua Wang, Task Team Leader, MGSP, Mr. K.M. Nurul Huda, Managing Director, BMDF and Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed, Superintending Engineer, LGED.

environmental issues and highlighted its eco-friendly development activities. LGED emphasizes due attention to environment in their all attempts in identification of scheme and project preparation. It may be mentioned here that tree plantation on slope of roads and embankments is an important activity of LGED. LGED is keen to confine itself in eco-conscious project preparation. During 2009-2013, LGED planted 5292100 trees on 4811 km of roads and over the past twenty years LGED planted 26050200 trees on 23,682 km of roads contributing towards stability of LGED-built infrastructures with the objective of improving empowerment through reduction of soil erosion.

## Kick-off meeting on Municipal Governance & Services Project of LGED held

A kick-off meeting for Municipal Governance & Services Project (MGSP), to be implemented by LGED in collaboration with Bangladesh Municipal Development Fund (BMDF) and funded by the World Bank, was held on 17 June 2013 at LGED Bhaban in Dhaka. The meeting was arranged in honour of the visiting World Bank Pre-Appraisal Mission-June 2013 for the proposed Project. It may be mentioned here, the previous missions visited in October 2012, in December 2012 and in March 2013.

Chaired by Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED the meeting was attended by, among others, Mr. Ming Zhang, Sector Manager, World Bank, Ms. Shenhua Wang, Task Team Leader, MGSP and Mr. K.M. Nurul Huda, Managing Director, BMDF.

MGSP, funded by World Bank, is a 6-year project in three phases with the prime objective of incentivizing improved local municipal performance by linking significant additional fiscal resources to institutional improvements in governance, capacity of urban service delivery. MGSP will introduce a performance-based allocation system in 26 pre-selected/targeted municipalities which were identified through a detailed feasibility exercise. (contd. on page 6, col. 1)



In observance of the World Environment Day, Department of Environment organized an Environment Fair in Agargaon, Dhaka from 5 June to 11 June 2013, LGED's Sustainable Rural Energy had set up a stall in the Fair alongwith other organizations and was awarded third prize. Mr. Md. Shahidur Rahman Pramanik, Superintending Engineer, LGED (Admin.) is seen receiving the prize on behalf of LGED, from the Forest and Environment Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud, MP.



#### **(kick-off meeting) meeting)**

Speaking at the kick-off meeting Mr. Ming Zhang said, in the last ten months a substantial ground work has been achieved relating to the project, which is admirable. He said, performance measure is a very important factor in implementing this project. The Mission intends to finalize the audit measures for the project and when the project would be finally approved, financial parameters for BMDF would be ascertained, he said.

Ms. Shenhua Wang, Task Team Leader, thanked everybody concerned in LGED and BMDF for their hardwork in shaping up the groundwork of the project. She hopefully said, the project would be implemented successfully within the stipulated time-frame.

In his address as chairperson Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman said, World Bank, BMDF and LGED have long experiences of working together. He added, in spite of that the whole thing is progressing well, we have to ensure that we should not take much time in the preparation process of the project. He also thanked the Mission for their keen interest and cooperation for the project.

Earlier, Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed, Superintending Engineer, LGED made a power-point presentation on the various facets of the proposed Municipal Governance and Services Project.

At the end of the kick-off meeting Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED presented a crest to Mr. Ming Zhang in honour of the visiting representatives of the Mission.



During the course of their study visit on Development of Labour Based Road Works in South Africa and Zambia from 04 April to 13 April 2013, Mr. Abu Alam Md. Shahid Khan, Secretary, Local Government Division, Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED and Mr. Md. Matiar Rahman, Project Director, RRMAIDP, LGED are seen among the senior officials of the Road Development Agency in Lusaka, Zambia. The visit was sponsored by DANIDA.

### **Workshop on Draft Final Study Report of RIIP-II held**

A day-long workshop on Draft Final Study Report of Second Rural Infrastructure Improvement Project (RIIP-II) was held on 16 June 2013 at RDEC Bhaban in LGED HQ in Dhaka.

Chaired by Syed Mahbubur Rahman, Additional Chief Engineer (Planning & Design), LGED the inaugural session of the workshop was attended by, among others,

Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED as the chief guest. Noted among others present at the inaugural session were Mr. Md. Rafiqul Islam, Study Coordinator, Ms. Elma Morsheda, Project Officer, BRM\_ADB and Mr. Md. Jasim Uddin, Project Director, RIIP-II, LGED.

The Draft Final Study Report of RIIP-II, guided by Mr. Rafiqul Islam, Study Coordinator, was conducted by the project with an objective to carry out end-of-project survey on performance assessment as a part of Result Based Management (RBM) process to compare project output and outcomes with bench mark study.



A day-long workshop on Draft Final Study Report of Second Rural Infrastructure Improvement Project, LGED was held at LGED HQ on 16 June 2013. Chief Engineer, LGED, Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman was the chief guest. It was chaired by Syed Mahbubur Rahman, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED. Ms. Elma Morsheda, Project Officer, BRM, ADB, Mr. Rafiqul Islam, Study Coordinator and Mr. Md. Jasim Uddin, Project Director, RIIP-II were present on the occasion.

Speaking at the inaugural session as the chief guest Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED said, Result Based Management is a management strategy focusing on performance and achievement of outputs, outcomes and impacts. He said, LGED's achievement in this particular project is quite satisfactory, nearly 100%. He however stressed on the significance of conducting more and more comparative studies in future.

Ms. Elma Morsheda, Project Officer, BRM, ADB said in her speech, constructive comments on the Draft Final Study Report from the participants in the workshop are welcomed. She said, comments and reviews are essential to shape up the study report more pragmatic and nearer to actuality.

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#### (draft final study report)

Mr. Md. Rafiqul Islam, Study Coordinator, had delivered the exhaustive and illustrative presentation of Draft Final Report on Performance Assessment of RIIP-II. Earlier, Mr. Md. Jasim Uddin, Project Director, RIIP-II delivered an address of welcome.

At the inaugural session of the workshop 14 prizes and accolades of honour were distributed by Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED to the winners including three contracting firms for their outstanding performance. The recipients were- the Offices of the Executive Engineers of Dinajpur, Gaibandha and Mymensingh, the Upazila Engineer's Offices of Sherpur, Bandar & Thakurgaon Sadar, Mr. Abdul Ghani, SAE, Atpara, Netrokona, Mr. Shamsul Alam, SAE, Gopalpur, Tangail, Mr. Serajul Islam, SAE, Rupganj, Narayanganj and Mr. Robiul Islam, SAE, Haripur, Thakurgaon. Besides, the three contracting firms awarded were- Messrs. Ratna Enterprize, Narayanganj, Messrs. Chowdhury Enterprize, Jamalpur and Mr. Ram Babu of Thakurgaon.

### High level government delegation visited Japan

A high level Bangladesh government delegation visited Japan under the JICA supported Technical Assistant Project, Inclusive City Government for City Corporation (ICGP) from 02 June to 15 June 2013. The delegation was comprised of the Mayor of Narayanganj City Corporation Ms. Salina Hayat Ivy, Mayor of Rangpur City Corporation Mr. Sharfuddin Ahmed, Secretary, Local Government Division Mr. Abu Alam Md. Shahid Khan, Chief Engineer, LGED Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman and Senior officials of Local Government Division, LGED, City Corporations and Planning Commission. During the course of their visit the delegation had meetings with the Mayors of Kita Kyushu City and Kobe City. The respective Mayors and the delegation had agreed to exchange technical know how for mutual interest



Under JICA supported Inclusive City Government Project (ICGP), a high-level delegation from Bangladesh visited Japan from 03 June to 08 June 2013 to learn how Japan cities had been developed. Photo shows the Mayor of Kobe City in Japan (sitting 2<sup>nd</sup> from left) is flanked by Mr. Sharfuddin Ahmed, Mayor, Rangpur City Corporation, Ms. Selina Hayat Ivy, Mayor, Narayanganj City Corporation, Mr. Abu Alam Md. Shahid Khan, Secretary, LGD, Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Chief Engineer, LGED and a host of high officials from LGD, LGED, City Corporations, ERD and Planning Commission.

especially further promotion of the already existed cooperation between Chittagong City Corporation and Kobe City.

Later, some members of the delegation met the senior officials of JICA HQ in Tokyo and discussed with them about the progress of ICGP.

### Training/Overseas Visit

- Mr. Md. Ashrafur Haque, Additional Chief Engineer, LGED, Mr. Md. Shahidur Rahman Pramanik, Superintending Engineer, LGED, Ms. Syeda Asma Khatun, Deputy Project Director, LGED, Ms. Salma Shahid, Executive Engineer, LGED, Ms. Zebun Nahar Salima, Assistant Engineer, LGED, Ms. Mala Begum, Ms. Taslima Jahan, Upazila Assistant Engineers, LGED and Ms. Papia Ghosh, Assistant Secretary, Local Government Division participated in the Training Course on "Gender and Development" held in Thailand and Malaysia from 16 June to 25 June 2013.
- Mr. Md. Joynal Abedin, Superintending Engineer, LGED participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting on "The Network of Asian River Basin Organizations (NARBO)" held in Thailand from 15 May to 18 May 2013.

### Academic Feat

Engr. Mohammad Akramul Kabir, Executive Engineer, LGED HQ has been registered as a Professional Engineer (PEng.) with Bangladesh Professional Engineers Registration Board. Mr. Kabir graduated in Civil Engineering from former BIT Khulna in 1989. He joined LGED as Upazila Engineer/Assistant Engineer in 1994. He was promoted as Executive Engineer in May 2012 and currently posted in the Law Unit of LGED HQ.



Engr. Khandaker Asaduzzaman, Upazila Engineer, LGED, Savar Dhaka is awarded the degree of MS in Environmental Science from the State University of Bangladesh in 2011. He obtained a Cumulative Grade Point average of 3.84 on a scale of 4.00. Mr. Asaduzzaman graduated in Civil engineering from Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology (RUET) in 2000 and secured 1<sup>st</sup> class. He joined LGED in 2005. Mr. Asaduzzaman received JICA-sponsored 47 days "Group Training Course on Seminar on Development and Application of Construction Engineering" held at YIC, Yokohama, Japan in 2009.







Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the 480-meter bridge on Dhaleswari-1 river in Munshiganj on 28 May 2013.

## PM inaugurates 480-meter bridge on Dhaleswari-1 river in Munshiganj

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated a 480-meter prestressed concrete girder bridge on the river Dhaleswari-1 in Munshiganj district on 28 May 2013. Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) completed the construction of the said bridge at a cost of Tk. 25.19 crore, funded by the Government of Bangladesh, within the stipulated time-frame of six years divided in three distinctive phases. With the construction of the bridge on Betoka-Teghoria road, a vast majority of people living in Munshiganj Sadar, Tongibari and Serajdikhan upazilas of Munshiganj district are set to enjoy cost-effective and

time-saving communication and transportation facilities with Dhaka city. The distance between Munshiganj and southern part of Dhaka city now stands shortened by 40 kilometers.

Addressing a public meeting later at Mawa Gole Chattar in the afternoon, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, the present government has embarked on a massive development works in Munshiganj including construction of road, schools, madrasahs and mosques. She said, steps were taken for river protection dam and improvement of drainage system in the municipalities.

The Prime Minister thanked the people of Munshiganj for electing all three Awami League candidates in 2008 election and said, Awami League liberated Bangladesh in 1971 and the party is making relentless efforts of building a prosperous and dignified Bangladesh.

The project itself is a successful implementation of the present democratic government's commitment to rural infrastructure development, which will contribute greatly to national economy through socio-economic development of the community people.



View of the 480-meter bridge on Dhaleswari-1 river in Munshiganj.

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