

Teesta chars get green

Flood-hit farmers cultivate different crops in once barren and sandy lands in Dimla upazila

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

The once sandy and barren char (land-mass emerging from riverbed) areas along the Teesta river in Dimla upazila of the district now present a soothing green landscape all around as flood-affected farmers are cultivating different crops there to make up the losses caused by this year's flood.

Char Kharibari, Baishpukur, Kisamater char, Satunama, Bhendabari and Jhar Shinheswar chars have turned green with crops as the agriculture department is providing active support to the farmers.

Sub-Assistant Agriculture Officer of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Dimla Anwarul Islam said farmers in those chars are cultivating maize, peanut, pumpkin, mustard seed, potato, pepper, wheat, onion, pulses and kalo jira, which was thought to be impossible only a couple

of years ago.

"It is very difficult to grow crops on char lands as tender plants die due to scarcity of water and different micro-nutrients," said Upazila Agriculture Extension Officer Tapon Kumar Roy.

There are 5,000 acres of land in Teesta chars under the upazila and farmers faced setback this year as their paddy fields were flooded twice, he said, adding that DAE provided free seeds and fertilizer to 1,115 farmers under post-flood rehabilitation programme and gave incentive to 2,005 more farmers.

Farmer Kuddus Ali, 52, of Char Kharibari said, "We have no way but to live on agriculture as there is no means of alternative income in the remote area."

"I planted maize on two bighas of land and expect to get 80 maunds of yield. My wife brought irrigation

water from the river, although it is a very hard work," said Rafiqul Islam of Kisamater char.

Farmer Hafizul Islam of Baishpukur char planted pumpkin on one bigha and is expecting to get three tonnes of the vegetable. He said production cost is very high as additional fertilizer is needed for the infertile soil and carrying cost of bringing fertilizer by boat is also high as they have to get it from Sutibari Haat, which is 10 miles away.

Farmer Akbar Ali, 70, also head of the village committee of Char Kharibari char, said, "We cultivate only in the dry season, keeping the land fallow for eight months."

"Char farmers grow crops on sandy lands through perseverance and hard work. We are preparing a project proposal especially for chars to encourage farmers to cultivate different crops there," Upazila Agriculture Officer Md Humayun Kabir said.



Flood-hit farmers of Char Kharibari in Dimla upazila of Nilphamari cultivate maize on a once barren land beside the Teesta river during the ongoing dry season.

PHOTO: STAR



Bohmong Circle King U Chaw Prue collects jhum tax and traditional gifts from the headmen and karbaris yesterday marking traditional Raj Punnah in Bandarban town. On his right is Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader.

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CHT PEACE ACCORD

Full implementation during this govt

Quader tells Raj Punnah function

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) peace accord will be implemented fully during the tenure of the present government as most of the points of the accord have already been implemented, said Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader.

Speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural programme of Raj Punnah festival of Bohmong Circle, the minister said the government is working with a view to developing the CHT area as a tourism zone.

Seventeenth Bohmong Circle King engineer U Chaw Prue inaugurated the three-day festival in the hill district town, ascending a makeshift throne at Puraton Rajar Math around 1:00pm yesterday.

Raj Punnah is one of the oldest traditional festivals in the CHT region.

It is an annual jhum tax collection programme where the Bohmong Circle chief collects taxes from headmen (chief of a mouza) and karbaris (chief of a para).

Young indigenous boys and girls greeted the king, showering petals on him and performing traditional cultural programmes.

Every year, thousands of indigenous people from Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachhari throng Rajbari compound in Bandarban town to celebrate the festival.

'Rid Kumri Beel of grabbers'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Fishermen demanded freeing of the Kumri Beel in Kalihati upazila from influential grabbers through a petition submitted to the Kalihati upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) on Wednesday.

In the petition, they said the beel at Singna village in Birbasinda union is government property. However, local influential people -- Mostafizur Rahman, Mofazzal Khan, Hafez Uddin, Nuru Miah, Monsur Ali, Mortuz Ali, Abdul Kader, Azahar Ali, Sohrab Ali, Abul Kashem, Nazrul Islam, Bazlu, and Abdul Gafur -- of the village have occupied the waterbody for the last five months.

The people living near the waterbody are

fishermen holding cards given by the government, but the grabbers are not allowing them to catch fish there, the petition said.

They are also not allowing local people to use the waterbody for domestic purposes, including bathing their cattle, it said.

Locals also feared deterioration of law and order, including loss of lives, if the waterbody is not freed from occupation, the petition said.

They also urged the upazila administration to take legal steps urgently after holding an investigation in this regard, the petition added.

UNO Shahina Akter said she has received the petition and will take necessary steps in this regard as soon as possible after talking with the upazila fisheries officer.

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Ministry of Agriculture
Project Implementation Unit
National Agricultural Technology Program-Phase II Project (NATP-2)
Department of Agricultural Extension (PIU-NATP2-DAE)
1st Building, 5th Floor, Room # 618, Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215
Memo No. 12.01.0000.000.44.068.17-1060 Date: 21-12-2017

Invitation for Tender (Non-Consulting Services)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Agriculture.
2	Agency	Department of Agricultural Extension.
3	Procuring entity name	Director, Project Implementation Unit (PIU), National Agricultural Technology Program-Phase II Project (NATP-2), Department of Agricultural Extension (PIU-NATP2-DAE), Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Providing Internet Services Including Mobile Tablets' SIM Plus Connectivity (Contract Package: SD/DAE-NATP2/19).
7	Invitation Ref. No.	IFT No. 12.01.0000.000.44.068.17-1060
8	Date	21.12.2017.

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement method	National Competitive Tender (NCT) Open Tendering Method (OTM).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budge and source of funds	IDA & IFAD.
11	Development partners (if applicable)	IDA & IFAD.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	5-4331-5001.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	National Agricultural Technology Program-Phase II Project (NATP-2).
14	Tender package No.	SD/DAE-NATP2/19
15	Tender package name	Providing Internet Services including Mobile Tablets' SIM Plus Connectivity (Contract Package: SD/DAE-NATP2/19).
16	Tender publication date	-
17	Tender last selling date	Up to 07.02.2018 (during office hours).
18	Tender submission date and time	Date: 08-02-2018 Time: 3:00pm
19	Tender opening date and time	Date: 08-02-2018 Time: 4:00pm
20	Name & address of the office for	Project Implementation Unit, National Agricultural Technology Program-Phase II Project (NATP-2), Department of Agricultural Extension (PIU-NATP2-DAE), Room # 618, 1st Building, 5th Floor, Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215. E-mail: atanbtech@yahoo.co.uk Country: Bangladesh.
21	Date/time of pre-tender meeting	03-01-2018 11:00am.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Eligibility of tenderer	i. The tenderer shall have a minimum of 5 years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. ii. The tenderer shall have successfully completed at least one contract minimum BDT 3.75 crore under single supply contract of similar services within last 5 years (years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper). iii. The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility is BDT 50.00 lakh.	
23	Brief description of services	Providing 4336 Nos. of Internet Services (Including Mobile Tablets' SIM Plus Connectivity) in 2,715 Unions of 270 Project Upazila.	
24	Price of tender document	Taka 500/- (five hundred) only payable in cash.	
25	Package No. & description	Location Tender security amount Completion time in months	
26	Contract Package: SD/DAE-NATP2/19 Providing 4336 Nos. Internet Services including Mobile Tablets' SIM Plus Connectivity	2,715 Unions of 270 Project Upazilas (as per list to be provided by the PE)	BDT 15.00 lakh 45 months or project period which comes earlier
27	Name of official inviting tender	Dr. Ratan Chandra Dey.	
28	Designation of official inviting tender Address of official inviting tender	Director. PIU-NATP2-DAE, Department of Agricultural Extension, Room # 618, 1st Building, 5th Floor, Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.	
29	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: + 880-258155613 E-mail: atanbtech@yahoo.co.uk	
30	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.		

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Ijtema begins in Mymensingh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The three-day regional Ijtema began yesterday at Ujaan Barera in Sadar upazila on the outskirts of the town.

The Ijtema, which will run from December 21 to December 23, is the fourth edition and began after Fajr prayers yesterday.

Devotees from Mymensingh region started coming to the venue in the thousands since Wednesday night. Deputy Commissioner Md Khalilur Rahman said around five lakh devotees are expected to join the Ijtema from Mymensingh region that includes Mymensingh, Jamalpur, Sherpur, Netrakona and Kishoreganj districts.

A huge pandal on around 60 acres of land was erected to accommodate the devotees, he added.

All preparations, including construction of makeshift accommodation facilities, toilets and bathrooms for devotees and installation of electricity and water lines, have been completed, organisers said.

Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Mohammad Noor-e-Alam said a four-tier security system has been set up involving around 450 policemen.

The whole area is under CCTV camera coverage with a control room assigned to serve round the clock, the ASP said. A "Lost and Found" desk was also opened, he said, adding that several medical teams will render services to the devotees.

Brick kiln worker murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A 19-year-old brick kiln worker was found murdered at Birhatija village in Melandah upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased, Iman Ali, was son of Sonahar Ali of Dakkhin Dariabad village in Islampur upazila.

Iman had been working as a worker-cum night guard at Jeki Brick Kiln for the last couple of years and used to live at a tin-she room at the brick kiln premises.

Police, however, detained one of Iman's neighbours Raju, 24, for quizzing, said Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Melandah Police Station Mazharul Karim.

Police said fellow workers spotted Iman's throat-slit body in his room in the morning and informed the brick kiln manager Furkan Ali.

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