



Tangail is one of the biggest mustard producing regions in the country and a hub for commercial beekeepers to collect honey. The last two years have been particularly hard for the beekeepers due to unfavourable weather conditions. However, this year, they are expecting a good yield, as the weather seems to be on their side, and are passing a busy time, working at the mustard fields.

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BEEKEEPERS

welcome a sweet yield

Agreeable weather shines down a ray of hope



MIRZA SHAKIL

The commercial beekeepers are now hard at work to collect honey from flowers at mustard fields of different regions in Tangail district.

They couldn't collect honey from mustard flowers in the last couple of years because of unfavourable weather conditions, including dense fog, rains and reduced cultivation. But a smile beamed across their faces this year, as they expect a good yield of honey, since the weather has been agreeable so far as per their prediction.

Tangail is known to be one of the biggest mustard producing regions in the country, producing nearly 50,000 tonnes every year. The crop is cultivated on 24,445-45,660 hectares for the local variety and 21,215 hectares for hybrid ones, across 12 upazilas in the district,

according to officials.

Although, at the beginning of the season, mustard farming faced a cut worm infestation; it didn't cause a dent to the cultivation, as farmers took upon necessary measures, they added.

Beekeepers from different districts come to Tangail every year and set up their bee colonies (boxes) beside the local mustard fields. According to sources from the beekeeper community and the agriculture ministry, nearly 10,000 bee colonies were set up this year.

Beekeeper Nur Alam of Satkhira and his men set up 170 colonies beside a mustard field at Bartha village in Kalihati upazila. "I have received around 400kg of honey on average every week," he said.

Sazzad Hossain Talukder, upazila agriculture officer in Kalihati, said honey bees help pollination of crops and increase yields.

"Previously, mustard cultivators were afraid to allow setting up bee colonies near their crop fields, fearing reduction in the crop yield. But they changed their mind after agriculture officials assured them that they would get 15 to 20 percent increase in yield if such colonies were set up there," he said.

Munna Ahmed, a beekeeper from Tangail's Gopalpur, and Ashraf Ali from Dhanbari upazila, have set up 180 and 250 colonies beside mustard fields at Langulia and Berbari areas in Sakhipur upazila.

"I am getting about five maunds of honey every week and the production is more satisfactory this year than the last," Munna said.

Ashraf Ali said he is getting about seven maunds of honey every week.

Mustard was cultivated in around 6,000 hectares of land at Basail and Sakhipur upazilas in Tangail this year.

"Around 1,100 bee colonies were set up at Basail and around 900 in Sakhipur," said Niyonta Bormon, upazila agriculture officer in Sakhipur, adding that the collection target was

set at 12 tonnes of honey minimum, from the two upazilas.

Beekeepers said they get honey five times in a year.

"There are around 2,500 honey cultivators, including 500 to 600 commercial ones, in the country," said Dulal Hossain, a commercial beekeeper from Tangail's Bhuapur upazila and former central unit president of Mou Chashi Kalyan Samity.

"In the district, there are about 150 honey cultivators, including 76 commercial ones," he said.

Honey cultivators produce around 3,000 tonnes of honey, with the highest amount - 1,000 tonnes - coming from mustard and about the same amount from litchi, while the rest from other crops, Dulal said.

"The number of the beekeepers in the country, however, is declining due to different problems, including unavailability of quality bees.

Moreover, beekeepers cannot get fair prices for their produce due to lack of necessary modern marketing facilities," he added.

Kidney patients in a fix

Dialysis providing company threatens to stop service at CMCH over dues

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Patients of Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH) are gravely worried about whether they would be able to avail of dialysis service from next week.

On Sunday, a notice of Sandor Medicaids Pvt Ltd, the company that has been providing the service there, on public-private partnership, announced that it would stop dialysis service for an indefinite period, starting from yesterday.

The company mentioned that it is not getting its dues from the government for the last two years, and so, it could not pay suppliers.

However, it decided to continue the service till Monday, after talking to health ministry officials.

Preferring anonymity, a company official said the suppliers stopped providing necessary materials for dialysis.

The haemodialysis centre at CMCH has been running under management of Sandor Medicaids since 2017.

CMCH sources said as per the agreement,

A patient has to pay Tk 4,000 per month for dialysis at CMCH, whereas it costs Tk 16,000 at private hospitals. If the service halts, many patients would die without treatment, as they cannot afford costs at private hospitals.

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Son of a kidney patient

the company set up 31 machines, and patients got the service at a cost of Tk 486 per session. The government is supposed to give Tk 2,180 as subsidy for each session.

According to the agreement, the company would transfer the centre to the government after 10 years, the sources said.

Over a hundred dialyses are performed each day at the centre since its establishment in 2017.

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If the service halts, many patients would die without treatment, as they cannot afford costs at private hospitals, he said.

Contacted, CMCH Deputy Director Dr Aftabul Islam said to his knowledge, the government owes the company Tk 4 crore.

"A meeting between officials of the company and health ministry was held on Tuesday," he said. "The matter will be resolved soon."

Man held over rape of 10-yr-old girl in port city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, City

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) has arrested a man on charge of raping a 10-year-old girl in Chattogram city's Jalalabad area.

The arrestee was identified as Mohammad Motaleb, said Rab.

The 50-year-old raped the girl when she was alone at her home on Sunday, said Rab-7 in a press release yesterday.

Later on Tuesday, the girl's mother filed a case with Khulsi Police Station, it said.

During primary interrogation, the arrestee confessed that he raped the girl. He was handed over to the police station, the release further said.

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১	এজেন্সী/সংস্থা	১	কারা অধিদপ্তর, বাংলাদেশ, ঢাকা।
২	দরপত্রের নাম ও মেয়াদ	১	০১-০১-২০২২ হতে ৩১-১২-২০২২ পর্যন্ত কতিপয় খাদ্যদ্রব্য।
৩	দরপত্র আহবানকারীর নাম	১	সিনিয়র জেল সুপার, চট্টগ্রাম কেন্দ্রীয় কারাগার।
৪	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির বসতি ও তারিখ	১	কারা অধিদপ্তরের স্মারক নং- ০৮.০৪.০০০০.০৩০.০১.০০৫.২২-১২৯৪(২) তাং-২৯-১২-২০২১
৫	ইচ্ছুক দরদাতাদের ন্যূনতম যোগ্যতা	১	দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লেখিত শর্তাবলী মোতাবেক।
৬	বাজেট ও ফান্ড প্রাপ্তির উৎস	১	জাতীয় রাজস্ব তহবিল।
৭	দরপত্র আহবান পদ্ধতি	১	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
৮	দরপত্র দাখিল প্রাপ্তির স্থান	১	১। কারা উপ-মহাপরিদর্শকের কার্যালয়, চট্টগ্রাম বিভাগ, চট্টগ্রাম ২। কারা উপ-মহাপরিদর্শকের কার্যালয়, ঢাকা বিভাগ, ঢাকা ৩। সিনিয়র জেল সুপারের কার্যালয়, চট্টগ্রাম কেন্দ্রীয় কারাগার।
৯	দরপত্র দাখিল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১	২০-০১-২০২২ বেলা ২.৩০টা পর্যন্ত।
১০	দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার তারিখ ও সময়	১	২৩-০১-২০২২ সকাল ৯.০০টা হতে বেলা ১২.০০টা পর্যন্ত।
১১	দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার স্থান	১	১। বিভাগীয় কমিশনার কার্যালয়, চট্টগ্রাম ২। প্রধান ফটক, চট্টগ্রাম কেন্দ্রীয় কারাগার ৩। কোতোয়ালী থানা, চট্টগ্রাম।
১২	দরপত্র বাস্তব উন্মুক্তকরণের সময়	১	দরপত্র দাখিলের দিন বেলা ১২.৩০টা।
১৩	দরপত্র মূল্যায়ন কমিটির সভা অনুষ্ঠানের স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	১	সিনিয়র জেল সুপার, চট্টগ্রাম কেন্দ্রীয় কারাগারের অফিস কক্ষ ২৬-০১-২০২২ বেলা ১০.৩০টা।
১৪	দরপত্র দাখিলের মূল্য (প্রতিটির জন্য)	১	৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা মাত্র।
১৫	দরপত্র বাস্তব পরিমাণ	১	কারা কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত হারে (সিডিউলে উল্লেখিত)।
১৬	দরপত্রের সাথে যে সকল কাগজপত্রাদি সংযুক্ত করতে হবে	১	দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লেখিত শর্তাবলী।
১৭	দরদাতাদের প্রতি বিশেষ নির্দেশাবলী	১	দরপত্র সিডিউলের শর্তাবলী পাঠ করে যথাযথভাবে অবহিত হয়ে দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।
১৮	দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য তথ্যাদি জানার জন্য চট্টগ্রাম কেন্দ্রীয় কারা কর্তৃপক্ষের সাথে যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে।		
১৯	কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ/খতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।		

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7th Winter School
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Theory & Practice of Genocide Studies
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Center for the Study of Genocide and Justice
Center for the Study of Genocide and Justice (CSGJ) of Liberation War Museum (LWM) invites application from interested candidates to participate in the 7th Winter School, a seven day-long programme, to be held from 04-10 February 2022 at the Sheikh Hasina National Youth Development Center, Savar on the theme "**Theory & Practice of Genocide Studies**". The mentors will be eminent scholars and activists from both home and abroad. The application form and detail information are available at LWM website (www.liberationwarmuseumbd.org). The deadline for submitting the application is 20 January 2022 to the LWM office in between 10.00 am to 05.00 pm (except Sunday). The completed application form can also be sent to: csgj.bangladesh@gmail.com. The course fee for national participants is BDT 5000 and for international participants is \$ 150. The fee covers the cost of course materials, accommodation, meal and field trip during the programme.

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644440	:	River bank protection rehabilitation work on the right bank of Jamuna river from km 5.000 to km. 5.110 = 110.00m at Bhatpara area under JMREMP in Shahjadpur Upazila, District-Sirajganj under Sirajganj O&M Division, BWDB, Sirajganj during the FY 2021-2022 & 2022-2023.

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