

Tobacco farming continues with increasing trend

Growers are showing interest in tobacco as it is more profitable than other crops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Cultivation of harmful crop tobacco continues with increasing trend in Lalmonirhat as growers are getting lucrative offers from different tobacco companies.

Almost all the fields have been covered with the harmful crop at the villages in the district from January to April every year.

Although farmers now understand the harmfulness of tobacco farming, they continue cultivating the crop as different tobacco companies are tempting them with incentives including free seeds, fertilisers and technical support.

Above all, growers are showing more interest in farming tobacco as it is more profitable than other crops, said locals.

"Tobacco cultivation needs a lot of hard work. More fertiliser is required for applying in tobacco farming but we are still benefiting from tobacco cultivation. As tobacco cultivation earns us good profit, we are giving importance to tobacco farming rather than other crops," said Nabir Uddin, a farmer of Sarpukur village in Aditmari upazila.

"Of course, the tobacco company supports us in many ways for the cultivation of tobacco. We get seeds and fertilisers free of cost," he said.

Without the cooperation and assistance of the tobacco company, it would not be possible for them to produce quality tobacco, said Saber Ali, another farmer of the same village.

All the family members, including his children, work at the field as tobacco farming earns them good profit, said Saber Ali.

An official of Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in the district said tobacco has been cultivated



A woman tends her tobacco field. The photo was taken from Kakina village in Lalmonirhat's Kaliganj upazila recently. PHOTO: STAR

on 9,100 hectares of land this time, which was 8,950 hectares last year.

If the tobacco companies do not stop their activities, tobacco cultivation will increase in the district day by day, said

journalist Majed Masud, a member of Lalmonirhat district unit of Anti-tobacco Media Alliance.

Upazila Agriculture Officer of Lalmonirhat Sadar Enamul

Haque said they are trying their best to discourage farmers from farming tobacco but the growers do not listen to them because they are trapped in the attractive offers of the tobacco companies.

One more child dies of measles in Rangamati

Death toll reaches 7, medical team flown to the area yesterday

SANJOY KUMAR BARUA, Rangamati

One more Tripura child died of measles in remote Lungghian Para of Rangamati's Baghaichhari upazila early hours yesterday, raising the total death toll due to the disease to seven.

The latest victim, Kheti Bala Tripura, 13, passed away when she was under treatment at her house, said Md Ahsan Habib, upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) of Baghaichhari.

On Monday, another Tripura girl of Lungghian Para died. Earlier, from February 26 to March 17, five indigenous children belonging to the Tripura community in remote Arun Tripura Para of Sajek union died of measles.

"A 16-member team including two MBBS doctors and army personnel reached Sajek by helicopter this [Tuesday] noon. They will go to the affected area on foot," said the UNO.

"The measles affected children are suffering from malnutrition, adding to the situation," said Dr Istekhar Ahmed, upazila health and family planning officer of Baghaichhari.

"Why have we to watch our children die without proper treatment?" Mithun Joy Tripura, a karbari (local headman) of Lungghian Para, said yesterday morning.

Hiranondo Tripura, a ward member of the area who was on the spot, said, "The affected children should be taken to the district town by helicopter for their proper treatment."

Brigade Major Rumon Parvez, who is stationed at Khagrachhari, said, "Our team already reached the measles affected area with helicopter. We approached the authorities to bring the affected children to the district town's hospital by helicopter but they did not agree due to lack of disease infection prevention equipment in the aircraft."

Around 130 children, aged between one and 15 years, of Tripura and Chakma communities have got infected with measles in Arun Tripura Para, Lungghian Tripura Para, Tarun Tripura Para, Kamalapur Chakma Para, and Kaikhya Tripura Para of Sajek union since early last month, said local public representatives.

Contacted before the medical team reached the area, a health assistant seeking anonymity said, "I have to stay here following order from the high authorities. Doctors give me medical advice over phone, which is not enough to deal with the affected children."

It takes around 10 hours to reach there from Rangamati town on foot as there is no road or water transport link.

This correspondent made several calls to reach Rangamati Civil Surgeon Bipash Khisa but he did not receive the calls.

Meanwhile, people in Bandarban claimed that a child died of measles and around 40 others, including 33 children, were infected with the virus in a remote area of the hill district.

Health officials, however, said that the child died of an unknown disease.

The campaign to vaccinate 34 million children, aged between 9 months and 10 years, against measles and rubella was scheduled to begin last Wednesday. But the programme was postponed over the ongoing outbreak of coronavirus.

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Office of the Project Director
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No. PD/DTJDLPT/TENDER/WD2-884 Dated: 19-03-2020
Package No. WD2: Design, Supply, Installation and Testing-Commissioning of Computer Based Interlocked Signaling System at 7 (seven) stations including interlocking of selected level crossings and installation of optical fiber cable based telecommunication system for block operation and CTC interface work (Turnkey Works) in connection with construction of 3rd and 4th Dual Gauge Track in Dhaka-Tongi section and doubling of Dual Gauge Track in Tongi-Joydebpur section.

Ref:
1. IFT No. PD/DTJDLPT/TENDER/WD2-831; Dated 20.02.2020
2. Corrigendum 1: /DTJDLPT/TENDER/WD2-859; Dated 08.03.2020

Corrigendum No. 2

Sl No. of IFT	Provision as per corrigendum-1		Provision as per corrigendum-2	
17.	Tender last selling date	20.04.2020 (during office hours)	18.05.2020 (during office hours)	
18.	Tender closing date and time	Date: 21-04-2020 Time: Up to 12:00 hrs BST	Date: 19-05-2020 Time: Up to 12:00 hrs BST	
19.	Tender opening date and time	Date: 21-04-2020 Time: At 12:30 hrs BST	Date: 19-05-2020 Time: At 12:30 hrs BST	
21.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Conference Room 'Meghna' (5th Floor), Rail Bhaban, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. Date & time: 24.03.2020 at 11.00 hrs BST	Conference Room 'Meghna' (5th Floor), Rail Bhaban, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. Date & time: 23.04.2020 at 11.00 hrs BST	

All other terms and conditions of the tender notice shall remain unchanged.

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Corrigendum/Amendment Notice

All concerned are hereby informed that the Amendment has been made into the Tender Notice No. 47/2019-2020 Dated: 27/02/2020, Tender Notice No. 48/2019-2020 Dated: 04/03/2020, 49/2019-2020 Dated: 10/03/2020 & Tender Notice No. 50/2019-2020 Dated: 18/03/2020 under this office for the mentioned packages only due to unavoidable circumstances.

Tender/Proposal ID No.	As per News Paper published date		Amended As per online		Method of Tender
	Tender/Proposal Document last selling / downloading date & time	Last Date and Time for Tender/Proposal Security Submission	Tender/Proposal Document last selling / downloading date & time	Last Date and Time for Tender/Proposal Security Submission	
433853, 436750/ 436003, 436004, 436007, 436008, 436013, 436015, 43,6016, 436017, 436020, 436010, 436014, 436018, 436009, 436012 & 436986	29-03-2020, 17.00 pm	30-03-20, 11.30am	12-04-2020, 17.00pm	13-04-20, 11.30am	OSTETM/ LTM
436000, 436005, 436006, 436011, 446652, 446665, 444025, 441369/ 438788 & 446586	05-04-2020, 17.00 pm	06-04-20, 11.30am	12-04-2020, 17.00pm	13-04-20, 11.30am	OSTETM/ LTM

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The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP Portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank's branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

The Tender Notice will be available on the website: www.lged.gov.bd.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
College Education Development Project (CEDP)
College Name: Govt. Ashek Mahmud College
College Address: Jamalpur Sadar, Jamalpur

Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Education.		
2	Agency	University Grants Commission/National University.		
3	Procuring entity name	Principal, Govt. Ashek Mahmud College.		
4	Procuring entity code	N/A.		
5	Procuring entity district	Jamalpur.		
6	Invitation for	Refurbishment and renovation of class rooms, labs, wash rooms, seminar room.		
7	Invitation Ref. No.	257/GAMC/2020		
8	Date	21/03/2020		
KEY INFORMATION				
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National).		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget (Government & IDA Credit).		
11	Development partners	International Development Association (IDA), World Bank.		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12	Project code	224017200		
13	Project name	College Education Development Project (CEDP).		
14	Tender package No.	W-1		
15	Tender package name	Refurbishment and renovation of class rooms, labs, wash rooms, seminar room.		
16	Tender publication date	24-03-2020		
17	Tender last selling date	12-04-2020		
18	Tender closing date and time	13-04-2020, 12:30pm.		
19	Tender opening date and time	13-04-2020, 2:00pm.		
20	Selling tender document	Govt. Ashek Mahmud College.		
	Receiving tender document	Primary place: Govt. Ashek Mahmud College, Jamalpur Sadar, Jamalpur. Secondary Place: DC Office, Jamalpur.		
	Opening tender document	Govt. Ashek Mahmud College.		
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	[N/A]		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
22	Eligibility of tenderer	1. The tenderer shall have a minimum 05 years' general experience in activities (renovation/repair/extension) and physical services. 2. The tenderer shall have satisfactory completion of refurbishment activities of minimum BDT 40,00,000 (forty lac) only under maximum 01 contract in the last 03 years. 3. The required average annual construction turnover shall be greater than BDT 200,00,000 (two crore) only over the last 03 years. 4. The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the tenderer shall be BDT 45,00,000 (forty-five lac) only. 5. Other criteria mentioned in Tender Data Sheet.		
23	Brief description of goods or works	Repair & renovation works.		
24	Brief description of related services	Related service shall be in accordance with Section 4: Particular Conditions of Contract, Section 6: Bill of Quantities.		
25	Tender document price	BDT 1,500.00 (one thousand five hundred).		
26	Tender name	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in months
	Refurbishment and renovation of class rooms, labs, wash rooms, seminar room	Govt. Ashek Mahmud College	125000.00	02 months
27	Name of official inviting tender	Professor Dr Mujahid Billah Faruqui.		
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Principal.		
29	Address of official inviting tender	Govt. Ashek Mahmud College, Sadar, Jamalpur.		
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 0981-63252	Tel: 0981-65034	Tel: N/A
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.			

Professor Dr. Mujahid Billah Faruqui
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