

Modern paddy farming services kick off in Biral

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Around noon on Tuesday, a small crowd of farmers gathered near a paddy field in Chawkerhaat village of Biral upazila.

They were watching in awe as a strange-looking equipment was being moved around in a paddy field and paddy seedlings were being transplanted mechanically in the muddy field.

Local farmer Ashraf Ali said he never saw anything like that in his life and the tedious and laborious task of sowing seedlings in paddy fields has been done manually by farmers like him for generations.

After seeing how swiftly seedlings were being planted in the field, he said he would also like to get his hands on such a paddy transplanting machine for his own land because profit margin of rice farmers has been plummeting due to rising cost of farm labourers.

The land where the mechanised paddy transplanting machines were being used belongs to farmer Motiur Rahman.

After eight years of producing rice on his 300 acres of land, following conventional methods, and at the same time, looking for ways to lower the cost of production, Motiur this year has decided to try out a service that would enable him to meet the objective.

The trial run of mechanised paddy transplanting machines in his paddy field was part of a service package that he is availing from two organisations -- Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, a specialised national institution engaged in rural development-related training, research and action research; and Agriplus Limited (APL), a private organisation.

Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation and Department of Agricultural Extension in Dinajpur will oversee the entire process.

Under the service package, RDA,



A worker loads a mechanised paddy transplanting machine with seedlings in Chawkerhaat village of Biral upazila. The photo was taken on Tuesday. PHOTO: STAR

with support from APL, used modern machinery to prepare seedbed, collect seedlings and prepare the main paddy field for sowing, said farmer Motiur.

This Tuesday, RDA brought in two mechanised paddy transplanting machines and each of the machines takes an hour to sow seedlings in one acre of land.

From making seedbeds till the sowing of seedlings in the field, the cost incurred per acre in conventional method is around Tk 6,000, whereas he is paying RDA and APL Tk 4,000 for the same process.

The conventional method is expensive and time-consuming, but through the use of modern technology, he is saving Tk 2,000 per acre.

He would bear the expenses of tending and irrigating the paddy until it is ripe and he would make an additional payment to RDA for harvesting the paddy using their harvester machine, Motiur added.

RDA Director General Aminul Islam, who was present in Chawkerhaat village on Tuesday, said at a time when the country is facing a shortage in manpower,

it is no longer profitable to cultivate paddy in the conventional method.

The use of modern machinery in paddy farming can cut down the cost and increase production -- by approximately two to three times.

They have been successfully applying mechanised methods of paddy farming at a village in Kurigram, he also said.

Man arrested for raping schoolgirl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Police arrested a man for his alleged involvement in raping an eight-year-old schoolgirl in Begumganj upazila on Tuesday night.

The arrestee, Abul Khayer, 45, a tailor, is a resident of Krishnarampur village under Rajganj union, police said.

Being informed, police in a quick move arrested Abul from Kalirhat Bazar around 11:30pm the same night.

Her family members came to know the matter after the girl returned home and fell sick. Officer in Charge (OC) of Begumganj Police Station Harun-ur-Rashed Chowdhury said.

The victim, a Class III student at a local primary school, is now undergoing treatment at Noakhali General Hospital, the OC said.

During primary interrogation, Abul confessed his involvement in raping the minor girl, he added.

Plaintiff found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The plaintiff of a murder case was found hanging from a tree in Nagarpur upazila on Tuesday night.

The deceased, Uzzal Miah, 38, of Lakkhidia village, was the plaintiff of a case filed for murdering his son Biplob, 18.

Golam Mostofa Mondol, OC (investigation) of Nagarpur Police Station said locals spotted Uzzal's body hanging from a tree on Tuesday night and informed the police.

Weeklong protima mela concludes in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A weeklong protima mela (idol fair) at Boro Kalibari in the town concluded yesterday.

The fair was organised on the occasion of Swaraswati Puja of the Hindu community.

Many idol makers from different areas came to the venue with their idols while a number of buyers were seen purchasing the idols according to their choice.

A small sized idol was selling for Tk 300 to Tk 500, while a middle sized at Tk 1,000 to Tk 2,000 and the large for Tk 3,000 to Tk 8,000 apiece.

Ajit Paul, an idol maker of Kalibari area, said he has already sold most of his idols at the fair and expecting to sell the rest at the last moment.

Another idol maker Ranjit Paul of Karatia area in Sadar upazila



said, he had brought 22 idols at the fair and already sold 18 of those at Tk 3,000 apiece.

General Secretary of Hindu

Mohajot, Tangail district unit, Alok Das said due to a special reason Swaraswati Puja will celebrated on two consecutive days this year.

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Ref: 18.16.0000.373.15.073.19 Date: 29/01/2020

Invitation of Tender

Sl No.	Tender ID	Name of the tender	Publishing date & closing date
01.	COMC-008	International open tender notice for time charter employment of M.V. Banglar Joyitra (IMO Number: 9793820) open at Chattogram/Mongla, Bangladesh basis lay-can 08-12 March, 2020 subject to readiness of the ship.	27-January-2020 10:00am 10-February-2020 14:05pm
02.	COMC-009	Re-Tender notice for transportation of 35,000 MT ± 10% Granular Urea in bag in single shipment from mother vessel at outer anchorage of Chattogram Port (A/B/C anchorage), Bangladesh and/or Harbaria, Mongla Port, Bangladesh to the different buffer godowns/factories of BCIC located at various places in Bangladesh.	29-January-2020 10:00am 04-February-2020 14:05pm
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Life term for killing wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A court here yesterday sentenced a man to life term rigorous imprisonment (RI) for killing his wife in 2013.

The convict, Golap Hasda, 39, son of Parameshwar Hasda, is a resident of Shaitala village in Rajshahi's Tanore upazila.

Tangail Additional District and Sessions Judge Shawkat Ali pronounced the verdict in his absence in the afternoon.

The court also fined Golap Tk 1 lakh. In default, he is to suffer one year more in prison.

According to the case statement, after marrying Sabina Soren a few years back, Golap started living beside his in-laws' house at Khitka village in Chapainawabganj's Nachole upazila.

On August 4, 2013, Golap locked in a quarrel with Sabina at their house over a family feud.

At one stage of altercation, Golap hit his wife with a spade, leaving her seriously injured.

Sabina later succumbed to her injuries on way to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital the same day.

Meanwhile, following a case filed by Sabina's brother Asin Soren with Nachole Police Station, law enforcers arrested Golap on August 5, but he went into hiding after getting bail from the court.

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1	417307	eGP-26/EE/LRD/2019-2020	11-Feb-2020 17:00	11-Feb-2020 13:00	11-Feb-2020 13:00

Mohammad Mahub Alam
ID No. 602242
Executive Engineer (C.C), RHD
Road Division, Lalmonirhat

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"শেখ হাসিনার দর্শন
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Date: 28-01-2020

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Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Description of work & Package No.	Online tender publication date	Online tender closing date
01	403867	NCC-20-21-Pkg-W56_461 Construction of RCC Road & Drain from Jalkuri Bistidhara Road Nurul Amin house to Rashid Mia house in ward no. 09	30/01/2020	Please see tender notice in e-GP
02	403865	NCC-20-21-Pkg-W55_461 Construction of RCC Road & Drain Jalkuri from Mathbor Bazar Road Mr. Kafu Mia house to Allama Jame Mosque in ward no. 09, Part-2. Jalkuri Ambia Garments to Mr. Akbor in ward no. 09.	do	do
03	403864	NCC-20-21-Pkg-W51_461 Construction of BC Road & RCC Drain Jalkuri Naytarpara more to South direction khal and East direction RK Greenland park in ward no-09, ch 00-2250m.	do	do
04	403861	NCC-20-21-Pkg-W48_461 Construction of RCC Drain & Road from Part-1. Dhanakunda Modina bag to Mannan Molla house in ward no-08, Part-2. Anayath Nagar School to Jalapara Lacky Bazar in ward no-08, Part-3. South Anayathnagar Mehadi house to WAPDA khal in ward no-08.	do	do
05	403859	NCC-19-20-Pkg-W32_461 Construction of RCC Drain & Road from Part-1. South site Dhanakunda Zohirul house to Aftab house in ward no-08, Part-2. Buayapara CNB Road to Rahman house in ward no. 08, Part-3. Sayedepara Habibulla Proddhan house to Pir Mohammath house in ward no. 08. Part-4. Buyanuapara Padan house to Saydur Rahman Gazi house in ward no-08.	do	do
06	403856	NCC-19-20-Pkg-W28_461 Construction of RCC Drain with RCC Road from Part-1. Rasulbag Adarshanagar Mr. Mizanur Rahaman house to North direction up to Mr. Anu member house via Mr. Golam Mostofa house in ward no.-03. Chainage 0.0 to 750m. Part-2. Rasulbag Shapla chottor to Tula factory via Mr. Romjan house in ward no.-03. Chainage 0.0 to 490m. Part-3. Rasulbag Tula factory to East direction up to Khankah masjid via Rasulbag masjid in ward no.-03.Chainage 0.00 to 400m.	do	do
07	403853	NCC-17-18-Pkg-W4_461 Construction of RCC Drain with RCC Road from Ati Gudhuli Hall road to North direction up to Mazumdar house Canal in ward no.-04. Chainage 000 to 1800m.	do	do

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