Approval of Golden Rice a threat to farmers' rights Say speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Farmers across the country could lose their rights over paddy seeds if the government approves the cultivation of Golden Rice, experts said at a programme yesterday.

Farmers can now store seeds or purchase them from markets traditionally. However, they will be bound to depend on the company that would provide Golden Rice seeds if it gets approved for cultivation, they added.

The speakers also raised concerns about the lack of authentic research and documentation proving that the genetically modified Golden Rice variety is free from environmental or health

"If Golden Rice is approved, crores of farmers may lose their fortunes to foreign companies," said Farida Akhter, executive director of Policy Research for Development Alternative (ÚBINIG).

The discussion was jointly organised by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, UBINIG, Anti-GMO Morcha, Nayakrishi Andolon, and Nagorik Uddyog, bringing together environmentalists, farmers, leaders and rights activists.

Golden Rice, which is claimed to contain Vitamin A, has been developed through genetic engineering by inserting maize genes into BRRI-dhan-29 rice variety.

Mentioning that Golden Rice is

controversial globally, Farida said only the Philippines had approved it briefly before canceling it amid farmers' movement.

"Why should we hand over our conventional BRRI-dhan-29 to a company? If its patent is given to a company like Syngenta, won't it undermine the rights of crores of farmers to cultivate this variety?"

Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of BELA, said, "Health and environmental impacts of the rice should be determined through impartial study, not by the company. We don't know if it's safe to insert genes from one species into

"It cannot be accepted that a company takes our seeds, brings other varieties and takes away the patent," she added.

"Syngenta has made Bangladesh an experimental centre for its rice. Political and economic pressure is involved to get approval for Golden Rice. Moreover, the decision-making process is not participatory and transparent," she alleged.

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Risky, but still in use

Students attend classes in dilapidated structure as new building remains incomplete for nearly 4 years

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Students of Betagi-Sankipur VDC Government Primary School in Patuakhali's Dasmina upazila are attending classes in an old, dilapidated school building as the construction work of the new school building remains incomplete even after four years.

The Local Government Engineering Department started the construction of a new two-storey school building on September 10, 2020 at a cost of Tk 99.57 lakh. The deadline for the project was June 30, 2021.

Md Gias Uddin, a contractor and incumbent president of Patuakhali District Chamber of Commerce and Industries, got the contract for the work.

application, the deadline was extended till January 2023, upon failure to meet the original deadline. However, even a year after the last

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deadline, the building's construction still remains incomplete.

As such, students are compelled to attend classes in the old single-storey building amid risks, despite the building being deemed unsafe.

Established in 1988 in a small tin-shed house, the school became a single-storey building in 2000 with three classrooms. Over the next two decades, the building gradually became unsuitable for conducting classes.

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the new building began, the contractor abruptly halted the work, forcing school authorities to continue using the old

Moreover, children have not been able to use the school's playground, as it remains occupied by construction materials since the work began.

"The plaster of the old building's ceilings and walls is falling off. We attend classes amid fear that it might collapse any time. We cannot play during recess as the playground is occupied with stones and iron rods," said Apan Chandra Adhikari, a fifth grader at the school.

Abdur Rab, headteacher of the school, said, "At present, there are 130 students in the school. Academic activities of the school have been gravely affected as the new building remains incomplete. The ceiling leaks water during the rain, the complete the building's construction by plaster is decaying, and the structure appointing a new contractor," he added.

seems fragile and may collapse at any time. Students are being compelled to attend classes in the old building amid such risk."

Expressing concern, Marium Parvin, assistant education officer in the upazila, urged authorities concerned to take urgent steps.

Contacted over phone, Gias Uddin said the construction work could not be completed due to shortage of workers during the pandemic. Later, the delay lingered due to personal reasons of the chief mason.

Maqbul Hossain, LGED engineer in Dashmina upazila, said the contractor was sent several letters to complete the work, but he did not comply.

"A letter has been sent to the higher authority on March 12, 2023 to cancel the existing contract. We are trying to

MILTON'S CARE CENTRE Detectives assign a foundation to look after service seekers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The detectives have entrusted Alhaj Shamsul Hoque Foundation with the responsibility of caring for and ensuring medical facilities of the children and elderlies at Child and Old Age Care run by Milton Samadder.

"The chief of the foundation came to us yesterday (Sunday) and we requested him to provide food and medical facility by appointing a doctor round the clock," Harun-Or-Rashid, chief of Detective Branch of police, said yesterday.

Harun said they are investigating all the allegations against Milton and none found to be involved with him will be spared.

He also alleged that Milton has been misappropriating the money meant for the shelter seekers by keeping it in his own bank account.

PASSPORT VERIFICATION 9 cop imposters held in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nine people have been arrested for allegedly extorting money from passport applicants by posing as officers of the Special Branch of police.

SB carries out police verification of passport The arrestees with the help of some staffers

of passport offices used to collect the details of the applicants and posing as SB officers used to demand money to get their police verification done.

Upon receiving allegations, a team of detectives arrested them from different areas in the capital, said Harun-Or-Rashid, chief of the Detective Branch of DMP, at a press conference yesterday.

The arrestees are: Kazi Mohammad Belal Hossain, Jasim Uddin, Al Amin Gazi, Hasan Ahmed, Sohag Alam, Hossain Mollah, Nuruzzaman Mia, Mamunur Rahman and Rasel Islam.

Students of Betagi-**Government Primary** School are forced to attend classes in this dilapidated school building as the construction work of a new building remains incomplete

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Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

Research Fellows

Bangladesh Forest Research Institute (BFRI), Chattogram has been implementing the project "Development of an Improved Agarwood Inoculation Technique", Project Code: 224350400 under the ministry of Environment, Forests and climate Change with GoB fund. The aim and objective of the project- (a) To invent an artificial inoculum and application technique that will produce quality agar-resin within a short period by establishing a specialized laboratory; (b) Arranging quality testing and quality assurance facilities for easy entry of Bangladeshi agar-wood, oil and agar products into the foreign markets and (c) To disseminate the invented artificial agar-resin production technology among

The following Research Fellows (National) will be recruited on the basis of individual capacity.

Title	Qualification	Experience	Age Limit	Duration
Research Fellows (Research Fellows-SD- 12) Position- 05	Required Academic Qualification: B.Sc. (Hons)/Masters/Masters Appeared with thesis in Chemistry, Applied Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Genetic Engineering, Molecular Biology, Electrical and Electronics, Biomedical, Applied Physics. Diploma Biomedical, Electrical & Electronic Engineering. Preferred Qualifications: PhD, and MPhil running, students.	communication skills, ability to train and work with operational staff in the laboratory.	Maximum 35 years.	*12. months

The applicants are invited to provide information in detail indicating their qualification to perform the services according to the complete job description (nature, duty, qualification and ToR) mentioned in the website noticeboard (www.bfri.gov.bd). The personnel will be hired and contracted as per the Project PP, PPA-2006 and PPR-2008. The duration of the assignment will be 12 months (twelve months) starting from the date of appointment. *However, the duration of assignment may be increased or reduced according to the performance of consultant, availability of

and address of the individual.

assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected applicant(s). For further information and clarification, intending applicants may contact at the address given below during office hours (9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Dr. Mohammad Jakir Hossain Project Director

উত্মুক্তবরণের দিন অভিস বন্ধ থাকলে পরবর্তী অভিস খোলার দিন বসাসময়ে টেভার উত্মুক্ত করা হবে। (মুহান্দ্র কর্মান প্রামান প্রামান বিশি-৭৮০৫১০৮১৯০ উপ-পুলিশ কমিশনার (সরবরাহ) অভিবিক্ত ভিত্তাইজি লগে লগেন্দ্রতিয়ার পক্ষে পুলিশ কমিশনার চট্টগ্রাম মেট্রোললিউন পুলিশ

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Research Fellows (Research Fellows-SD- 12) Position- 05	Required Academic Qualification: B.Sc. (Hons)/Masters/Masters Appeared with thesis in Chemistry, Applied Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Genetic Engineering, Molecular Biology, Electrical and Electronics, Biomedical, Applied Physics. Diploma Biomedical, Electrical & Electronic Engineering. Preferred Qualifications: PhD, and MPhil running, students.	 02 years research/work experience in the relevant field; Research publication in reputed journals; Practical experience and theoretical knowledge in relevant field; Experience of handling sophisticated laboratory equipment; Proficiency in MS Office Application (Word, Excel & Power Point), Research related software and etc. Excellent written and oral communication skills, ability to train and work with operational staff in the laboratory. Experience may be relaxed, in case of insufficient number of qualified candidates. 		*12- months

consultant, project needs and budget. In that case PPA-2006 and PPR-2008 will be followed. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below (in person or mail) by 20 May, 2024 within 12:00 PM and clearly marked Expression of Interest (EOI), contract package number, name of the position applied for and name

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the EOI or cancel the EOI process at any stage without

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