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-Honorable Prime Minister

"We do not want to be dependent on others; neither do we want to seek help. Being a victorious nation, we want to stand firm at our feet," said Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. She further added that the people have trust in the government and the government will move ahead with people's trust and support.

The Prime Minister made this statement while giving speech as the Chief Guest at the inauguration ceremony of National Plants Exhibition and Plantation Movement 2015 held at Krishibid Institution Auditorium at Khamarbari on 12 July 2015. She said, we run the government for the sake of the state and we have already proved this. The current government is giving utmost priority to the conservation of nature and therefore, we have created the climate change trust fund with our own resources. Various projects in this regard are being implemented from the said fund. She further added that now

we have reached the status of a low – middle income country and our soil is very fertile. If we all work with dedication, then we will reach middle income status in the next three years. The Prime Minister further added that the earth will ensure as much potential for us, matching the care we ensure for her. Therefore, we must ensure judicious consumption and nurturing of natural resources for our present and future generations. She emphasized for all citizens of the country to be cautious and concerned about the conservation of nature and urged all adults to plant one forest-grown, one fruit and one herbal tree.

Later, the PM planted a *Hoymanti* (wintry) sapling at the Krishibid Institute's compound and inaugurated the plants fair 2015 at the premise adjacent to the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre.

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# Editorial

## LGED's initiatives for road safety

LGED is working for betterment of road communication in rural areas of Bangladesh. Road communication is an integral element for ensuring economic growth of rural areas and it reduces the gap between urban and rural zones. Every year LGED undertakes new road schemes to reach the said objective. At the same time, regular road Maintenance works are ongoing to ensure sustainability of the roads.

Road safety is a vital element of roads communication. The road safety situation in our country is very vulnerable. Numerous accidents take place every year, which cause tremendous loss of life and property. LGED has taken a special initiative to reduce road accidents. Road Maintenance and Road Safety Unit has been established at LGED Headquarters. This Unit has taken initiatives to enhance safety factors by engineering intervention and improve awareness of the users. LGED is preparing a Road Safety Design Manual in collaboration with Accident Research Institute of BUET. The aim of this manual is to understand the technical aspects of road safety, identify sensitive aspects of road safety in rural roads, identifying accident

prone spots and mitigating the situation and prepare plans while addressing road safety with utmost priority. In addition to this, Road Safety Training Manual is also being prepared under collaboration with BUET to produce experts in concerned field.

Works have been initiated in this regard from various LGED projects as well. LGED is currently implementing ADB and KfW financed Sustainable Rural Infrastructure Improvement Project (SRIIP) and is working directly in improving road safety in 140 Upazilas of 21 districts of the country. Road marking, kilometer post and signage have been placed on 800 km roads constructed under this project. Super elevation at road curves, rumble strips for speed control and guide posts at bridge approaches have also been constructed by the project. Public dissemination and training of drivers on road safety have been arranged in project districts.

Similar effort has been taken by the World Bank financed Second Rural Transport Improvement Project (RTIP-II) of LGED. The project has taken special initiative for road safety improvement of roads in 224 Upazilas of 26 districts.

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## 7<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Engr. Quamrul Islam Siddique observed



Engr. Quamrul Islam Siddique

LGED observed 7<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of LGED's ex-chief engineer Mr. Quamrul Islam Siddique. Special prayers and milad mahfil was arranged to observe the day. Mr. Siddique graduated in civil engineering from BUET in 1966 and later obtained a Masters degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Sheffield University, UK in 1977. He was born on 20 January 1945 at Kustia and breathed last on 1 September 2008 at New Jersey, USA.

Mr. Siddique, a legendary figure in rural infrastructure development of the country, held office at some very key installations of the government. He had demonstrated immense patriotism and excellence in his field of work through his contributions for the country.

He actively participated in the liberation war of 1971. After independence, he first transformed the government's Rural Works Programme Cell into Local Government Engineering Bureau in 1982 and later further transformed it to Local Government Engineering Department in 1992. His visionary, multi talented skills and work spirit enhanced Bangladesh's image in international arena.

His efforts in improving road communications have largely contributed in reducing the gap between rural and urban areas, the evidence of which is now well evident through transformation of our rural economy.



## LGED's Chief Engineer visited recently abolished enclaves



LGED Chief Engineer Mr. Shyama Prosad Adhikari held a discussion session with the people of abolished enclaves. Superintending Engineer (Project Monitoring and Evaluation) Md. Anowar Hossain and Superintending Engineer, LGED Rangpur Region Md. Moshir Rahman were also present.

LGED Chief Engineer, Shyama Prosad Adhikari visited recently abolished enclaves on 12 September 2015. 111 enclaves have been abolished from nine Upazilas of Panchagarh, Lalmonirhat, Nilphamari and Kurigram districts. LGED has taken up projects for rural infrastructure development for these places. Once implemented, these projects will benefit some 40,000 people. The communications network will be improved along with hats and

bazaars which will allow easier transportation and cheaper market price for local agro products. In parallel, empowerment of poor communities will improve socio-economic status and reduce poverty of the area. The LGED Chief Engineer said, Rural Infrastructure Improvement for abolished enclaves will be implemented from September 2015 until June 2018 with an initial estimated project cost of BDT 170 crore.

### LGED's initiatives for road safety

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In addition to similar works with SRIIP, RTIP-II is drafting a road safety design manual with support from International Experts. The manual elaborates guidelines for retrofitting works to meet safety standard for existing roads.

The technical aspects of integrating road safety in new road construction will also be added in the manual. The manual can be

used for any type of road construction. Apart from this, special awareness campaign has been organised to increase awareness among students and drivers.

This unique program of LGED to improve road safety will surely contribute significantly to improving road safety and reducing road accidents in Bangladesh.

## Second Rural Employment and Road Maintenance Program: An LGED initiative for poverty reduction

60,000 poor and pro-poor women from rural areas all over Bangladesh have been employed under Second Rural Employment and Road Maintenance Program (RERMP – II) to aid in self-sustainability of the families.

These women are continuously working in maintenance of 100,000 km rural roads, spread all over the country. LGED is implementing the project under joint finance of the European Union and the Government of Bangladesh.

The workers are paid at the rate of BDT 150 per day; of which BDT 50 is deposited compulsorily in their personal savings accounts, which will be handed over to them at the end of the project so that they can utilize the money for self-employment.

To further enhance their capacities for self-employment, the women workers are provided training on basic accounting, primary health care, mushroom and vegetable cultivation, etc. This program is significantly contributing to the government's effort for poverty reduction.



Pro-poor women involved in road maintenance.



## knowledge based education

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as a special guest. Upazila Engineers and Education Officers from various Upazilas and senior officials were present at the event. PMT Coordinator Mr. Syed Rafiqul Islam from LGED delivered welcome speech at the beginning of the session.

He discussed about various aspects of PMT, PMT based scholarship and beneficiary selection system. The special guest and LGED Chief Engineer Shyama Prosad Adhikari said, LGED generally works in rural, urban and small scale water sector and LGED is delighted to have an opportunity to work outside its normal area and in such an important project like SEQAEP.

The Minister launched a web portal on scholarship and tuition aid system. The Minister said that Bangladesh has improved a lot. Girls are also showing meritorious results along with the boys. Equal opportunity in professional arena and equity can ensure better results.

## conservation of nature

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The PM visited various stalls at the exhibition. This year around 500 stalls from government, non-government and individual initiatives were launched. The Local Government Engineering Department participated in the event and won the third position. It must be noted that LGED has been taking part in the fair for several years. LGED has been working in forestation by planting trees on road sides. As a continuation of the effort, LGED has targeted to plant more than 300,000 plants in this fiscal year.

## HILIP is working for the development of infrastructure and quality of life in Haor areas



Constructed Upazila Road



Excavated canal

IFAD and Spanish TRUST Fund aided Haor Infrastructure and Livelihood Improvement Project (HILIP) is working for the development of infrastructure and quality of life in Haor areas. LGED is implementing this project in 28 Upazilas of Kishoreganj, Habiganj, Sunamganj, Netrokona and Brahmanbari districts. The project is undertaking various schemes to reduce poverty, improve communication, ensure job security and secure environmental benefits for the project area.

Until now various Upazila, Union and Village roads and bridges, culverts on those roads have been constructed in 5 Districts under the project. As a result, it has become possible for the beneficiaries to reach destinations in less time. Construction of rural markets and boat landing stations are aiding local farmers to easily commute and

distribute their goods. Apart from this, canal digging and bill improvement have increased fish production. The beneficiaries within the project area are provided with various training in order to enhance their income generation capacity. Short-term employment has been generated for poor communities, which is contributing to poverty reduction of the area. Apart from this, initiative has been taken to provide Haor dwellers with early warning system for flooding.



LCS members in field

## expensive than concrete roads

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anchored the program. Heads of concerned departments of LGD and their senior officials were present. The Minister advised the Chief Engineer, LGED, to put forward the actual situation. He said, the engineers must investigate the roads of Bangladesh and check if their soil condition is suitable to construct a road with cement concrete. He said, as a concerned engineer I think it is not suitable.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Shyama Prosad Adhikari presented the

current status of 101 on-going projects under LGED. The Minister advised to explore the scope for reducing the number of projects. While addressing the issue of monitoring and evaluation of the projects under LGED, the Minister underlined the importance of monitoring. He also added that monitoring is not to pinpoint mistakes, but it must be seen as a tool to aid the project team(s) in reaching the desired goal. It can expedite the progress of projects. All Project Directors of LGED were present at the meeting.





LGED Chief Engineer Mr. Shyama Prosad Adhikari delivered speech at Workshop on PDP preparation as chief guest.

## NOBIDEP Workshop on PDP Preparation Held

A two day workshop on Pourashava Development Plan (PDP) of Northern Bangladesh Integrated Improvement Project (NOBIDEP) was held at LGED Head Quarters on 15 September 2015. Assistant Engineers from 18 municipalities and facilitators of GICD team under the project area took part in the workshop. In his speech, the Chief Engineer, LGED, Mr. Shyama Prosad Adhikari emphasized on the Pourashava Development Plan (PDP) as it is a vital document for preparing

works plan for any municipality. He said, PDP is a combined development plan, based on which NOBIDEP will implement sub-projects under its jurisdiction. The Chief Engineer advised all stakeholders to work with sincerity to implement PDP on time.

Superintending Engineer (Training), Farazi Shahabuddin Ahmed, NOBIDEP Project Director, Mr. A N M Enayetullah, consultants and other senior officials were also present at the inaugural session of the workshop.



Addl. Chief Engineer (Urban Management) Md. Nurullah, delivering speech at workshop on PRAP organized by UGIIP – III at LGED Dhaka Regional Office. Superintending Engineer (Urban Management) Md. Khalilur Rahman was also present among others.

## Workshop on Implementation of Poverty Reduction Action Plan held under UGIIP – III

To reduce the urban poverty and to improve the livelihood of urban poor, a training workshop on Poverty Reduction Action Plan (PRAP) at municipalities under Urban Governance Infrastructure Improvement Project (UGIIP – III) was held at Dhaka regional office of LGED on 20 August 2015. The objective and implementation strategy of PRAP for project municipalities was discussed at the workshop. Md. Nurullah, Addl. Chief Engineer (Urban Management), was present as the chief guest while Md. Khalilur Rahman, Superintending Engineer (Urban Management), was present as the special guest.

Mr. Nurullah, while welcoming the enthusiastic participants, focused on importance of the strategic work plan from urban poverty reduction perspective. He urged the participants to have a clear understanding of various aspects of PRAP and at the same time, he advised them to select projects in a realistic manner.

Special guest, Mr. Khalilur Rahman raised the issue of continued growth of poor communities in urban areas and pointed to the need for ensuring planned delivery of services. In such a situation, proper implementation of the PRAP can really prove beneficial to the stakeholders, he added. He urged everyone to replicate the lessons learnt from this workshop at the field level.

Chairpersons and female members (Female Councilors) of Pourashava Standing Committee on Poverty Reduction and Slum Improvement, Municipal Secretaries, slum development officers and members of poor communities participated in the workshop.



## Training on Safeguards / Resettlement Action Plan and Environmental Issues under UGIIP – III



LGED Chief Engineer, Mr. Shyama Prosad Adhikari was present at the closing session of Training on Safeguards / Resettlement Action Plan and Environmental Issues arranged by UGIIP–III

Urban Governance Infrastructure Safeguards / Resettlement Action Plan Improvement Project (UGIIP–III) and Environment on 18 August 2015. At arranged a 3-day training on the inauguration of the program, the

Addl. Chief Engineer, (Maintenance and Training) Md. Mohsin said that social and environmental safeguards must be given utmost priority for any development work in municipal areas. He urged everyone concerned to refrain from taking any project that can be detrimental to the environment or can cause suffering of the people.

Superintending Engineer (Urban Management) Md. Khalilur Rahman said that UGIIP–III is working with a very contemporary vision and maintaining social and environmental balance while ensuring overall development of a municipality is a key factor to focus on. (See page- 7)



LGED Chief Engineer Shyama Prosad Adhikari delivering speech as chief guest at workshop on implementing sub-projects at Window–B municipalities organized by UGIIP–III at LGED Dhaka Regional Office.

## The Government is determined to ensure urban development –LGED's Chief Engineer

LGED Chief Engineer Shyama Prosad Adhikari said, the current government is determined to ensure urban development, but it is the municipal Mayors who have to take the lead in the venture. He made this statement while addressing the Mayors in a workshop on the implementation of UGIAP at Window–B Municipalities organized by UGIIP – III on 10 August

2015. He further added that the people have elected the Mayors so they must devote themselves to ensuring betterment of their communities and the government is also prepared to assist the Mayors in that dispensation.

He cited the example of the success of Chandpur Municipality in this regard and urged the attending Mayors to visit Chandpur Municipality to get the

essence of its experience. He further added that we must ensure judicious utilization of our limited resources for the benefit of the masses.

The special guest Mr. Khalilur Rahman, S.E (Urban Management), elaborated the objective and goals of the orientation program. He urged the participants to give their best efforts to ensure good governance.

The Project Director Mr. Shafiqul Islam Akanda said, at present Urban Governance Improvement Action Plan (UGIAP) is being implemented in 31 municipalities for ensuring good governance and capacity building. The plan has to be implemented in a limited scale by 92 A–Grade municipalities under “Window B” in two phases.

10–12 municipalities will be selected (currently external to the project) for implementation of physical infrastructure in 2016 and 2017 based on their performance in implementing the UGIAP. Mr. Maqbul Hossain, Addl. Chief Engineer, Dhaka Division urged everyone to work with utmost sincerity for ensuring success of the program.



## Training on Action Plan and Environment Issues ...

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He urged the involved persons to give special attention to these aspects. He also focused on providing sufficient rehabilitation / compensation of the victims.

Project Director UGIIP-III, Md. Shafikul Islam Akhanda, mentioned that the social and environmental aspect of municipalities is at stake due to large infiltration of masses towards urban areas.

To redress the situation, safeguards documents were prepared and all project works must be undertaken according to the guidelines of the safeguards document. He urged concerned persons to give special attention to preparing and monitoring resettlement action plan (RAP) and environment action and monitoring plan (EMP) while undertaking sub – projects.

Municipal safeguards officers among project municipalities attended the training. On the second day of the training, the trainees made a visit to Tarabo Municipality, Narayanganj, to have an idea of the practical situation. At the closing ceremony, LGED Chief Engineer, Mr. Shyama Prosad Adhikari underlined the importance of integrating environment related issues into social safeguards issues.



Representation team, lead by PD UGIIP – III exchanged views with Director, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board.

## Bangladesh Representative team made exposure visit at Bangaluru, India

A representative team from Bangladesh made an exposure visit at Technology Options for Decentralized Fecal Sludge and Water Treatment in Bangaluru from 06 to 09 July 2015.

With support from development partner Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Brimen Overseas Research and Development Association Ltd. India, the team was led by the Project Director UGIIP – III Md. Shafiquel Islam Akanda. Other members of the team were Engr. Tushar Mohon Sadhu, Superintending Engineer, DPHE, Md. Rafiqul Alam, Mayor Khagrachari Municipality, Md. Abdul Hai Akanda, Mayor, Muktagacha Municipality, Ms. Nargis Khatun, Mayor, Charchat Municipality, Md. Ilias Hossain, Mayor, Tungipara Municipality, Asst. Engineer UGIIP-III, Md. Abdul Alim, Executive Engineer, Kishorganj Municipality Md. Nazrul Islam, and Executive Engineer, Netrokona Municipality Kazi Nurunnabi.

The team visited ongoing work of Foreign Workers Colony at Kengery, Bangaluru, water treatment and waste management plant, sewerage and sludge treatment plant at Debnahali. During the visits, they also talked to the local beneficiaries of these projects.

In addition to these, the team met with senior officials of Water Supply and Drainage Board, Karnataka, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Infrastructure Development Corporation, Karnataka Urban Development and Finance Corporation, Rural Education and Health Program and consulted with the concerned officials.

It must be noted that Brimen Overseas Research and Development Association Ltd. India expressed their interest to provide technical / technology transfer support to UGIIP-III for introducing sewerage, fecal sludge and water treatment plant in urban areas of Bangladesh.



## Handing Over of Goainghat Binnakandi Chhora Sub – Project to WMCA

Binnakandi chhora water reservation sub – project has been handed over to Water Management Cooperative Association (WMCA). This sub project was implemented by JICA assisted Small Scale Water Resource Development Project (SSWRDP) in greater Mymensingh, Sylhet and Faridpur District. A meeting was held on this occasion at WMCA office on 18 August 2015. Superintending Engineer, LGED Sylhet Region Adhinath Ghosh was present as the chief guest while Executive Engineer, LGED Sylhet Swapan Kanti Pal was present as the special guest at the occasion.

In his speech, the chief guest said, water resource development projects are different from typical LGED interventions. The key objective of this project is to ensure proper management of water resources for increasing agricultural and fish production along with alleviating poverty within the project areas. Another key aspect of this project is people's participation. He said, the sub – projects are implemented with necessary participation of the general people and later these are handed over to communities for operation and maintenance.



A 4 – vent regulator, 4 irrigation outlets, 2.50 km canal re–excavation and dike construction and 1 office building have been constructed under the sub–project with a cost of BDT. 1.66 crore which is expected to benefit 309 hectare of area.

### Handover of 12 sub – projects

Between July to September 2015, 12 sub – projects under SSWRDP have been handed over to the WMCA. Among these, there were 3 sub–projects in Sariatpur, 1 in Sylhet, 4 in Rajbari, 2 in Kishoreganj and 2 in Gopalganj district. Until now, 116 sub – projects have been handed over and 69 more have been completed. These completed sub–projects are under the handover process to WMCA.



Biyabail Borojan Khal Sub – project



Durgapur Khal Sub – project



Bijoypur Baowaipara sub – project



Borodol Uttar Karaigora sub – project

## Dividend distributed to LCS members

LGED is implementing Haor Flood Management and Livelihood Improvement Project (HFMLIP) jointly funded by the Government of Bangladesh and JICA. The project was initiated in 2014 in five haor region districts. A 1.5 km cc block road has been constructed under the project at Sehla village of Purbadhala Upazila of Netrokona district. On 14 September 2015, a dividend distribution to LCS members of Sehla–Hatkholā bazaar CC road and knowledge sharing program was organized. Superintending Engineer, LGED Mymensingh region Md. Ismail Hossain was present as the chief guest while Project Director, Sheikh Md. Mohsin was present as the special guest.



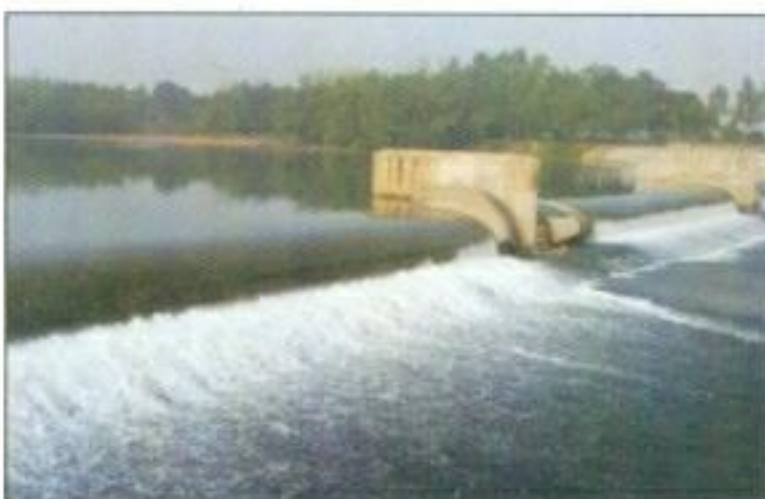
Cash dividend of BDT. 150,000.00 was distributed among 50 members of 5 LCSs. LCSs will receive a total cash dividend of BDT. 400,000.00.



## Training under Dinajpur Rubber Dam Project



80 m rubber dam is at its finishing stage of construction on Punarvaba River under Biral Upazila of Dinajpur District. It is being constructed under the Rubber Dam Project as a part of constructing rubber dams on small and mid-sized rivers for increasing crop production. 130 m long rubber dam has been constructed at Patgram Upazila of Lalmonirhat. A 12 member executive committee has been formed for each of the rubber dam for operation and maintenance. The committee is known as PBSS. Special training has been undertaken to ensure proper operation and maintenance of the dams. 18 persons including 6 government officials concerned with the dams have received the training. Apart from this, 36 persons including Regional Sub-Assistant Officers of Department of Agriculture Extension, Upazila Engineer and Community Organizers of LGED have received training on rubber dam operation and maintenance, agriculture diversification and fisheries development. The training was held during 14–16 September 2015.



Rubber dam on Punarvaba River at  
Dinajpur Sadar

## Training under SSWRDDP

A number of trainings for capacity building on sustainable agriculture and increased fish cultivation, cooperatives and micro finance were arranged by JICA-assisted Small Scale Water Resource Development Project (SSWRDP) during July to September 2015 quarter. Apart from these, a number of trainings were also conducted for members at field level for efficient operation and maintenance of sub-projects and increased agricultural and fish production.

### Cooperatives and Micro Finance

Foundation course on “Cooperatives and Micro Finance Management” was conducted at Regional Training Institute of the Department of Cooperatives for capacity building of the beneficiaries. 470 members of 57 Sub-project Management Committees participated in 19 batches of the program.

### Operation and Maintenance of Infrastructure

To develop efficient operation and maintenance for project intervention, a two-day ToT course was arranged for Assistant Engineers, Sub-Assistant Engineers and construction supervision officials in relation to the Project. 48 O&M committees were given training

on operation and maintenance in 6 batches at Habiganj, Kishoreganj, Mymensingh and Faridpur districts. At the same time, 32 sub-project O&M committees were given follow-up O&M training in 4 batches at Sylhet and Faridpur.

### Agricultural Production

832 Fisheries sub-committee members of 72 sub-project management and maintenance committees were trained in 12 batches on infrastructure management and enhanced production at the National Agriculture Training Academy situated at Gazipur. 308 beneficiaries of 54 sub-projects were trained in 09 batches at Rural Development Academy, Bogra on sustainable agricultural production, water management at farm level and quality seed production was also conducted.

### Fish Production

360 beneficiaries under 48 sub-projects were trained in 12 batches at Bangladesh Fish Research Institute, Mymensingh and Fish Research Institute, Faridpur on “Fish Production Technique” was arranged for capacity building.

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Basic foundation training on cooperatives management and training on micro finance at  
Regional Cooperatives Institute



## Six LGED Engineers won at IEB Election

Six senior engineers of LGED won seats with significant number of votes at the election of IEB, the largest national platform for engineers, held on 03 September 2015. The LGED officials contested under the banner of Bangabandhu Prokousholi Parishad. The elected candidates are: Engr. Md. Mamunur Rashid, for the post of Central Honorary Assistant General Secretary (Human Resource Development); Engr. Md. Nurul Huda and Engr. Reshma Akhtar as central council members; Engr. Aminur Rashid Choudhury (Masud) for the post of General Secretary, Dhaka Center and Engr. Sheikh Tajul Islam Tuhin as Local Council Member (Dhaka Centre) and Engr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman Hasan as Member Civil Division.



**Engr. Md. Mamunur Rashid** has been involved with IEB for the last 25 years. His field of expertise has been mitigating inequality among engineers at various government organizations and ensuring jobs and professional capacity building of engineers practicing in private sector. Mr. Rashid graduated in civil engineering in 1990 and has been a member of LGED family for 23 years. Later he attained a master's degree in Environmental Science. He was an elected vice chairman of Dhaka Centre in 2011–2012 tenure. Apart from this, he has served at various important posts and important committees of IEB.



**Engr. Md. Nurul Huda**, elected as central council member is currently attached as Procurement Specialist at Economic Zone Authority under the Honorable Prime Minister's office. Previously, he served as an Executive Engineer at field and head quarters of LGED.



**Engr. Reshma Akhtar**, elected as Central Council Member is currently serving as Senior Assistant Engineer at LGED Head Quarters. She

is the Organizing Secretary of Bangabandhu Prokousholi Parishad. She was elected as a member of the central council and Dhaka Council Member in 2009 – 2010 tenure.



**Engr. Aminur Rashid Choudhury (Masud)**, a strong believer of the philosophy of Muktijuddho (the war of liberation), was born at Shonagazi of Feni District. Mr. Masud joined LGED after graduating in civil engineering. He later attained a master's of science in environment. Mr. Masud had been involved with LGED since 1992. Earlier, in 2009 – 10 he had been the Central Assistant General Secretary (Academic and International Affairs); in 2011–12 Assistant General Secretary (Admin and Finance) and in 2013–14 he served as Member, Executive Committee (Services and Welfare Committee) of IEB. Apart from this Mr. Masud served as a member of IEB's engineering news and ERC.



**Engr. Sheikh Tajul Islam Tuhin** has been elected as Local Council Member of Dhaka Centre. He is currently serving as a Senior Assistant Engineer at the office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Dhaka. Earlier, he served as Upazila Engineer in various Upazilas under Dhaka, Manikganj, Chittagong and Chuadanga Districts. He is an honorary editor of the first online magazine for engineers in Bangladesh, The Engineer's ([www.theengineers.net](http://www.theengineers.net)).



**Engr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman Hasan**, elected as Member Civil Division is currently serving as Senior Assistant Engineer at Audit and Accounts Cell of LGED head quarters. He obtained Master's degree in Structural Engineering in 2015.

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### Members Training Program

Beneficiaries of 22 sub-projects under Jamalpur, Madaripur, Tangail and Sunamganj districts of the project were trained under the program.

The stakeholders of these training programs are better equipped to earn for themselves and have attained high morale and self confidence. Overall, the women trainees are spending a part of their income on family's expenditure, which is ensuring a better participation and increased control of women in family's expenditure. Move over, the trainees further polish their skills while training others.



LGED Chief Engineer Mr. Shyama Prosad Adhikari placing wreath at the portrait of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Dhanmondi 32 along with the Bangabandhu Prokousholi Parisad supported winning panel.



## LGED observed National Mourning Day 2015

Do'a Mahfil, discussions and children's art competition were held at LGED Head Quarters to observe National Mourning Day and 40th death anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Organized under the initiatives of the Ministry of LGRD&C, the state minister for Rural Development and Cooperatives Md. Mashiur Rahman Ranga,

MP, was present as special guest while Secretary, LGD, Mr. Abdul Malek chaired the session. The discussion session was also attended by the Managing Director, WASA, Engr. Taksim A. Khan, Chief Engineer, DPHE, Engr. Khaleda Ahsan, Director General, NILG, Mr. Mostafa Kamal Haider, Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development and Cooperatives, Mr. M A Kader Sarkar and Chief Engineer, LGED, Mr. Shyama Prosad Adhikari.

In his speech, the Chief Engineer, LGED, mentioned that Bangabandhu is



State Minister for Rural Development and Cooperatives Md. Mashiur Rahman Ranga, LGD Secretary Mr. Abdul Malek, Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development and Cooperatives Mr. M A Kader Sarkar, LGED Chief Engineer, Mr. Shyama Prosad Adhikari, Managing Director WASA Engr. Taksim A. Khan, DPHE Chief Engineer, Engr. Khaleda Ahsan and Director General, NILG, Mr. Mostafa Kamal Haider are seen in the discussion session on the National Mourning Day on 15 August 2015

not an asset of Bangladesh only; he is a man for the world. It is due to his efforts that we are independent. He united the Bengali nation and got us freedom. The nation would have never gained independence if Bangabandhu was never born; however, he was assassinated within only three years of the achievement. He further added that LGED arranged children's art competition to spread Bangabandhu's philosophy among the children. The champions of district level competition were invited for the final round at LGED HQ.

The special guest, Md. Mashiur Rahman Ranga, MP, State Minister for Rural Development and Cooperatives said that the Father of the Nation was assassinated by a few misled military officials. He further added that they did not stop at assassinating the family only, they later spread baseless and nasty rumors about Bangabandhu and the family, while

Bangabandhu arranged food for 7.5 crore citizens of the newly independent country.



The chair of the session, Mr. Abdul Malek, Secretary, LGD, said that Bangabandhu was assassinated by pro – Pakistan military officers on the cursed night of 15 August 1975. He further added that, Bangabandhu nationalized 37,000 primary schools immediately after the independence and his daughter Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is now working hard to bring smile to people's faces.

Prizes were distributed among the contestants at the end of the discussion session. Later, a special prayer was held to seek peace for soul of Bangabandhu and his family. In the morning of 15 August, LGED Chief Engineer Mr. Shyama Prosad Adhikari placed wreaths at the Bangabandhu's portrait at 32, Dhanmondi.



LGED Chief Engineer Mr. Shyama Prosad Adhikari associated by LGED officers and staffs placed wreaths at Bangabandhu's portrait at 32, Dhanmondi.





LGRD&C Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain, MP, chaired the ADP progress review meeting held at LGD on 30 July 2015. LGD Secretary Abdul Malek, LGED Chief Engineer Shyama Prosad Adhikari and Project Directors of LGED were present at the meeting.

## Asphalt roads are less expensive than concrete roads

-LGRD&C Minister Khandakar Mosharaff Hossain, MP

"It is not possible to construct concrete roads in all parts of the country", opined the Minister for Local Government, Rural development and Cooperatives, Engr. Khandker Mosharraf Hossain, MP. He said, it is not logical to construct concrete roads under Local Government Division, especially from the perspective of

bearing capacity of soil; although it is said that concrete roads are cheaper and easier to maintain. The amount of money spent to increase soil's bearing capacity is much higher than constructing an asphalt road. The Honorable Minister made these statements while attending the ADP progress review meeting of Local

Government Division for 2014 – 2015 on 30 July 2015.

The meeting was held at the conference room of the Local Government Division. The Honorable Minister chaired the meeting and LGD Secretary Mr. Abdul Malek

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## We must build a knowledge based education system

-Minister for Education, Nurul Islam Nahid, MP

The Minister for Education, Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, MP has urged teachers and parents for the establishment of quality and knowledge based education. The Minister made this statement while addressing at a national workshop on Proximins Testing (PMT) held at LGED head quarters on 30 September 2015.

The program was chaired by Dr. Mahmudul Huq, Project Director, Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project (SEQAEP), where LGED Chief Engineer Mr. Shyama Prosad Adhikari attended (See page- 4)



Minister for Education, Nurul Islam Nahid, MP addressing at a seminar on Proximins Testing (PMT) held at LGED head quarters on 30 September 2015. LGED Chief Engineer Mr. Shyama Prosad Adhikari was present as the special guest and Dr. Mahmudul Huq chaired the event.