Dhaka North's Chief Heat Officer — Slum Tree-Planting Against Extreme Heat, Far Short of a 200,000-Tree Pledge (Bangladesh)

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Quality score: 7/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

In 2023 Dhaka North named Asia's first city Chief Heat Officer, an unpaid Arsht-Rock post, to deliver a 200,000-tree pledge. Only ~3,000–5,000 saplings in 15 slums were reported, with no survival or cooling data, amid nepotism scrutiny.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	0/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	0/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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