

India's October-February sugar output jumps 20pc, few mills close early

REUTERS, Mumbai
Indian sugar mills' output rose by a fifth to 23.38 million tonnes in the first five months of the 2020/21 marketing year from a year earlier, while a few mills closed operations ahead of normal schedule, a trade body said on Wednesday.



A labourer carries a sack of sugar to load it onto a supply truck at a market area in Kolkata, India.

The country is the world's second biggest sugar producer and the higher output could weigh on global prices. In the current marketing year that begun on Oct. 1, 502 sugar mills have started operations, but 98 mills stopped crushing by February end, the Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) said in a statement.

Mills have contracted to export 3.2 million tonnes of sugar so far in the current marketing year, but shipments are slowed by shortage of trucks and containers as well as adequate availability of vessels at the ports, the trade body said.

Logistical bottlenecks could trim India's sugar exports by 12 per cent to 5 million tonnes in the current marketing year, industry officials told Reuters last week.

Australia economy shrinks 1.1pc in 2020

AFP, Sydney
Australia's economy contracted 1.1 per cent in 2020 as the coronavirus pandemic took hold, but saw a remarkable recovery late in the year as outbreaks were brought under control and restrictions lifted.

Official figures released Wednesday showed the economy grew 3.1 per cent in the October-December quarter following a 3.4 per cent increase in the previous quarter.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics said it was the first time since records began 60 years ago that the nation had recorded two consecutive quarters of more than three percent growth, albeit from a low base.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison tweeted that the country's "comeback... continues to gather pace", hailing the figures as "better than all the G7 countries and the OECD average".



Khondkar Morshed Millat, general manager at Bangladesh Bank's sustainable finance department, and M Reazul Karim, CEO of Premier Bank, exchange documents recently after signing a participation agreement over a "Refinance Fund for Technology Development/Upgradation of Export Oriented Industries".



Emranul Haq, CEO of Dhaka Bank, inaugurates its Mouchak sub-branch at Shahjahanpur in Dhaka on March 1.

Jack Ma loses title as China's richest man after coming under Beijing's scrutiny

REUTERS, Beijing
Alibaba and Ant Group founder Jack Ma has lost the title of China's richest man, a list published on Tuesday showed, as his peers prospered while his empire was put under heavy scrutiny by Chinese regulators.

Ma's recent woes were triggered by an Oct. 24 speech in which he blasted China's regulatory system, leading to the suspension of his Ant Group's \$37 billion IPO just days before the fintech giant's public listing.

Regulators have since tightened anti-trust scrutiny on the country's tech sector, with Alibaba taking much of the heat; the market regulator

launched an official anti-trust probe into Alibaba in December.

Chinese regulators also began to tighten their grip on the fintech sector and have asked Ant to fold some of its businesses into a financial holding company to be regulated like traditional financial firms.

Ma, who is not known for shying away from the limelight, then disappeared from the public eye for about three months, triggering frenzied speculation about his whereabouts. He re-emerged in January with a 50-second video appearance.



Safiu Alam Khan Chowdhury, managing director (current charge) of Pubali Bank, attends its "2nd Virtual Conference 2021" through a digital platform.

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e-Tender Corrigendum Notice (OTM)

A corrigendum is done for the Tender ID: 548448. Please see the Bill of Quantities (BoQ) section of the Tender.

This is an online Tender, where e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit Tender registration in the e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd/>) is required. This notice is also available in www.jnu.ac.bd.

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Request for Expressions of Interest

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1	Ministry/Division	Road Transport and Bridges, Roads and Highways Division.
2	Agency	Roads and Highways Department
3	Procuring entity name	Mohammad Jahed Hossain, (SE), RHD, Social and Environment Circle, Elenbari, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
4	Procuring district	Dhaka.
5	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Consultancy Firm (National) (Time Based).
6	EOI Ref. No.	35.01.0000.168.34.63.2021-45
7	Date	4 March 2021

KEY INFORMATION

8	Procurement sub-method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

9	Source of funds	(GOB).
10	Development partners	None.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11	Project/programme name	Consultancy Services for Technical Support to the Social and Environment Circle, RHD.
12	EOI closing date and time	25 March 2021, 2.00pm local time.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

13	Brief Description of Assignment	The main objectives of this consultancy services are: 1) Providing technical advice to Social and Environment Circle on issues related to Environmental and Social Impact Assessments and subsequent Management Plan, Resettlement plan and budget preparation. 2) Providing detail documentation framework for IEE/ESIA/EMP. 3) To prepare, modify, review, and update the RHD specific guidelines related to land acquisition, resettlement, rehabilitation (resettlement portion) and environmental impact mitigation applicable for the projects implemented by RHD.				
14	Qualification and experience	Sl No.	Title	Relevant experience and qualification	Person	Months
Environmental Engineering Team						
	01	Senior Consultant		• Master's degree in Environmental Engineering/ Environmental Science or related discipline. PhD in relevant field is preferred • 15 (Fifteen) years general experience • Minimum 12 (Twelve) years of experience in environment impact assessment for road/infrastructure projects. • Knowledge of World Bank/ADB or any other MDBs guidelines regarding Environmental and Social Issues.	1	12
	02	Junior Engineer		• B.Sc. in Civil Engineering. • Minimum 02 (Two) years of experience in relevant field	2	12
Resettlement Advisory Team						
	01	Senior Consultant		• Master's degree in Social welfare studies or related discipline. PhD in relevant field is preferred • 15 (fifteen) years general experience • Minimum 12 (Twelve) years of experience in resettlement related activities for road/infrastructure projects. • Knowledge of world Bank/ADB or any other foreign aided projects regarding Social issues.	1	12
	02	Junior Engineer		• B.Sc. in Civil Engineering. • Minimum 02 (Two) years of experience in relevant field	1	12

The EOI should specially include (along with certified English translation if not in English).
a) The firm's registration certificate.
b) Company profile: including management, personnel, firm's specialty, performance.
c) List of rendered services in last 5 years for:
i. Experience in Environmental impact study, EMP, IEE for road construction
ii. Experience in preparing resettlement plan and budget.
d) Summary of relevant professional employees with key qualifications.

Association with foreign firm is Not allowed.

15 Other details (if applicable) Further information can be obtained from the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Social and Environment circle from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM in any working day before the closing date. With all supporting documents, the EOI must be delivered at or before 2.00 pm on March 25, 2021 in sealed envelopes marked with "Consultancy Services for Technical Support to the Social and Environment Circle, RHD" to the signatory address. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is expected to be issued to the short-listed Firms by April 7, 2021. The Client will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the Firm(s) in connection with the preparation or delivery of the EOI. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal without assigning any reason.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

16	EOI Ref No.	Phasing of services	Location	Indicative start date	Indicative completion date
			Office of the SE, Social and Environment Circle, Elenbari, Dhaka	June 2021	May 2022
17	Name of official inviting EOI	Mohammad Jahed Hossain.			
18	Designation of official inviting EOI	Superintending Engineer, RHD, Social and Environment Circle.			
19	Address of official inviting EOI	Elenbari, Tejgaon, Dhaka.			
20	Contact details of official inviting EOI	01730782581; E-mail: ses@rhd.gov.bd			
21	The procuring reserves the right to reject all EOIs.				

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