

Villagers' innovative step

Floating bamboo bridge on river eases link

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

People of Gangber village in Chapra union under Sadar upazila of the district have set an example of innovation by building a floating bridge over the Charalkata river at low cost utilising local resources.

They did that as the lone bamboo bridge over the river, which isolates the village from the mainland, gets washed away every year during flood, disrupting communication and causing immense sufferings to them.

"Every year, locals make a bamboo bridge with their own money and resources as the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) is yet to build a concrete bridge," said Chapra Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Khalilur Rahman.

"The bridge is swept away every year in the rainy season, snapping communication and compelling locals to pass their days without economic activities," the chairman added.

Local UP member Khaliquil Islam said villagers formed a committee three months ago to find a way to solve the problem.

Committee president Shariful Islam said they decided to build a floating bridge using empty steel drums and bamboos so that the more the river swelled the more the bridge would rise with the water level.

"Raising funds from villagers, we bought

70 drums, 1,000 bamboos, nylon rope, iron pins and other necessary items," said committee secretary Shahidul Islam.

Village youths worked voluntarily under carpenter Nur Hossain to make 35 rows of interconnected drums, each with two drums tied to a bamboo platform with nylon rope, and floated them on the water keeping a 4-foot gap between drums.

Both ends of the bridge were tied to giant trees on the banks of the river with thick metallic rope so that it does not get swept away by the current, Shahidul said, adding that a bamboo platform was laid on the drums and tied tightly.

Motorbikes and easybikes can cross the 240-foot-long bridge easily.

"The floating bridge has given us relief as we can now go to distant markets to sell agriculture produce even in the rainy season," said farmer Jonab Ali, 60, of the village.

Day labourer Karimul, 45, said he can now go to other villages for work.

Upazila Engineer of LGED Saiful Islam said it is a great achievement as the villagers built the sustainable bridge at minimum cost and with local technology.

"People of Gangber village have shown that where there is a will there is a way, and resource constrains cannot stand in the way," said Sadar Upazila Parishad Chairman Abu Jar Rahman.



Farmers harvest Aman paddy at a field of Sharsha upazila in Jessore and inset, Tarikata village in Amtali upazila of Barguna.

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Aman growers are all smiles as yield good, prices fair

Gaibandha's Sadullapur sees unusual production fall due to flood, diseases

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Patuakhali, Barguna, Jessore, Jhenidah, Magura, Kushtia, Chuadanga and Meherpur districts see good yield of Aman paddy this season, much to the delight of growers as the market prices of the major food crop remain satisfactory.

However, farmers of Gaibandha's Sadullapur upazila, an area known for surplus production of Aman, are disappointed due to its production fall this season, mostly due to floods and subsequent attacks by pests and worms.

Our Patuakhali Correspondent reports: Per maund of Aman paddy is selling at Tk 800 to Tk 900 in local markets while the prices were Tk 500 to Tk 600 last year.

In Patuakhali, Aman was cultivated on 2,02,613 hectares of land while the crop covered 1,01,032 hectares in Barguna district this season.

Alamgir Hossain Howlader, a farmer of Tarikata village under Amtali upazila in Barguna said he has harvested around 13 maunds of Aman paddy from one bigha of land.

"I am very happy as I am selling per maund of paddy at Tk 800 in local market," he said.

Abdul Mannan Munshi, another farmer of Churikata village under the upazila, said favourable weather with sufficient rainfall helped the good yield.

Shankar Chandra, a farmer of Dakkhin Dashpara village under Dashmina upazila of Patuakhali, said, "I cultivated Aman paddy on my 3.16 acres of land and see good yield. I am also very happy to see good price in the market

this year."

Patuakhali Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) source said hybrid variety of Aman was cultivated on 1,00,950 hectares and local varieties on 1,01,663 hectares of land in the district.

SM Badrul Alam, Amtali upazila DAE officer, said there is bumper yield of Aman this year although weather was very rough in the beginning.

Our Benapole Correspondent reports: Farmers of Jessore region are passing busy time, reaping and threshing Aman paddy.

The Department of Agriculture Extension sources said farmers cultivated transplanted Aman on 4 lakh 28 thousand and 972 hectares of land against the target of 4 lakh 22 thousand and 825 hectares in Jessore, Jhenidah, Magura, Kushtia, Chuadanga and Meherpur districts.

Of it, high yielding varieties have been planted on 4 lakh seven thousand and 120 hectares, hybrid paddy on 17 thousand 997 hectares and local varieties on 3,855 hectares of land.

Fasiar Rahman, a farmer of Hatbilla village in Jessore Sadar upazila, said, "We planted paddy on three bighas of land. The yield has been good. The price is also good. Unlike other years, prices did not fall when paddy is harvested."

"This year, a maund of coarse paddy is selling at Tk 900 and glossy paddy at Tk 960. Last year, the prices were Tk 760 and Tk 820 respectively," said farmer Nazrul Islam.

"The harvest of Aman paddy will complete within a week. The production will exceed the target of 11 lakh 85 thousand and 956 tonnes this year," said Chandhi Das Kundu, additional director of the DAE in Jessore region.

Our Gaibandha Correspondent reports: Farmers of the district's Sadullapur upazila are disappointed due to production fall of the crop this season, mostly due to floods and attack by pest and worm.

Locals said this upazila is not a flood-prone area but during the last rainy season water from the upstream flooded vast tracts of croplands and stayed for a long time.

"I planted Aman seedlings on five bighas of land, but floodwater partially damaged seedlings on three bighas of land and later remaining fields were affected by pest and diseases, so I have got poor output," said Azizar Rahman of Rasulpur union.

"This year I have harvested only 18 maunds of Aman paddy from three bighas of land although about 40 maunds of yield is expected in a usual situation," said Rahim Mia, a farmer of Jamalpur union.

"As flood, pests and diseases affected Aman yield, we suggest better preparation for next Boro crop farming. We will extend all possible help to recoup the loss of Aman," said ASM Fazley Elahi, upazila agriculture officer of Sadullapur.



BRIDGE WITH A DIFFERENCE: People cross the Charalkata river on a floating bamboo bridge, made at their own initiative, at Gangber village in Nilphamari Sadar upazila.

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Notice for Annulment of Tender
Supply of Transmission Line Emergency Restoration System (ERS)
Contract No.: PGCB/ERS/2017/01

Ref.: IFB (Re-Tender) No.: 27.21.0000.101.07.001.17.5554 dated: September 10, 2017

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 Company Secretary

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Man to die for killing 4 in Joypurhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A Joypurhat court on Wednesday sentenced a young man to death for killing four people, including his five-year-old son, following a feud over dowry in 2015.

The convict is Sumon Hembram, 33, son of Nabin Hembram of Ratanpur village in Birampur upazila of Dinajpur.

District of Sessions Judge Court of Mamataz Parvin handed down the verdict in the jam-packed courtroom in presence of Sumon, said Assistant Public Prosecutor (APP) Gokul Chandra Mandal.

According to the prosecution, Sumon used to stay at his in-laws' house in Panchbibi upazila of Joypurhat. He often tortured his wife Silvia Marandi for dowry.

On June 20 in 2015, he started beating Silvia following an altercation over the issue.

At one stage, Sumon hacked his wife Silvia, son Sunny Hembram, mother-in-law Sandhya Rani, sister-in-law Teresa Marandi and uncle-in-law Markel Marandi.

Of the injured, the four died. The following day, police arrested Sumon from the area, said the APP.

Later, a case was filed with Panchbibi Police Station, accusing Sumon, he said.

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