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Artisans make fancy designs on clothes at a house of Golahat in Saidpur upazila under Nilphamari district, amid high demand of such items at fashion houses ahead of the Eid-ul-Fitr, the biggest religious festival of the Muslims.

Women make fancy designs on clothes for Eid market

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

Several thousand women in about 15 remote villages of the district are busy making artistic fancy works on saris, scarves, blouses, chemises and other clothes supplied by garment houses of the capital and other cities to make them attractive and pricey in the ongoing Eid market.

Visiting different villages like Neyamatpur, Dhelapeer, Golahat of Saidpur upazila, Tengamari, Dundibari under Jaldhaka, Panchapukur, Kanial khata of Sadar upazila, this correspondent saw women and children of different families sitting at house yards making artistic designs on clothes.

They were doing works like embroidery, spangle and ornamental stitching using chumki, puti, jori, colour stones, lace etc.

Makers of these attractive designs, mostly widows and poor women, master the work through observation

and practice.

"Village women do design on saris and other dresses by setting colourful glittering stones with sewing work. Traders in the capital and other big cities make good profits by selling the attractive dresses," said Abdul Hye, owner of Fancy Karchupi House in Nilphamari.

Gul Naz, a fancy designer of Dhelapur village said she does the work after finishing domestic chores and her nine-year-old daughter helps her in the work.

The women artisans get Tk 500-Tk 700 as wage for making designs on a sari, Tk 200-300 for a scarf and Tk 100-Tk 150 for a blouse, according to designs.

The seasonal income that stands up to Tk 4000 per head enables them to buy new dresses for family members and arrange good food on the Eid day, said several artisans.

Garments traders in the capital usually sell designed saris for Tk 5,000

to Tk 30,000 per piece, making good profit, sources said.

Several local garment traders including owners of Ruma Fashion, Saudia Handicraft, Champa Karchupi House, and Pappu Fashion usually coordinate between Dhaka-based traders and village artisans in this work.

Every day new orders are coming from different places and more women are getting involved in this seasonal trade.

The handiwork provides employment to thousands of poor women but its progress is hampered due to availability of Indian dresses with machine made design, said Anwar Hossain, district unit president of 'Karu shilpi samobai samity'.

The government should take steps to stop massive smuggling of Indian saris to promote local products, he said.

Fake herbal medicine factory found, four arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A task force comprising police and civil administration unearthed a fake herbal medicine factory at Nischintapur in Thakurgaon municipality area on Wednesday and arrested four people in this connection.

The arrestees are Golam Mostafa, 60, his two sons Farhad Hossain, 35, and Sheikh Farid, 30, and Samrat, 22, a worker of the factory.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of task force, led by Executive Magistrate Lubna Farzana, raided the house of Mostafa in the area around 5:00 pm and unearthed the fake herbal factory.

They also seized huge amounts of substandard herbal vitamin syrups and capsules from the spot.

The team also found the factory producing herbal medicines in the name of Semco Pharma, Thakurgaon, Hikma Pharma, Narayanganj and Rapitec Pharma for long.

Police filed a case with Thakurgaon Police Station under Special Powers Act, accusing four people, said Officer-in-Charge AKM Mehedi Hasan.

In Bogra, a mobile court in Sonatola upazila of the district yesterday fined seven factories Tk 11000 each for producing vermicelli in an unhygienic environment.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer Habibur Rahman led the court, reports our correspondent.

Finding success in the sweetness of mangoes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Sikander Ali, 65, of Paschim Baniary village of Matibhangha union under Nazirpur upazila in the district has become successful in growing tasty mangoes at his orchard.

Though other farmers of the village did not take the risk of cultivating mango, damaging their paddy fields, Sikander took the risk alone.

"Four years back, I saw an excellent mango orchard at a village in Jessor and I was inspired to cultivate mango from then," Sikander said.

He prepared his 40 decimals of paddy field and planted 100 mango trees of different varieties collected from a nursery. Now they are full of mangoes.

"I got some mangoes from those trees one year after planting them, and production is gradually increasing every year," said Sikander.

"I always takes advice from us in cultivating vegetables and using fertiliser at his farmland," he added.



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Sikander Ali at his mango orchard at Pashchim Baniary village in Matibhangha union of Nazirpur upazila under Pirojpur district.

PETROL BOMB ATTACK ON BUS IN RANGPUR

Court frames charges against 132 Jamaat-Shibir men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

A Rangpur court on Wednesday framed charge against 132 leaders and activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir in a case for petrol bomb attack on a passenger bus in January this year.

The case was filed with

trial, which is expected to begin on July 22, court sources said.

On June 10, Sub-Inspector Md Nazrul Islam of Mithapukur Police Station, also the investigation officer of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the court.

Judicial Magistrate Md Shafiqul Alam sent the case to Rangpur District and Sessions Judge's Court for

Baset Marzan, a leader of the upazila unit of Jamaat and vice chairman of the upazila parishad, Md Hafizur Rahman, a former Shibir leader are among the accused.

SI Nazrul said Md Hafizur Rahman gave confessional statement before the court under Section 164. Of the accused, 49, including Md Hafizur Rahman, are now in jail while the remaining 83 are still at large.

Four people were killed and at least 20 others injured in the bomb attack on the passenger bus in Jaygirhat area during the countrywide non-stop blockade enforced by the BNP-led 20-party alliance.

Jamaat-Shibir men waylaid the Dhaka-bound bus of Khalil Special from Ulipur upazila in Kurigram district around 2:00am and hurled a petrol bomb at the vehicle, leaving four passengers dead on the spot and injuring 24 others.

Later, two passengers succumbed to their burn injuries at hospital.

Tornado damages 40 houses in Bagerhat

UNB, Bagerhat

At least 40 houses were damaged as a tornado lashed two villages in Rampal upazila of the district yesterday.

Locals said the tornado hit the villages at around 9:30am and lasted for several minutes.

At least 10 people of the villages sustained injuries as trees and corrugated iron (CI) sheets fell on them, said Rafiqul Islam Babu, chairman of Perukhali Union Parishad.

Deputy Commissioner Jahangir Alam said the upazila officials were sent to the tornado-hit villages to make a list of the affected people.



Habiganj Deputy Commissioner Sabina Alam releases fingerlings into a wetland in Baniachong upazila under the district, inaugurating an initiative of Brac's Integrated Development Programme on Monday. Under the programme, 17 lakh fingerlings will be released in the wetlands of Habiganj, Moulvibazar, Sylhet and Kishoreganj districts this season to boost production of fish in the vast natural water bodies.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

MID TERM EVALUATION OF USAID AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SUPPORT ACTIVITY

Mid-Term Evaluation Service Provider to Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM)

Dhaka Ahsania Mission invites competent service providers including 'for profit' and 'non-profit' organizations to submit proposals for conducting the mid-term evaluation of the Agricultural Extension Support Activity (AESPA). AESPA is a 5-year, US\$18.4 million project funded by USAID, and is an integral part of the USAID Bangladesh Feed the Future (FtF) portfolio. AESPA is implemented by Dhaka Ahsania Mission in partnership with CARE Bangladesh and mPower. The goal of the AESPA Project is to strengthen the existing agriculture extension system in 12 districts in the southwest and central Bangladesh in order to sustainably improve food security and nutrition for 110,000 vulnerable smallholder farmers. The evaluation will be at the outcome and impact levels, and will identify key successes, lessons learned, project effectiveness. The detailed scope of services required is available through email by sending a request to srahman@aesabd.org. All bids must be submitted to hr@aesabd.org and received by 5:00 pm, Tuesday, July 28, 2015 Dhaka time. Subject line must reference "RFP No. DAM/USAID-AESPA-247/MTE-649".

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Memo No. BKTTC/STEP/Procurement/2015/818

Dated : 09/07/2015

Invitation for Tender

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare & Overseas Employment		
2. Agency	Directorate of Technical Education		
3. Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh-Korea Technical Training Centre.		
4. Procuring Entity Code	Not used		
5. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
6. Invitation for	Procurement of equipment and machinery for Driving cum Auto-Mechanics, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, Electrical House wiring and Machine tools Operation		
7. Invitation Ref No.	BKTTC/STEP/Procurement/2015/818		
8. Date	09/07/2015		
KEY INFORMATION			
9. Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National- Compilation Bidding)		
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10. Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget, International Development Association (IDA).		
11. Development Partners (if applicable)	International Development Association (IDA)		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
12. Project/ Programme Code	N/A		
13. Project/ Programme Name	Skills and Training Enhancement Project (STEP)		
14. Tender Package No	BKTTC/GD-6		
15. Tender Package Name	Procurement of equipment and machinery for Driving cum Auto-Mechanics, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, Electrical House wiring and Machine tools Operation		
16. Tender Last Selling Date and time	29/07/2015 3:00 PM		
17. Tender Closing Date and Time	30/07/2015 12:00 Noon		
18. Tender Opening Date and Time	30/07/2015 12:30 PM		
Name and address of the office(s)			
19. Selling Tender Documents	1. Bangladesh-Korea Technical Training Centre. Mirpur Road, Darus-Salam, Dhaka-1216. 2. Directorate of Technical Education (Room No-307), F-4/B, Agargaon, A/A Dhaka-1207		
Receiving & Opening Tender Documents	Director (PIU) office Directorate of Technical Education (Room No-307), F-4/B, Agargaon A/A Dhaka-1207		
20. Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	Office of the Directorate of Technical Education (Room No-307), F-4/B, Agargaon A/A Dhaka-1207. 22/07/2015, 10 am for BKTTC/GD-6,		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
21. Eligibility of Tenderer	(a) The Tenderers should be the Manufacturers/ Distributors/ Sole Agents of machinery and equipments and related goods" having authorization from the Manufacturer. (b) Shall have a minimum of 5 (five) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. (c) Shall have experience of satisfactory completion of supply of similar goods of minimum BDT 15.0 Lac for (BKTTC/ GD-6 , lot-1) , BDT 15.0 Lac for (GD-6, lot-2), BDT 15.0 Lac for (GD-6, lot-3) and BDT 14.0 Lac for (GD-6, lot-4) under two contract in the last 5 (five) years. (d) Others (as mentioned in the Tender Document).		
22. Brief Description of Goods	Procurement of equipment and machinery for Driving cum Auto-Mechanics, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, Electrical House wiring and Machine tools Operation		
23. Brief Description of Related Service	Fitting, Fixing, Assemble, Install and Commissioning of equipment Driving cum Auto-Mechanics, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, Electrical House wiring and Machine tools Operation		
24. Prize of Tender document for each package	Tk.1000.00 (One Thousand Taka) only.		
25. Tender Package Name	Identification of Lot	Tender Security in Taka	Completion Time
Lot-1 Machinery and equipment for Driving cum Auto-Mechanics	40,000.00	8 weeks	
Lot-2 Machinery and equipment for Refrigeration & Air Conditioning	40,000.00		
Lot-3 Machinery and equipment for Electrical House wiring	40,000.00		
Lot-4 Machinery and equipment for Machine tools Operation	35,000.00		
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
26. Name of Official Inviting Tender	Dr. Engr. Md. Sakawat Ali		
27. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Principal		
28. Address of Official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh-Korea Technical Training Centre, Mirpur Road, Darus-Salam, Dhaka-1216		
29. Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Telephone: 9000184, E-mail: principalbkttc67@yahoo.com Website: www.skilledbangladesh.info/Bangladesh_Korea		
30. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.			

09/07/2015
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