

Honouring the stellar

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Previously, promising women from sectors such as "Development", "Technology", "Architecture", "Education", "Corporate", "Culture", "Sports", "Agriculture", "Startup & Entrepreneurship", and "Writing" have been recognised.

Upon receiving the award, Tawhida said, "I hope there will be many initiatives like Stellar Women, where we can proudly present hard-working individuals who are still unsung or less heard of."

Tawhida is the founder of the Bangladeshi startup Moner Bondhu, which provides low-cost and trusted mental healthcare support services.

Another Stellar Woman awardee, Rozina, said, "I understand the struggles of female journalists and believe that women should nurture their respective talents and be fearless."

She is also the head

of crime reporting at Prothom Alo.

Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, said the newspaper is honoured and delighted to be part of this noble initiative.

"This is indeed a great initiative. Generally, real estate companies do not come up with such social initiatives, but bti did. We, The Daily Star, are so proud to be a part of this initiative," he said.

FR Khan, managing director of bti, said, "The Stellar Women Awards will shine a spotlight on these incredible individuals and their stories, inspiring others to pursue their dreams fearlessly."

Among others, Tajdin Hassan, chief business officer of The Daily Star, its Head of Marketing Imran Kadir, bti CEO Nalaka Hettiarachchi, and its Executive Director of Communication and Brand Management Aysha Siddiqua were present at the event.

City corporations

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The markets under DSCC include DIT Super (Sakura) Market (Tk 64.76 lakh), Victoria DIT Market (Tk 6.66 lakh), Municipal Street DIT Market (Tk 36.69 lakh), Badamtoli Ghat DIT Market (Tk 39.07 lakh), and Nawab Yusuf Market (Tk 5.30 crore).

The market value of these establishments is way more than the aforementioned prices now, and city corporations should pay Rajuk in accordance with it, said Rajuk sources.

Since the purchase in 1983, all the revenue generated from these markets has been deposited in the city corporation's treasury. Rajuk says the total valuation of these properties, including interest and losses incurred by the organisation due to nonpayment by city corporations, is currently Tk 302,78,88,886, to be exact.

Rajuk's director (Finance and Accounts), Abu Kawser

Mallick, said, "We have repeatedly written to the two city corporations, but they have not answered us properly. We called meetings many times, but none of them came."

"Considering a 12 percent annual interest rate per year since 1983, the accumulated sum now exceeds Tk 302 crore. If we factor in the current market valuation, the total is expected to surpass Tk 1,000 crore," he added.

Meanwhile, high-ups of the two city corporations say they'll settle the payments soon.

DNCC Chief Executive Officer Selim Reza said, "If we owe Rajuk money and if their demand is fair, we'll surely pay them."

DSCC CEO Mizanur Rahman said, "I have ordered the department concerned to look into the matter. Appropriate action will be taken after getting the details."

LALI GUR OF BRAHMANBARIA

Sweet syrupy surprise



Sugarcanes being pressed in a buffalo-run grinder in Bishnupur union of Brahmanbaria's Bijoyanagar upazila. Upon extraction, the juice will be cooked on an earthen stove for a couple of hours to turn it into a glossy syrup, locally known as Lali Gur. PHOTO: MASUK HRIDOY

MASUK HRIDOY, Brahmanbaria

When you visit Bijoyanagar, you will be welcomed not with words but a bite into warm chitoy pitha, dipped in the rich and velvety Lali gur -- a delicacy that has graced these lands for decades.

With harvest time knocking on the door, farmers of Brahmanbaria head out to their sugarcane fields at the break of dawn. They cut the canes and bring those to the local mills.

There, buffaloes take over the grinders as their human friends help place the canes inside the heart of the machine.

Once extracted, the juice is filtered and then boiled on an earthen stove for a couple of



hours until it becomes dense and is then left to cool off. This is how Lali gur, this region's supreme delicacy, has been made for decades.

About a hundred farmer families in Dulalpur, Kalachhara and Baktarmora villages in Bishnupur union are

invested in this ancestral trade.

With no colour or taste enhancers being added, the popular item is still made using the century-old process. Attracting buyers from all around the country, the molasses retain that original and authentic taste and quality of yesteryears.

It is sold for a wholesale price of Tk 130-140 per kilo, with the price being Tk 150 at retailers,

said Ramjan Mia, a molasses maker of Bishnupur. "Earlier, we had to visit markets to sell this item. But wholesale traders now come straight to our homes and collect the product," he added.

According to Department of Agricultural Extension, sugarcane has been planted on 25 hectares of land in the upazila this season, with an expected yield of 2,700 tonnes.

Once grown in bulk in Brahmanbaria, farmers have resorted to more profitable crops over time. However, the unique taste of the canes is key to achieving the perfect taste and texture of Lali gur.

Susanto Saha, deputy director of DAE in Brahmanbaria, said they are trying their best to ensure adequate production of sugarcane in the region and that the raw materials are not being adulterated.

PM assigns charges to her 7 advisors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Cabinet Division published a gazette notification yesterday assigning specific departments to the seven advisors appointed by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The advisors are Prime Minister's Economic Adviser Dr Mashiur Rahman; Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Adviser Dr Towhique-e-Elahi Chowdhury; International Affairs Adviser Dr Gawhar Rizvi; Private Industry and Investment Adviser Salman F Rahman; Education and Cultural Affairs Adviser Dr Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury; and Security Adviser Maj Gen (retd) Tarique Ahmed Siddique.

Meanwhile, Sajeeb Wazed Joy was re-appointed as an honorary information and communication technology adviser.

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157 foreigners

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He, however, said there are some state procedures for repatriating the foreign prisoners to their homes.

The DAG plans to submit the report to the HC for a March 10 hearing.

The court issued the order in response to a writ petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer Bivuti Tarolder, challenging the government officials' inaction in releasing and repatriating Govinda Uriya to India's Tripura from Bangladesh upon completion of his jail term for illegal entry.

Taqseem

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costs Wasa Tk 26 to 30. If the production cost is Tk 30 and it is sold for Tk 15, then where will the rest come from? Then it has to be subsidised," said the minister.

"If the price of water increases due to any corruption within Wasa, action will be taken. But poor people's money will not be used to subsidise Wasa water and keep the prices low. Besides, they need money to work on increasing the quality of water," he added.

Wasa MD Taqseem presided over the event.

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Vacancy Announcement

SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) under the framework of SAARC has been working for strengthening agricultural research and technology transfer through regional network among agricultural research/extension institutions and policy makers in the South Asian Region. SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) is inviting application for the following positions [to be recruited from the citizens of Bangladesh]:

1. Senior Technical Officer
2. Senior Program Officer (Natural Resources Management)
3. IT Manager (Software)

Details of appointment notice, qualification and experience, terms and conditions, salaries/allowances, facilities and benefits etc. shall be available at the SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), BARC Complex, Farmgate, Dhaka - 1215, Bangladesh and in website: <http://www.sac.org.bd>

All Applications should reach to the Director, SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) not later than 15 February 2024.

Canvassing of any form will disqualify the candidate.

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Vacancy Announcement

PKSF has started implementing a 5-year project titled 'Resilient Homestead and Livelihood Support to the Vulnerable Coastal People of Bangladesh (RHL) Project' and a 4-year project titled 'Extended Community Climate Change Project-Drought (ECCCP-Drought)' financed by the Green Climate Fund (GCF) from September 2023. These projects aim to increase resilience of the climate vulnerable communities in coastal areas and Barind Tract regions of Bangladesh respectively. PKSF hereby invites online applications from the suitable candidates for the following positions under RHL and ECCCP-Drought Projects:

SN	Name of the Positions with Number	Name of the Project	Consolidated Monthly Salary
1	Assistant Project Coordinator (Finance and Accounts) -01	RHL	BDT 1,85,000/-
2	Assistant Project Coordinator (Environmental Engineer) -01	RHL	BDT 1,70,000/-
3	Assistant Project Coordinator (Monitoring and Evaluation-Econometrician) -01	RHL	BDT 1,70,000/-
4	Assistant Project Coordinator (Monitoring and Evaluation) -01	ECCCP-Drought	BDT 1,60,000/-
5	Procurement Specialist-01	ECCCP-Drought	BDT 1,60,000/-

The employees will be recruited initially for one year with an opportunity for performance-based annual renewal during the project period. Interested candidates who fulfill the requirements may apply online by **11 February 2024**. Please visit PKSF Website (<https://pkfsf.org.bd>) for detailed job description and instructions to apply.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. PKSF is an equal opportunity employer. Any kind of persuasion will be treated as disqualification of the candidate. PKSF reserves the right to cancel this recruitment process without assigning any reason whatsoever.

*****Women are highly encouraged to apply.*****

Deputy Managing Director