

MUSEUM IN SREEMANGAL

Showcasing 150 years of tea heritage

MINTU DESHWARA

Tea, the most popular and revered beverage in the world, has an over 150-year long heritage of cultivation and consumption in Bangladesh.

To showcase the heritage, the country's first Tea Museum was opened in Moulvibazar's Sreemangal, the "tea capital" of Bangladesh, on September 16, 2009.

Nestled in a lush green ambience along the scenic Bhanugachh road, about three kilometres from Sreemangal town, the museum, within its inviting walls, treats the visitors with artifacts, such as small tables crafted from aged tea trees.

An array of silver and copper coins, which was once used for paying tea workers, offers a glimpse into their daily lives and contributions, and takes visitors back in time to the early days of tea cultivation in the region.

Visiting the museum recently, this correspondent saw its exhibits arranged in four rooms.

In the first room, a portrait of Bangabandhu hangs on the wall with a chair and table placed beside it, which he had used while serving as the first Bangalee chairman of the then Pakistan Tea Board in 1957-58.

The next room displays furniture made using tea trees, alongside tools used during the British rule by tea workers for pruning tea leaves and clearing garden weeds and other utensils.

There are also antique radios used in the manager's bungalow, wall clocks, special tools used for planting tea saplings, different types of pens, etc.

The third room houses old kerosene-powered refrigerators, vintage car chassis, electric fans, plow parts of tractors, bows and arrows used by security guards of tea gardens, direction finders,



A chair and table on display at the museum. Bangabandhu had used them while serving as the first Bangalee chairman of the then Pakistan Tea Board in 1957-58. PHOTO: STAR

money boxes used by bookkeepers, and vintage tables. The room also has the first computer and typewriter owned by the Bangladesh Tea Research Institute.

The fourth room displays furniture used by officials and tea processing apparatus, among other items.

Around 30-40 visitors come to the museum on weekends while the number is fewer on weekdays, said the person at the ticket counter.

Saheda Begum, a visitor, said, "The authorities have to initiate rigorous campaigns by involving students and youths to promote the museum since many people don't even

know that there is a tea museum." AKM Rafiqul Haque, chief executive officer (additional duty) of Tea Museum and director of Project Development Unit of Bangladesh Tea Board, said they collected the items on display from different tea gardens across the region.

"Some of the items can no longer be found. The museum was opened to exhibit these items from the past to inform the future generations about the history and evolution of our tea industry. We have plans to expand the museum," he added.

Anyone can visit the museum between 10:00am and 4:00pm daily for an entry fee of Tk 20 per person.

PORT CITY

Tk 258 crore street lighting project okayed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The cabinet committee on economic affairs yesterday approved a project for lighting various roads in the Chattogram City Corporation areas under Indian Line of Credit 3.

The CCC is implementing the project titled "Modernisation of City Street Light System under Chattogram City Corporation".

The committee approved the proposal to purchase the tender packages at a cost of Tk 258.6 crore. Mumbai-based firm Shapoorji Pallonji & Company Private Limited is the recommended bidder.

Project Direct of CCC Superintendent Engineer Jhulan Kumar Das could not be reached for comments despite repeated attempts.

The project was approved at the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council on July 9 in 2019 but it has not seen any progress yet. The project with a one-year tenure has already been revised several times.

Abdul Bari, former executive engineer (electrical) of CCC, previously informed The Daily Star that post-project implementation, CCC's electricity bill would be halved, and a smart management system would replace the manual process.

He said around 500 switches for lamp control will be replaced by only four central server stations. The LED lamps will be controlled by timers and magnetic control systems.

According to CCC sources, there are lights on a total of 1,043 kilometres of roads in the city.

Among them, sodium lamps cover up a total of 890 kilometres of roads and LED lamps cover up 153 kilometres.

Meanwhile, if the project is implemented, 467 kilometres of roads covered with sodium lamps will be replaced by LED lamps.

According to CCC officials, there are about 51,573 sodium lamps in the city streets. These lamps are switched on and off from 1,534 points in different mosques, temples and social organisation offices.

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Death anniv of Golam Rasul Mallick

DU CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 18th death anniversary of Golam Rasul Mallick, a freedom fighter and founding editor of Eastern News Agency (ENA), said a press release.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani and food distribution programme will be held after the Asr prayers at his residence.

During the Liberation War, he launched ENA as a Bangalee journalist.

He was elected chairman of Commonwealth Press Union, Bangladesh wing for three times and was the first member of Press Institute Bangladesh.

Developed

FROM PAGE 3 focus on creating employment opportunities.

She said the government is setting up 100 economic zones to facilitate industries and create jobs. "Australian entrepreneurs can invest there and profit by availing the investment-friendly facilities."

Hasina also sought Australian assistance in sharing its advanced agricultural technologies.

The PM added that currently some 90,000 people of Bangladesh origin were living in Australia and contributing to the country's economy.

She requested the Australian foreign minister take steps to allow more Bangladeshi students in their country.

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কোটবাড়ী, কুমিল্লা-৩৫০৬
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Invitation for Tenders (Goods)

Tender ID No.	Description of works	Tender Publication (Date & Time)	Tender closing & Opening (date & time)
989339	Supply and Installation of Computers, UPS, AC, Computer Tables and Chairs, Curtains, Carpets, Necessary Electrical Equipments and Sign Boards for establishing a full computer lab for Faculty of Social Sciences of Comilla University.	21-May-2024 15:00:00	04-Jun-2024 15:30:00

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered Banks branches within the mentioned time in tender notice. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

Signed/-
(Mohammad Nasir Uddin)
Senior Programmer
Comilla University, Cumilla.

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Chittaranjan Das

FROM PAGE 3 encourages villagers to protect the palm trees.

Road renovations, local damage, and waterlogging have all resulted in the destruction of numerous trees. Some vendors even trim the leaves of small trees to make hand fans. But Chittaranjan does not give up. "When I see different species of birds, especially Babui, nesting in the trees, I cannot hold back my tears," exclaimed a passionate Chittaranjan.

"I enjoy watching the villagers pick ripe palm fruit or eat unripe palm." Chittaranjan's voyage commenced on a rainy day in 2008. He saw a man reading a newspaper, which featured an image of a palm tree, while seated in a tea shop. Even though he could not read, the man with the newspaper explained that an American scientist had said palm trees weaken lightning. This gave Chittaranjan the idea to plant palm trees in the surrounding villages to shield them from lightning strikes.

After collecting thousands of seeds, he planted them along the Dhopadi-Mashiahati road. He planted roughly 2,500 seeds in his first year. His activities now encompass other districts in addition to Jashore. He planted 10,000 palm seeds in Kasba, Brahmanbaria, and Kawkhali in Pirojpur, just last year.

In 2023, two expatriates from Kasba

in Brahmanbaria and Kawkhali in Pirojpur, showed their appreciation for his work by donating a total of Tk 40,000 and Tk 20,000 each through the local upazila administration.

Chittaranjan was overjoyed to receive this award, as it was his first. He used half of the prize money and Tk 30,000 of his own money to purchase Tk 50,000 worth of palm tree fruits and leaves. He is planning to buy another Tk 20,000 worth of seeds this year.

As farming is not enough to support his family of five, Chittaranjan sometimes sells trees to add to his income.

Sundali Union Parishad Chairman Bikash Roy Kapil said, "A noble-minded person like him is rare in this day and age."

"He planted numerous palm trees that are now standing tall. It would be beneficial if he received government sponsorship," he added.

Chittaranjan's passion continues to burn and he remains focused on his mission. "I can't sit idle at home. I will keep working for as long as I live," he says.

PRAYER TIMING
MAY 22

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 4:05 12:45 5:00 6:40 8:00

JAMAAT 4:40 1:15 5:15 6:45 8:30

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Commercial space for Sale & Rent (4000-18000sqft) @ Gulshan Avenue & Kamal Ataturk Avenue. Only Buyers call please. Cell: +88 01711 386482

TO LET

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160 bigha land for sale in Gazipur. Adjacent to the road, Nearby Shitalakhya river and Railway Station. Mobile: 01703-004866, 01911-360990

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Re-Tender Notice: 04/2023-24

No-Coll/P&D/50(Ka)/Lab Equip. P(Rev.)/Part-2/2023-24/2030 : D: 20-05-2024

This is to notify all concern that the following Tender ID-984084 has been published through e-GP Portal. The interested persons/firms may visit the website www.eprocure.gov.bd.

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(Md.Delwar Hossain)
Director(P&D)
Office of P&D

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KHULNA SHIPYARD LIMITED
BANGLADESH NAVY, KHULNA
CORRIGENDUM

Ref. Tender No: BABA (F)-36/2023-2024 dated 21 May 2024

Hereby, this is to notify that Khulna Shipyards Ltd has decided to change clause no: 02, 07, 13(I), 16(I) and 20 at Ref. Tender for 2500 MTon MS Plate will be following:

FOR:

2. DUE FOR OPENING ON : 26 MAY 2024
7. TERMS OF SUPPLY: CFR Mongla Sea Port.
13 (j). Indenting Agent should also submit along with the tender valid registration certificate issued by the CCI & E and Bangladesh Bank permission. In absence of original certificate attested photostat copy by first class officer may serve.
16 (i). LC for full purchase amount will be opened in favour of the principal supplier under the following payment terms:
20. INSURANCE: Insurance of the consignment after shipment to destination port/place (up to buyers premises) will be arranged by buyer. Quotation should, therefore, be exclusive of the insurance charges.

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2. DUE FOR OPENING ON : 10 June 2024 & for that schdule last selling date 09 June 2024.
7. TERMS OF SUPPLY :
a. CFR Mongla/Chattogram Sea Port.
b. The supplier will arrange transportation of all supplied items from Chattogram/ Mongla Sea Port to the buyer's premises Khulna Shipyards Ltd, Khulna (by sea/road). This transportation cost will be added with sea freight (mentioned at BL) that define as total freight charge.
c. Khulna Shipyards will process all customs formalities with related duties and taxes.
13 (j). Indenting Agent should also submit along with the tender valid registration certificate issued by the Bangladesh Indenting Agent Association (BIAA). In absence of original certificate attested photostat copy by first class officer may serve.
16 (i). LC for full purchase amount will be opened by Khulna Shipyards Limited in favour of the principal supplier under the following payment terms where the LC commission including VAT & marine insurance will be borne by foreign principal/local agent (supplier) at LC opening.
20. INSURANCE: Insurance of the consignment will be arranged by buyer after shipment to the destination up to buyers premises (Khulna Shipyards Ltd.) but all charge including VAT will be paid by foreign principal/local agent (supplier) at LC opening. Quotation should, therefore, be included with the insurance charges.
N.B: Clause no: 11, 13(f), 18, 27 & 30 will be corrected accordingly.

All other terms and conditions will be remain unchanged.

GD-841 **DGM (Purchase)**

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়
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ফেরীঘাট ইজারা কোটেশন বিজ্ঞপ্তি (৯ম আহবান)

ক্র.সং	বিবরণ	তারিখ
০১	ইজারা কোটেশন নং	০৩-পিআরসি/২০২৩-২০২৪
০২	ইজারার বিবরণ	২০২৩-২০২৪ইং অবধি পিরোজপুর সড়ক বিভাগীয় পড়িয়াপার-বানারীপাড়া-খালি-ফরপকরা-কাউখালী-সেকড়া (জেড-৬০৩০) জেলা মহাসড়কের ৪০তম (আই) কিমিঃ এ অবস্থিত "আমড়াহাট ফেরীঘাট" এর ৩ (তিন) বছর মেয়াদে ইজারা গ্রহণ
০৩	ইজারা চুক্তির মেয়াদ	৩ (তিন) বছর (১০৯৫ দিন)
০৪	ইজারা কোটেশনের সিডিউল মূল্য	টাকা ৫০০০.০০ (পাঁচ হাজার টাকা মাত্র)
০৫	বায়ারের টাকার পরিমাণ	মোট উক্ত মূল্যের ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/সে-অর্ডার আকারে নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সড়ক বিভাগ, পিরোজপুর এর পক্ষে
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০৭	মুখবন্দ অবস্থায় ইজারা কোটেশন গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১০/০৬/২০২৪ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২:৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত
০৮	ইজারা কোটেশন খোলার তারিখ	১০/০৬/২০২৪ইং তারিখ বিকাল ৩:৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত
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Memo No: 26.00.0000.066.11.008.2(2)-169 Date: 21/05/2024

Request for Expressions of Interest for Individual Consultant (National)

The Ministry of Commerce is implementing the Technical Assistance Part of IDA financed Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1 (BRCP-1). The BRCP-1, MoC intends to apply a part of the IDA Credit for procuring services of individual consultants for following positions.

Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1 (BRCP-1), Ministry of Commerce now invites eligible Individual to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Individual must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Position	Education	Experiences	Major
BRCP1/MOC/SD06-C (Financial management Expert) (FME) (20 months or till the project period)	Bachelor's degree or equivalent in Accounting, Finance, Commerce, or Business Administration. Candidates with higher degrees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least five (05) years of progressively responsible experience in financial management in any donor funded project/ multinational organization; Experience in large contract payments, GOB budget and planning procedures, Development Project Proposal fundamentals, rules and regulations of the Government for budgeting, fund release, accounting, financial reporting and auditing and authorization for use of donors' funds. Experience in or exposure to World Bank's fund operating conditions and reporting requirements will be an advantage. Having hands on experience in application software and also in Computerized Accounting Systems with ability to assist in implementation and customization. 	Details-mentioned in the TOR.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to the Section 1, Para 3.14,3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016 and updated in November 2020," setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

An Individual will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultants Selection (ICS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations and evaluation shall be based on the above qualification and experiences of the Individual Consultant. Terms of Reference (TOR) will be available in the office of the undersigned and also at www.mincom.gov.bd and <http://brcp-1.gov.bd/>. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (i.e. 09.00 to 16.00 hours). Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or by email) by 3.00 PM on 11/06/2024. Necessary documents in support of educational qualifications and experience & skills shall have to be submitted for Individual Consultants. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOLs without assigning any reason, whatsoever.

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