

‘Tis the season to eat molasses

ABIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

It's a relatively small window. For four months a year, from mid-November to March, farmers who sell molasses from date juice hit their peak.

Hundreds of farmers in Jhenidah are no different. Every winter, buckets upon buckets of molasses are made in its six upazilas, which are then sent to Dhaka, Chattogram, Sylhet, basically all over the country.

According to the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), Jhenidah, around a 1,000 tonnes of molasses are produced in the district, each kilogramme of which sells for up to Tk 200-250.

After talking to locals, namely Abdur Rahman of Kaliganj upazila and Sujit Kumar of Shailakupa upazila, it was found that each date tree fetches around Tk 10,000. The farmers meet their domestic demand with this and can earn extra money by selling the rest. The "gur" is made mostly by female farmers, who also use it to cook pitha, payesh and other sweets.

However, over this popular and profitable sector looms the shadow of timber traders and brick kiln owners, who are trying to lure them into selling the date trees. According to the DAE, the district is home to 4,32,0000 date trees.

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700 acres submerged
Farmland remains waterlogged for years

AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH, Savar

Once Nurul Haque used to cultivate different types of crops in his land all around the year.

However, in recent years, the 65 year-old farmer at Dhamrai's Srirampur has been unable to cultivate one single crop in his fields. The reason lies in waterlogging, and such is the plight of hundreds of farmers from 10 adjacent areas.

Farmers who own lands in Kullibeel, a large farmland of about 700 acres, had to leave their land without any farming for years because of this very problem.

Nurul stated other reasons behind not being able to farm the lands. Some farmers have sold their land's topsoil to brickfield owners, and only one drainage canal is filled with silt, making the whole place unsuitable for farming.

Rejaul Karim, chairman of Sutipara Union Parishad, told this correspondent that in 2019, a drain was cut along the canal, which was later filled with silt again. This claim has been confirmed by Dhamrai Upazila Agriculture Officer Md Ariful Hasan.

"I informed the matter to the UNO and other officers concerned. They have recently visited the area and assured the farmers that they will take an initiative to solve the problem," said the UP chairman.

Dhamrai UNO Hossain Mohammad Hai Jocki said, "We have recently visited the area. There was also a bridge over the canal, which got damaged last year and due to that blockage, the drainage system became dysfunctional." The UNO said it is possible to solve the crisis by re-excavating the canal. "We are working on the issue."

‘Stop plastic use, save Kuakata’

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Demanding an end to the use of disposable plastics to protect the environment of Kuakata beach, a memorandum signed by 2,783 people was handed over to the Patuakhali deputy commissioner (DC) on Tuesday.

Lincoln Bayen, Barisal divisional coordinator of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), its network members Shahabuddin Panna, Sohrab Hossain, Parveen Sultana and others handed over the memorandum.



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Additional deputy commissioner (education and ICT) Israt Jahan received it on behalf of the DC and said necessary steps would be taken.

The memorandum noted that defying laws, the use of polythene and disposable plastics has been increasing, which is causing environmental pollution. In particular, piles of plastic waste can be seen at the country's various beaches, including Kuakata.

Therefore, to protect the natural beauty and environment of the tourist area, the memorandum called for taking steps against use of disposable plastics.

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Local Government Engineering Department

Office of the Executive Engineer

District: Munshiganj

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Memo No. 46.02.5900.000.07.001.21-244

Date: 26-01-2022

e-Tender Notice No. 19/2021-22 Procurement of Works (NCT)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following works:

Sl. No.	Package No.	Name of works	Tender ID No.	Tender document last selling date & time	Tender closing date & time	Procurement method
1.	GDP-3/ MU-84	Improvement Gabtala Masjid-Dogachi Road By BC at Ch. 0.00-2250m, Upazila: Sreenagar, District: Munshiganj, Road ID: 359845041.	651547 (Re-Tender)	Upto 12:00 14-Feb-2022	At 14:00 14-Feb-2022	OTM
2.	GDP-IV/ MUN/ Tongi/ WR-367	Improvement of Tongibari-Dighirpar UZR-Biania Bazar Road By BC at Ch. 1555-2665m Under Upazila: Tongibari, District: Munshiganj, (Road ID: 359943009). (Salvage Material Cost BDT: 22,14,124.00)	652600 (Re-Tender)	Upto 12:00 14-Feb-2022	At 14:00 14-Feb-2022	OSTETM
3.	GDP-IV/ MUN/ GAZ/ WR-370	(1) Improvement of Vhabanipur Fazul Karim House-Shikdar Bari Road By BC at Ch. 00-250m Under Upazila: Gazaria, District: Munshiganj, (Road ID: 359245075) (Salvage Material Cost BDT: 3,91,552.00) (2) Improvement of Gudhara Ghat-Denga Fakir Bari via Aralla GPS Road at Ch. 00-650m Under Upazila: Gazaria, District: Munshiganj, (Road ID: 359244047). (3) Improvement of Doultpur-Andermanik (Ibrahim Dargi) Road By BC at Ch. 350-1470m Under Upazila: Gazaria, District: Munshiganj, (Road ID: 59245049). (Salvage Material Cost BDT: 9,19,679.00)	652723 (Re-Tender)	Upto 12:00 14-Feb-2022	At 14:00 14-Feb-2022	OSTETM

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Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute

"Seaweed Culture & Seaweed Product Development in Bangladesh Coast"

Research Project Marine Fisheries and Technology Station, Cox's Bazar

Memo No. 33.04.0000.124.03.005.21-113

Date: 25.01. 2022

Request for Expressions of Interest (3rd call)

Ministry/Division:	Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, Bangladesh	
Agency:	Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute, Mymensingh	
Procuring Entity:	Director General	
Expression of Interest for Selection of	An International Sea weed Culture & Value Addition Consultant (1 no's); Package No. S1 and an International Sea weed culture & Value Addition Technician (1 no's); Package No. S2	
Duration:	03 months in two phases	
EoI Memo No.:	Memo No. 33.04.0000.124.03.005.21-113 & Date: 25.01. 2022	
Date:	25.01. 2022	
Procurement Sub Method:	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)	
Budget and Source of Funds:	Development Budget and GoB	
Development Partners:	N/A	
Project / Programme Code:	224256500	
Project/Programme Name:	Seaweed Culture & Seaweed Product Development in Bangladesh Coast Research Project	
EoI Closing Date and Time:	Date: 24/02/2022 and Time: 05.00 p.m. (Bangladeshi Time)	
Information For Applicant:	Outline of the assignment and required qualifications & experiences [Details provided in the Standard Request for Application (SRFA)].	
Position	Outline of the Assignment	Qualification & Experience
An International Seaweed Culture & Value Addition Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Explore Seaweed resources in the Bangladesh coast and assist in identification of Seaweed speciesExplore the different Seaweed cultivation techniques and adopted them to local conditionsDevelop techniques for potential use of Seaweed as food items and other industrial usesExplore export potential of Seaweed: where, how and in which form Seaweed can be exportedExplore different alternative uses of Seaweed, where and how Seaweed can be usedExplore import of high yielding sea weed germ lingfrom aboard for cultivation in Bangladesh coastTo assist the scientists of BFRI in Seaweed culture, processing and product development.Prepare periodic project reportsRelevant any other task assigned by the Project Director/project management as and when required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The position requires minimum Master's degree in Marine Fisheries/Biology with 10 year's experience in Seaweed Culture & Value Addition. Preference will be given to PhD holder in relevant field with experience in Asian countries. He/She must have a broad international exposure in his field of specialization.
An International Seaweed culture & Value Addition Technician	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide technical guidance and support about the seaweed culture, identification, processing and product development of seaweed processing laboratory complex.To assist the scientists of BFRI in Seaweed culture, processing and product development.Prepare periodic project reportsRelevant any other task assigned by the Project Director/project management as and when required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Must have minimum graduation degree in Fisheries/ Aquaculture/ Marine science with at least 6-8 years working experience on Seaweed culture in abroad.OrIn case of highly practical experienced person educational qualification might be relaxed.Highly trained person will be preferred
Other Details: Applicants are requested to provide information as per the format provided in Standard Request for Application (SRFA) indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (complete CV in prescribed form with other details as applicable). SRFA may be obtained from the websites: fri.portal.gov.bd or www.mof.gov.bd or from the address below either through email or in person from the office of the undersigned. The applicants shall submit supporting documents in favor of their experience and qualifications along with the SRFA. The services of the specialist will commence as per practical need of incumbent which will be determined once recruitment process is completed.		
The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EoI(s) without assigning any reason thereof.		
Procurement Entity Details		
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Designation of official inviting EoI	Project Director	
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e-Tender Notice

This is to notify all concern that the following tender is invited in the National e-GP:

Tender ID	Name of works	Tender publication & closing date & time
648391	Construction of B+G+8-Storey Residential Flats Building at Plot No. 38/C, 39/C Asad Avenue, Mohammadpur H/E, Dhaka under the Project "GRIHAYAN DHANMONDI".	27-01-2022, Time: 13:00 27-02-2022, Time: 15:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender registration 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 and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd) and NHA site www.nha.gov.bd.

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e-Tender Notice 04/2021-2022

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Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Name of works	Last date and time of tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
1.	653357	Procurement of Furniture with related services for Classrooms, Office, Library, Labs and Conference Hall.	14 February 2022 12.00pm	14 February 2022 1.00pm

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to 13 February 2022, 4.00pm.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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