



Rangamati Sub-Assistant Agriculture Officer Muhammad Harun, also a natural fertiliser producer, looks after his vermicompost unit in CO Office area of Rangamati Sadar upazila.

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Vermicompost gaining popularity

ANVIL CHAKMA, Rangamati

Vermicomposting, the natural process of converting organic wastes into fertilisers using earthworms, is bringing extra income to many farmers in Rangamati.

Besides, producing and using vermicompost in their own cropland, many farmers of the district are earning an extra sum by selling the natural fertiliser.

Farmer Hemo Kumar Chakma of Bodhipur village under Sapchhari union of Rangamati was working in his vermicompost unit when this correspondent visited him a month ago.

"Vermicompost is being sold at Tk 10 to Tk 15 per kilogram at the local market," said Hemo, who makes enough compost to use in his own crop fields and then sell the rest about 80 kg per month along with earthworms at Tk 2 per piece.

Hemo started producing vermicompost three years ago by installing three concrete rings, in which he dumps cow dung and let earthworms feed on it. The excrement from the worm works as soil conditioner.

Farmer Anuching Marma from Vedvedi area in Rangamati Sadar upazila also gained solvency by selling vermicompost.

"I started my vermicompost farm in 2017. I have already earned Tk 80,000 by selling vermicompost in the last two years. I am selling 800 kg of the compost per month from my farm at Tk 15 to Tk 20 per kg and hope to earn Tk one lakh this year," said Anuching, who does vermicomposting in a ditch near his house.

"I collect dung from my own cow and from surrounding areas and leave it on a polythene sheet over the ditch for 15 to 20 days. Then, I add earthworms, bought for Tk 4 to Tk 5 per piece, and cover the mixture with cement bags for 15 days when then becomes ready for use as fertiliser," he described.

Anuching said, it costs about Tk 7 to produce one kilogram of vermicompost whilst the cost of one kilogram of chemical fertiliser in the local market is Tk 40 to Tk 50.

Farmer Nigredhan Chakma from Sapchhari village of the Sadar upazila said, one bigha (33 decimals) of cropland requires about five kilograms of chemical fertiliser but twice as much vermicompost.

Yet, Shukro Kumar Chakma of the same village prefers using the latter as it is cheaper, and he believes that chemical fertilisers reduce

soil fertility over the years.

Not just farmers, Sub-Assistant Agriculture Officer in Rangamati Muhammad Harun is also making extra money by producing and selling vermicompost after office hours.

He sells 5,000 kg of the compost per year for Tk 75, 000 while his total production cost per year stands at Tk 10,000 to Tk 15,000.

"Vermicompost has a high demand among the local farmers as it is better than chemical fertilisers," he said.

According to the Rangamati Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), over three hundred people in 10 upazilas of the district are producing vermicompost fertiliser to use in their cropland as well to sale it.

Rangamati DAE Deputy Director Paban Kumar Chakma said since its introduction in the district in 2015, vermicomposting has been gaining popularity among the farmers and the dependence on chemical fertiliser is decreasing.

The natural fertiliser is cheaper and environment friendly, Paban said, adding that DAE is providing field level training to farmers to encourage the use of vermicompost.

Porcupine killed in Lawachhara road crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A rare porcupine was killed in a road crash in Lawachhara forest under Kamalganj upazila of the district early yesterday.

The 15-km-long Kamalganj-Sreemangal road passes through the Lawachhara National Park and vehicles use this road.

Forest department said, this Indian crested porcupine was crushed to death under the wheels of a vehicle while crossing the road.

Anwar Hossain, beat officer of Lawachhara forest, said when they were patrolling, they found the porcupine dead on the road. Its head was smashed with the wheels of a car. The vehicle that killed the rare animal could not be identified, he said.

He said they often saw this porcupine roaming around the area.

The nocturnal wildlife will be protected if a ban on movement of vehicles inside the forest is implemented, said Anwar.

Anisur Rahman, assistant conservator of wildlife management and nature conservation department in Moulvibazar, said wild animals come out from the jungle at night in search of food. At night, the vehicles run too fast and it sometimes causes death of wildlife.

Anisur further said it is a large rodent, weighing 11 to 18 kg. Its body (from the nose to the base of the tail) measures between 70 to 90 cm with the tail adding an additional 8 to 10 cm. It is round and slow-moving animals. Its scientific name is *Hystrix Indica*.

KISHOREGANJ FARMER MURDER One to die, 6 get life term

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A Kishoreganj court on Monday sentenced a man to death and six others for life term imprisonment for killing a farmer in Katiadi upazila in 2011.

The one who was awarded death penalty is Mohammad alias Khokon, 43, son of Tayebur Rahman of Panchli village in the upazila, while the lifers are Tayebur Rahman, 60, his two sons--Samrat, 30, and Roman, 36--Ashraf Ali, 48, Mujibur Rahman, 43, and Arab Ali, 32.

First Additional District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Abdur Rahim also fined the lifers Tk 2 lakh each.

Meanwhile, five other accused of the case were acquitted as charges brought against them were not proved.

According to the case statement, farmer Motiur Rahman, a neighbour of Tayebur, gave Tk 40,000 to the latter for arranging a job for the his son in 2011.

Later, a feud developed between the two when Motiur asked Tayebur to return his money after the latter failed to manage the job.

As a sequel, Tayebur and his men, including his three sons, attacked Motiur with sharp weapons while he was returning home from a local market on March 27 the same year, leaving his critically injured.

Hearing screams, villagers rescued Motiur and took him to Jahurul Islam Medical College Hospital in adjacent Bajitpur upazila, where the doctors declared him dead.

Being informed, police recovered the body and sent it to Kishoreganj General Hospital for autopsy.

The following day, deceased's son Reaz Uddin lodged a case with Katiadi Police Station accusing 19 persons.

After investigation, police submitted the charge-sheet against 12 people on October 21 the same year.

Tk 1 crore jute gutted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Fire gutted jute worth Tk one crore at a jute mill in Rangpur's Mithapukur upazila yesterday.

Witnesses said the fire broke out at North Bengal Jute Mill at Jaigirhat village in the upazila around 11:00am.

Manager of the jute mill Abul Kashem said, being informed, eight firefighting units from Mithapukur and adjacent Pirganj upazila rushed to the spot and doused the fire after two hours of frantic efforts.

Assistant Director at Rangpur Fire Station Shamsuzzaman said the fire might have originated from an electric short circuit.

4 members of robber gang held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Police in a drive early Monday arrested four members of an inter-district robbers' gang from Notunbazar area in Baniachong upazila of Habiganj.

The arrestees are Jewel Mia, 34, Bachchu Mia, 32, Ali Mollah, 35, and his brother Uzzal Moullah, 44.

Law enforcers also seized some machetes and a grill cutter from the possession of the arrestees.

Officer in Charge of Baniachong Police Station Ranjan Kumar Samanta said, a team of police, acting on a tip-off, raided Notunbazar area and arrested the four while they were planning to commit robbery in the area.

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Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Name of scheme	Package No.	Last selling date & time of e-Tender document	Closing & opening date & time of submission e-Tender document	Remarks (LTM)
1.	371629	Periodic Maintenance of Uttar Lawfula-Dhakhin Lawfula Road from Ch. 000m-1430m [Madhupur] (ID No. 393575048)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-10	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
2.	371630	Periodic Maintenance of Baniaganj GPS-Panchasi Miahbari Road from Ch. 000m-1000m [Dhanbari] (ID No.393964104)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-11	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
3.	371645	Periodic Maintenance of Bolivadra UP Office-Pankata Road from Ch. 000m-885m [Dhanbari] (ID No. 393963029)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-12	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
4.	371632	Periodic Maintenance of Jamtoli Bus stand-Sankorpur River Ghat Road from Ch. 530m-1530m [Dhanbari] (ID No. 393964054)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-13	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
5.	371635	Periodic Maintenance of Dhaka-Mymensingh RHD (Rasulpur High School)-Barobasalia Hatkhola More Road from Ch. 000m-1200m [Tangail Sadar] (ID No. 393954051)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-14	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
6.	371637	Periodic Maintenance of Nagarjalpai-Tarotia BSIC Road from Ch. 000m-890m [Tangail Sadar] (ID No. 393954027)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-15	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
7.	371639	Periodic Maintenance of Habla-Jibonsher Road from Ch. 000m-500m [Basail] (ID No. 393095096)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-16	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
8.	371641	Periodic Maintenance of Jashihati Bazar-Aisara Bazar Road from Ch. 1428m-2441m [Basail] (ID No. 393094032)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-17	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
9.	371644	Periodic Maintenance of Barindha Hat-Khagutia UZR via Charbilsha GPS Road from Ch. 000m-1000m [Mirzapur] (ID No. 393664049)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-18	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
10.	371643	Periodic Maintenance of Pakua RHD-Avirampur Bazar Road from Ch. 3200m-4420m [Mirzapur] (ID No. 393664052)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-19	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
11.	371646	Periodic Maintenance of Nekibari Pucca Road-Shaikha Dhakhil Madrasha Road from Ch. 000m-1200m [Madhupur] (ID No. 393575044)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-20	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
12.	371647	Periodic Maintenance of Satterkandi-Mirzapur Road from Ch. 000m-930m [Dhanbari] (ID No. 393964056)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-21	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
13.	371648	Periodic Maintenance of Dattagram Bazar-Nurpara Road from Ch. 000m-880m [Ghatali] (ID No. 393284101)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-22	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
14.	371649	Periodic Maintenance of Gunagram (R&H)-Sandhanpur-Khajarchala Road from Ch. 3830m-4914m [Ghatali] (ID No. 393284043)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-23	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
15.	371650	Periodic Maintenance of Bagbari R&H (Bus Stand)-Nikrail GC via Ruhuli Road from Ch. 3087m-5140m [Bhuapur] (ID No. 393194055)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-24	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
16.	371652	Periodic Maintenance of Char Alowa Eidgah Math-Shafolkura Pucca Road from Ch. 705m-1155m Bhuapur ID No. 393195207	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-25	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
17.	371653	Periodic Maintenance of Aultia-Hatila Road from Ch. 000m-1000m [Tangail Sadar] (ID No. 393955004)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-26	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
18.	371654	Periodic Maintenance of Basail-Tangail R&H Road at Nothkhola-Bottola Kali Mondir Road from Ch. 000m-300m [Basail] (ID No. 393094043)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-27	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
19.	371655	Periodic Maintenance of Basail (Sata Mosque)-Basail UP Office (Pourashava) Road from Ch. 000m-330m [Basail] (ID No. 393093010)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-28	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
20.	371656	Periodic Maintenance of Kashi UP Office-Bilpara Hat via Kashi High School Road from Ch. 4680m-5080m [Basail] (ID No. 393093005)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-29	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
21.	371657	Periodic Maintenance of Kachua-Isadighi via Nischintopur Road from Ch. 000m-650m [Sakhipur] (ID No. 393854001)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-30	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
22.	371660	Periodic Maintenance of Chuta Chowna-Bhatgara Road from Ch. 000m-650m [Sakhipur] (ID No. 393855011)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-31	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
23.	371661	Periodic Maintenance of Warshi RHD-Warshi Gram Road from Ch. 000m-900m [Mirzapur] (ID No. 393665225)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-32	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
24.	371662	Periodic Maintenance of Bhadra-Doptiar Road at Jalay Mohir Uddin Shop-Gotabagh Bridge Road from Ch. 000m-500m [Nagarpur] (ID No. 393764080)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-33	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
25.	371665	Periodic Maintenance of Korata-Janki (Bengula-Jamalbari Road) Road from Ch. 460m-518m [Gopalpur] (ID No. 393385108)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-34	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
26.	371670	Rehabilitation of 1vx2.00mx2.00m RCC Box Culvert on Barbari-Ratanpur Road at Ch. 2100m [Sakhipur] (ID No. 393855005)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-37	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
27.	371673	Rehabilitation of 7.00mx0.600mx0.600mm RCC U-Drain on Barachowna-Nayapara Road at Ch. 1300m [Sakhipur] (ID No. 393854019)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-39	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
28.	371675	Rehabilitation of 1vx1.50mx1.50m RCC Box Culvert on Mahanandapur Bazar-Baherail UP via Haranga Chala Road at Ch. 800m [Sakhipur] ID No. 393853015	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-40	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM
29.	371676	Rehabilitation of 7.00mx0.600mx0.600mm RCC U-Drain on Kachua-Kalidash Road at Ch. 320m [Sakhipur] (ID No. 393854030)	e-Tender/LGED/Tang/ GOBM/2019-20/W-41	13-11-2019 & 16.00pm	14-11-2019 & 15.00pm	LTM

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