

Once jobless, he changes lot by making vermicompost

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RABIUL HASAN DOLLAR, Chapainawabganj

Once jobless, Abul Kashem now earns Tk 4 lakh a year by selling vermicompost fertiliser prepared at his village Mayapukur in Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila. The 34-year-old is now the inspiration for many jobless youths in his locality. He is the only person from the area who is involved in making vermicompost and becomes successful.

Kashem studied till the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC). After passing HSC examinations in 2004, he was jobless for over a decade. In 2017, he first came to know about the organic fertiliser from a man of his area. He also came to know that it could be easily produced and due to low production cost, it is profitable too.

In December the same year, Kashem started to prepare vermicompost by taking lease of two bighas of land and

he did not look back since then.

"The following year, I earned Tk 2.50 lakh by selling vermicompost to the villagers. The earnings rose to Tk 4 lakh in 2019. I hope to earn around Tk 5 lakh this year." Said Kashem.

Vermicompost has a high demand among the local farmers as it is better than chemical fertilisers, the youth said, adding that many people offer advance payment to get the item from him but he cannot meet the demand of all of them.

Kashem further said vermicompost is an excellent, nutrient-rich organic fertiliser and soil conditioner. Farmers mainly use it on their paddy and vegetable fields and guava orchards.

Kashem said he buys cow dung from the village farmers and keeps it in a big earthen hole. It is rotten in 20 to 25 days. It is used as feed for earthworms, and finally vermicompost is made from the

earthworms' dung.

He sells a sack containing 50 kg of vermicompost at Tk 750 while the production cost stands at around Tk 300 to Tk 350.

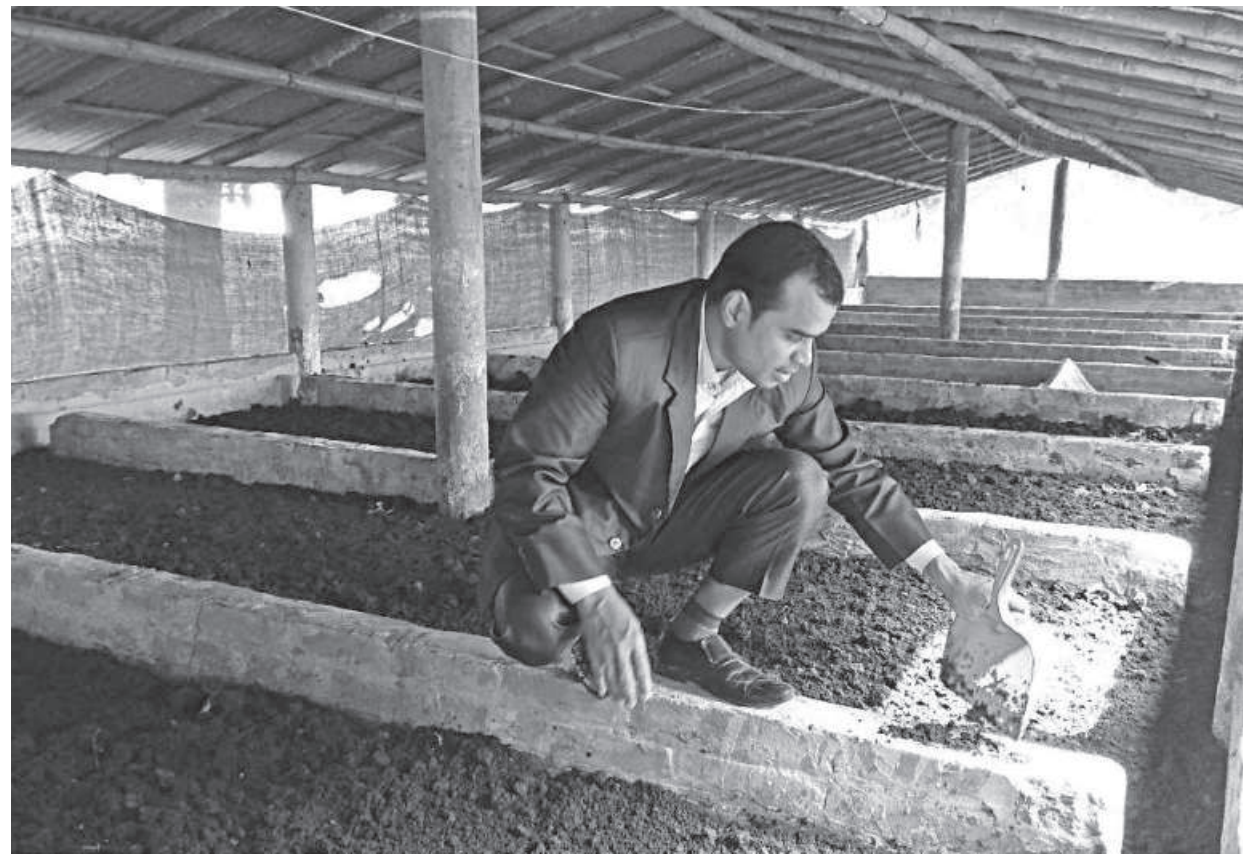
On an average, he produced 60 tonnes of fertiliser a year, said Kashem.

Monjurul Huda, deputy director (DD) of Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in Chapainawabganj, said vermicompost gives higher yield of crops than chemical fertilisers and also increases fertility of the soil.

They are trying to encourage the farmers to use vermicompost fertiliser, said the DD.

Kashem has recently received a seven-day training from Indian Institute of Bio-Social Research and Development in Kolkata on making compost from cow dung.

He also trained three youths on preparing vermicompost at Nasipur and Jamtala in Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila and Hili in Dinajpur.



Abul Kashem prepares vermicompost at Mayapukur in Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila.

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Implement ICJ order in full

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that the ICJ ruling would set an example for the world so that no one is discriminated and persecuted like the Rohingyas.

He was talking to The Daily Star last night over the phone from Ecuador where he is attending the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD).

Bangladesh has been sheltering the Rohingyas, the most persecuted minority, since the 1980s. After August 2017, some 750,000 Rohingyas arrived in the country fleeing a brutal military crackdown in Myanmar's Rakhine. They joined another 300,000 Rohingyas who had fled earlier waves of violence.

Momen also said the ruling by the UN's top court was an effective step towards bringing sustainable solution to the Rohingya crisis.

"We hope that good sense will prevail on the Myanmar side and they will do everything possible to solve the crisis."

Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen said Dhaka believed that the verdict would ensure Rohingyas' safety in Rakhine state.

"We believe that the International Court of Justice ruling on provisional measures will generate confidence among the Rohingyas living in the camps in Bangladesh and encourage them to return to their homeland in Myanmar," he said.

He was reading out a statement at an event at a city hotel yesterday evening. The programme was organised by the Centre for Genocide Studies of Dhaka University.

Earlier in the day, the International Court of Justice ordered Myanmar to prevent acts of genocide against the Rohingyas and stop destroying evidence.

The order came after The Gambia filed by the top UN court accusing Myanmar of violating the UN Genocide Convention.

Masud said the full implementation of the International Court of Justice ruling would help create a conducive environment to Rohingya repatriation and guarantee their safety and security in Rakhine state.

He said, "Bangladesh will remain engaged with Myanmar in its efforts to expedite a safe, dignified and sustainable repatriation of the Rohingyas... with active engagement of international community."

He also said the ruling would not change the course of the bilateral process of the repatriation.

"Ruling of the International Court of Justice will certainly increase pressure on Myanmar. Utilisation of this opportunity for the repatriation will be a big challenge for us."

He also said the United Nations Security Council would now have

the responsibility to act as per the verdict delivered by the International Court of Justice.

About the role of Myanmar's friendly countries like China, Japan, Russia and others, he said, "They are also with us. However, we have to respect the geo-strategic interests of every country. We would solve the issue by maintaining good relation with all."

Moderated by Prof Intiaz Ahmed, director of the Center for Genocide Studies; the programme was addressed by Shahidul Haque, former foreign secretary; Lieutenant General Mahfuzur Rahman, principal staff officer of Armed Forces Division of Bangladesh Army; Nahida Sobhan, director general (United Nations) of the foreign ministry; Phedra Moon Morris, head of development assistance of Canadian High Commission in Dhaka.

Meanwhile, Law Minister Anisul Huq said the International Court of Justice verdict on the Rohingya atrocities was a victory for all peace-loving people across the world.

"All the people of the world want to see that the Rohingya crisis is solved. It will be solved when Myanmar takes the Rohingyas back and return their land to them," he said addressing a function of Dhaka University LLM Lawyers' Association at the Dhaka Club.

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EDCL/PD-Gopalganj/ Furniture and Fixture/2020/32

Date: 23 January, 2020

Amendment of Tender Notice
(Amendment No -3)

Project Title : Establishment of Essential Drugs Company Limited (3rd Plant), Gopalganj
Package Name : Furniture and Fixture
Ref. No : EDCL/PD-Gopalganj/ Furniture and Fixture/2019/34, Dated: 18 December, 2019

Notice Sl. No	Subject to be Amended	Existing As	Shall be amended As
16.	Tender Last Selling Date and Time	23 January, 2020, Time : 05:00 PM (Local Time)	07 February, 2020, Time : 05:00 PM (Local Time)
17.	Tender Closing Date and Time	26 January, 2020, Time : 03:00 PM (Local Time)	09 February, 2020, Time : 03:00 PM (Local Time)
18.	Tender Opening Date and Time	26 January, 2020, Time : 03:30 PM (Local Time)	09 February, 2020, Time : 03:30 PM (Local Time)

All other terms & conditions shall remain unchanged.

(Prof. (Dr) Ehsanul Kabir)
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Date: 22/01/2020.

e-Tender Notice
Tender Notice No: 32/2019-20

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the Procurement of Works as stated below:

Sl. No.	Package No.	Name of Works	Tender ID No.	Method of Tender	Closing date & time
1	LGED/Syl/VRRP/Re-hab/19-20/W-853	Rehabilitation of Baraikandi - Niamotpur Road From Ch. 00m - 760m. (Road ID 691954084) Under Upazila: Dakshin Surma, Dist: Sylhet	415998	LTM	11/02/20 15:30 PM
2	LGED/Syl/VRRP/Re-hab/19-20/W-852	Rehabilitation of Khashermati-Pabijur Road From Ch. 00m - 1000m. (Road ID 691594021) Under Upazila: Kanaighat, Dist: Sylhet	415997	LTM	
3	LGED/Syl/VRRP/Re-hab/19-20/W-851	Rehabilitation of Montala Bazar - Simul Beel Road From Ch. 00m - 1540m. (Road ID 691414044) Under Upazila: Gowainghat, Dist: Sylhet	415996	LTM	
4	LGED/Syl/VRRP/Re-hab/19-20/W-850	Rehabilitation of Majigaon Play Ground-Moghalpur-Chottrish GPS Road From Ch. 00m - 1000m. (Road ID 691354019) Under Upazila: Fenchuganj, Dist: Sylhet	415995	LTM	
5	LGED/Syl/VRRP/Re-hab/19-20/W-849	Rehabilitation of RHD Lalabazar-Bahangaon-Busstand Road From Ch. 00m - 2750m. (Road ID 691204012) Under Upazila: Biswanath Dist: Sylhet.	415994	LTM	
6	LGED/Syl/VRRP/Re-hab/19-20/W-848	Rehabilitation of RHD Tamabil Road-Khidirpur Road From Ch. 00m - 817m. (Road ID 691624043) Under Upazila: Sadar, Dist: Sylhet.	415993	LTM	
7	FDR/Syl/19-20/UZR/W-11	Rehabilitation of Shiber Bazar GC-Companiganj Road from Ch. 00-6584m under Upazila: Sadar, District: Sylhet (2 nd call).	415977	OSTETM	
8	IRIDP-2/SYL/MW - 334	(a) Maintenance of Kandigaon - Kazirgaon - Mogolgaon BWDB Dyke Road. Ch. 00 - 2480m (b) Construction Of 1 No. 1x2.50mx2.50m RCC Box Culvert at Ch. 2225m on the same Road. (c) Construction Of 2 Nos. 0.625x0.900m Slab Culvert at Ch. 2367 & 2438m on the same Road. (Road ID No. 691624031) under Sylhet Sadar Upazila, District: Sylhet. (2 nd call).	416497	OSTETM	
9	IRIDP-2/SYL/RDW-56	1. (a) Improvement of Muktijuddah Tazammal Ali House - Gillachara-Chowmohoni Bazar Road from Ch. 00-800m (Road ID No. 691355038) and 1. (b) Construction of 1 No. Slab Culvert Size 625mmx600mm at Ch.88m on the same road under Upazila: Fenchuganj, District: Sylhet (5 th call).	416496	OSTETM	

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Jalalabad Gas Transmission and Distribution System Ltd.
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Gas Bhaban, Mendibagh, Sylhet

গ্যাস ব্যবহারে সশস্ত্রী যেন এবং সময়েত গ্যাস বিল পরিশোধ করুন

অদ্বাচার চর্চা করি সচ্ছন্দে সোনার বাংলা গড়ি

বিনা কারণে গ্যাসের চুলা জ্বালিয়ে রাখা আর বিপদকে ডাকা একই বিষয়

Ref. No: JG/HTP/Hi-Tech Park/Works/CP/2019

Date: 23/01/2020

Invitation for "Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Cathodic Protection System with 02 (two) Nos. CP Station for 30 km gas pipeline (6" Ø x 1000 psig x 7 km from Debpur to Lakkatura and 12"Ø x 300 psig x 23 km from Lakkatura to Companigonj)

1. Ministry	: Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
2. Division	: Energy & Mineral Resources Division.
3. Agency	: Bangladesh Oil, Gas & Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla).
4. Procuring entity name	: Jalalabad Gas Transmission & Distribution System Ltd., Sylhet.
5. Procuring entity district	: Sylhet.
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KEY INFORMATION

8. Procurement method : Opening Tendering Method

FUNDING INFORMATION

9. Source of fund : The source of public fund is: GOB (Bangladesh High Tech Park Authority).

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

10. Places of tender selling : a) Cash Counter (1st Floor), Finance Department, Jalalabad Gas Transmission & Distribution System Ltd., Gas Bhaban, Mendibagh, Sylhet-3100, Bangladesh. b) Liaison Office, Jalalabad Gas T & D System Ltd., 13th Floor, Petrocenter, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.

11. Selling period : 26/01/2020 to 23/02/2020 during office hours.

12. Tender closing time & date : Up to 11:30am (BST) on 24/02/2020

13. Tender opening date & time : 11:45am (BST) on 24/02/2020

14. Place of tender receiving & opening : Committee Room (4th Floor), Head Office, Jalalabad Gas Transmission & Distribution System Ltd., Gas Bhaban, Mendibagh, Sylhet, Bangladesh.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

15. Eligibility of tenderer : The minimum specific experience in construction works of at least 1 (one) contract(s) of installation of Cathodic Protection (CP) work under Petrobangla or any Company of Petrobangla successfully completed within the last 3 (three) years, each with a value of at least Tk 16,00,000/= (sixteen lac) or above. Other detailed terms and conditions are given in the tender document.

16. Price of tender document : Tk. 2,000/=

Sl No.	IFIT No.	Location	Tender security amount (BDT)	Completion time in weeks/months
01	JG/HTP/Hi-Tech Park/Works/CP/2019	Sylhet	BDT 60,000/= (sixty thousand) only	3 (three) months

PROCURING ENTITY DETAIL

18. Address of the official inviting tender : Engr. Jashim Udin Ahmed, General Manager (Planning), Jalalabad Gas Transmission & Distribution System Ltd., Gas Bhaban, Mendibagh, Sylhet.

19. Contact details of official inviting tender : Tel. No: 0821-712935 Fax No: 0821-716964 e-mail: jgtdsl.gmpl@gmail.com

20. If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstance the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time and place.

21. Jalalabad Gas Transmission & Distribution System Ltd. reserves the right to accept any, reject any or all tenders or annul the tendering process at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the tenderer(s).