

# Lily cultivation may change farmers' fortune

SHYKH SERAJ

Entrepreneur couple Delwar Hossain and Shelly Hossain from Gazipur's Sreepur upazila had surprised the countrymen by cultivating tulips and you have already read this on The Daily Star, dear readers. Crowds flocked to their farm to see the tulips, while many government officials and even the ministers visited his tulip field. When I first went to their farm at Sreepur's Kewa village to make a news report on tulip cultivation, I noticed an experiment on lily cultivation was going on in a piece of land, right beside the tulip shed. Delwar said if he becomes successful with lily, he will go in full swing to cultivate the flower extensively. Oriental lily is now spreading its extraordinary beauty at Delwar and Shelly's flower shed. Not only that, it shows great earning prospect as well.

Back in 2015, I went to the flower kingdom of The Netherlands. It was a great opportunity to see the country's remarkable activities in floriculture and flower trade, economic prosperity. FloraHolland is the heart of the flower trade in the world. Over 25 million



Delwar Hossain inside his lily flower orchard at Kewa village in Gazipur's Sreepur upazila.

PHOTO: HRIDOYE MATI O MANUSH

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cultivation and marketing. They not only work in the Netherlands, but also in South Africa, New Zealand and Uganda. The organization has been trading flowers since 1862.

The organization, an international nursery of plants and flowers, is famous all over the world and their main trade is to export flower bulb. I looked around and saw their huge works related to flowers. I came to know that the company produced 110 million lily bulbs in 2015. They also produced 50 million tulip bulbs and 20 million different flower bulbs. Royal Van Zanten works with progressive and new concepts. They are developing new varieties of flowers. I saw several lily varieties, being tested at the Royal Van Zanten. They were saying that lilies of different colours have different values in different countries. For example, the demand for yellow lily is higher in Vietnam, pink in Japan and white lily has an impressive 70 percent market in Europe. Our flower entrepreneurs, Delwar and Shelly have a great relationship with Royal Van Zanten. From there, they collected various flower bulbs. And now they are blooming 10,000 oriental lilies after the tulips and showing us the possibility of the flower that has a wonderful fragrance. As soon as you enter the shed, you will find the beautiful fragrance of

the lilies. Each lily has a different smell. Let me tell you that when this lily is in the shape of a bulb, it is called Lilium. Delwar says he is the first commercial lily farmer in the country. Starting in 2016, he has now increased his farming area and the couple now have a total of 12 decimals of land where 10,000 oriental lilies are blooming under two different sheds.

Flowers are usually marketed during the bud stage and the cost and profit of cultivating oriental lilies is much higher than the other flowers, Delwar said. So he is significantly increasing the flower cultivation little by little. Although white, yellow, orange, pink, red and purple lilies are found in the world, Delwar has so far produced only two colours of the flower. Oriental lilies in white and pink. Lily trees are a bit hard and tall like the tuberose. Delwar and Shelly are hoping to sell flowers worth Tk 12 lakh (USD 14150), produced from 12 decimals of land. I was really surprised to hear this from Delwar. He assured with a calm voice, "Oriental lily is the most expensive flower and it has a plenty of demand across the country." Delwar is selling each stick for Tk 120 to Tk 200 (USD 1.41 to USD 2.36) and in that regard, 10 thousand plants would give him the desired amount of profit. They had to invest Tk 70 (USD 0.83) on each stick. If the cost could

have been reduced the profit could go even higher, said Delwar.

The main cost is related to importing bulbs. Each bulb requires an additional Tk 5 (USD 0.06) as quarantine fee and another 10 percent tax during import. Delwar requested the government to consider the issue and bring down the import cost to a level that everyone can afford. If that happens, customers could buy the flowers at a lower price. Delwar says when he used to sell gerbera flowers at Tk 30 (USD 0.35) each in the past and he didn't even sold 100 flowers in a day. When the price came down to Tk 5 (USD 0.06), he could sell over 150,000 flowers a day.

Delwar has already well-understood commercial agriculture. Delwar could conceive the idea that love and passion are required to become successful in farming. Bangladesh has set a unique example around the world for its tremendously overwhelming farming sector. Delwar certainly believes lily has great prospect in Bangladesh and this could bring great profits to many if the government gives their attention to this upcoming booming sector of floriculture. I also believe and would like to convey all that people like Delwar are the pillars of our economy and we must support them more to build a country even stronger and sustainable.

## 'Shromajibi Canteen' feeding the helpless in Joypurhat

KONGKON KARMAKER

'Shromajibi Canteen', an initiative of a group activists of Bangladesh Chhatra Union, has come as a boon to the working class of people in the lockdown situation when their daily income has been badly hit.

They distribute foods among the poorer section every day in the evening. As there have been no significant social activities this year to feed the low-income group from any corner, the youths have taken the initiative to feed the vulnerable group this year.

The youths of Joypurhat Chhatra Union, led by Rifat Amin Rion, have formed the 'Shromajibi Canteen' to feed the low-income group in the once a day.

Rion said there had been a massive support for the low-income group in Joypurhat district from the government, non-government and affluent sections of the society when the lockdown was enforced last year at the onset of the Covid pandemic.

However, the situation is entirely different this year. "Keeping such helpless condition of poorer people in mind, we decided to distribute meal once a day among the marginal people", Rion said.

They started the feeding program from the beginning of Ramadan, he said.

So far, they have distributed at least 900 packets of foods among the distressed people in the district town.

Rion said they raise the fund without misusing their pocket money, he said. "Every day, we prepare 100 packets of food for distribution," he also said.

The cooking of the meal starts everyday afternoon at the ground of Amtoli Mahatab Uddin Bidiyapith. After cooking, they distribute the food in disposable packets at different points of the district town, he said.

"Sometimes, we also distribute the meal door to door," said Rion, over the phone.

"After collecting the essentials from the kitchen market, we do everything from cooking to distribution," said Tasrin Sultana, another member of the team.

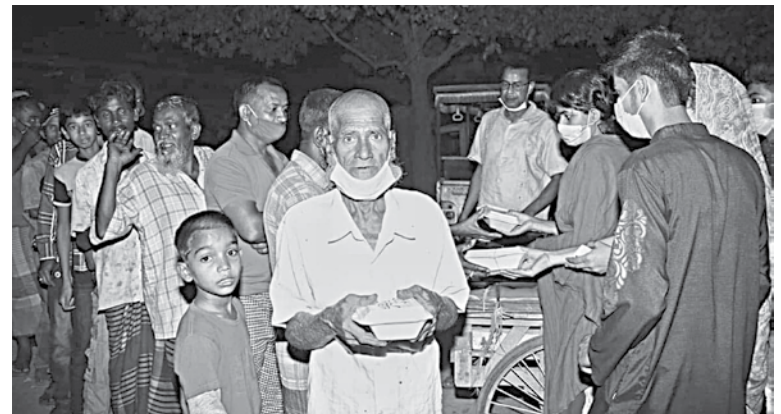
Abdul Hamid Babu, president of Joypurhat district Newspaper Hawkers Union, said the marginal groups do not have much work during the lockdown, for which they are finding it hard to manage their meals three times a day. Such initiative by the youths has come of a great help for them, he said.

Md Alauddin, of Hitchmi village in Joypurhat town, said it is tough to peddle a rickshaw in the scorching heat. Moreover, our daily income has dropped largely for the lockdown. Such help is God gifted, he said.

"The initiative of these youths has ensured a meal for us once in a day," he said.

Besides, Iftar item, Khichuri, fish, and a piece of chicken are also included in each packet, Rion said adding, that ex-leaders of the student organisation have also come forward to help them.

Other members of the team are Tasmina Sultana, Samia Akter Mimi, Rifat Hossain and Safahit Rabbi Hossain.



Volunteers of Shromajibi Canteen in Joypurhat distributing free food for low-income people during the lockdown.

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flowers sold every day at FloraHolland through international auctions. This auction market exports more than half of the flowers the global markets need. Royal Van Zanten of the Netherlands is another leading organization in the world in floriculture development,

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০১.	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	ঃ	ভূমি মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।
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০৩.	দরপত্র সজ্ঞা পদ্ধতি	ঃ	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
০৪.	বাজেট ও অর্ধের উৎস	ঃ	রাজস্ব বাজেট।
০৫.	দরপত্রের বিবরণ	ঃ	উপজেলা/পৌর/ইউনিয়ন ভূমি অফিসসমূহের মোরামত।
০৬.	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ হতে ১৬/০৫/২০২১ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
০৭.	দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	১৭/০৫/২০২১ তারিখ দুপুর ০২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
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১২.	লট নম্বর ও কাজের বিবরণঃ		
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০১	পিরোজপুর সদর উপজেলা ভূমি অফিস মোরামত	পিরোজপুর সদর	৬,০০০/-
০২	শিকদারমল্লিক ইউনিয়ন ভূমি অফিস মোরামত		৩,০০০/-
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১৪	জলাবাড়ী ইউনিয়ন ভূমি অফিস মোরামত	নেছারাবাদ	৪,৫০০/-
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৩১	চিকিকাটা ইউনিয়ন ভূমি অফিস মোরামত		৬,০০০/-
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## Two Jubo League leaders held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police on Wednesday night arrested two local Jubo League leaders with firearms and fake medicine from Shalgaria area of Pabna town.

The arrestees are Azmal Sheikh, 35, son of Abu Sheikh, and Raj Ahmed Rony, 40, son of Afzal Hossain of Chhoto Shalgaria village.

The duo are members of district unit convening committee of Jubo League.

Pabna Additional Superintendent of Police Masud Alam said, acting on a tip off, they raided Chhoto Shalgaria around 10:00pm and arrested Azmal with a foreign-made pistol, a magazine and seven bullets.

Later, they raided a fake medicine factory in the area and arrested another Jubo League leader Rony for his involvement in manufacturing fake medicine, he said.

## Addict kills father

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

A man was killed by his drug addict son allegedly over a family feud in Singair upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased, Selim Hossain Khokon, 50, a driver, was a resident of Chandanpur village under Jamirta union.

Officer in Charge (OC) of Singair Police Station Aslam Hossain said Khokon's son Kawsar Hossain, 22, had a quarrel with his father over a issues around 10:30am.

At one stage, he beat his father with an iron rod, leaving his dead on the spot, the OC quoted the deceased's family members as saying.

On information, police recovered body and sent it to Manikganj General Hospital for autopsy.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Director

Chattogram Medical College Hospital.

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Memo No: CMCH/Tender/2021-2022/MSR/4278

Date: 29-04-2021.

### : INVITATION FOR TENDER :

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from experienced Importers / Contractors / Suppliers / Distributors to supply MSR goods for CMCH in the fiscal year 2021-2022. As per PPA-2006 & PPR-2008 (Including all corrigendum); Terms and conditions are as follow(s):

KEY INFORMATION	
1 Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2 Agency	Chattogram Medical College Hospital, Chattogram.
3 Procuring Entity Name, Designation & Contact details	Brigadier General S M Humayun Kabir, Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital. Telephone: +88031630179, Fax No.: 88-031-610022, e-mail address: cmch@hospi.dghs.gov.bd
4 Procuring Entity Code & District	GOB, Chattogram.
5 Invitation for	Procurement of MSR Goods for CMCH in the fiscal year 2021-2022.
6 Tender Ref. No & Date	CMCH/Tender/2021-2022/MSR/4278 Date: 29-04-2021.
7 Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (National). Item-by-item.
8 Budget and Source of Funds	GOB, Economic code:3252105.
9 Tender Notice Publication Date	30-04-2021.
10 Tender Schedule Selling Starting Date and Time	06-05-2021, During office hours.
11 Pre-Tender Meeting	27-05-2021, 11: 00 A. M.
12 Tender Last Selling Date and Time	06-06-2021, 12: 00 P. M.
13 Tender Dropping & Closing Date and Time	Dropping date: 07-06-2021, Dropping time: from 09:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Closing time: 12:01 P. M.
14 Tender Opening Date and Time	07-06-2021 at 01: 00 P. M.
Name and address of the Office's	
(a) Selling Tender Documents	1. Cashier, Office of the Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital. 2. Cashier, Office of the Civil Surgeon, Chattogram District.
(b) Receiving Tender Documents	1. Office of the Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital. 2. Officer in charge, Panchlaih Model Thana, Chattogram Metropolitan Police.
(c) Tender Documents Opening Place	Office of the Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital.

### INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

16 Bidders Eligibility	Details in Tender Booklet
17 Description of Groups, Price of Tender Document, Tender Security etc.	Details in Tender Booklet
18 Description of Price of Tender Documents, Tender Security, Related Services etc.	Details in Tender Booklet

### Note:

Corrigendum if necessary in future will be a part of this notice. The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

If the date of selling, receiving & opening of tender is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstances, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.

  
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