



The road from Chaumohana in Kulaura upazila town to Jhilerpar in Prithimpasha union of the upazila under Moulvibazar lies in a horrible condition for years.

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Thousands suffer as road condition awful

Two roads extending 16-km in Kulaura see only 40 percent work in scheduled time

MINU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

Thousands of commuters are badly suffering due to the awful condition of two important roads under the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) in Kulaura upazila of Moulvibazar.

The RHD in 2018 gave a Tk 36-crore work order jointly to Wahid Construction and Spectra International to repair and widen the 12-km-long road from Nabin Chandra High School at Chaumohana in Kulaura upazila town to Jhilerpar in Prithimpasha union of the upazila and the four-km-long road from Robirbazar town to Tilagaon Bazar in Tilagaon union.

The work started in December 2018 with a schedule to complete on June 30 this year but only 40 per cent of the development work of the two roads has been completed in the period.

During a recent visit to the spot, this correspondent learnt that the residents of different

areas of Rautgaon, Karmadha, Prithimpasha, Tilagaon, Sharifpur and Hajipur unions of Kulaura use the two roads to travel to the upazila headquarters and Moulvibazar district town.

Vehicles regularly plying the broken road often get damaged, said Arab Ali, joint secretary of CNG autorickshaw transport workers union in Rabirbazar-Kulaura unit, told this correspondent. "Commuters including teachers, students and traders regularly use the Kulaura -- Rabirbazar road. Usually it would take 20 minutes for a CNG autorickshaw to cross the road but it now takes double the time due to its awful condition," said Abdul Kadir, principal of Ali Amjad School and College.

Drivers also charge extra fare due to the road condition, he said.

Local resident Syed Ashfaq Tanvir, general secretary of Robirbazar Club, told this correspondent, "These roads have remained

unusable for four to five years. Now it has become more unsuitable due to the unfinished fixing work."

Sahadeb Sutradhar, sub-assistant engineer of the RHD, who is in charge of supervising the road repair work, said 40 percent of the work on the Kulaura-Prithimpasha and Rabirbazar-Tilagaon Bazar roads has been completed.

Asked about the slow pace of work, engineer Md Asaduzzaman, in-charge of the two contracting companies, said, the road work requires a lot of stones but the supply of stones through LC stopped due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Shahriar Alam, executive engineer of RHD in Moulvibazar, said, "There were some problems in the work of the contractor. Then in wake of the Covid-19 situation, the government extended the tenure of the ongoing work for one year. If the situation improves, the work of the two roads will be completed soon."

BRINGING BIRDS BACK TO TOWN

Patuakhali town turning green

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

The Patuakhali municipality has launched a tree planting programme in order to beautify the town as well as to make the town habitable for birds.

Under the programme, the municipality will plant more than five thousand fruit, medicinal and beautifying trees in road medians and around lakes and water bodies in the town.

Mohiuddin Ahmed, the town mayor, inaugurated the programme recently by planting saplings on a road median in front of the town's old jailhouse.

Along with other local species of trees, some foreign plants such as Nakachua from Thailand and cherry from India have so far been planted to beautify a four-kilometre stretch of the median, stretching from Government Women's College to Jainkathi embankment.

Different trees including mango, kalo jaam, jackfruit, litchi, coconut, banyan, jalpai (Ceylon olive), amalaki (Indian gooseberry), tamarind, kamranga (star fruit or carambola), dewa (monkey jackfruit), neem, mahogany and chambal are also being planted on unused and vacant land surrounding ponds and water bodies in the town.

Jahangir Sikder, general secretary of Patuakhali Diabetic Association, said the townspeople used to enjoy chirping of different birds as Patuakhali town was full of large trees.

Over time, those trees have been chopped down and the number of birds

declined after they lost their habitat. The planting of trees by the municipality is a laudable initiative that will help increase bird population again, he also said.

Lincon Bayen, coordinator of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, Barisal division, said birds play a vital role in maintaining environmental balance. Loss of food and habitat have put many species of birds on the verge of extinction, but people running after life in the fast lane have been ignoring this aspect of the environment.

Under the circumstances, the initiative taken by the municipality can set an example for all, he added.

Patuakhali Municipality Executive Engineer Jasim Uddin Arju said they have undertaken the tree planting programme considering the loss of food and habitat of many birds due to rapid urbanisation and destruction of the environment.

He also said that a total of around five thousand trees are being planted so the birds can nest in the trees while they can feed on the fruits of the trees.

When reached for his comment over this initiative, Mayor Mohiuddin Ahmed told this correspondent that the greenery and fruit trees in the town will not only provide food and shelter to birds, but also provide visual relief and tranquillity to townspeople who otherwise get tired of the hustle and bustle of the town.

People busy with their daily life will at least be able to enjoy the greenery because, after all, people appreciate beauty, said the mayor.



Mayor Mohiuddin Ahmed, right, of Patuakhali municipality, during the tree planting programme on a road median in the town recently.

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Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) for Selection of Consultant for the Position of Procurement Specialist (Individual, National), (Package: IC-1)

- The Directorate General of Health Services of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been allocated public funds from the development budget of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) and financed by GOB and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of COVID 19 Response Emergency Assistance Project (CREAP) and, intends to apply part of the proceeds of these funds under the ADB's Loan No. 3819-BAN, to eligible payments to the selected consultant under the consultancy services for Procurement Specialist (Individual, National).
- The COVID-19 Response Emergency Assistance Project (the project) will support the Government of Bangladesh in addressing the immediate and urgent needs for financial, logistical and systemic support to deal with the COVID-19 outbreak. The project is an integral and vital part of the National Preparedness and Response Plan for containment, mitigation and management of COVID-19. The project will support the procurement of equipment and supplies, the upgrading of health and testing facilities, and build system and community capacities for surveillance, prevention and response to COVID-19. The PIU will carry out the emergency procurement of the project. PIU may take support from the Central Medical Stores Depot (CMSD) of the MOHFW for procurement of selected goods and the Public Works Department (PWD) of the Ministry of Housing and Public. The purpose of the assignment is to support the project executing (MoHFW)/implementing agencies (DGHS) in procurement activities during project implementation. The consultant will undertake the tasks with the counterpart staff of EA/IA in their activities of procurement (goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services) and project implementation.
- The project will engage One National Procurement Specialist as per requirement of TOR. The duration of the assignment is continuously for 20 (Twenty) person-months. It is expected that the services will commence tentatively from August, 2020. The detailed TOR for this assignment is available on ADB's CSRN or CMS website (csrn.adb.org or cms.adb.org) and DGHS website (<https://www.dgsh.gov.bd>). The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained by contacting the office of the Project Director during regular office hours or can be requested to the email pdcreap@ld.dgsh.gov.bd.
- DGHS now invites eligible National Individual Consultant to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) for providing the required services. The interested consultant may obtain further information from ADB's CMS and, if necessary, by applying to the address below during regular office hour. The national specialist shall be the citizen of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.
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 - General qualification
 - Assignment related experience
 - Regional experience and others.
- The deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest (EOI) is 11:59pm (Manila local time) on 22 July, 2020 through ADB CMS.
- The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs received without assigning any reason thereof.

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