

Employees of Nagarkanda municipality in Faridpur has been working in the risky rented building for years amid risk. *Below*, plaster came off the ceiling of the old building.

NAGARKANDA MUNICIPALITY

Working for years at risky rented building

SUZIT KUMAR DAS, Faridpur

As Nagarkanda municipality has no building of its own since its establishment in 1999, the municipality has been running its activities in a decrepit rented house for years amid risk.

Meanwhile, there should have been 72 staffers in the municipality but it is now running with only eight permanent and 10 temporary employees. As a result, people of the municipality have been deprived of getting proper service.

Nagarkanda municipality was formed in 1999, comprising nine wards from Nagarkanda and Laskardia unions, which is covering the area of 7.58 square km.

The then LGED and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman laid its foundation stone on February 19 in 1999, but the municipality has no building of its own till now, said sources at the municipality.

The activities of the municipality started in a monthly rented one-storey building of Faridpur Zilla Parishad. At the beginning the municipality paid rent for three years. After



that, no money has been paid for the rented house in the last 18 years.

On a recent visit, this correspondent found the mayor alone with four employees of the municipality working in the risky building. The rod in the front part of the building was seen. Cracks developed in different places of the building. With plasters falling off the walls and ceilings, the building now gives a pitiable look. Malay Kanti Biswas, 19, a new voter of the municipality, said they have to wait for long to get any service due to lack of manpower at the municipality.

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Sajita Biswas, 22, a resident of Modhajagdia area in the municipality, said as the area's drainage system is very poor, the whole area goes under water due to heavy rains during monsoon.

Mizan Babu, a resident of the municipality, said they have been deprived of getting proper service for the last two decades due to manpower crisis at the municipality.

Nimay Sarkar, acting mayor of the municipality, said they want to give all kind of service to the citizens of the municipality, but they cannot do it due to manpower shortage.

They have already bought 52 decimals of land for construction of the municipality building, he said.

Sarkar hopes that two years after construction of the building, they can shift there.

Rockmelon lands in Gournadi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

After three unsuccessful bids, a young man has succeeded in growing rockmelon at his farm in Gournadi upazila.

Rockmelon or cantaloupe is a popular fruit in western countries. It is known as Sammam in parts of the Middle East.

The fruit looks unattractive on the outside. But on the inside, it is packed with beta-carotene, vitamin C, folate and many other nutrients.

Farm owner Mujibur Rahman Biplob, a resident of Basudebpara village in the upazila, was introduced to the fruit during his long stay in Dubai of the UAE. Ever since Mujibur came home in 2013, he had been trying his luck on growing rockmelon in his village, besides running a sanitary ware store in the area. But he failed not just once -- three consecutive times.

The failures, however, could not dissuade him from his passion for farming. Nine months ago, he spent Tk 6 lakh to set up a modern agricultural farm on 40 decimals of his land in the village, under Mahilara union.

In the middle of the farm, he made a rectangular pond for cultivation of local

fish. He installed bamboo frames around and above the pond for rockmelon and bottle gourd vines. He also planted over 100 malta saplings throughout the rest of the farm.

Mujibur collected two varieties of rockmelon seeds from Chuadanga and Siddique Bazar in Dhaka. About 230 of the plants have started to bear fruits, weighing between 500 and 1,500 grams.

The hard work and investment has finally started to pay off and he hopes to earn about Tk 2 lakh from sales of rockmelon, at Tk 150 each kilogram, Mujibur said.

He saw 13 different delectable varieties of rockmelon in Dubai, but the varieties grown in his farm are also sweet and juicy, he added.

Sirajul Islam, former deputy assistant agriculture officer at Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in Mahilara union, said successful agricultural initiatives such as Mujibur's will surely draw others towards the sector.

Mamunar Rashid, agriculture officer of DAE in Gournadi upazila, said Mujibur's fruit farm bears the proof that fruit farms can be profitable in the area.



Rockmelon or cantaloupe, whatever one may call it, the scrumptious fruit is now being grown at a farm in Basudebpara village of Barisal's Gournadi upazila.

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Ref No. 28.11.0000.551.31.001.20 Dated: 17.11.2020							At least 20 people were	1197		निग्रदाखि	011314	
01.	Ministry/Divisio	Ministry/Division : Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources & Mineral Resources Division.			neral Resources/Energy	injured in a clash between						
02. 03.	Agency : Petrobangla. Procuring entity name : Bakhrabad Gas Distribution Company Limited (BGDCL).			two groups of villagers allegedly over grabbing of	of । (୮୮-এ২১.৬/মান্ডাস/পোন্ড আজুয়েচ ডিপ্লোমা ২ন ডিজান্ডার ম্যানেজমেন্ড প্রোঘাম)							
03.	Procuring entity district : Cumilla, Bangladesh.				party cirriled (DODOC).	a Eidgah land in Rajbari's						
04.	Invitation for : Procurement of 130 Nos. Turbine Gas Meter (120 Nos. with EVC and 10 Nos. without EVC).					Baliakandi upazila yesterday.	anakandi upazira upazira begini ইন ডিজাস্টার ম্যানেজমেন্ট প্রোগ্রামে ছাত্র-ছাত্রী ভর্তির জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত শর্তে বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে অনলাইর্বে					
06.	Invitation Ref.	Invitation Ref. No. : 28.11.0000.551.31.001.20					Of the injured, 15 are					
07.	Date : 17.11.2020						undergoing treatment at Baliakandi Upazila Health					
KEY IN	EY INFORMATION						Complex while five others					
08.	Procurement method : Open Tendering Method (One Stage Two Er Tendering Procedure). Budget and source of funds : BGDCL's own fund.				Stage Two Envelope	took primary treatment, Senior Stuff Nurse Rabeya	ইঞ্জি./এম.ইঞ্জি./এম.এস-সি/মাস্টার্স ডিগ্রী বা এর সমতূল্য ডিগ্রীতে সম্ভোষজনক ফলাফল থাকতে হবে।					
09.	Budget and so	Budget and source of funds :					Khatun said.					
10.	Time limit to selling tender : document			From 25.11.2020 to 17.01.2021 during office hours.			Locals said there had been a longstanding feud	হতে বি.এস-সি ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং ডিগ্রী বা সমতূল্য ডিগ্রীতে কমপক্ষে CGPA 2.65 (Out of 4.00) এবং এস.এস-সি. ও এইচ.এস-সি. তে GPA 3.50 (Out of 5.00) থাকতে হবে।				
11.	Tender last selling date :		: '	: 17.01.2021			between one Barek Biswas		(গ) এম.এস-সি (ডিএম)/ পিজিডি (ডিএমএস) প্রোহ্রামে ভর্তির জন্য প্রার্থীর অবশ্যই কোন স্বীকৃত শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান/বিশ্ববিদ্য			
				Date	Time		and Abdul Hai Mandal of		৪ বছরের বি.এস-সি (অনার্স)/ ৩ বছরের বি.এস-সি (অনা	সি (অনার্স)/ ৩ বছরের বি.এস-সি (অনার্স) সহ এম.এস-সি/বিইউআরপি/আর্কিটেকচার ডিগ্রী বা এর সমতূল্য		
12.		ender receiving date & time :		8.01.2021	12.00 Noo	n	Chasabila village under		ডিগ্রীতে কমপক্ষে CGPA 2.65 (Out of 4.00) এবং	এস এস সি. ও এইচ এস-সি	(5 GPA 3 50 (Out of 5 00)	
13.		nder opening date & time : 18.01.2021 12.15pm			Narua union over grabbing	থাকতে হবে ৷						
14.	Name & address of the office(s) : -Selling tender documents : Receiving tender documents :			 Tender documents will be available in the following offices of BGDCL during office hours: a) Accounts Department, Head Office, Chapapur, Cumilla, Bangladesh. b) Liaison office of BGDCL, 10th Floor, Petro Centre, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh. Purchase Department, Bakhrabad Gas Distribution 			of a portion of Chasabila Eidgah. Besides, Chasabila		(৩) এম. (ডিএম)/ পিজিডি (ডিএম) প্রোগ্রামে ভর্তির জন্য প্রার্থী	ম ভর্তির জন্য প্রাথীর কোন স্বীকৃত শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান/বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হতে সামাজিক বিজ্ঞান, াষয়ে ৪ বছরের ব্যাচেলর অব অনার্স/৩ বছরের ব্যাচেলর অব অনার্সসহ মাস্টার্স ডিগ্রী বা		
							Eidgah was built on 44 decimals of land, donated by Barek's grandfather long	nd, donated dfather long of 5.00) शांकरू रदा।				
15.							ago.	21	ভর্তি সংক্রান্ত সময় সুচীঃ			
10.				Company Limited, Head Office, Chapapur, Cumilla, Bangladesh.			Of the 44 decimals, Hai forcibly occupied three		ক) আবেদন ফরম অনলাইনে Submission শুরু		k/>>/২০২০ইং	
16.	Opening tender documents :			: Purchase Department, Bakhrabad Gas Distribution Company Limited, Head Office, Chapapur, Cumilla,			decimals of land adjacent		আবেদন ফরম অনলাইনে Submission শেষ	גל	৯/১২/২০২০ইং	
10.							to his house.		খ) যোগ্য প্রার্থীদের তালিকা প্রকাশ	23	2/22/202028	
	Bangladesh.				o, onapapan, oanna,	On Saturday afternoon,		গ) ভর্তির পরীক্ষার তারিখ	36	3/22/202022		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER							Barek and Hai locked into		ঘ) ভর্তি পরীক্ষার ফলাফল প্রকাশ		م/٤٤/٤٥٤٥ کاراند کاران کاراند کاراند کاراند کاراند کاراند کاراند کاران کاراند کارم کاراند کاراند کاراند کاراند کاراند کاراند کاراند کاراند کاران کاران کاران کاراند کاران کاران کاران کا کاراند کاراند کاران کاران کا کاراند کاران کاران کار کاران کاران کاران کار کاران	
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				with at least 3 (three) Nos. end user certificate must be submitted along with the tender.			both sides injured.	 (ii) শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সকল মূল/প্রভিশনাল সার্টিফিকেট এর Scan কপি। 				
18.	Brief description of goods : 130 Nos. Turbine Gas Meter (120 Nos. with EVC and 10					0 Nos. with EVC and 10	Contacted, Barek said				দেখার মধ্যে Unload করচন রাগ নলে	
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19.	Price of tender document :			: US\$ 60.00 or Tk 5,000.00 (non-refundable).			the Eidgah land years ago	আবেদনপত্র অসম্পূর্ণ বলে গণ্য হবে।				
20.	Lot No.	Identification of lot Tender security Delivery schedule amount			and when villagers want him to free the land he denied to do so							
	Single Lot Turbine Gas Meter			US\$ 9,180.00 or, 90 (ninety) days from Euro 7,560.00 or, Tk the date of receipt of 7.80.000.00 Letter of Credit		denied to do so. Meanwhile, Hai said villagers orally gave me		Assistantship) এর জন্য আবেদন করতে পারবে। সেক্ষেত্রে ধ				
PROCL	PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS						the three 3 decimals of the		এ্যাসিস্ট্যান্টশীপ ফরম সংগ্রহ করতে হবে।			
21.	Name & designation of Md.			d. Enamul Karim Chowdhury, Deputy General Manager urchase).			his seven decimals of land	৬। ভর্তি সম্পর্কিত সকল তথ্যের জন্য পি-এইচ.ডি/মাস্টার্স প্রোগ্রামের ক্ষেত্রে জনাব স্বর্ণা বিনতে কাদির, কোর্স কো-ওর্ডিনেটর (swarna@idm.kuet.ac.bd; +8801710017852) এবং পিজিডি প্রোগ্রামের ক্ষেত্রে জনাব মোঃ হাসিবুল হাসান, কোর্স কো- ওর্ডিনেটর (hasibce08@idm.kuet.ac.bd; +8801757650043) এর সাথে অফিস চলাকালীন (সকাল ৯-০০ থেকে বিকাল ৫- ০০ টা পর্যন্তা যোগাযোগ করা যাবে।				
22.	inviting tender Distr Mob			puty General Manager (Purchase), Bakhrabad Gas tribution Company Limited, Chapapur, Cumilla, Bangladesh. bile: 01770791412, e-mail: dgm_purchase@bgdcl.gov.bd			about 27 years ago. Now Barek along with some of the villages want the					
23.	Special instructions : a) As the tender is one stage two envelope system, should submit their Technical Proposal and Financial separate envelopes. b) BGDCL reserves the right to accept or reject any or without assigning any reason whatsoever.				nd Financial Proposal in reject any or all tenders	land back which triggered the clash, he added. Tarekuzzaman, OC of Baliakandi Police Station said, being informed, they	which triggered he added. zaman, OC of Police Station g informed, they					
GD-185	9						went to the spot and brought the situation under control.	GD-18	360			
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