

Three cheers for Dinajpur Amena-Baki School

Rural institution tops list of best 20

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Amena-Baki Residential Model School, a school in a rural area of Chirirbandar upazila under the district, topped the list of best 20 schools according to this year's Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations under Secondary and High Secondary Education Board, Dinajpur.

All the 79 students who appeared at the SSC examinations from the school this year secured GPA-5.

During a visit to the school yesterday, this correspondent found the students celebrating their

achievement. Many of them were dancing and singing in joy.

A festive mode also prevailed in the upazila as the locals are proud of the great achievement, being the first of this kind for a school in the upazila.

"We are really happy as a school of Chirirbandar upazila got the rare achievement," said Md Delwar Hossain Badsha, a teacher of Chirirbandar Upazila Pilot High School.

"We had a vision and this is now a reality," said Mizanur Rahman, principal of Amena-Baki Residential Model School.

Prof Dr M Amzad

Hossain, a freedom fighter of the district and a renowned orthopaedic surgeon of the country, founded the school after his mother's name in 2000 with his personal initiatives with a vision to provide quality education to the rural children of his area.

Taking part in the SSC examinations first in 2007, the school has continued doing good results in the SSC examinations.

"Success of this institution proves that if there is specific goal and proper efforts for it, any institution at any place can do good result," said Dr Amzad Hossain, founder of the school.

Pass rate, GPA 5 achievers up Girls do a little better

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Both the pass rate and number of GPA-5 achievers in this year's SSC examinations under Secondary and High Secondary Education Board, Dinajpur, has increased compared to last year's.

A total of 1,01,946 examinees sat for the SSC examinations under the board this year from 2,455 schools in eight districts of Rangpur division and 91,860

of them passed, board sources said.

The pass rate is 90.60, which is 3.44 percent higher than that of last year.

A total of 8,186 examinees got highest the GPA-5, which is 755 higher than last year's.

Meanwhile, girls for the first time outshined boys in the SSC examinations under Dinajpur education board.

Pass rates of girls and boys are 90.62 per cent and 90.58 per cent respectively.

Cent percent success for 143 schools under Barisal Board

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
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One hundred and forty-three schools among 1,295 came out cent percent successful in this year's Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations under Barisal Education Board (BEB).

Earlier, 121 schools achieved cent percent pass rate last year while 49 in the previous year.

The schools that achieved

cent percent success this year include 52 in Barisal district, 32 in Pirojpur, 28 in Patuakhali, 13 in Barguna, 11 in Bhola and seven in Jhalakathi districts.

More than fifty percent students passed in 1,129 schools under BEB, board sources said.

However, only eight of 143 schools topped the list of 20 best institutions in the examinations with cent percent pass rate.

On the other hand, the urban schools rarely allow this, he said.

Except for Barisal Cadet

College and Barisal Government Girls School, none of the schools could obtain cent percent pass rate.

Amzad Hossain, headmaster of Halima Khatun Girls School in the city, observed that rural schools scored cent percent pass rate as those institutions ignored adaptation of unfair means.

On the other hand, the urban schools rarely allow this, he said.

Tomatoes rot due to hartals Growers sell them at throwaway prices

KONGKON KARMAKER,
Dinajpur

Summer tomato in the district is selling at throwaway prices, much to the frustration of growers.

The situation has arisen as the popular vegetable has huge supply but much less buyers amid transport problem due to political chaos and frequent hartal across the country.

Lack of storage facility for the highly perishable item

adds to the problem.

During a visit to different markets during the last few days, this correspondent saw the popular vegetable selling for as low as Tk 80 to 90 per 40kg.

Last year 40kg of tomato sold for Tk 600 to Tk 800, depending on its quality and size, said local growers.

Many tomato farmers left their produce on the field or threw it into the river as the market price of the item

would hardly cover even the carrying cost.

Summer tomato started arriving at local markets in last month.

"We had hoped to get good profit but the drastic fall of price finally dashed our hopes," said Kader Mia, a summer tomato grower of Gabura village in Dinajpur Sadar upazila.

"We have to pluck tomato and sell it hurriedly to prevent its rotting during the

ongoing hot weather. If a cold storage is set up for preserving the item it would be of great help to us," said Rafiqul Islam, a grower of Kawaon village in Dinajpur Sadar upazila.

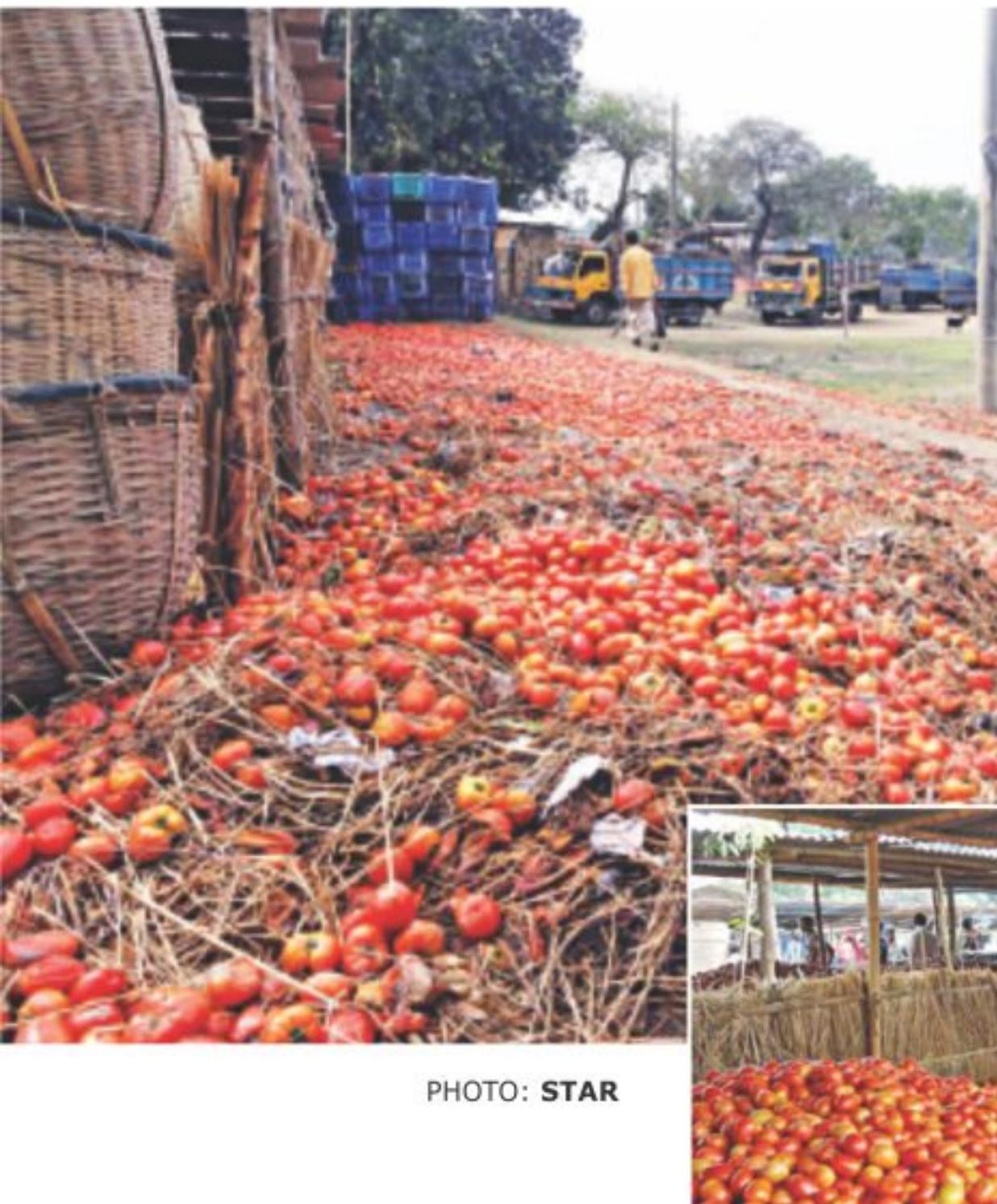
Sources at the Department of Agriculture Extension in Dinajpur said 1,613 hectares land in the district was brought under summer tomato farming to produce two lakh tonnes this season.

This time few buyers from different districts including Dhaka, Chittagong, Manikganj, Shariatpur, Comilla, Narayanganj, Sylhet, Mymensingh and Barisal come to buy tomatoes as there was transport problem due to political chaos and frequent hartal across the country, market sources said.

"Traders of my district are not interested to come to Dinajpur for buying tomato as truck drivers are demanding double the usual charge due to uncertainty on the way amid frequent hartal," said Md Kuddus Mia, a buyer from Shariatpur.

According to the farmers, Tk 80,000 to 1 lakh was spent for summer tomato farming on one acre of land that produced 30 to 40 tonnes of tomatoes.

"If we don't get fair price of our produce, we can't repay the loans taken for the purpose," said Kanu Mia of Rajarampur village in Dinajpur Sadar.



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SNAPSHOTS OF JUBILATION OVER SUCCESS



Highest GPA-5 achiever students of 1) Government Agragami Girls' High School in Sylhet, 2) Bogra Zila School, 3) Jessore Government Girls' High School, 4) Al-Amin Academy School and College in Chandpur, 5) Rajshahi Cadet College, 6) Satkhira Government High School, 7) Pabna Government Girls' School and 8) Thakurgaon Government Boys' High School rejoice in their glorious success after publication of their SSC results yesterday.

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