

Lalmonirhat idol artisans not happy

Price of materials increased but selling price of idols has not

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Things have not been faring well for almost 80 idol artisans at Lalmonirhat and Kurigram due to the price hike of idol-making 350-400 materials. Almost assistant artisans are suffering just the same.

They said the prices of materials such as clay, straw, bamboo, wood, and ropes increased but the selling prices of idols did not.

This year, Durga Puja will be held in 461 temples in Lalmonirhat and 513 temples in Kurigram.

Kurigram's idol artisan Jatindra Nath Pal (68) said each idol craftsman has four to five assistants working day and night. This year, they are making each Durga idol at Tk 20,000 to Tk

60,000.

"I used to collect clay from different places to make idols. No money had to be spent on that. Now we have to buy the clay," he

"This year I won't be able to make much profit by selling idols," he added.

Lalmonirhat's idol maker Pallab Chandra Roy (33) said each artisan is making 7-10 idols, without expecting any profit from the past two months.

"This profession is our ancestral duty as well. This is the only work I am proficient in and I have no choice but to continue," he said.

Artisan Sribas Chandra Roy (30) said last year, he was able to make a profit of Tk 10,000 - Tk 12,000.

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Tangail gears up for Durga Puja

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Preparations for Durga Puja, the biggest festival of the Hindu community, are going on Tangail

Artisans are busy putting finishing touches to the idols of Durga, Kartik, Lakshmi, Saraswati and Asur that are being built inside the mandaps with bamboo poles, silt, and straw. As the clay work is finished, artisans are now painting the idols.

Various plans and preparations are going on for the decoration outside the mandaps as well. This year, the organisers are trying to bring a more interesting and unique touch to the outer decoration of the mandaps as well.

The markets and shopping malls in the district, including the town, were seen buzzing

with buyers completing their shopping and checking necessary items off the list.

The organisers said this year, Durga Puja is being held in more than 1,000 mandaps in 12 upazilas of the district.

> Joy Saha, one of the organisers of Paradisepara Puja Mandap in the town, however, said they hope to celebrate the festival without load shedding, especially in the evening. "The law enforcers will have to keep strict eyes on social media platforms, particularly Facebook so that no one can create any chaos by spreading rumours," he

Sarkar Mohammad Kaiser, superintendent of police in Tangail, said tight security measures have been taken by the district administration and police to maintain law and order in all places of the district, especially Puja Mandaps.

Business picks up in Mymensingh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Idol artisans in Mymensingh have been witnessing better times and they are hoping to earn a good profit this year due to an increased number of clients and fair price.

While visiting some idol-making workplaces in the city and its outskirts, artisans were seen working round the clock as Durga Puja is now



"We are currently trying to get the painting done," said Joyonta Kumar Ghosh, a prominent artisan in Mymensingh city.

Joyonta, also the proprietor of Mritt O Mrittika, said he got orders for 20 idols from Mymensingh city and the rate for each idol is between Tk 20,000 and Tk 60,000.

One can trace the relief on the artisans' faces after getting more orders to bounce back on. after facing a serious financial crisis during the

"The price of necessary items for making idols has increased compared to the previous years. Thankfully, the price of the idols has also increased proportionally, which gives us hope," said Shambhu Das, proprietor of Sajib Mrittika Shilpalaya on Rambabu Road.

Eighty-three-year-old Nikhil Chandra Pal at Dharmashala Temple said the Covid-19 pandemic left workers starved, compelling

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'A day of total chaos'

Vaccination centres for **English-medium students** see severe mismanagement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mismanagement at Covid vaccination centres in some English-medium schools in the capital caused enormous suffering to vaccine-seeking students yesterday, making the health guidelines a total farce.

Students of some of the schools and their guardians alleged that the authorities of the school centres failed to ensure an environment that could assure the safety and security of the students, let alone maintain social distancing.

"I took my daughter to the school campus, used as the vaccination centre, around 8:45am. Once



I stepped inside the school, I saw a huge number of children and their guardians already cramming inside the premises. The place turned extremely humid and to some extent suffocating," said a guardian at a school in Dhanmondi.

"It was the only centre where all the eligible students of my daughter's school were given the first dose of the vaccine. As the day progressed, more and more guardians gathered inside the small premises, devoid of any crowd management," he said, preferring anonymity

He said he managed to send his daughter inside

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Water-lilies, an element of beauty in haors and canals, is a delicacy among many. And for that, these vendors collect the lilies from different canals in villages, move them in vans, and sell a hunch of the flowers for Tk 10 to 15. This photo was taken on Barishal's Nabogram Road yesterday. PHOTO: TITU DAS

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	(LTM)	Periodic Maintenance of Kalitala R&H to Farazir Hat		
		Road from Ch.00m-977m [Madaripur-S], Madaripur,		
		Road Code-354544012		
	736574	e-APP/LGED/MAD/GOBM/22-23/W-26		
	(LTM)	Periodic Maintenance of B.K Sen Road to	13-Oct-2022	
		Barailbari Sr. Madrasha Road from Ch. 00m-510m	within	
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ani		Road from Ch.00m- 1300m [Madaripur-S], Madaripur,		
lad		Road Code-354544022		
2	736648	e-APP/LGED/MAD/GOBM/22-23/W-34		
	(LTM)	Periodic Maintenance of Mostafapur-Gachbaria Road		
		from Ch.00m-2155m [Madaripur-S], Madaripur Road		
		Code-354545076		
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	(LTM)	Periodic Maintenance of Madaripur-Sreenadi Road		
		near the house of Ballavdi Hatem Matubber to		
		Saidnoor RNGPS Road from Ch.00m-1500m		
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ACC sues Biman's former UK manager

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed a case against former country manager of Bangladesh Biman Airlines's London Akhtaruddin Station Ahmed for misusing his power to cause the state airliner Tk 96.59 lakh loss. ACC Deputy Director Mohammad Sirajul Hoque filed the case with its integrated district office vesterday.

found "guilty" in Biman's internal investigation. ACC took over the matter in 2010.

However, the case did not see much progress as Akhtar filed a petition challenging the findings, says Sirajul. The petition was dismissed by the High Court about one and a half year ago...

Akhtar was country manager between 1993 and 1998.

During the period, Biman signed contracts with three companies for office equipment and telephone systems.

Without any approval of the central office, he canceled all contracts and inked new contracts with another company, which caused as loss of Tk 96.59 lakh.

Light to moderate rain likely

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Meteorological Department yesterday predicted rain in different parts of the country in the next 24 hours.

"Light to moderate rain or thunder showers and temporary gusty or squally wind, is likely to occur at few places over Rangpur, Mymensingh, Chattogram and Sylhet and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna and Barishal divisions," said a Met office bulletin issued in the morning.

and Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over

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SI. No.	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of works	Tenderin method
1	736479	e-Tender/LGED/Nat/GOBM/22-23/W-35	Periodic Maintenance of Jonail GC- Dharabarisha GC Road (Baraigram Part). Road from Ch. 00m-3672m [Baraigram) Under Baraigram Upazila, District. Natore. (Road ID No.:169152007)	5
2	733869	e-Tender/PEDP4/NTR/2022-23/W11.071	Repair and renovation of Super Quarter, Male Hostel, Female Hostel and Experimental School of Natore PTI under PEDP4, Upazila: Natore Sadar, District: Natore.	ОТМ
3	734885	CAFDRIRP/Natore/UNR/ER/W-10/2022-23	Maintenance of Walla U.P. R&H at Kadomchilan Hat Road from Ch.00-6300m under Lalpur Upazila, District Natore. [Road ID: 169443008]	ОТМ
4	735513	SSSWRDP/Nat/WD-29/22-23	Construction of Chalanali Dadua Khal WRS (4v-1.50mx1.50m) at Ch. 2+775m of Khal 2) Construction of Chalanali Dadua Box Culvert (2v-3.00mx4.50m) at Ch.1+362m of Khat 3) Construction of WMCA office under Gurudaspur Upazila, District: Natore, (Chalanali-Charkadaha Kandipara(New) (SP No. 62030) Sub-Project)	ОТМ
5	733304	RDRIDP/Nat/Lalpur-24/22-23	Improvement of Chamtia Vatpara-Gopalpur Gouripur UZR (Chamtia -Vatpara road. H/O Amdadul- Baitunnur Zame Mosque) at Ch.00-400m under Lalpur Upazila. District: Natore. [Road ID: 169444032] (Cost of Salvaged Materials Tk 85,414.00)	LTM
6	735773	RDRIDP/Natore/Sadar/Maintenance- 12/22-23	Maintenance Work of Borboria Hat- Hoybatpur GCCR road at Patakata Ch.00- 1785m under Natore Sadar Upazila, District: Natore. [Road ID: 169634034]	LTM
7	735775	RDRIDP/Natore/Bagatipara/Maintenance- 13/22-23	Maintenance Work of Jamnagar UP H/Q - Kafuria Bazar road (Bagatipara Part) at Ch.00-2770m under Bagatipara Upazilia, District: Natore. [Road ID: 169093004]	LTM
8	735784	RDRIDP/Natore/Singra/Maintenance- 14/22-23	Maintenance Work of Eklaspur Hat - Bonkuri via Brikaya road at Ch.00-2740m under Singra Upazila, District Natore. [Road ID: 169915002)	LTM
9	736476	e-Tender/LGED/Nat/GOBM/22-23/W-33	Periodic Maintenance of Patikabari Khanpara Mosaraf - Dohorsaila Rali Gate Via Bypass Rail Station Road from Ch. 00m- 2205m [Lalpur] Under Lalpur Upazila, District Natore. (Road ID No.: 169444139)	LTM
10	736477	e-Tender/LGED/Nat/GOBM122-23/W-34	Periodic Maintenance of Halsa GC- Haibatpur RHD Road from Ch. 2250m- 4572m [Natore-S) Under Natore Sadar Upazila. District: Natore. (Road ID No.: 169632005)	LTM
11	736480	e-Tender/LGED/Nat/GOBM/22-23/W-36	Periodic Maintenance of Raksha Jamtola More- Abed Market Road from Ch. 00m- 1255m (Lalpur) Under Lalpur Upazila, District: Natore. (Road ID No.; 169445313)	LTM
12	736481	e-Tender/LGED/Nat/GOBM122-23/W-37	Periodic Maintenance of Biprobelgharia UP Office-Sadhonpur Hat Road (Naldanga Part) Road from Ch. 6680m-8280m [Naldanga] Under Naldanga Upazila, District: Natore. (Road ID No.:169933011)	LTM
13	736485	e-Tender/LGED/Nat/GOBM/22-23/W-39	Periodic Maintenance of Khidra Malanchi UZR-Mollikpara via Dabnagar Nagraj Bozrapur Road from Ch. 00m-650m [Bagatipara] Under Bagatipara Upazila, District: Natore. (Road ID No.:169094006)	LTM
14	736486	e-Tender/LGED/Nat/GOBM/22-23/W-40	Periodic Maintenance of Makupara P/School- Jamnagar Kuti Ghosepara Road from Ch. 00m-1340m [Bagatipara) Under Bagatipara Upazila, District: Natore. (Road ID No.; 169094013)	LTM
15	736487	e-Tender/LGED/Nat/GOBM/22-23/W-41	Periodic Maintenance of Kakfu Eidgah- Jugupara Natore Road from Ch. 00m-995m [Bagatipara) Under Bagatipara Upazila, District: Natore. (Road ID No.:169095011)	LTM
16	736489	e-Tender/LGED/Nat/GOBM/22-23/W-42	Periodic Maintenance of Duaria UP- Ahammedpur Eidgah Road from Ch. 00m- 780m (Lalpur) Under Lalpur Upazila, District: Natore, (Road ID No.:169445230)	LTM

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