



Crop cultivation on over a thousand acres of land is hampered as water hyacinth covers vast tracts of waterlogged land in Pashchimchak area between Ahmedpur and Raninagar unions in Pabna's Sujaganar upazila. Below, Farmers have to carry their harvested crop on shoulders as there is no smooth transport facility to bring the produces. PHOTO: STAR

## Stagnant water hampers cultivation

Thousand-acre cropland at Pashchimchak in Pabna's Sujaganar UZ lies under water as canals silted up

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPLI, Pabna

Waterlogging disrupts crop cultivation on over a thousand acres of land in a shallow waterbody at Pashchimchak in between Ahmedpur and Raninagar unions in Pabna's Sujaganar upazila.

Farmers of the area used to cultivate paddy, onion and jute but most of them do not go for crop cultivation in last few years as stagnant water from the shallow waterbody of Gaznar Beel cannot be removed due to silting of the canals in the waterbody.

"I have 10/12 bighas of land in the beel area where I used to cultivate paddy and onion. But I am facing problem to cultivate the crops there as water hyacinth filled up the field due to stagnant water for the last few years," said Md Afzal Hossain, a local.

"After removing water hyacinth with difficulty, I have cultivated five bighas of land this year but early rain damaged most of the



crops. Then I had to bear the cost of engaging more workers to bring the crop home, as there is no road to carry the crop from the waterbody area," Afzal said.

Freedom fighter Md Daiil

Uddin Miah of Sayedpur village in Sujaganar upazila said, "Most of the farmers of the waterbody belong to Sayedpur village. Due to lack of dredging, most of the canals there have been silted up

and it causes waterlogging in the crop fields. Many people also dig ponds in their land, adding to the problem."

Locals farmers demand digging of the canals for removing stagnant water and constructing roads for easy transporting of crops from the fields, he added.

Md Moynul Haque Sarkar, Sujaganar upazila agriculture officer, said most of the beel areas were brought under development projects earlier but Pashchimchak area located in the middle of the vast waterbody out of the facility.

Digging of the canals is needed to remove stagnant water from there, he said.

Contacted, lawmaker of Pabna-2 constituency Ahmed Firoz Kabir told The Daily Star, "A Tk 110-crore development project, including canal dredging to connect the waterbody with the river, has been submitted to the water resources ministry, seeking the ECNEC's approval."

## Double blow for Kalapara farmers

Cyclone Amphan also crushed the last strands of hope for the vegetable growers amid Covid-19 pandemic

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

The cyclone Amphan destroyed a number of households and vast tract of cropland. It also crushed the last strands of hope for many vegetable farmers in Kalapara upazila of the district amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

Zakir Hossain of Kumirmara village runs his five-member family by cultivating vegetables.

He cultivated various vegetables like cucurbit, wax gourd, green chilli and cucumber on two acres of leased land spending Tk 1.20 lakh this year but could not get expected price from selling the vegetables this season due to coronavirus outbreak, said Zakir, adding that it has happened as the fear over coronavirus pandemic has kept customers in the local market.

A local agriculture officer said thousands of people work in different mega projects like Payra Power Plant and Payra seaport in the upazila but most of the workers are now on leave due to coronavirus outbreak.

The closure of many offices in the area has also a direct impact on the sale, said growers in the area.

"I expected to earn Tk 5 lakh this year, but the storm and the pandemic have destroyed my dream," said Zakir.

Veteran farmer Sultan Gazi of the village said he cultivated vegetables on 60 decimals of land this year but could not get desired prices from selling the produces. On the other hand, the cyclone Amphan destroyed

his vegetable fields.

Other affected farmers--Aziz Hawlader, Salahuddin Gazi, Abdul Haq Gazi, Masud Gazi, Shahjahan Gazi and Monir Fakir--in the village faced the same fate.

Another farmer Abul Kalam Hawlader of nearby Majidpur village said his one acre of land was filled with crops, but he is now in utter despair as the vegetable field was fully damaged by the storm.

Vegetable farmers Nazrul Akon, Abid Akon, Jalil Kazi, Ansar Kazi and Ishq Hawlader of Sonatala village have faced the similar situation.

Some of the affected vegetable farmers have begun cultivation once again but they are facing acute financial crisis in this regard.

Farmer Sultan Gazi said he again bought the seeds with borrowed money. They are yet to get any government help to overcome their loss.

Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) Officer in Kalapara Abdul Mannan said the cyclone has left a very bad impact on vegetable business and farmers amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

The government will help the affected farmers so that they can overcome the losses, said Mannan.

According to the agriculture extension office in the upazila, Kalapara dwellers consume 48 tonnes of vegetable every day. Of them, around 20,000 people who work in the mega projects need three tonnes of vegetable daily.



The cyclone Amphan damaged a vegetable field at Kumirmara village in Patuakhali's Kalapara upazila. PHOTO: STAR



A woman brings an oxygen cylinder for treatment of a family member at home in Rangpur recently as the latter, suffering from severe asthma, was denied admission at a hospital in the city. PHOTO: STAR

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01.	Construction of additional classroom Chok Gobindpur RPS under PEDP4 Raiganj Sirajganj.	e-Tender/PEDP4/SR,JIRAI/2019-20/W2.01625	454455	14-Jul-2020 & up to: 17:00	15-Jul-2020 & up to: 15:00
02.	Construction of additional classroom Nalchia RPS under PEDP-4 Raiganj Sirajganj.	e-Tender/PEDP4/SR,JIRAI/2019-20/W2.01169	438370		
03.	Construction of additional classroom Salanga RPS under PEDP-4 Raiganj Sirajganj.	e-Tender/PEDP4/SR,JIRAI/2019-20/W2.01166	438366		
04.	Construction of additional classroom Chandpur RPS under PEDP-4 Raiganj Sirajganj.	e-Tender/PEDP4/SR,JIRAI/2019-20/W1.00532	438363		
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হাইড্রোজেন এনার্জি গবেষণাগার স্থাপন-প্রকল্প  
Establishment of Hydrogen Energy Laboratory-Project  
বাংলাদেশ বিজ্ঞান ও শিল্প গবেষণা পরিষদ (বিসিএসআইআর)  
Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR)  
Invitation for Tender (OTM)

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Science & Technology.
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (BCSIR).
3.	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Establishment of Hydrogen Energy Laboratory-Project.
4.	Invitation for	Procurement of Laboratory Analytical Instruments.
5.	Invitation Ref. No.	39.02.1506.012.07.002.2020/120; Dated: 23.06.2020
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		
6.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National).
<b>FUNDING METHOD</b>		
7.	Budget and source of fund	GOB.
8.	Project/programme name	Establishment of Hydrogen Energy Laboratory-Project.
9.	Tender package name	Procurement of Laboratory Analytical Instruments & Equipment.
10.	Tender last selling date	13.07.2020 up to 05.00pm.
11.	Tender closing date and time	14.07.2020 up to 03.00pm.
12.	Tender opening date and time	14.07.2020 up to 03.15pm.
13.	Name and address of the office: Selling of tender documents	Office of the Project Director, Establishment of Hydrogen Energy Laboratory-Project, BCSIR Laboratories Chattogram, Chattogram-4220.
14.	Name and address of the office: (Receiving & opening tender documents)	Office of the Project Director, Establishment of Hydrogen Energy Laboratory Project, BCSIR Laboratories Chattogram, Chattogram-4220.
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>		
15.	Eligibility of tenderer	All terms & conditions will be applicable as per tender document.
16.	Brief description of works	As per schedule specification.
17.	Price of tender documents	2000.00 (two thousand Taka only) non-refundable
18.	Lot No.	Identification lot Location Tender security amount (Tk) (refundable) Completion time
GD-01/2020-21	1.	FESEM-EDS Chattogram 2% of quoted price Within 03 (three) months from the date of notification of award
	2.	MBR Permeation Analyzer Chattogram 2% of quoted price Within 03 (three) months from the date of notification of award
	3.	CHNS/O-Elemental Analyzer Chattogram 2% of quoted price Within 03 (three) months from the date of notification of award
	4.	TG-DTA Chattogram 2% of quoted price Within 03 (three) months from the date of notification of award
	5.	Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicle Chattogram 2% of quoted price Within 03 (three) months from the date of notification of award
GD-02/2020-21	6.	Hydrogen Dispensing Unit Chattogram 2% of quoted price Within 03 (three) months from the date of notification of award
	7.	Bomb Calorimeter Chattogram 2% of quoted price Within 03 (three) months from the date of notification of award
	8.	High Pressure Gas Regulator (Flammable-6 & Non-Flammable-4) Chattogram 2% of quoted price Within 03 (three) months from the date of notification of award
	9.	Ultrasonic Cleaning Bath Chattogram 2% of quoted price Within 03 (three) months from the date of notification of award
	10.	Density Meter(Hydraulic Hot Press Machine) Chattogram 2% of quoted price Within 03 (three) months from the date of notification of award
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>		
20.	Name of official inviting tender	Dr. Md. Abdus Salam.
21.	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director, Establishment of Hydrogen Energy Laboratory-Project.
22.	Address of the official inviting tender	Office of the Project Director, Establishment of Hydrogen Energy Laboratory-Project, BCSIR Laboratories Chattogram, Chattogram-4220.
23.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Mobile: 01870085657; E-mail: <a href="mailto:hydrogenenergy@bcsir.gov.bd">hydrogenenergy@bcsir.gov.bd</a> ; Web: <a href="http://www.bcsir.gov.bd">www.bcsir.gov.bd</a> ; <a href="http://www.stphlc.gov.bd">www.stphlc.gov.bd</a>
24.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all tender.	

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