



Parvin Sultana takes care of her gerbera plants of her garden at Kandila village in Tangail Sadar upazila.

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Parvin cherishes husband's memory thru' floriculture

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Schoolteacher Khandakar Parvin Sultana of Tangail Sadar upazila spends much of the daytime looking after her flower gardens as she turned a floriculturist, cherishing the memory of her husband who left the world eight years ago.

Every day after getting up from bed early in the morning, she takes care of her flower plants.

After doing her teaching job for several hours at school, she goes to the garden again in the afternoon and does everything including collecting flowers, planting new saplings, watering the plants, weeding and spraying pesticides.

She has also employed three labourers to look after the gardens the rest of the day.

Now Parvin is cultivating gerbera flowers at her three gardens at Kandila village in Tangail Sadar upazila on commercial basis.

She has also around 150 orchid

plants of different varieties at her house.

"My husband Mahbubur Rahman Khan Chhanu started flower gardening with roses on a piece of land on the house premises as a hobby in 1988. Within a few years, he extended the garden with 200 plants of different varieties of roses," said Parvin, 52.

"In 1997, Chhanu went to Madras in India for treatment. He brought some seedlings of gerbera from there and planted these in his garden. The beautiful flowers bloomed within a year.

"He produced more seedlings of the flower the next year. A vendor from Dhaka bought 300 gerbera flowers of his garden at Tk 5 each. Then Chhanu planned commercial cultivation of flowers and made shades with plastic sheets and bamboo.

"He went to India again in 2004 and brought 500 seedlings of hybrid varieties of gerbera from there and extended his garden to 100 decimals of land.

"The profit from selling gerbera

flowers and the seedlings helped smooth education of our two sons and a daughter.

"My husband died of a cardiac arrest in 2009, and his gardens started decaying," said Parvin.

After overcoming the initial grief of losing her husband, she started looking after the gardens although she had hardly any knowledge about it at that time.

Within months, she gained sufficient knowledge about flower cultivation.

Parvin said she got around 3,000 flowers from her three gardens in a week during the gerbera season from January to March and sold it to flower vendors at Tk 3 to Tk 4 each.

Earlier gerbera prices were high but now it has fallen as the flower is cultivated in many areas of the country.

"I cannot make much profit from flower gardening. But I feel glad to see blooming flowers which were so dear to my beloved husband," said the schoolteacher.

Chandpur govt hospital upgraded without increasing facilities

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

Chandpur Government General Hospital in Sadar upazila was upgraded to a 250-bed hospital in 2009, but its facilities have not increased much.

Hospital sources said about 800 patients come to the outpatient department every day, around 100 of whom are admitted, adding that 300 patients, on average, remain admitted against 250 beds.

Superintendent Dr Pradip Kumar Datta said 65 doctors are sanctioned for the hospital but there are only 42 now, while there are 87 nurses against 113 posts, adding that there is one resident medical officer (RMO) against two posts, and no emergency medical officer (EMO), while the post of ophthalmologist has remained vacant for one year.

No recruitments have been made for the post of junior consultant for paediatrics, dental, eye, pathology and anaesthesia departments and also for pathologist and radiologist, he further said.

RMO Dr Asibul Hasan Chowdhury said more than 100 patients are provided treatment at the emergency department every day where only three male nurses work in three shifts.

There are two ambulances but they are out of order most of the

time, adding that a river ambulance was provided to the hospital a few years ago, but it has remained unused, he added.

There are two operation theatres but they lack some important equipment. Eight to ten orthopaedics patients are operated upon every week, a doctor said, adding that a machine named CARM is necessary for performing the opera-

tions properly but it has remained out of order for four months.

Nurse Mahmuda Akhter said 40 to 45 normal deliveries and 15 to 20 Caesarean sections are performed every month in the gynaecology ward.

Dr Pradip said the number of patients in the indoor section is more than double the number of beds available.

Dr Datta said 60 posts of doctors, nurses and other service providers are now lying vacant, adding that they had written several times to the authorities to fill up the vacant posts but no action has been taken yet.

He said at least one more ambulance is required and the river ambulance needs necessary manpower to be put into operation.



A good number of patients stay on the floor of Chandpur General Hospital, beset with manifold problems.

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Depressed, housewife sets herself on fire

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A 30-year-old housewife, who allegedly set herself on fire out of depression on Tuesday night, succumbed to her wounds on the way to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on Wednesday.

The deceased, Salma Begum, wife of Fazlul Haque of Badurtali area in Kalapara upazila, was mother of four children.

Sister of the deceased Laizu Begum said Salma had been suffering from serious mental depression for the last nine months or so. Around 11:00am on Tuesday, Salma poured kerosene on her body and set herself on fire in absence of her husband and other family members, Laizu said.

Hearing screams, villagers rescued her and took her to Kalapara Upazila Health Complex first and later took her to Barisal Sher-E-Bangla Medical College Hospital on Wednesday morning.

As her condition was deteriorating, doctors referred her to DMCH, but Salma died on her way to the capital the same day.

Officer-in-Charge GM Shah Newaz of Kalapara Police Station said he heard about the incident but none had lodged any case of unnatural death (UD) yet.

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