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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaking at meeting with the Officials of LGRD & Cooperatives Ministry on 17 July 2014 at the Ministry premises.

## PM urges to build planned city in every Upazila

Sheikh Hasina holds meeting with officials of LGRD & Cooperative Ministry

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave a stern direction to the LGED officials for taking a master plan to build planned city in every Upazila with a view to reaching the urban facilities to the grass root people. Her government is working for providing urban facilities to the rural people, she said. To achieve this target, a master plan should be taken in every upazila where cultivable land, schools, colleges, hospitals and industrial areas will be located separately and planned way, she added.

While visiting the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, she said this at a view exchange meeting with the officials of the Ministry on 17 July, 2014.

Sheikh Hasina said, local government should be strengthened through decentralization of authority, if the local government becomes more powerful, people will get more benefits, she said. The government is providing capital easily to generate more

income based employments, increase agro-productivity and to set up small industries based on cooperative systems, she added. Her government has ensured training with providing small capital and infrastructural facilities, she further added. Special projects are being implemented in the remote char areas.

Among others, spoke on the occasion were Minister for LGRD & Cooperatives Syed Ashrafur Islam, MP State Minister Moshir Rahman Ranga, MP Prime Minister's Principal Secretary Abdus Sobhan Sikder, LGD Senior Secretary Monzur Hossain, Rural Development & Cooperatives Secretary MA Quader Sarker. LGED Chief Engineer Md. Wahidur Rahman presented a outline of well planned and balanced development future of the country and future plan of the Ministry at the meeting. PM's Press Secretary and high officials of the Ministry were also present on the occasion.





## Editor's Note

### LGED is using ICT tools across all its activities to make digital Bangladesh

LGED is known as pioneer among the government entities in Bangladesh in mainstreaming the information communication technology across all its activities with a view to making digital Bangladesh and keep abreast of advanced ICT technologies. With the reduction in cost of ICT tools, it is much easier now than ever before to integrate ICTs into monitoring and evaluation frameworks of all activities of LGED. The government has planned to spread the ICT services using modern upgraded ICT facilities in remote villages of the country. LGED has a number of projects to this end and it has its own ICT Tools to keep close monitoring on the projects' progress as well.

The Government of Bangladesh is implementing reaching out-of-school children-II (ROSC-II) project in 148 Upazilas, supporting 720,000 out of school children in more than 21,700 learning centers funded by the World Bank. ROSC MIS Cell at Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) through a participation agreement for monitoring and providing data base management support to the project. This support includes data processing, deployment of monitoring officers, compliance monitoring and validation.

Use of different ICT tools in monitoring of ROSC project improved potential and quality of field level activities. ICT application has ensured timeliness of interventions through instant data collection, locating employees and assigning task to them digitally & receiving task updates electronically. It has established a bridge between the field level stakeholders and the project management in offices. In order to scale up monitoring activities, the project uses the following tools: mobile reporting, SMS monitoring and mobile team tracker.



Asian Development Bank (ADB) Country Director for Bangladesh Kazuhiko Higuchi, visited LGED office, Agargaon in the city on 14 July 2014 while LGED Chief Engineer Md. Wahidur Rahman accompanied him.

### ADB Country Director visits LGED Bhaban

Country Director of Asian Development Bank (ADB) Kazuhiko Higuchi visited the LGED Bhaban at Agargaon in the city on 14 July 2014.

During his visit, the ADB country director sat in a meeting with LGED Senior officials, including its Chief Engineer Md. Wahidur Rahman.

LGED Superintending Engineer (Planning), Iftekhar Ahmed gave a PowerPoint presentation on the progress of different on-going projects financed by the ADB and other development partners.

During the meeting, Kazuhiko Higuchi expressed his satisfaction over the progress of development activities being implemented by the department.

Md. Wahidur Rahman said the ADB has first financed a small plain water species project that has already been succeeded at present. LGED has 12 projects financed by the ADB and six more are lying in the pipeline.

After the meeting, Kazuhiko Higuchi visited GIS and Maintenance Units and Laboratory of LGED.

LGED has taken various projects to develop the country's road infrastructures and socio-economic condition. As a result, people are getting more employments and reaping out the benefits from these projects.

### Milad and Iftar Mahfil at LGED Headquarters

Milad and Iftar Mahfil was organized on 23 July 2014 at LGED Headquarters, Agargaon, Dhaka to mark holy month of Ramadan. Local Government Division (LGD) Senior Secretary Monzur Hossain was present as Chief Guest in the program. Chaired by the LGED Chief Engineer Md. Wahidur Rahman, the program was largely attended by the LGED officers and staff. Monzur Hossain in his brief speech appreciated the initiatives and expressed gratitude for inviting him as chief guest. Md. Wahidur Rahman also gave a short speech on the occasion. Everybody took part in a Munajat and sought peace and prosperity of the country to Almighty Allah.

The Doa-Mahfil was conducted by Maulana Abdur Razzaque.



## ECNEC approves Tk. 880 crore project to eradicate poverty in Haor areas

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) has approved a project 'Haor basin Flood Management and Improvement of Livelihood' at its meeting on Tuesday, 12 August 2014 in a bid to protect the food grains from floods, improve communication facilities and increase fisheries production in Haor areas.

The LGRD ministry, the ministry of land,



Monzur Hossain, Senior Secretary of Local Government Division (LGD), Md. Wahidur Rahman, LGED Chief Engineer, and others an Iftar party at LGED headquarters Agargaon on 23 July 2014.

the ministry for water resources development and the department of

fisheries will jointly implement the project at a cost of Taka 880 crores and the project duration is eight years (2014-2022).



State Minister for Textiles and Jute Mirza Azam, MP handing over prizes among the participants in a painting competition organized by Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) on 24 August 2014 in observance of 39th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and National Mourning Day. LGED Chief Engineer Md. Wahidur Rahman, Shyama Prosad Adhikari and Md. Abdul Wahid Additional Chief Engineer LGED were present on the occasion.

For the project cost, Taka 596 crores will come from Japan based Donar agency JICA and Taka 283 crore from the government's coffers. The project will be implemented in 33 remote upazilas under five districts – Sunamganj, Netrokona, Habiganj, Brahmanbaria and Kishoreganj.

Recently, the government and JICA have signed an agreement to provide loan USD 1.2 Billion for 5 priority projects and it is one of the most important projects.

The government has taken a 'Haor Master Plan-2012' to ensure integrated development in Haor areas. Under the master plan, 153 small and big projects will be implemented at the cost of Taka 27963.05 crores in 18 sectors on short term, middle term and long term basis.

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For flood management, infrastructure development and improvement of life style, JICA has prioritized 37 sub-projects, of which 29 have been finalized for implementation through 'Haor basin flood management and improvement of livelihood' project.

## BD-Denmark deal on Climate Change Project signed

A grant agreement has been signed between the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark and the Government of Bangladesh represented by the Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance regarding "Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Project (CCAMP)" on Monday, 18 August 2014. The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) will implement the major part of the project.

The total budget of CCAMP will be Danish Kroner 80.00 million with Danish contribution of DKK 50.00 million and Bangladesh contribution of DKK 30.00 million. The duration of the programme



ERD Additional Secretary Mahmuda Begum and Danish Ambassador Hanne Fugl Eskjaer signing a deal on "Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Project in the city on 18 August 2014.

will be from July 2014 to June 2016. Mahmuda Begum, Additional Secretary of ERD and the Danish Ambassador Hanne Fugl Eskjaer signed the agreement on behalf of the respective Governments. Officials from both sides were present in this occasion.

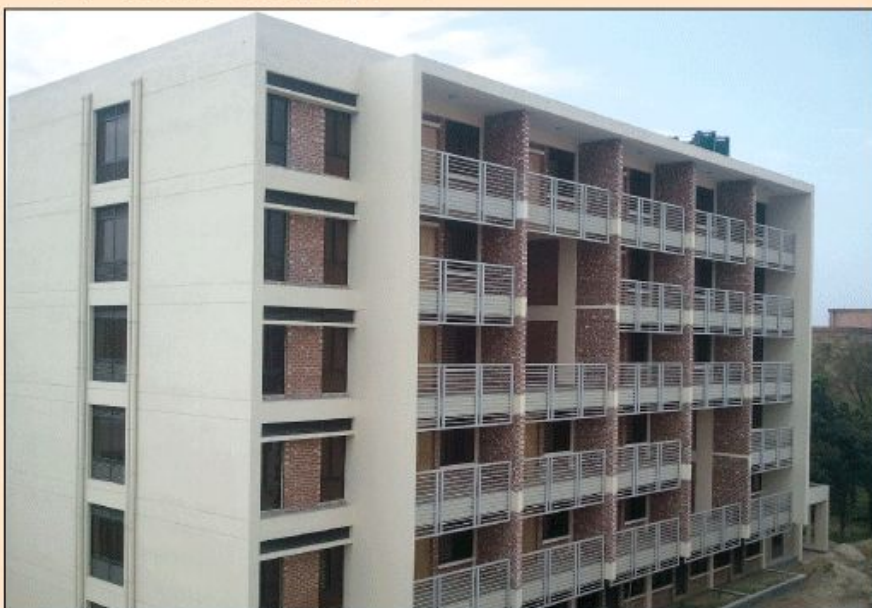
The Government of the kingdom of Denmark as a development partner, is also providing financial assistance to

Bangladesh in various development sectors such as, Agriculture and Livestock, Water Supply and Sanitation, Infrastructure Development, Human Rights and Good Governance. LGED is getting this grant support near about two decades.

## LGED successfully completed PTI in Lalmonirhat district

LGED has successfully completed the construction works of Primary Teachers Training Institute (PTI) Academic cum Administrative Building at a cost of Taka 6.07 crore and a PTI Hostel Building at a cost of Taka 5.96 crore, under twelve Primary Teachers Training Institute, Project of DPE under the Ministry of (PE) during the year 2013-2014.

A total number of 150 primary school teachers (both male & female) will get accommodation facilities during their training. This is one of the Primary Teachers Training Institute (PTIs) where no PTI were previously built.



Primary Teachers Training Institute (PTI), Hostel Building at Lalmonirhat.



## Denmark Ambassador with Journalists visits LGED activities at Ramgoti Upazila



Ambassador of Denmark to Bangladesh H.E. Hanne Fugl Eskjaer along with Senior Journalists from Danish broadcasting corporation visited Ramgoti Upazila of Lakshmipur district on 6 August 2014. She is sharing with the LCS members about climate change impacts and to cope with the climate induced hazards and also observed bank erosion by Meghna River.

Her Excellency the Ambassador of Denmark in Bangladesh Ms. Hanne Fugl Eskjaer along with three Senior Journalists from Danish Broadcasting Corporation visited the labour based activities of Climate Change Adaptation Pilot Project (CCAPP) in Ramgoti Upazila of Lakshmipur district on 6 August 2014 being implemented by the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) with Danida assistance, Md. Matiar Rahman, Project Director, LGED, Mr. Mogens Strunge Larsen, Head of Cooperation, Embassy of Denmark and other Senior Officials of LGED and DANIDA accompanied the team. Her Excellency along with the journalist team leading by a famous Danish weather presenter Mikkell Fonsskov visited the Maddhya Charniamot school road under Char Algi Union Parishad, observed river bank erosion at Ramgoti and also attended in a short session organized by the Upazila Chairman Ramgoti Upazila Parishad.

The Charniamot school road is being

constructed through women Labour Contracting Society (LCS) contracts to improve climate resilient trading and transport network as well as to create employment opportunities which in turn to improve the livelihood of the climate vulnerable coastal communities. They also shared with the local people and the LCS workers, how they are benefited from this investment, their views of how to live better with different climate induced hazards. The team also visited the river bank erosion places at Ramgoti which is now a most severe climate disaster of Ramgoti Upazila, the team took videos of the bank erosion spots, talked and shared with some affected families and local people.

Later on the Hon'ble Ambassador with her team attended in a short session at Upazila Parishad Bhaban, Ramgoti organized by the Upazila Chairman. Mr. Md. Abdullah, Honorable Member of Parliament (MP), Lakshmipur-4 and other local officials & elites were present. On

behalf of the Ramgoti inhabitants, the honorable MP thanked the Government of Denmark through Her Excellency for the financial support in such a climate vulnerable areas and requested to continue their support in future. The Hon'ble Ambassador in her short speech informed that, she had observed the actual situations of the vulnerable areas by her own eyes and also sympathized with the climate affected societies and expressed her opinion that Danida will continue to support the Climate Change Adaptation initiatives of the Government in future.

## 6th death anniversary of Engr. Quamrul Islam Siddique observed

The 6th death anniversary of Quamrul Islam Siddique, former chief engineer and founder of LGED was observed at LGED Headquarters on Monday, 1 September 2014. On the occasion, a Milad and Doa Mahfil was held at LGED Bhaban seeking divine peace for the departed soul of Quamrul Islam Siddique.



He was born on 20 January 1945 in Kushtia. He achieved degree in Civil Engineering from the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) in 1966. He died on 1 September 2008 in New Jersey, USA.



## Engr. Md Munsur Ali Sikder joins as Secretary, Ministry of Railways

Mr. Md. Monsur Ali Sikder has joined as the Secretary (In-Charge) of the Ministry of Railways on 14th September 2014. Prior to joining as Secretary, he was the Chairman of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC). Mr. Sikder completed his graduation in Civil Engineering from the Khulna Engineering College (present KUET) in 1981 and started his official career. He has joined the Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) 1982 Batch (Public Works) and promoted as the Deputy Secretary in the year 2003. Before that he worked as a lecturer of KUET; Assistant Engineer of Bangladesh Water Development Board; and Executive Engineer of Public Works Department. Later on he worked as Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Industries, Ministry of Health & Family Planning, Member (RAJUK), Joint Secretary, Ministry of Industries, Women and Children Affairs, Director, Bangladesh Food & Sugar Industries Corporation;



Additional Secretary, Ministry of Industries and efficiently performed his duties assigned to him by the government. He got 1st Class in BSc. Engineering (Civil) and stood second. It can be mentioned here that Mr. Munsur Ali Sikder worked as Upazila Engineer at Rajapur, Betagi, Kathalia and Amtali upazilas from 1983 to 1989. Mr. Sikder is a man of Bakergonj Upazila of Barisal district. He is blessed with two sons and a daughter.



546 meter long bridge over Mahanda river in Sadar Upazila at Chapainawabganj district

## Chapainawabganj LGED constructs bridge over Mohananda River at the cost of Tk 54.87 crores

Sadar Upazila LGED in Chapainawabganj has completed the construction works of 546 meter long bridge over Mohananda River at the cost of Taka 54.87 crores recently. WMCG-NAVANA JV constructed the bridge under construction of Large Bridge on Upazila & union roads project (LBC).

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to formally inaugurate the bridge in November this year.

The bridge will bring revolutionary changes in the life of people in remote char areas. At least about 15 lacs people will get benefit out of it. The bridge will connect 85 primary schools, 20 higher secondary schools, 10 madrasahs, two colleges, 5 health complexes, a several numbers of haats and bazaars in the

upazila.

The bridge will make communication easier in the char areas to the other parts of the country. Farmers could easily carry their agro products to the markets and the places across the country to get actual value of their products.

They could reap highest benefits out of markets competition mainly due to construction of the bridge.

LGED Chief Engineer Md. Wahidur Rahman has closely monitored the construction works of the bridge which ensured the optimum use of money of the project. People in this locality expressed their satisfaction and extended thanks to the government and the implemented authority LGED.



## Academic Feat

Miss Sumaiya Binte Shahid Tanha, daughter of Md. Shahidur Rahman, an LGED Engineer Comilla and Mrs. Shahin Akther, got GPA 5+(Golden A+) from science group in H.S.C. Examination 2014. She appeared in the examination from Comilla Victoria Govt. College,



Comilla under Comilla Board. She also achieved an GPA 5+ (Golden A+) golden At from science group during S.S.C. Examination 2012. She is determined to go for higher education and plans to be a doctor in near future. She happens to be a niece of Md. Wahidur Rahman, Senior Vice President of Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad Kendrio Command Council and the Chief Engineer of LGED.



A team comprised representatives of European Union visited the sites of on-going project RERMP-2 at Gadkhali and Jikorgacha union of Jikorgacha in Jessore district on 7 June 2014. During the visit, Project Director of LGED RERMP-2 Md. Abdul Kuddus Mondal, Deputy project Director of LGED RERMP-2 SE Jessore accompanied the team.

## Donors visit RERMP-2 area in Jessore District

A team comprised of representatives of European Union visited the sites of on-going project RERMP-2 at Gadkhali and Jikorgacha union of Jikorgacha in Jessore district on 7 June 2014 which is being implemented by LGED. The members of the team are Dirk

MEGANCK, Director, DEVCO H, Asia & Central Asia, Jos JONCKERS, Deputy Head of Unit H1, Geographical Coordination Asia and Pacific, Philippe JACQUES, First Counsellor, European Union, Gonzalo SERRANO, First Secretary, European Union, Manjurul Alam, Food Security Advisor European Union.

During the visit, Project Director of LGED RERMP-2 Md. Abdul Kuddus Mondal accompanied the team.

## Construction of bridge over Ramdara River in Thakurgaon completed

Thakurgaon LGED completed the construction works of 48 metre long bridge over Ramdara River in the sadar upazila under IRIDP project at the cost of 1.04 crores during fiscal year 2013-2014

At least 2 lacs people will get benefit by virtue of the construction of the bridge. Farmers could easily carry their excessive agro products to the markets and the places across the country to get actual value of their products.



48 metre long bridge over Ramdara River in Thakurgaon district



## LGED organises discussion, painting competition

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) organized a discussion meeting and a painting competition at its headquarters in the city on Sunday, August 24, 2014 in observance of 39th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the National Mourning Day.

State Minister for Textiles and Jute Ministry Mirza Azam, MP, inaugurated the Painting Competition at 1st floor of LGED Bhaban at 10 am on Sunday while LGED Chief Engineer Md. Wahidur Rahman accompanied the State Minister. The State Minister thanked the LGED for arranging such competition among the children.

Afternoon Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor, MP was present as the Chief Guest. LGD Senior Secretary



Minister for Cultural Affairs Asaduzzaman Noor, MP LGD Senior Secretary Monzur Hossain, LGED Chief Engineer Md. Wahidur Rahman, LGED Additional Chief Engineer along with other distinguished guests pose for photograph with the winners of a painting competition held on the occasion of National Mourning Day at LGED Bhaban in the city on 24 August 2014.

Monzur Hossain and other high officials were also present on the occasion. The programme was chaired by LGED Chief Engineer Md. Wahidur Rahman. At the end of function Asaduzzaman Noor, MP gave away the prizes and the certificates among the participants.

## LGED officers pay homage to Bangabandhu



LGED Chief Engineer Md. Wahidur Rahman, high officials of LGED and employees placing floral wreaths at Bangabandhu's portrait.

LGED senior secretary, Monzur Hossain and Chief Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) Md. Wahidur Rahman and LGED Additional Chief Engineers, Superintending Engineers, Project Directors of different projects, Executive Engineers, consultants, and other officials brought out a mourning procession to mark the National Mourning Day, and 39th death anniversary of Father of the Nation and the Architect of Independence of Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on Friday, 15 August 2014.

They placed floral wreaths at the portrait of the Father of the Nation at Bangabandhu Memorial Meuseum at 32 Dhanmondi, in the early hours of the day.

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