



Billal Sikder and his son Mohammad Al-Amin at one of their tree nurseries in Srimangal town of Moulvibazar.

PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

Father-son duo finds success in tree nursery business

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

With a working capital of only Tk 10 thousand, Billal Sikder and his son Mohammad Al-Amin started a tree nursery about 30 years ago on a rented space in Srimangal upazila town of Moulvibazar.

Now the duo has five nurseries in Railgate, Shyamoli and Birampur areas of Srimangal town.

Average monthly sale of seeds and saplings at the five nurseries, on a total of five acres of land, now stands at about 2.5 lakh, raking in a monthly profit of nearly Tk 60 thousand.

Their nurseries now carry seeds and saplings of a wide selection of fruit, medicinal, decorative and

timber trees, which are looked after by about 20 workers.

Demand for different plants and seeds has increased significantly compared to the time when Billal and his son launched their first nursery named Janani Nursery.

People from different parts of the country also get saplings from them and many learn techniques from them to make their own nurseries, said Billal, father of three daughters and a son.

Now their nurseries are source of livelihood for not just Billal's six-member family, but also for their 20 workers, added Billal, who is also an Ansar VDP team leader at Ward 5 of Sreemangal municipality.

He said he developed the hobby of gardening and growing saplings at a young age when he used to spend a good amount of time with several employees of the forest department.

Later, in the 90's, he rented a small space where he started to run a small nursery in his leisure time. He spent the capital mostly to buy seeds and saplings for the nursery.

After incurring losses, he had to move to a different location. He moved his nursery to location due to the same reasons, before he could finally afford to rent a suitable spot on a long-term lease.

His persistence started to pay off especially after his son Al-Amin

joined hands with him full-time. Al-Amin said now many people are into gardening and many others use plants to beautify their homes.

To keep up with the demands, they also grow seedlings of various popular foreign trees.

Even the forest department gets saplings from their nursery to plant those in Bangabandhu Safari Park.

Although the nursery business is very profitable and demands are high, the number of nurseries is falling day by day, he said, adding that only those with motherly affection for trees and are willing to spend a lot of time on learning proper gardening techniques should get into the business.

Illegal sand extraction from Bhairab: 50 families living at risk

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Nargis Begum of Ghoshpara area, a prominent old neighbourhood of Jashore town on bank of the Bhairab river, used to run her family on the meager income of her sick tea vendor husband.

Nargis used to live beside the river in a semi-pucca two-room house with her husband and children. She used to live with her family on her own land even though she was living amid poverty.

However, she claimed that her house collapsed due to illegal sand mining in the name of excavating Bhairab river flowing by the side of her house.

Not only the house of Nargis Begum and many other houses are being washed away by the eroding river. So, she was forced to leave her house with her belongings, she

than 70 km upstream and downstream of the river has already been completed.

In the second phase, the period of excavation of Bhairab river was extended till June 2021 and in the third phase till June 2022. But illegal sand mining is going on in Jashore in the name of river dredging.

Besides, more than 50 families living along the river are spending their days in fear of their houses and shops disappearing into the river.

Shafiq Rahman Sheikh said that his house is on the banks of river Bhairab in old Kasba Ghoshpara. They have been living there for three generations. He is a day laborer by profession.

Due to illegal extraction of sand from the river, two and a half decimals of his ancestral land have been lost in the riverbed, he said.

"Now, I have no place to live," he added. Topu Ghosh has been living on five bighas of land near the river for several decades. He said, illegal sand mining has made the river more prone to erosion.

The families have been endangered by the greed and interest of some people, he also said.

The houses of 11 families have merged with the rivers and so has his.

Anwar Hossain Bipul, acting chairman of Jashore Sadar Upazila Parishad, said, "I am enraged with the locals for extracting sand in the name of river dredging."

"A number of corrupt officials and employees of the Water Development Board and land grabbers from different regions are extracting sand in the name of river dredging," he said.

Executive Engineer of WDB Jashore Touhidul Islam said, River excavation work is going on as per design.

However, according to our design, in some places there is sand in the river bed and it is being extracted from there.

Those whose houses have been demolished were living there illegally, the engineer added.



More than 50 families living along the Bhairab river are spending their days in fear of their houses and shops disappearing into the river.

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It could be learned that in 2016, the Water Development Board (WDB) started dredging 96 km stretch of Bhairab river from Taherpur in Chougachha of Jashore to Afraghat in Abhaynagar upazila.

The five-year project was undertaken to remove water logging and maintain sustainable water management in the Bhairab River Basin at a cost of Taka 272 crore, WDB sources said.

According to the WDB, the work on more



Alongside a madrasa, a mosque and a rural market place erosion by the Jamuna river devoured portion of Alipur Government Primary School under Gohaliabari union in Tangail's Kalihati upazila within five hours on Monday.

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INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

EDCL invites International Tender for Supply of Pharmaceutical Raw Material on C&F© Dhaka By Air and Chittagong by Sea basis :-

S.L No.	Tender No. Date	Name of the Item	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & opening
01.	IMP/RM/SEM/82/2021-2022 dated 03/08/2021	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials: (specification as per tender schedule): 01. Polyethelen Glycol # 300 BP 02. Dried Aluminium Hydroxide BP 03. Magnesium Hydroxide BP 04. Mannitol BP 05. Peppermint Oil BP	Tk. 2,700.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 32.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 25/08/2021 At 11.00 AM Opening : 25/08/2021 at 11.15 AM

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

The tender will be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money in the form of Bank Draft / Pay Order / Bank Guarantee from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of "Essential Drugs Co. Ltd." without which the tender will be considered as non-responsive.

EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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No. PD/DTJDL/Re-TENDER/WD2-1651 Dated: 02.08.2021

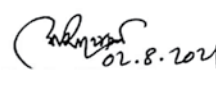
Package No. WD2: Design, Supply, Installation and Testing-Commissioning of Computer Based Interlocked Signaling system at 7 (Seven) stations including interlocking of selected level crossings and installation of optical fiber cable based telecommunication system for block operation and CTC interface work (Turnkey Works) in connection with construction of 3rd and 4th Dual Gauge Track in Dhaka-Tongi section and Doubling of Dual Gauge Track in Tongi-Joydebpur section.

Ref:
1. IFT No. PD/DTJDL/Re-TENDER/WD2-1568; Dated 12.06.2021.

Corrigendum No. 01

Sl No. of IFT	Provision as per Re-Tender Notice	Provision as per Corrigendum-01
17.	Tender last selling date	16.08.2021 (during office hours)
18.	Tender closing date and time	17-08-2021 Up to 12:00 hrs BST
19.	Tender opening date and time	17-08-2021 At 12:30 hrs BST

All other terms and conditions of the Tender Notice shall remain unchanged.


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Invitation for e-GP Tender

Sl. No.	e-GP Tender ID & Tender No.	Name of work	Tender proposal closing date and time
1	594484 RNP/CERPP/3	Establishment of 20 bed Isolation Unit & 10 bed ICU at Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital FY 2021-2022.	17-Aug-2021 13:00

This is an online tender where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline and hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender please register on in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).


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