

UNSOLD FLOWERS no longer a waste

Women in Jashore making products from dried petals

MOHSIN MILON, from Jashore

Gadkhali area of Jashore's Jhikargachha, often referred to as the country's flower capital, produces flowers round the year.

However, local flower growers used to suffer losses from April to September due to less demand for flowers in the market.

According to the Department of Agricultural Extension, flowers worth around Tk 50 crore are wasted in Jashore during this time.

Fortunately, things are changing, while opening doors to new possibilities.

Women entrepreneurs of "Phul Kanan Panisara" at Bangladesh-America Friendship Flower Marketing Center, near Gadkhali, are now producing an array of products, including incense sticks, dyes, soaps, and fragrances, using petals of flowers that have either remained unsold or withered from the branches.

They are also selling their products through online platforms.

Getting involved in this venture, Nasreen Nahar Asha of Panisara village, Rabeya Khatun and Sajeda Begum of Bariya village, and 27 other women are on the way to financial independence.

They follow a sequence of steps to utilise flower petals as raw materials for their products. Petals are removed and burnt to make dyes which are used on clothes for boutique printing.

Aromatic oils are made from flower extracts to make perfumes, while incense sticks and



soaps are made from dried rose petal powder.

Also, dried flower petals are used to make wall-mats, bangles, earrings, key rings, photo frames and pendants.

Contacted, Rabeya Khatun said four people including her received training from India under the initiative of Society for Bright Social Services through the regional connectivity project, funded by the Ministry of Commerce. After returning to the country, they started working with flowers, initially using dried rose petals to make wall-mats, selling each for around Tk 1,500.

Over time, they expanded their product portfolio to different other items.

"I along with two other women in the village are now trying to train women to work in this initiative," she said.

Meanwhile, Saheda Begum said they are selling the products locally, as well as online using a social media page titled "Flower and Flower Work".

"I recently opened a stall at a fair and got a lot of response," she added.

Besides, Nasreen Nahar Asha said although the sector is in the initial stage, it has many possibilities.

She also said they need financial support to buy necessary equipment to set up a factory, which will eventually provide employment for many women in the region.

These artisan soaps, perfumes and cosmetics have good demand across the world, Asha added.

Abdur Rahim, president of Jashore Flower Growers and Marketing Cooperative Association, echoed the same.

"There is a large market for flower by-products. Government support is very important to capture it," he said.

Abul Hasan, additional director to the DAE in Jashore, said they are ready to provide all kinds of cooperation to the initiative.

"The process of bringing more entrepreneurs under training is ongoing. They can get loans on easy terms," he said.



'Stop fossil fuel use to ensure food sovereignty'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Vulnerable fisher community of remote Brindabannagar village in Sunamganj Sadar upazila staged a demonstration yesterday demanding food sovereignty.

The programme, marking World Food Day, was organised by Haor Area Upliftment Society (Haus) in association with Coastal Livelihood and Environmental Action Network (Clean) and Bangladesh Working Group on Ecology and Development (BWGED).

"Fossil fuels are to blame for global warming and climate change, as a result of which food



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security of the vulnerable people will be immensely threatened. The people of haor are among the most vulnerable communities who will face the brunt of climate change first," said Salehin Chowdhury, executive director of Haus.

The participants brought placards stating their demands, which include food sovereignty, ending use of fossil fuels, preventing fossil fuel infrastructure in farmland, incorporating agrovoltaic project in IEPNP, withdrawing duty on accessories of renewable energy, and formulating a land leasing policy for renewable energy.

NEW BUILDING AT ABUL FAZAL HIGH SCHOOL

Construction incomplete even after 5 years

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The construction work of a new building of Abul Fazal Chowdhury High School in Kamalganj upazila of Moulvibazar has not been completed in almost five years.

The school authorities have repeatedly reached out to various government offices in this regard but to no avail.

At present, academic activities are continuing in the old building amid extreme discomfort.

On November 3, 2018, local lawmaker Md Abdus Shahid laid the foundation stone of the school's

four-storied new building.

The contractor was to complete the works by February 7, 2019, at a cost of around Tk 2.74 crore. Till 2019-20, only two floors were constructed before the work stopped during the pandemic.

Michbahur Rahman Chowdhury, headteacher of the school, said, "Academic activities are going on with great difficulty amid the infrastructure crisis."

Abdul Ahad, president of the school's managing committee, echoed him.

Fazlur Rahman, director of the contracting firm, said the

work had to be stopped amid the pandemic and they could not resume construction as the prices of materials have gone up significantly. "We will start the work again when the prices of construction materials become stable," he said.

Shamsul Arefin Khan, executive engineer of Directorate of Education and Engineering in Moulvibazar, said they have spoken to the contracting firm. Hopefully the works will resume soon, he added.

"We will change the contractor if the works do not resume within a month," he said.



Speakers at the launching of "Bangladesh-Myanmar Relations Amidst Rohingya Crisis: An Evaluation Through Regional Security Complex Theory" at EMK centre in Gulshan yesterday. The book was authored by Md Nayeem Ashfaq Chowdhury, senior research fellow at Bangladesh Center for Indo-Pacific Affairs. Prof Imtiaz Ahmed of Dhaka University; Lt Gen (retd) Md Mahfuzur Rahman; Prof Abdullah Hel Kafi and Dr Tasmia Persoob of Jahangirnagar University, and Farooq Sobhan, former foreign secretary and distinguished fellow and board member of Bangladesh Enterprise Institute, were present at the event.

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200 years of Bangalee history

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because of various reasons, as per Prof Sayeed's editorial note.

According to a paper provided to journalists during the ceremony, the entire compilation will cost Tk 1.80 lakh at its actual price and Tk 1.26 lakh after a 30 percent discount.

However, anyone can make a pre-order for the whole compilation at Tk 90,000 now. Such an offer will remain active till March 2024.

A reader can also browse through bcrs.bskbd.org website to know details about the compilation.

Iftekharul Islam, a trustee of the Kendra, said they want different universities and public libraries to collect the compilation as it will help reach the books to the readers.

Prof Abul Kashem Fazlul Haque, former teacher of Dhaka University's Bangla department, said people of this part of the globe fought for their

own language in 1952. However, at present Bangla as the country's official language does not get the importance that it should get.

The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam said the compilation will be a "treasure trove" for the countrymen.

In his brief speech, eminent economist Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud praised the Kendra for taking this initiative.

অফিস ভাড়া
নতুন অতি উন্নত স্ট্রাট ২৫০০ বর্গফুট, ৬ষ্ঠ তলা, ৪৪/১৪, পশ্চিম পাশ্চাত্য স্ট্রিট রোড।
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অধ্যক্ষ নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি
মোফাজ্জল-মোমেনা চাকাদার মহিলা জিআই কলেজ (এমপিও ভুক্ত), হোখিং নং-ডি-৯৬, তালবাগ (খানা রোড), সাতার, ঢাকা-এর জন্য সর্বশেষ সরকারি ও জাতীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের নীতিমালা অনুযায়ী শূন্য পদে অধ্যক্ষ নিয়োগ করা হবে। দক্ষ ও যোগ্যতা সম্পন্ন আত্মীয় প্রার্থীদের বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের ২৮ (আটত্রিশ) দিনের মধ্যে কলেজ গভর্নিং বডি'র সভাপতি বরাবর আবেদন ও প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্র কলেজের ভারপ্রাপ্ত অধ্যক্ষের দপ্তরে সরাসরি, কুরিয়ার অথবা রেজিস্টার ডাকযোগে পৌঁছাতে হবে। পূর্বের আবেদনকৃত প্রার্থীর পুনরায় আবেদনের প্রয়োজন নাই। -অধ্যক্ষ (ভারপ্রাপ্ত)

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এলপি গ্যাস লিমিটেড
(বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম কর্পোরেশন এর একটি অঙ্গ প্রতিষ্ঠান)
উত্তর পতেঙ্গা, চট্টগ্রাম-৪২০৪

বিষয়ঃ বাক এলপিগি বিক্রির দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম কর্পোরেশন এর অঙ্গ প্রতিষ্ঠান এলপি গ্যাস লিমিটেড এর চট্টগ্রামস্থ প্রস্তুত হুজ মজলু বাক সাপ্লেক উক্ত বাক এলপিগি বিক্রি/সরবরাহের নিমিত্তে সরকার কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত বেসরকারি পর্ষদে পরিচালিত এলপিগি স্টলিং প্রান্সি/সাপ্লেকস্ট এলপিগি প্রান্সি/অটোমাস সেটশন পরিচালককারী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের নিমিত্ত হুজ স্টলসমালেকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

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এলপি গ্যাস উত্তর পতেঙ্গা, চট্টগ্রাম প্রস্তুত থেকে বাক	২,০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার টাকা)	৪০,০০,০০০/- (চতুস্ত্রিশ লাখ টাকা)	১৩/১১/২০২৩ ১৪:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত	১৩/১১/২০২৩ ১৪:০০ ঘটিকা


এলপিগি বিক্রি

- ১। বিস্তারিত নিয়ম ও শর্তাবলি সম্বন্ধিত নিমিত্তে সকল কার্যনির্বাহে নথি মূল্যে ক। এলপি গ্যাস লিমিটেড, উত্তর পতেঙ্গা, চট্টগ্রাম-৪২০৪ এবং খ। বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম কর্পোরেশন, সিলেট অফিস, ১০ম তলা, বিটিএমসি ভবন, ২ ফ্লোরের বাজার, ঢাকা থেকে ১৩/১১/২০২৩ তারিখ বেলা ১০:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত গ্রহণ করা যাবে।
- ২। দরপত্র খোলার দিন কোন দরপত্র বিক্রি করা হবে না।
- ৩। সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র এলপি গ্যাস লিমিটেড, উত্তর পতেঙ্গা, চট্টগ্রাম-৪২০৪ এর সংশ্লিষ্ট টেন্ডার বক্সে উপস্থাপিত তারিখ ও সময়ে দাখিল করা যাবে।
- ৪। দরপত্র ও নথির উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিতি থাকেন) এলপি গ্যাস লিমিটেড এর চট্টগ্রাম কার্যালয়ে যথাসময়ে দরপত্র খোলার হবে।
- ৫। অফিসের কার্যে নির্ধারিত সিলে দরপত্র গ্রহণ সক্ষম না হলে প্রবর্তী অফিস খোলার দিন উপস্থিতি হলে ও সময়ে দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলা হবে।
- ৬। দরপত্র অফিস www.bpc.gov.bd এবং www.lpgl.gov.bd থেকে ডাউনলোড করা যাবে, তবে ডাউনলোডকৃত অফিসের মাধ্যমে দরপত্র দাখিল করার ক্ষেত্রে যথানিয়মে প্রকল্পের ত্রুটি বাকস মূল বর্ণিত জমা দিতে হবে।
- ৭। এ বিজ্ঞপ্তি কোন তথ্যাদি আসলে সর্বশেষ কর্মকর্তা জমা প্রদেয়। এ, কে, এর ক্ষেত্রে ইকবাল, বাহাদুর (ও এজ এম), মোবাইল নম্বর ০১৭১৯০৭৬৪৬৬ এর মাধ্যমে যোগাযোগ করা যাবে।
- ৮। এলপি গ্যাস লিমিটেড কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ সর্বাধিক ব্যতিক্রমে কে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বিক্রি অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

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তারিখ-১৩/১০

OBITUARY



H Rashid Nizam, M.No. 00808
honorable member of Cadet College Club Ltd and an Ex Cadet of PAF Public School Sargodha, 3rd Batch has breathed his last on 12th October 2023 at 11:00 am (Innah Lillahi Wainna Ilaihi Rajjun). He was 79. He left behind his wife, 1 Son, 1 daughter, relatives and well wishers to mourn his death. May his departed soul rest in eternal peace. AMEEN.

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Date: 12/10/2023

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1.	887577	Supply and installation of Smart Board, CC Camera and Sound System with Accessories for Jashore Govt. City College	30-October-2023 11:40	30-October-2023 12:40
2.	887580	Janitor Works for Classroom, Library and related service for Jashore Govt. City College	30-October-2023 13:15	30-October-2023 14:15

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To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.
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