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 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, Rabeva 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 wallmats, 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 byproducts. 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.

ICAO confce begins today STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 58th Conference of Director General of Civil Aviation of International Aviation Organization (ICAO) Asia and Pacific Region will commence in the capital today.

This is the second time Dhaka is hosting this event. The conference, an initiative after ICAO's tri-annual meeting, was first held in this metropolis in 1985.

Around 500 delegates from 47 countries and 13 international organisations, will attend this five-day conference. Directors general from countries in Asia-Pacific region, and guests, including ICAO President Salvatore Saquitano, Secretary General Juan Carlos Salazar, and Regional Director Tao Ma will also attend the event.

It will be presided over by Air Vice Marshal M Mafidur Rahman, chairman of Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh.

conference The discussions will cover various critical aspects of the sector, including safety and security, air navigation and transport development, environmental disaster prevention, capacity building, and practical implications.

'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

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

Academic activities are going on with great difficulty amid the infrastructure

crisis. Michbahur Rahman Chowdhury School Headteacher

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NEW BUILDING AT ABUL FAZAL HIGH SCHOOL

Construction incomplete even after 5 years

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The construction work of a new completed in almost five years.

The school authorities have 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 works by February 7, 2019, at building of Abul Fazal Chowdhury a cost of around Tk 2.74 crore. High School in Kamalganj upazila Till 2019-20, only two floors were of Moulvibazar has not been constructed before the work when the prices of construction stopped during the pandemic.

Michbahur Rahman repeatedly reached out to various Chowdhury, headteacher of the engineer of Directorate of government offices in this regard school, said, "Academic activities Education and Engineering in amid the infrastructure crisis."

> school's managing committee, added. echoed him.

the contracting firm, said the month," he said.

work had to be stopped amid the The contractor was to complete pandemic and they could not resume construction as the prices of materials have gone up significantly.

"We will start the work again materials become stable," he said.

Shamsul Arefin Khan, executive are going on with great difficulty Moulvibazar, said they have spoken to the contracting firm. Hopefully Abdul Ahad, president of the the works will resume soon, he

"We will change the contractor Fazlur Rahman, director of if the works do not resume within a

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 Ashfaque 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 Faroog Sobhan, former foreign secretary and distinguished fellow and board member of Bangladesh Enterprise Institute, were present at the event. PHOTO: COLLECTED

200 years of Bangalee history

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

According to a paper provided to iournalists 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.

এলপি গ্যাস লিমিটেড

(বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম কর্পোরেশন এর একটি অঙ্গ প্রতিষ্ঠান)

উত্তর পতেঙ্গা, চট্টগ্রাম-৪২০৪

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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

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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.



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