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Cost-effective technology for stronger, safer houses evolved

By Mizan Ali

Researchers have developed a new and cost-effective technology to build stronger and safer houses for the rural poor.

Such houses would be built with pre-built concrete pillars and posts which are hollow from inside and one inch thick concrete slabs, which can sustain the challenge of unfriendly weather condition and demand of the rural poor, said Mohibul Majid, a renowned engineer of the country.

With the help of this technology, the Grameen Bank took up an experimental project of constructing houses on homestead land of four female members from May 1994, in Gazipur.

At the experimental level the cost for one such house with 180 square feet area

came at Taka 25,740. The cost however, will go down marginally when the technology is popularised, he said.

The idea is to introduce low cost houses by utilising the commonly available materials ensuring maximum safety, instead of traditional bamboo, timber, bamboo fencing and CI roofing by engaging poor village women, he added.

According to a comparative analysis of low cost housing projects, most of the firms are applying the traditional method mostly using CI roofing and bamboo fencing.

The corrugated iron sheet, tin roof in common parlance is the most popular roofing material in Bangladesh. According to a research report of Centre for Urban

Studies there is an increasing tendency to use corrugated iron sheet in the roof casing.

The study also found that most of the houses are built on temporary basis. The housing materials were found to be not very durable and were unsafe.

Over 20 per cent of the houses use mud wall and over 65 per cent use bamboo, reeds or leaves for wall in rural Bangladesh. It is also common to find weak wall materials such as thatching grass and stick. These material are also used in combination with mud plaster, it pointed out.

It may be recalled that in the devastating floods of 1987 about 800,000 houses were damaged completely and 1,200,000 houses were

damaged partially. Similar colossal destruction of houses took place during the 1988 flood and April 1991 cyclone and the recent floods of 1995.

During the storms and floods, houses built in traditional method become the worst victims and the corrugated iron sheets used in these houses fly like a sheet of paper and cut all living things into ghastly dead, Majid pointed out.

People indigenised the technology to meet the demand of the locals elsewhere in the world said Majid adding, Japan coped with its earthquakes by not attempting to reduce their incidence but by going for quake proof housing - with RCC piles going deep into the earth and all the walls made of paper.

Withdrawal of restriction BJA hails govt decision on raw jute export

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Jute Association (BJA) Chairman Prof. Rezaul Karim Tuesday hailed the government's decision of withdrawal of temporary ban on the export of raw jute through land route.

In a statement he said that with the withdrawal of this restriction jute-growers would get remunerative price as well as the exporters of raw jute would be able to sell their raw jute all over the world at the competitive price.

In this regard, he mentioned that a vested circle was trying to re-impose the restriction on raw jute export from Bangladesh.

He said such a restriction during 1984-85 had caused serious damage to the several hundred traders and exporters of raw jute.

Some of them were compelled to go out of the trade and indebted to the bank and still bearing consequences, BJA chairman maintained.



Poush Mela began at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel yesterday in observance of Tourism Month. — Star photo



New MD of Central Insurance

A B M Nurul Kabir joined Central Insurance Company Ltd. recently as its Managing Director, says a press release.

Prior to this present assignment, he served Rupali Insurance Company Ltd. as Managing Director (Acting).

Kabir started his career in 1963 in the then Adamjee Insurance Company Ltd. and worked there in different capacities and finally after its merger in the government owned corporation, he became its DGM in 1986 and continued till January, 1987, as in-charge of the development division.

In 1987, he joined Janata Insurance Company Ltd. in the rank of Executive Vice-president as in-charge of its Chittagong zone.

Weekly tea sale in Ctg shows upward trend

CHITTAGONG, Dec 6: The weekly tea sale, held here on Tuesday, witnessed an upward trend practically for all teas, good liquering types, in particular, which were much dearer in the market following competition from interested buyers including major blenders.

Market sources said Poland, Russia, Jordan and Sudan accounted for the bulk of the broken grades except for the smaller types.

CTC: Bold and large broken were fully from the market and with the progress of sale tended slightly dearer.

Medium broken were generally of a dearer market and appreciated by Tk 1-2 while smaller broken remained with a much stronger market. The smaller, however, advanced by Tk 2-3 following quality.

Also popular types were stronger which attracted keen competition having dearer position by Tk 3-4 selling between 53.50 and Tk 57.00.

Primary Fannings were in greater demand advancing initially by Tk 1-2 over last but as the sale progressed, prices were dearer after by Tk 2-3, particularly, for the better liquering types.

Popular types were also a stronger feature selling between Tk 54 and Tk 61.

Green Tea: Some 210 chests on offer met with a good demand. FYH sold between Tk 60.50 and Tk 64. YH sold at Tk 48 and HYSO sold between Tk 50 and Tk 52.70.

Dust: 2,251 chests, 20 bags and 685 yunny sacks on offer met with a better demand at dearer rates. Good liquering types were well competed for and were Tk 1 to 1.50 dearer while the medium varieties advanced by upto Tk 2. Small and powderly types continued to receive good support. Internal buyers particularly the blenders were active.

There were total 18,168 chests were on offer for auction. The next sale will be held on December 12.

Bank of England fellowships

The trustees of the Bank of England are offering fellowships for one year post-graduation courses in the fields of banking, debt management, financial administration or a related subject, says a press release.

They are open to Bangladeshi nationals who are working in the field of banking and the finance, preferably in central or private banking.

Interested individuals or institutions may contact Monira Sultana, Exchanges officer, The British Council, 5 Fuller Road, Dhaka to obtain the details, the press release added.

The closing date for applications is January 10, 1996.

BSRS earns Tk 6.03 cr profit in '94-95 FY

Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha (BSRS) has earned a net profit of Taka 6.03 crore during financial year 1994-95 which is 200 per cent higher compared to the net profit earned during the previous financial year, reports BSS.

This was revealed at the meeting of the Board of Directors of BSRS held yesterday at its head office with ANM Yusuf, Chairman, BSRS Board of Directors and Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister's office.

The meeting was also informed that during financial year 1994-95 BSRS recovered from its projects a total of Taka 52 crore which is highest ever recovery by the Sangstha in a single financial year since inception.

The Sangstha has obtained formal permission of the government to operate as a fulfilled Development Financing Institution (DFI) by resuming its lending to new industrial projects and start commercial banking operation as well and lending to new projects.

Workshop on shrimp held in Lalmonirhat

LALMONIRHAT, Dec 6: A workshop on "shrimp and other species of fish culture" was held in the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner here on Thursday, reports UNB.

Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank ABM Mahbulul Amin Khan attended the workshop as chief guest which was presided over by DC Kazi Farid Ahmed.

Executive Director of Bangladesh Bank Hori Narayan Majumder, General Manager MA Salam, Deputy Director Mizanur Rahman, General Manager, Rangpur, Hassan Siddiqui, General Manager of Sonali Bank, Rajshahi, Yunus Ali Hawlader and Chief Scientific Officer of Fisheries Research Institute, Mymensingh, Dr MG Hossain spoke on the occasion.

All UP chairmen of Lalmonirhat, officials of commercial banks and NGOs, journalists and district and thana level officials took part in the workshop, jointly organised by Bangladesh Bank and Asia Development Bank.

Speakers in the workshop discussed in detail about the modern methods of shrimp and other species of fish culture.

Call to conduct independent analysis of losses due to negative factors

By Staff Correspondent

Prof Anisur Rahman, former President of Bangladesh Economic Association, has called upon the economists of the country to conduct an independent analysis of the losses due to negative factors in our society like terrorism, bribery, harassment, toll collection etc.

"There has been a sharp rise in these activities over the very nose of the law-enforcing agencies," he said on Tuesday at the concluding session of the one-day seminar on the 'current macro-economic and sectoral trends in the Bangladesh economy', held at the Conference Room of the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council.

Underscoring the need for becoming increasingly associated with the people of the society he said, if they do not consider this serious trend from economic point of view, economists of the country would completely isolate themselves from the society.

"We are speaking of the national growth in our country being 5 or 6 per cent but if we can collect the figure of losses due to *mastani* culture,



Imtiyaz Husain

New executives of DSE council

The first meeting of the newly elected council was held yesterday, says a press release.

The council unanimously elected Imtiyaz Husain, Chairman, Ahmed Iqbal Hasan, Vice Chairman and Md Shahiq Khan, Honorary General Secretary respectively, for the year 1995-97.

Imtiyaz Husain, Chairman, started his career in the Investment Corporation of Pakistan in 1967 after an intensive training in investment banking.

He has been a member of DSE since 1980. He was the councillor of DSE during 1986-89 and Vice Chairman during 1993-95.

Husain is also a Director of the Regent Moulou Fund, Grand Caymans. He is a Trustee of the Bangladesh Probondhni Foundation.

Ahmed Iqbal Hasan, Vice Chairman is a well known businessman. He has been very active in stock market operations. He was elected a Commissioner of Dhaka Municipal Corporation for the year, 1977-82. He is the current Managing Director of ARAFA Accessories Industries Ltd. and the Managing Partner of Pacific Securities Company.

He is a founder member of the Abahoni Krira Chakra. He is also a founder President of East Bengal Club.

Md Shahiq Khan, Honorary General Secretary, has been an active member of the DSE since 1980. He was first elected councillor for the year 1984-89. He was the Honorary General Secretary for the year 1986.

Dhaka trade fair in Bhutan ends

A four-day long Bangladesh single country Fair '95 at Mongar, Bhutan ended on November 30, an Export Promotion Bureau press release said here yesterday, reports BSS.

The fair was organised by Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Export Promotion Bureau organised participation of three companies from Bangladesh to the fair.

The items exhibited in the fair included melamine products, toiletries, jute carpet, readymade garments, biscuits and some items of drink produced in Bangladesh.

Salman off to Kathmandu

Salman F Rahman, President of FBCCI and SAARO Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), left Dhaka yesterday evening to attend the 10th anniversary celebration of SAARC Secretariat at Kathmandu, Nepal on December 7-8, 1995, says a press release.

During the visit he will call on Prime Minister, Finance Minister and Foreign Minister of Nepal.

It will probably be seen that there is no growth at all, Anisur Rahman told the seminar which was presided over by Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud.

He urged the donors not to provide any assistance to projects not being equally participated by local funds.

Prof. Rehman Sobhan, Dr Salah Uddin Ahmed and Gollam Kibria also took part in the discussion.

Rehman Sobhan said that the main cause of the development of *mastani* culture in our society due to lack of job opportunities.

Although, the economic trends of the country was never reviewed earlier like this year, he stressed more in-depth analysis for the betterment of the country.

Dr Salah Uddin Ahmed stressed the need for development of quality of the products. "If we can make better quality products, we would be able to sell it everywhere in this free market atmosphere", he said.

He regretted the fact that there was drastic collapse in the quality of Bangladesh products. "Unless we improve our manufacturing capacity, we would not be able to survive in future competitive markets," he pointed out.

Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud said the Bangladesh Economic Association would continue to analyse the economic trends of the country as much as possible. Government could not provide sufficient statistics of the economic changes which affected the research process, he lamented.

Bangladeshi trade show opens in Kuwait

KUWAIT, Dec 6: An exclusive Bangladeshi trade show styled "focus on Bangladesh" opened for the first time in Kuwait on December 4, reports BSS.

The trade show was inaugurated by the Kuwaiti Under Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Rashid Al-Mejrin, and the Bangladesh Ambassador to Kuwait M Ruhul Amin.

The trade show has been staged to improve trade relations between Kuwait and Bangladesh.

The exhibition also aims at creating a market for Bangladeshi products by discovering the needs and preferences of the buyers, and responding to the same by customizing merchandise accordingly.

Visitors had an opportunity to find a wide range of traditional and non-traditional products exhibited in-

cluding jute goods, knit wear, ceramics, textiles, leather goods, artificial flowers, pharmaceuticals, handicrafts, tea, towel, ready-made garments and brass items.

Bangladeshi exports to Kuwait include frozen foods, agricultural products tea, leather, knit wear and ready-made garments.

The exhibition was sponsored by the Export Promotion Bureau of Bangladesh and the Bangladesh Embassy in Kuwait. The exhibition is designed to fortify existing trade ties and open newer business opportunities between Kuwait and Bangladesh.

A special supplement was also published in the widely circulated English daily The Arab Times to commemorate the event. It contained articles relating to Bangladesh exports and economy in general.

MCB opens branch in Ctg

The second branch of Muslim Commercial Bank Ltd (MCB) in Bangladesh was opened at 7, Sheikh Mujib Road, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong on Monday, says a press release yesterday.

The President of MCB Husain Lawai inaugurated the branch at a simple ceremony held at the branch premises which was attended among others, by Mohammad Aleemuddin, Senior Executive Vice-President, Hadi Ali Khan, Executive Vice-President and Country General Manager of MCB in Bangladesh.

MCB's first branch in Bangladesh was opened in Dhaka in September, 1994.

MCB is the largest commercial bank in the private sector in Pakistan, having net assets of nearly 4.00 billion US dollars and deposits of three billion US dollars.



Shahjahan Siraj, State Minister for Shipping, seen discussing port situation with the port-users and representatives of different organisations in the CPA conference room, Chittagong on Sunday. Waliul Islam, Shipping Secretary, Md. Rezaul Karim, Senior Vice-Chairman and M R Ali, Chairman of Shippers' Council of Bangladesh are also seen in the picture.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
 নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়
 স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তর
 ৪৬/৪৭, জনসন রোড, ঢাকা।

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পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-১২/৯৫-৯৬

স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তরের অধীন ঢাকা জেলায় ১৯৯৫-৯৬ অর্থ বৎসরে পৃথীত সযুক্ত "প্রকল্প তালিকা" বর্ণিত প্রকল্পের কাজ বাস্তবায়নের জন্য স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তরের ১৯৯৫-৯৬ অর্থ বৎসরের নবায়নকৃত/তালিকাভুক্ত বিশেষ শ্রেণী ও উহার আওতাধীন সকল প্রকল্পের পূর্বসংগত সপ্তম টিকাদার/টিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং-২৯১১ এ নীলমেরুকৃত বামে দফাওয়ারী দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

- ১। দরপত্র দাখিলাদি ক্রমের স্থান : ক) তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী (রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ), স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তর, ৪/৫, লালমারিয়া, রক-বি, ঢাকা-১২০৭ এর দপ্তর।
খ) নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, এলজিইডি, জেলা-ঢাকা/নাঃ গঞ্জ/মুন্সীপাল/মনিপাল/নরসিংদী/গাজিপুর এর দপ্তর।
- ২। দরপত্র সমূহ দাখিলের স্থান : ১নং ক্রমিক উল্লেখিত স্থান সমূহ ও ঢাকা জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়।
- ৩। দরপত্র দাখিলাদি ক্রমের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় : তারিখঃ ১৯-১২-৯৫ ইং ৫-৯-১৪০২বাং (অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত)
- ৪। দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময় : তারিখঃ ২০-১২-৯৫ইং ৬-৯-১৪০২বাং (বেলা ১:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত)
- ৫। দরপত্র বাতিলের তারিখ ও সময় : তারিখঃ ২০-১২-৯৫ইং ৬-৯-১৪০২বাং (বেলা ১:০০ মিনিট) উপস্থিত দরদাতাদের (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) সম্মুখে।
- ৬। বিশেষ শর্তাবলী:
 - ক) দরপত্র ক্রমের সময় টিকাদার বা ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত ব্যক্তিকে অবশ্যই ১৫-৯৬ অর্থ বৎসরের টিকাদারী তালিকাভুক্ত নবায়নের কাগজপত্র এবং ভাট নিবন্ধনের সনদপত্র দেখাইতে হইবে।
 - খ) দরপত্রদাতাকে নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, এলজিইডি, ঢাকা এর অনুমোদিত দরপত্রে উদ্ধৃত মোট মূল্যের ২ ½% শতকরা আড়াই ভাগ হারে আমানত আকারে অগ্রিম জামানত যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংকের ব্যাক ডাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে দরপত্রের সহিত দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
 - গ) দরপত্র দাখিলপত্রকে দফাওয়ারী দর বিশেষণ সহ দরপত্রের নির্ধারিত স্থানে কন্ঠায় এবং অত্র দফাওয়ারী দর অবশ্যই উল্লেখ করিতে হইবে।
 - ঘ) কাজের দফাওয়ারী প্রতিটি পর্যায়ের সময়সীমা উল্লেখপূর্বক ওয়ার্ক সিডিউল দরপত্রের সহিত অবশ্যই দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
 - ঙ) সরকারী নিয়মানুযায়ী মূল্য সন্মোজন কর (ভ্যাট) এর নিবন্ধন পত্রের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি দরপত্রের সহিত অবশ্যই দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
 - চ) দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণকারী টিকাদারগণকে বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী/নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী কর্তৃক প্রি-কাল/কাট ইন-সিট পাইল দ্বারা কাজ নির্দেশের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র দরপত্রের সহিত অবশ্যই দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
 - ছ) ডাকযোগে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে না এবং দরপত্র দাখিলের দিন কোন দরপত্র বিক্রয় করা হইবে না।
 - জ) উপরোক্ত বিষয়ের যে কোন একটি দরপত্রের সহিত দাখিল না করিলে দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।
 - ঝ) কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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১।	উত্তরা ১০নং সেক্টর এবং ১১নং সেক্টরের এর মধ্যবর্তী স্থানে ছুরাগ নদীর উপর ৩৭.০০ মিঃ প্রি-স্ট্রেস ব্রিজ নির্মাণ	উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ১০০০/-	৩৬৫ দিন	৩৬৫ দিন	পূর্ব যোগ্যতা বিশেষ শ্রেণী।

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