

# WATERLOGGING DUE TO POOR DRAINAGE

## Mother plants dying at Savar horticulture centre

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Heavy downpour in the past few weeks has brought many problems for the government-run Horticulture Centre in Savar's Rajalakh, an institution that has been instrumental for widespread tree plantation in the area.

The centre provides saplings at low prices to encourage people to plant and grow trees. However, due to heavy water logging after rain, the mother plants at the nursery are dying.

Savar municipality's subpar drainage system has caused the waterlogging problem, according to Horticulture Centre staff.

Sheikh Iffat Ara Islam, a horticulturist at the centre said the institution was established in 1972 and since then it has been providing grafted and other saplings to people at a low price. "We have given Tk 10 lakhs and 10 thousand as revenue to the government by sailing grafting and other saplings last year," she said.

But since last year, water logging has hampered production and many mother plants including dragonfruit, rambutan, pink jackfruit and orange (locally called malta) have died due to water logging, said Iffat Ara Islam. She says the unplanned drainage system of the municipality is to blame for this.

The centre currently has no mother plants left for rambutan and pink jackfruit, while the dragonfruit and orange plants are severely damaged. Centre personnel estimate that over 100 plants have suffered in this time.

"We have requested the mayor to solve the drainage issue in a letter last month, but there has been little progress," she said, "This is dangerous for the plants."

The centre's revenue will decrease if this continues.

On a visit to the centre last week, this correspondent found at least 6.72 acres submerged in knee-deep water. Many mother plants were severely damaged or on the verge of dying.

Enamul Haque, a returning customer of the centre, said, "We buy both grafting and other saplings at Tk 15-100 from here. It's prices are very good and people can easily take up gardening using these saplings."

However Enamul hasn't been able to collect a few saplings of choice as the mother plants are too damaged.

Shariful Imam, executive engineer of Savar Municipality said about a week ago, "After receiving the letter we visited the horticulture centre and already setup a pipe to remove the water logging problem."

However, the pipe could do little for the centre. The engineer explained that there is another drain, but it has not been effective as it is at a higher ground level and water from the centre doesn't flow in that direction.

"Setting up the correct drainage system can be the permanent solution for the horticulture centre," he said, "I will visit again and try to make better arrangements."



A broken traffic light hangs right in front a pothole on the capital's Dhanmondi Road 27 for weeks, with no one seemingly responsible to fix it. The photo was taken yesterday.

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## Secy denies

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shifted to Rail Bhaban. Currently, the ministry is working on one floor, with some rooms on two other floors.

Talking to this correspondent, a mid-level BR official said: "In my personal opinion, it would be good in the long run if the ministry is shifted from Rail Bhaban. However, it would reduce BR officials' access to the minister."

Explaining the matter, he said ministry officials think as minister is readily available at Rail bhaban, BR officials can go to him and change their decisions easily, which is undermining the ministry officials. So they wanted to move the office to the secretariat. "But BR has to wait for more time to get any final decision," he said wishing anonymity.

On the other hand, high-ups of BR are in dilemma over the issue, as they would lose the easy access to the minister if the ministry is shifted.

But they support the move to shift the ministry as their subordinates can now directly talk with ministry officials, even "lobby" to change BR decisions, which undermines high-ups' authority, he said.

"So, they support the move for establishing strong chain of command. A strong chain of control in BR is need for its betterment in long run," he said.

A joint secretary, who was present at the meeting, said: "The discussion to shift

the ministry [from Rail Bhaban] has been going on for long. Now it comes to the fore again. But it would take quite long time to implement the decision."

Contacted yesterday, BR's Director General Md Shamsuzzaman said, "I have no idea about it. Besides, I have no jurisdiction to comment over it. You better talk to the secretary [of railways ministry]."

**INCREASING MANPOWER**  
Besides, the ministry is also going to take a move for increasing its manpower and restructuring its organogram, the meeting minutes said.

According to the ministry's annual report for 2018-19, it has a 135 officers and staffers. This correspondent could not know whether the number has been changed in last one year.

"Manpower of the ministry has to be increased. A new cell -- Reform Management and Policy Research -- has to be established and the organogram of the ministry has to be restructure after increasing manpower. Quick steps have to be taken to reshape the manpower structure," reads the meeting minutes.

Officials concerned were asked to take immediate steps in this regard.

The meeting also asked the officials concerned to take steps for publishing ministry's activities through its website and Facebook page.

## I'll come

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Contacted, the administrator reiterated his zero-tolerance stance against corruption. "During my short tenure, I would like to bring some positive changes to the city," said Sujan.

"I want to modernise the garbage management system and focus on completing the important projects quickly," he added.

He said he would not allow billboards in the city and would ensure health facilities for city dwellers through their health department.

"Every citizen will have access to me and they can inform issues to me directly through phone, SMS or social media. I pledge to address those immediately..."

"I will also visit every ward to know your problems... You don't need to come to me, I would go to you," said the CCC administrator.

## COVID-19 INFECTIONS

### 66pc recovery rate among lower court personnel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The rate of recovery from Covid-19 infection among lower court personnel and staff is 66 percent, while there have been less than one percent fatal cases.

The recovery rate in the lower judiciary is eight percent higher than that of the national recovery rate and the death rate in this sector (lower courts) is 0.75 percent less than the national death rate, according to the information provided by the coronavirus monitoring desk under the law ministry.

It said a total of 73 lower court judges and 277 staff members have been infected with Covid-19 and among them 46 judges and 185 staff members have recovered till Saturday.

Currently, 27 judges and 102 employees are suffering from Covid-19. Of the infected judges, 25 are receiving treatment at their homes while two are receiving treatment at hospitals, law ministry sources said on Sunday.

Law Minister Anisul Huq has been observing and giving necessary directives to the ministry's monitoring desk, which assists infected judges and staffers by facilitating proper treatment.

Law Secretary Md Golam Sarwar reports to the minister periodically regarding this matter, according to sources.

## Engage youths

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to the theme of this year's International Youth Day, "Youth Engagement for Global Action".

Since 2006, TIB has been conducting various anti-corruption awareness and campaign through the Youth Engagement and Support (YES) platform involving college and university students, with a view to creating awareness among them about local and national problems and solutions, and ensuring their participation in the decision-making process.

Mentioning that young people are at great risk of education, occupation and mental health in the current Covid-19 situation, TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman said while the Covid-19 has created an impact on people from all walks of life, the risk is especially high for young people.

According to him, the workplace has shrunk as the job fields related to youths has been damaged due to the pandemic. Besides, the vast majority of the young people in Bangladesh are lagging behind in terms of access to new and innovative workplaces.

"Due to the weakness of our education system and since the youth is not associated with formal education for a long time, it has become an additional challenge for them to attain the new set of skills that the market will need in the new normalcy," he added.

In order to meet these challenges, the government must create opportunities for them to acquire the necessary technical and managerial skills and increase opportunities for creativity, cultural activities and intellectual pursuits, he urged.

TIB also demanded a corruption-free recruitment process in all public and private sectors, and ensuring an equal competition on the basis of merit and qualities.

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### e-Tender Notice

This is to notify all concerned that the following tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal.

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of work	Publishing date & time	Closing date & time
1	483201	Unnatamaner Mashur Dal (Mota)	09 Aug-2020 20:30:00	01 Sep-2020 11:30:00
2	483475	Unnatamaner Cholar Dal	10 Aug-2020 09:30:00	01 Sep-2020 10:45:00

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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## Janmashtami

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The present government is pledge-bound to maintain communal harmony in the country, the prime minister added.

She wished happiness, peace and welfare for all.

Marking the day, religious, cultural and social organisations arranged identical programmes across the country.

According to mythology, Sri Krishna was born on the eighth day of dark fortnight in the Bangla month of Bhadra.

He takes birth in ages in the world to safeguard the good and pious people from the hands of bad persons by establishing truth, justice and beauty in the society.

### EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

A promising Entrepreneur is going to establish a model Nursing Institute (Proposed) at Dhaka City in the name & style of HHB Nursing Institute. The following personnel are going to be recruited provisionally. Interested persons are requested to send their applications with CV and necessary documents by mail address [islambarker@gmail.com](mailto:islambarker@gmail.com) to the executive director within 25 days from the date of advertisement.

Designation	Academic Qualification	Experience
Principal	B.Sc. in Nursing Tech. M.Sc. in related subject	7 years experience in Teaching and Academic Administration with excellent result. Experience as Principal will be preferred.
Head of the Dept.	M.Sc. in related subject	5 years experience in Teaching and Academic Administration with excellent result
Teacher / Part Time teacher	B.Sc. in Nursing	3 years experience in teaching with better academic background
Assistant Professor (Gynecology) Fulltime/Part Time	MBBS, FCPS (Gynecology)	3 years Teaching experience in Nursing or Medical Institute
Assistant Professor (Surgery) Fulltime/Part Time	MBBS, FCPS (Surgery)	3 years experience
Lecturer (Anatomy) Fulltime/Part Time	MBBS	2 years experience
Lecturer (Pathology) Fulltime/Part Time	MBBS	2 years experience
Lecturer (Physiology) Fulltime/Part Time	MBBS	2 years experience
Lecturer in English (Fulltime/Part Time)	MA in English	3 years Teaching experience
Lecturer in Computer Science (Fulltime/Part Time)	B.Sc. in Computer Science	2 years Teaching experience
Instructor (Fulltime/Part Time)	Diploma in Nursing	4 years teaching experience in Nursing Institute
Instructor (Fulltime/Part Time)	Diploma in Medical Technology (SMF)	4 years teaching experience in Nursing Institute
Administrative Officer	BBA, MBA/Honours/	3 years experience in Administrative job having fluency in English and writing skill in English language.
Librarian	Masters in Management B.Sc (Hons) M.Sc with Diploma in Library Science	3 years experience as Librarian in Nursing Institute.
Accounts Officer	BBA in Accounting or M.Com in Accounting	3 years experience as Accounts officer in corporate level.
Cash Officer	BBA/B.Com	3 years experience in handling cash in educational institute/college or university
Office Asst.	B.A/B.Com/BBA	2 years experience in clerical job or as office Asst. in any Corporate Level
Personal Asst. to Principal	B.A/B.Com/BBA	1 years experience as P.A. to any corporate Executive Officer
Computer Operator	J.Sc/B.Sc/Graduate with Diploma in computer science.	2 years experience in computer operating like compose maintenance in Computer
Warden (Lady)	B.Sc in Nursing	3 years experience as House Warden in any Nursing Institute/ Nursing Hostel
Receptionist	BBA/B.Sc/B.Sc (Hons)	3 years experience as Receptionist having experience in admission section of any educational institution.
Laboratory Girl/Boy	J.Sc/B.Sc	2 years experience as Lab Girl/Boy in any Nursing Institute or Medical Institute
Store Keeper	J.Sc/B.Sc	2 years experience as Store Keeper in any Nursing Institute
MLSS	SSC	Personal Guarantee is essential.

N.B: All candidates of the posts except MLSS must be conversant and fluent in English, computer literacy is must for all post except MLSS.

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### Invitation for Enlistment

Sl. No.	Description	Details
1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.
2.	Agency	Department of Immigration & Passports (DIP).
3.	Procuring entity name	Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka.
4.	Procuring entity code	N/A.
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.
6.	Invitation for	Enlistment of Firm for the supply of Furniture, Electronics, Stationery items & goods, Stamp & Seals and related service.
7.	Invitation Ref. No.	58.01.00000.601.74.001.20-1180
8.	Date	10/08/2020

**KEY INFORMATION**

9.	Procurement method	Limited Tendering Method.
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

10.	Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB).
11.	Development partners	None.

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

12.	Office code	N/A.
13.	Office name	Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka.
14.	Application closing date and time	25/08/2020 at 01:00pm (BST).
15.	Name & address	Md. Mehedi Hasan, Assistant Director, Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka, Room No. 603, Telephone No. 02-58156425.
	Receiving application form	Ummay Shakila Tania, Assistant Director, Room No. 608, Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka, Telephone No. 02-58156425.

**INFORMATION FOR APPLICATION**

16.	Eligibility of application	a) VAT registration and TIN certificate of the suppliers. b) Up-to-date trade license of local agent from City Corporation. c) Proprietorship/partnership/limited company i.e. concerned commercial documents (photocopy) of the tenders. d) Money receipt of purchase of tender documents. e) Proof of solvency. f) Must confirm that has legal capacity to enter into a contract under the authority with valid Power of Attorney. g) At least 3 years experience certificate for the supply of similar goods and related service.
17.	Brief description of goods or works	a) Supply of stationery items. b) Supply of office furniture. c) Supply of electronics goods and miscellaneous items.

Sl. No.	Description	Details
18.	Brief description of related or physical services	N/A.
19.	Price of application form	2000.00 BDT.

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

20.	Name of official inviting application	Director.
21.	Designation of official inviting application	Director.
22.	Address of official inviting application	Director, Divisional Passport & Visa Office, Agargaon, Dhaka.
23.	Contact details of official inviting application	Telephone No. 02-58156425, Mobile No.

The procuring entity reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

**Assistant Director**  
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