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The four-day long digital fair was organized with a view to showing significant advancements of Information Technology in Bangladesh. Information and Communication Advisor to the Prime Minister Sajeeb Ahmed Wajed presented the Keynote paper in the program.

The Prime Minister said, her government has been working to enable youths in information technology services. To achieve this purpose, the government has made compulsory ICT subject in secondary level education, she said. She hopes that Bangladesh would be middle income country by 2021 and to be a developed country among the South Asian Countries by 2041.

Sajeeb Ahmed Wajed said that the government has taken many steps to reduce prices of information technologies for improving lifestyle of general people. Besides, to eliminate tender manipulation, reduce corruption and increase transparency in the public sector, we would be able to introduce e-tendering system in all government offices very soon. He mentioned that four thousand five hundred unions have been brought under the service of digital information centre in last two years where ample opportunities were created for employment of thousands of people. State Minister for Information and Communication Junaid Ahmed Polok was also present on the occasion.



Editor's Note

LGED relentlessly working for development of country's socio-economic condition

LGED is relentlessly working to develop the country's socio-economic condition under various projects taken by the Government of Bangladesh. City Government Project (CGP) is one of such projects that has been taken by the Government of Bangladesh with the financial assistance from the Government of Japan to achieve inclusive governance in City Corporations like improving public service, strengthening the city governments' capacity and their governance improvement, promoting living environment and creating economic opportunities.

We observed that Bangladesh has experienced increased urbanization since its independence. However, urban infrastructures especially roads, drains, water supply, solid waste facilities are not adequate which are causing serious traffic congestion, water logging, illegal dumping of solid waste and other urban problems.

Additionally, unclear demarcation and responsibility, and overlapping functions between the government and the City Corporation are observed. Various plans and implementation of different strategies by different agencies have interrupted provisions of public services to the citizens and hampered effective development of the city.

With a view to addressing these problems, the government has taken the City Government Project (CGP) at cost of Taka 2943 crores and LGED under local government division of LGRD & Cooperatives Ministry is the implementing agency.

Five City Corporation are targeted under CGP such as Narayanganj, Comilla, Rangpur, Gazipur and Chittagong. LGED is working on governance improvement & capacity development, urban infrastructure development, equipment procurement and consulting service under this project in those areas.



Senior Secretary of Local Government Division (LGD) Monzur Hossain, IFAD Country Program Officer Nicolas Syed, LGED Chief Engineer Shyama Prosad Adhikari were seen at National Start-Up Workshop on Climate Adaptation and Livelihood Protection organized by LGED and International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) at LGED headquarters on Thursday, 29 January 2015.

LGED and IFAD jointly organized National Start-Up Workshop on Climate Adaptation and Livelihood Protection

LGED and International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) have jointly organized the National Start-Up Workshop on Climate Adaptation and Livelihood Protection at LGED headquarters on Thursday, 29 January 2015. The then Senior Secretary of Local Government Division of LGD Monzur Hossain inaugurated the workshop as the Chief Guest while IFAD Country Program Officer Nicolas Syed was present as the Special Guest. LGED Chief Engineer Shyama Prosad Adhikari was the chair of the occasion.

Haor Infrastructure Livelihood Improvement Project (HILIP) is working in 28 upazilas under five districts of Haor areas of the country for improving livelihood of the people, said the Chief Guest. He further said that after successful implementation of the project, about a three million people would directly be benefited from this project.

Mr. Shyama Prosad said that LGED has been working for strengthening the people about climate adaptation and

of their livelihood protection in Haor areas. He informed, '12 projects on climate adaptation and livelihood protection are in progress in the haor area. Among them, HILIP is one of the most important projects to improve life in Haor areas.

IFAD Country Program Officer Nicolas Syed said, 'we are working for development of the poor' particularly affected by floods in the area. He said, we had first provided our assistance in the Community Based Resource Management Project (CBRMP) at Sunamganj in 2003 and HILIP is the continuation of our endeavor like that. A vast number of people will benefit after successful implementation of the project, he added.

Among other spoke on the program is LGED Project Director of (HILIP) Gopal Chandra Sarker. The workshop was continued till 31 January 2015. Hundred officials from LEGD office in haor area were participated in the Workshop.

LGED-Navana signed an agreement to construct high rise buildings for city cleaners

Under LGED's Construction of Cleaners Colony Project, an agreement between LGED and NAVANA Construction Limited has been signed at the Office of the Chief Engineer of LGED, Agargaon, Dhaka on 01 January 2015 to construct buildings for conservancy workers of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC).

NAVANA Construction Limited will build ten storied three buildings at Sutrapur area in Dhaka city at a cost of Taka 45.28 crores. Each flat measuring 472 square feet will be allocated for each conservancy workers of DCC.

LGED's Construction of Cleaners Colony Project Director Md. Abdur Rashid Miah and NAVANA Construction Limited Executive



Project Director of the Construction of Cleaners Colony Project of LGED Md. Abdur Rashid Miah and NAVANA Construction Limited Executive Director, Engineer Md. Shahidullah exchanging document after signing agreement on behalf of their respective organizations while Chief Engineer Shyama Prosad Adhikari and other LGED officials were present on the occasion.

Director Engineer Md. Shahidullah have signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations while Chief Engineer Mr. Shyama Prosad Adhikari and other LGED officials were present on the signing

agreement.

Loan agreement signing ceremony of MDSP held



A financing agreement for US\$375 million between the Government of Bangladesh and International Development Association (IDA) has been signed at the Economic Relations Division (ERD), Dhaka to implement the Multipurpose Disaster Shelter Project (MDSP) on Monday 26 January, 2015.

The loan will be utilized to reduce the vulnerability of the coastal population in 74 upazilas of 9 coastal districts (Barisal, Bhola, Patuakhali, Pirojpur, Chittagong, Cox'sBazar, Feni, Laksmipur and Noakhali) of Bangladesh.

Mohammad Mejbahuddin, Senior Secretary of Economic Relations Division and Johannes Zutt, Country Director of the World Bank, Dhaka office signed for US\$375 million loan agreement at ERD on Monday to implement the Multipurpose Disaster Shelter Project. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Additional Chief Engineer of LGED, Md. Abdur Rashid Khan, Project Director, ECRRP, LGED and other senior officials of Government and the World Bank were present.

LGED SRIIP and Nirapod Sorok Chai signed an agreement

To create awareness among the people, LGED's Sustainable Rural Infrastructure Improvement Project (SRIIP) Project Director Md. Ali Akhtar Hossain and Nirapod Sorok Chai Chairman Ilias Kanchan signed an agreement on Wednesday, 11 February 2015 at LGED headquarters in Agargaon, Dhaka. During the agreement signing ceremony, LGED Chief Engineer Shyama Prosad Adhikari, and Superintending Engineer Md. Anwar Hossain were present.

Under this agreement, a total of 21 workshops and 21 rallies will be organized in 21 districts under the project area in Rajshahi, Rangpur and Khulna divisions to increase areas regarding road safety and its usage.

These awareness building programs will create people's awareness and help reduce the road accidents. LGED Superintending Engineers, Executive Engineers, Upazila Engineers, District Commissioners, Police



LGED Sustainable Rural Infrastructure Improvement Project Director Md. Ali Akhtar Hossain and Nirapod Sorok Chai Chairman Ilias Kanchan exchanging document after signing an agreement on Wednesday, 11 February 2015 at LGED headquarters while LGED Chief Engineer Shyama Prosad Adhikari, and Superintending Engineer were present.

Supers, Civil Surgeons, Upazila Chairmen, NGO officials, primary school and madrasa teachers and students of the project areas will take part in the rally.

Agreement to

construct Khulna coal power plant's approach road signed



LGED Bagerhat Executive Engineer Md. Shahadat Hossain and Toma Construction Company Limited Managing Director Mohammad Ataur Rahman Bhuiyan exchanging document after signing an agreement to construct the approach road of Bangladesh-India friendship coal power plant on Sunday 1 March 2015 at LGED headquarters while LGED Chief Engineer Shyama Prosad Adhikari, LGED project manager Bipul Chandra Banik, and other Senior Officials were present on the occasion.

An agreement was signed on Sunday 1 March 2015 at LGED headquarters, Agargaon to construct the approach road of Bangladesh-India friendship Coal Power Plant in Khulna. LGED Bagerhat Executive Engineer, Md. Shahadat Hossain and Toma Construction Company Limited Managing Director Mohammad Ataur Rahman Bhuiyan signed the agreement from their respective sides.

LGED Chief Engineer Shyama Prosad Adhikari, LGED Project Manager Bipul Chandra Banik and other Senior Officials were present on the occasion. The construction of the road will be expected to complete during the year 2014-2015 at cost of Taka 100 crore funded from the Khulna coal Based power plant connecting road project.

ADB awards best performing project teams in Bangladesh

Asian Development Bank (ADB) has awarded four of its best performing teams for programmes and projects in Bangladesh as part of its efforts to promote efficient project implementation.

Mr. Kazuhiko Higuchi, Country Director of the ADB's Bangladesh Resident Mission presented the awards for the year 2014 to the winning teams at a ceremony held in Dhaka on 15 March 2015.

Senior government officials, Project Directors of ADB-assisted projects, members of the winning project teams, and ADB staff attended the ceremony.

The award winning projects are Sustainable Rural Infrastructure Improvement Project (SRIIP) and City Region Development Project (CRDP) executed by Local Government Engineering Department and, Third Primary Education Development Program (PEDP-III) executed by the Directorate of Primary Education.

The Second Capital Market Development Programme, executed by ADB and Financial Institutions Division of the Ministry of Finance, won a special programme award for outstanding efforts in 2014.

"The award winning project/program teams were selected on the basis of efficient project management, results delivery, effective project implementation, efforts to empower Women and increased transparency", said Country Director Mr. Kazuhiko Higuchi.

The best project team recognition programme was initiated in 2001, and has been a regular annual exercise by ADB to promote development effectiveness of ADB-assisted projects in Bangladesh.

The Sustainable Rural Infrastructure Improvement Project (with the \$60 million loan from ADB) is helping to reduce poverty and raise income in 21 districts of northwest and southwest of Bangladesh by improving climate-resistant road connectivity, and upgrading marketing facilities with specific provision for women.

The project is enhancing rural people's access to social services, such as health and



Mr. Kazuhiko Higuchi, Country Director, Bangladesh Resident Mission (BRM), Asian Development Bank (ADB) distributing 'Best Project Team Award 2014' among four best performing Project Directors at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC), Agargaon, Dhaka on 15 March 2015.

education, and to economic opportunities. The City Region Development Project (with the US \$120 million loan from ADB) is supporting Bangladesh to improve urban planning, infrastructure, and services in two big city regions.

The project is improving energy- efficient and environment-friendly urban services, and strengthening management capacity for Dhaka and Khulna city corporations and adjacent secondary towns. The project's outcome will include improved urban environment and infrastructure services based on effective regional and urban planning.

The Third Primary Education Development Project (with the US \$320 million loan from ADB) is supporting the government's priorities of providing quality primary education to all children of Bangladesh.

Collaboration with development partners like IDA, DFID, AUSAID, CIDA, SIDA, JICA, EU and ADB the project is supporting to impart efficient, inclusive, and equitable facilities for primary education for all and child-friendly learning environment.

The project is helping improve teaching and learning for all, reduce disparities, promote universal access and participation, decentralize the primary education system, and improve education programme, planning and management.

The Second Capital Market Development

Programme (with the US \$300 million loan from ADB) is supporting the government initiatives to meet the long-term financing requirements and thereby address the current infrastructure investment gap in Bangladesh.

It also strengthens capital market reforms to improve financial stability by reducing concentration in the banking system, reducing chaos of boom and bust, and mitigate the negative impact that financial market instability has on the real economy.

As of 31 December 2014, ADB's cumulative lending to Bangladesh stood at US \$16.10 billion for 253 loans, while the technical assistance amount US \$242 million for 439 projects. ADB approved loans, totalling US \$968 million, in 2014.

Danish Minister for Trade and Development Cooperation visits LGED's Women Labour Based road works in Barisal

Hon'ble Danish Minister for Trade and Development Cooperation, Mr. Mogens Jensen along with a team of 14 delegates from Denmark including State Secretary for Development Policy visited Barisal on 17 March 2015 to watch the LGED activities related to adaptation to climate change impacts on rural infrastructures in Shayestabad Union under Barisal Sadar Upazila of Barisal District. H.E. Ambassador of Denmark to Bangladesh Ms. Hanne Fugl Eskjaer and Chief Engineer LGED Mr. Shyama Prosad Adhikari along with high Officials of LGED, Officials from Embassy of Denmark and Danida technical support team were present during the visit.

The Hon'ble Minister observed the river erosion of the Arial Khan river, LGED's activities of earth work for raising road embankment of Churaman Kheyaghat to Zogoddal Bazar road under Climate Change Adaptation Project (CCAP) by poor women organized in a Labour Contracting Society



His Excellency Hon'ble Danish Minister for Trade & Development Cooperation Mogens Jensen inspiring the Women LCS workers engaged in earth work during his visit to Churaman Kheyaghat road under Shayestabad Union of Barisal Sadar Upazila, Barisal. The Chief Engineer, LGED, Shyama Prosad Adhikari is seen handing over LGED's crest and inaugurating the road work along with the Hon'ble Minister.

(LCS).

The works are carried out in order to cope with climate induced hazards and to establish normal communication of the communities to essential service centers. The road is 2.86 km long and connects ferryghats, markets, schools, community centers and cyclone shelters. The activities include raising of road embankment by earth work and construction of drainage structures and slope protection works at a cost of Taka 46.95 lakh where 128 LCS women are employed to complete the activities by May 2015 and 10,582 labour days are expected to be achieved.

The Danish Minister inaugurated the road of Churaman Kheyaghat to Zogoddal Bazar road and shared road embankment construc-

tion work with LCS women and wanted to know how they feel about the work, their socioeconomic conditions and how they benefit from this type of works. He also exchanged views with local people, Public Leaders and local elites regarding different climate hazards of this areas and the way of facing them.

The Chief Engineer LGED thanked the Hon'ble Minister for his visit and continued Danida support. He pointed out that the Danida support in LGED has been continuing for nearly 20 years and the Government of Bangladesh considers Danida as one of its trusted partners. He also mentioned, 'the Danida support is helping the rural poor women for providing employment as well as improving their livelihood' and expects that the Danida assistance will be continued in future. The Hon'ble Minister was highly satisfied with the women LCS works and warm reception given by LGED, officials local Union Parishad Chairman and people of the area. He expressed that the friendly relation between Denmark and Bangladesh will be stronger and the Danida support will also continue in the coming days.



Construction of 100 m long RCC Girder Bridge on Monakosha Union Parishad office (Eidgah mour) to shahapara hat via gopalpur ghat at Chapai Nawabganj district completed under IRIDP Project.

LGED pays homage to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on 'Independence Day'

26th March is the 'Independence Day' and National Day of Bangladesh. LGED Chief Engineer Shyama Prosad Adhikari placed floral wreath at the portrait of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman while Additional Chief Engineers, Superintending Engineers, different LGED Project Directors, Executive Engineers and other Engineers were present on the occasion at 32 Dhanmondi in the city to observe the day in a befitting manner.



LGED Chief Engineer Shyama Prosad Adhikari along with other officials paid homage by placing flower wreath at the portrait of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at 32 Dhanmondi marking the 'Independence Day' on Thursday morning, 26 March 2015.

LGED Implemented Irrigation Infrastructure under SSWRD Project in Mymensingh, Sylhet and Faridpur Areas

Irrigation infrastructure development supports environmentally friendly farming in Baneswardi subproject. LGED has implemented the subproject under Small Scale Water Resources Development Project (SSWRDP)

in Greater Mymensingh, Sylhet and Faridpur districts. Diversified crop production and balanced-fertilization are concepts that are fully taken into account for farming by the project. It gives opportunity for doing agriculture with adequate and efficient water use and it also minimizes environmental impact in the sub-project area. The crop patterns practiced by the farmers are profitable, sustainable and environmentally friendly. Four varieties of crops are grown on the same land in three seasons round the year in the subproject areas. These are jute in the pre-monsoon season, aman rice in the monsoon season and onion or wheat in the dry or winter season.

The present crop production system reduces use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. The onion production requires manure. Farmers compost this manure along with farmyard manure to supply nutrients the crops require. This has proven success to provide both the yields and more environmentally friendly solution. Onion is grown on medium, high and low lands in the dry season. 1,500 kg of manure, 200 kg of TSP, 50 kg of MP and 100 kg of urea are applied for the crop for each hector of land. Onion requires 2 to 3 times irrigation. In the following pre-monsoon season only 25 kg MP is applied per hector to grow jute. Before the harvest of this fiber crop like Jute, aman rice (BR33) is cultivated in field with irrigation. The short duration (120 days) aman is allowed to grow after the harvest of jute under rain-fed condition. About 25 kg of urea per hector is required in aman field. Aman is harvested in about 2 months before the plantation of onion. Farmers get adequate time required to prepare the land for onion cultivation. On highlands, farmers grow wheat instead of onion.



Abdul Malek, Secretary, Local Government Division along with Shyama Prosad Adhikari, Chief Engineer, LGED is visiting different photo galleries with project activities of LGED organized on the occasion of International Women's Day 2015.

LGED awards Self-employed women and International Women's day Observed

Self-employed women have received Awards at a program organized by LGED at its headquarters at Agargaon, Dhaka on Wednesday, 11 March 2015. Syed Ashrafur Islam, MP, Hon'ble Minister for LGRD & Cooperatives, was present as the Chief Guest and Abdul Malek, Secretary, Local Government Division was present as Special Guest in the program. LGED Chief Engineer Shyama Prosad Adhikari chaired the program.

Syed Ashrafur Islam said that women's fundamental rights were established in the Constitution in 1972. He said, 'Women in Bangladesh are more advanced than the women in countries like India, Nepal and Pakistan'. He said that private sectors should come forward to realize the women's rights. Later, the Minister distributed Awards to nine self employed Women for their contribution in different sectors of LGED.

At inaugural speech, Syeda Asma Khatun, DPD of CCRP Project and Member Secretary of LGED Gender and Development Forum said that this year the theme of International Women's day is 'Empowering women,



Syed Ashrafur Islam, MP, Hon'ble Minister for LGED & Cooperatives, GoB, Abdul Malek, Secretary, Local Government Division, LGED Chief Engineer Shyama Prosad Adhikari, Additional Chief Engineer Md. Abul Kalam Azad and Syeda Asma Khatun, LGED CCRP Project Deputy Project Director and Member Secretary of LGED Gender and Development Forum seen at a program organized by LGED at its headquarters at Agargaon, Dhaka on Wednesday, 11 March 2015.

empowering humanity' and LGED has been working for providing better life to its employees and workers along with their children and spouses.

LGED Gender and Development Forum President and Additional Chief Engineer Md. Abul Kalam Azad in his welcome speech said that women should let go ahead along with their counterparts through providing facilities with a view to reducing the gender discrepancies.

LGED Chief Engineer Shyama Prosad

Adhikari said that United Nations declared 8 March as the International Women's Day in 1975. Since then Bangladesh Awami League has been working for development of women's, economic condition. Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has taken various steps for empowering women in society. According to the directives from the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, LGED has been working towards improvement of destitute women's life as well, he added. 'At Present, LGED has made 3 lacs women self-employed under its various projects' he said.

Local Government, Division Secretary Abdul Malek said gender discrimination deters the overall development of the country. Steps are required to ensure women's participation in development process and to establish their rights in every sector of the country. He also said that women were enjoying much freedom during last tenure of the Awami League Government. 'Women's active participation in all strata of the government including Judiciary, Executive and Military Division is now ensured,' he added.



Shyama Prosad Adhikari, Chief Engineer, LGED is chairing the review progress meeting at the LGED Regional Office, Barisal on 16 March 2015.

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