



Snails being packaged for transport at a market in Sharsha upazila of Jashore.

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## 200 families in Sharsha barely survive on selling snails

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

At least 200 poverty-stricken families, many of whom were fishers by profession, in Sharsha upazila of Jashore have resorted to catching snails for survival in the past few months.

Many of the residents, of eleven unions in the upazila, said efforts are being made to the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic and some of them lost their access to fishing in local water bodies such as Banmandar Beel.

Shankar Mandal, inhabitant of fishing village Tebaria in Dihi union, said they used to live on catching fish in Banmandar Beel, an open water body in the area.

After their entry to the wetland was restricted by a private fish farm, many of the villagers were forced to leave their ancestral profession and start scavenging open water bodies -- local rivers, canals, ponds and wetlands -- for snails.

They scour the area all day for snails and make a stockpile of those in the village in the afternoon.

Now he and his family members are struggling to survive on earnings from selling snails for only Tk 5 each kilogram. "On an average day, I get about 60 to 70 kilograms of snails," Shankar added.

The poor families are worried as to how long they would survive on the meagre

income from gathering snail, which is available in the nature for only several months -- Ashar through Kartik of the Bangla calendar year.

Another cause for concern is that a large number of the snail gatherers are contracting skin diseases as toxicity is unusually high in the local water bodies this year, they said.

Pakshiya village resident Rajab Ali said he and his family members head out in the morning and continue to gather snails from the locality till around 3:00pm.

The family has to live on an income of around Tk 250 to Tk 300, from 50 to 60 kg of snails that they are able to gather in an entire day, he also said.

Sarani, who comes from family of fishers in fishing village Gorpara, said the water in the local water bodies this year is causing severe skin diseases. But, poor people like her, who have no skill for other jobs, have no other choice but to go in the water and gather snails every day.

Snail trader Akram Hossain, from Wapda Khalpara area, said snail is an ingredient of fish feed consumed at different shrimp enclosures and fish farms.

He also said that he buys about 65 to 70 maunds of snail from the gatherers every day and sells those to a buyer at Kapalia Bridge Bazar in Dumuria of Khulna.

## Neelima Point: An oasis by the Bay

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

The flood protection embankment of the Bishkhali river, which flows through the southern part of Patharghata town in Barguna, is gaining popularity among tourists.

Located near the river's mouth at Bay of Bengal, the spot on the embankment has been named Neelima Point, which has been formally inaugurated by Barguna district administration recently.

The place was given the name 'Neelima' because when the Bishkhali river meets the turquoise waters of the Bay -- with the blue sky embracing them above -- the nature there wears a blue attire.

The place sees a good crowd in the afternoon when clean air, tranquil waters of the Bay and natural greenery on both sides of the river's banks become too irresistible for visitors.

Neelima Point came into being after the Patharghata town protection levee, built to save the town from strong current of the Bishkhali, was renovated and fortified with concrete blocks recently.

People of all ages and professions oftentimes stay at Neelima Point till the evening when they can reenergise by observing the breathtaking view of the rising moon in the east.

Nripendra Nath Sadhak, a retired teacher of Bangla at Patharghata

College, said he enjoys visiting this southern part of the town where there are many trees in the pastures along high slopes of the Bishkhali river.

Tourism has immense potential there, as the serenity of the Bay and blue sky above helps one find inner peace, he added.

Patharghata Upazila Nirbahi Officer Humayun Kabir said the upazila has good potential for tourism and Neelima Point is a good place for people to spend time near Patharghata town.

He also said the site needs further

development in order to provide necessary amenities for tourists.

Mostafa Golam Kabir, chairman of the upazila, said efforts are being made to make Neelima Point an attractive destination for residents of the town.

Contacted, Barguna Deputy Commissioner Mustain Billah said emphasis would be placed on the tourism potential of the picturesque Neelima Point.

Aside from adding more facilities and services for visitors, security would be heightened around the area for their protection as well, he added.



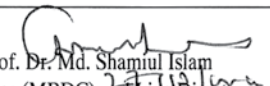
Visitors enjoy the serene beauty of Neelima Point, on the bank of Bishkhali river near Patharghata town of Barguna.

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People from different walks of life form a human chain in Patuakhali's Rangabali upazila headquarters on Monday, demanding ferry service on Agunmukha river to save the lives of the inhabitants, living on both sides of the river.

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Memo: DGHS/ AIDS/ STD/ 2020/347					
Directorate General of Health Services National AIDS/ STD Control Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI)					
1	Ministry/Division	Health Service Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare			
2	Agency	Directorate General of health services (DGHS)			
3	Procuring Entity Name	AIDS/STD Programme (ASP)			
4	Procuring Entity Code	N/A			
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka			
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	1. Organization to Implement of the STI and HIV prevention Service Package for MSM/MSW/TG and their clients; 2. Organization to Implement of the Harm reduction and Opioid substitution therapy (OST) Service package for male and female PWID			
7	Invitation Ref.No	DGHS/ AIDS/ STD/ 2020/ 347			
8	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (QCBS)			
9	Budget and Source of Funds	4 <sup>th</sup> Health Population and Nutrition Sector Programme (HPNSP)			
10	Project/Programme Name	Services Package (SP)- 25: STI and HIV prevention Service Package for MSM/MSW/TG and their clients 26: Harm reduction and Opioid substitution therapy (OST) Service package for male and female PWID			
11	EOI Closing Date & Time	12/11/2020 at 12:00 Noon			
12	Brief Description of Assignment	Provide HIV prevention services for the MSM/ TG (5000) and People Who Injects Drug (PWID) about 11500 (10000 NSEP and 1500 OST), the services included STI and abscess management, condom promotion, needle/ syringe exchange, general health, STI/ HIV counseling and testing, BCC, distribution of the OST (methadone) among PWID and treatment/ rehabilitation, capacity building of the partners (hospital, drug treatment center) in selected district of Bangladesh. The clinical services facilities will be established within the GoB health facility (based on availability), besides this, outreach based service are offered for the KPs. This intervention will help to achieve the HIV program goal as per 4 <sup>th</sup> national strategic plan			
13	Experiences, Resources & Delivery Capacity Required	The applicant should have Legal establishment for a minimum of twelve (12) years (valid registration with joint stock company/Social welfare /NGOAB/ any other GoB entity) of which three years of experience in any of the areas of health, population and nutrition sector. Applicant must have at least 05 years experience in implementing HIV/ AIDS prevention program for any key population. Preference given to the applicant who has experience in respective working areas. Proof of sound financial ability to manage the requested assignment, attached last three years audit report and programme report. The applicant should have evidence of skilled human resources required in the program, personnel should be familiar with GOB/national HIV prevention policies and guidelines. Having working experience with the government health system is mandatory. Applicant may apply in joint venture implementation arrangement where one will be lead and rest will be JV partner but not more than 4 organizations, for the package 26 any of the JV partners have the license of drug treatment and rehabilitation. In case of JV arrangement all above requirements are applicable for lead and partners.			
14	Other Details	Interested organization will be required to submit the EOI (1original with 2 copies) to the address as mentioned below, write up of the EOI will be within 20 page in the New Roman 12 font (1" margins all around) along with all supporting evidence mentioned in the experience and eligibility criteria/ Capacity Required above. EOI's will be opened in presence of the representative of the participating organizations, if any on 12/11/2020 at 12.30 PM (BST). In case of any unavoidable circumstances EOI's will be received and opened on the following working day. Upon receipt of EOI's the interested organizations those are deemed best suited to perform the assignment will be short-listed. There after Request for Proposal (RFP) document will be issued to the Short-Listed organizations. The organizations will be selected based on the QCBS basis in accordance with the procedures set out in the PPA 2006 and PPR 2008 of GoB. ➤ Applicant suggested to submit EOI for separately if wish to apply both the package like 25 and 26.			
15	Ref.No	Phasing of Services	Location	Indicative Start Date	Indicative Completion Date
	DGHS/ AIDS/ STD/ 2020/347	4 <sup>th</sup> HPNSP period	Selected district :as per TOR	December, 2020	May, 2022/ up to OP period
16	Name of Official Inviting EOI	Prof. Dr. Md. Shamiul Islam			
17	Designation of Official Inviting EOI	Director (MBDC) Line Director			
18	Address of Official inviting EOI	TB- Leprosy and AIDS/STD Programme (TB-L & ASP), DGHS, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor, Old building of DGHS, Mohakhali Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh			
19	Contract Details of Official inviting EOI	Telephone No- 9853263	Email- sdaids2008@gmail.com		
The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the EOI at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever, This notice and detail ToR will be available on the website: www.dghs.gov.bd and www.asp.gov.bd					
 Prof. Dr. Md. Shamiul Islam Director (MBDC) and Line Director TB- L and AIDS/ STD Programme, DGHS, Mohakhali					
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**বাণিজ্যিক গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ব্যক্তি বা সিআইপি (শিল্প)-২০২১ নির্বাচন**

বাণিজ্যিক গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ব্যক্তি (শিল্প) নির্বাচন নীতিমালা-২০১৪ অনুযায়ী "সিআইপি (শিল্প)-২০২১" নির্বাচনের লক্ষ্যে জাতীয় শিল্পনীতি-২০১৬ এ প্রদত্ত সংজ্ঞানুযায়ী বৃহৎ শিল্প (উৎপাদন ও সেবা), মাঝারি শিল্প (উৎপাদন ও সেবা), ক্ষুদ্র শিল্প (উৎপাদন ও সেবা), মাইক্রো শিল্প ও কুটির শিল্প-এর আওতাভুক্ত কোন একক শিল্প প্রতিষ্ঠানের স্বত্বাধিকারী, লিমিটেড কোম্পানির ক্ষেত্রে চেয়ারম্যান অথবা কোম্পানি পরিচালনা পর্ষদ কর্তৃক যথাযথভাবে মনোনীত কোন উদ্যোক্তা পরিচালক এবং পার্টনারশিপ ফর্মের ক্ষেত্রে শিল্প প্রতিষ্ঠানের ব্যবস্থাপনা অংশীদার এর নিকট হতে নির্ধারিত ফরমে আবেদন আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। আবেদনকারীকে অবশ্যই বাংলাদেশি নাগরিক হতে হবে।

আগ্রহী প্রার্থীগণ শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয়ের ওয়েবসাইট [www.moind.gov.bd](http://www.moind.gov.bd) হতে আবেদন ফরম সংগ্রহ করে ফরমে প্রদত্ত তথ্যের স্বপক্ষে প্রমাণকসমূহ সংযুক্তপূর্বক বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের ৩০ (ত্রিশ) দিনের মধ্যে অফিস চলাকালে মন্ত্রণালয়ের বিএসটিআই ও বিএসইসি শাখায় (কক্ষ নং-৫৩২) জমা দিতে হবে। নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ের পরে কোন আবেদন গ্রহণ করা হবে না। অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদন বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

সিআইপি (শিল্প) নির্বাচন নীতিমালা-২০১৪ অনুযায়ী শেয়ার কেলেংকারির সাথে জড়িত, ঋণখেলাপি, করখেলাপি, ফৌজদারি মামলায় সাজাপ্রাপ্ত এবং সাজা ভোগের পর পাঁচ বছর অতিবাহিত হয়নি এমন কোন ব্যক্তি; বিগত পাঁচ বছরের মধ্যে কোন শিল্প প্রতিষ্ঠানকে যদি সরকারের রাজস্ব ফাঁকির কোন ঘটনায় জরিমানা করা হয়, তাহলে উক্ত প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রতিনিধি এবং কোন শিল্প প্রতিষ্ঠানের বেতনভুক্ত কর্মকর্তা সিআইপি (শিল্প) নির্বাচনের লক্ষ্যে আবেদন করতে পারবেন না।

আবেদনকারীকে অবশ্যই "সিআইপি (শিল্প) নির্বাচন নীতিমালা-২০১৪" ও "জাতীয় শিল্পনীতি-২০১৬" অনুসরণ করতে হবে। এ ক্ষেত্রে কোনো ব্যত্যয় ঘটলে আবেদন বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

আবেদনপত্রে কোন মিথ্যা বা অসত্য তথ্য প্রদান করলে আবেদনকারী পরবর্তী ৩ (তিন) বছর সিআইপি (শিল্প) নির্বাচনের জন্য আবেদন করতে পারবেন না।

আবেদনপত্র জমা দেয়ার সময় অবশ্যই স্বাক্ষরবিধি অনুসরণ করতে হবে।

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## Poacher jailed, 32 dead birds seized

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Members of Forest and Nature Conservation Department in a drive detained four people, including three minor boys, and seized at least 32 dead birds from them in Habiganj's Chunarughat upazila on Monday evening.

A mobile court later sentenced the adult bird hunter, out of the four, to one month imprisonment under Wildlife Conservation Act, Chunarughat Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Satyajit Ray Das said.

The convict, Siddique Ali, 31, is a resident of Chandpur area in the upazila.

However, the three minor poachers were released upon giving an undertaking that they would never involve in such illegal activities in future, he added.

UNO Satyajit said officials of Chunarughat Forest and Nature Conservation Department detained the four when Siddique Ali and the three minor boys were taking the dead birds in Chandpur Tea Garden for sale.