

'Chai' traps in high demand

Fishing activities increase across Bagerhat amid monsoon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

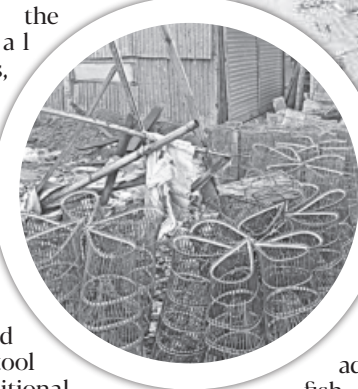
With its arrival, the monsoon has ushered in traditional fishing activities among locals across Bagerhat.

People, both young and old, are being seen in the numerous ponds, beels (swamps) and canals across the district catching fish.

With this, the traditional fishing traps, locally known as "chai", have peaked in demand.

Crafted with locally sourced bamboo, this trap is an ingenious and sustainable tool used in traditional fishing practice.

Unlike fishing nets which catch fish indiscriminately, the "chai" allows small and juvenile fish to escape its perforations,



while leaving only larger, matured fish to be caught inside the trap. As such, it does not adversely affect fish populations in the waterbodies.

"With monsoon here, the waterbodies are teeming with fish. The 'chai' is a perfect tool for catching fish just enough

the best out of this increased demand for the traps, selling each for Tk 250-300.

"Making 'chai' is a profession passed down to us through generations. It's not only about earning money from it, but also preserving a way of life that respects the natural balance. The income from selling these traps during monsoon helps me support my family throughout the year," said Basu Das.

Md Dalwar Hossen, a trader from Badhal union who sells these traps, said people from Badhal, Morrelganj, Chitalmari, and other places in Bagerhat and Pirojpur districts come to buy the traps.

Contacted, ASM Russel, district fisheries officer in Bagerhat, said, "We have seen a dramatic decline in fish populations due to use of illegal nets. The chai traps, however, are a traditional and sustainable tool that help conserve fish stocks while supporting the local fishing community."

for our families' consumption, while making sure the spawns and juvenile fish live to grow bigger for harvest in the next season," said Rezaul Sheikh, a seasoned fisherman from Afra village in Kachua upazila.

The demand for these bamboo traps usually peaks during monsoon, leaving local markets like Badhal Haat bustling with activity.

Craftsmen like Basu Das and Krishna Das of Sangdia village in Kachua are now making

Flood damages new embankment

Locals question quality of work

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A flash flood on June 20 in the Teesta shoal of Gobordhan area under Mahishkhocha union, Lalmonirhat, reportedly caused significant damage to a newly constructed embankment. This raised concerns among locals about the quality of the work.

Bangladesh Water Development Board implemented the around Tk 49.35 crore project to construct the 2,450 metre Teesta river protection embankment between January 2022 and June this year.

A total 4,55,284 concrete blocks were used to construct the embankment in eight packages, said BWDB officials in Lalmonirhat.

However, locals alleged that the project, supervised by an influential Awami League leader, was not properly executed.

They claimed contractors sold extracted sand and used inferior materials.

Ershad Hossain, representative of contractor firm Rupantar Traders, denied major damage, stating, "Only six or seven concrete blocks became loose. Those are being repaired."

Riyadul Islam, sub-divisional engineer of BWDB in Lalmonirhat, echoed him.

"The contractor is working on the repairs as well as constructing a u-drain so that water from inside can flow into the river easily. The project is being implemented as per design," he said.



Tk 33cr to address

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Tk 8 crore for mosquito crash programmes and Tk 33 crore for addressing waterlogging.

The mayor said, "When I took over the post of mayor, the CCC had debt of Tk 1,075 crore. In three years, CCC's debt has now come down to Tk 440 crore."

He said a total of Tk 113.46 crore income tax

and Tk 134 crore Value Added Tax (VAT) has been deposited to the government treasury.

The mayor also called upon the holding owners and government institutions to pay taxes regularly to keep civic services and development work in motion to build a clean, green and liveable city.

Antivenom available

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Education, said snakebite patients usually die due to delay in taking treatment from hospital or due to wrong treatment. Presenting Rajshahi Medical College Hospital's data from 2013-2024 on Russell's viper, Associate Professor Abu Shahin Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman said a total of 235 patients were treated during this time. Of

them, 53 percent are from Chapainawabganj.

Md Abu Reza, professor of department of genetic engineering and biotechnology at Rajshahi University, Rokeya Sultana, state minister for health; Prof Ahmedul Kabir, additional director general (admin) of DGHS, and Prof Deen Md Nurul Haque, vice chancellor of BSMMU, also spoke.

Trader sues SI over custodial torture

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A sub-inspector of Gulshan Police Station has been sued under the Torture and Custodial Death (Prohibition) Act for allegedly torturing a trader while in custody.

The SI is Hafizur Rahman.

Morshed Monjur, the victim, filed the case with the Metropolitan Sessions Judges' Court of Dhaka recently, additional public prosecutor Tapash Kumar Pal told The Daily Star yesterday.

Judge Mohammed Ash Shams Joglul Hossain recorded statements of the victim and directed the Police Bureau of Investigation to submit a probe report before the court by August 19, said the state lawyer.

According to the case documents, SI Hafizur Rahman tortured the victim several times while he [victim] was in custody of Gulshan police between April 20 and 21 this year.

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and growing insecurity, rights activist and HRSS chief advisor Nur Khan said anyone can become a victim at any time.

Incidents of extra-judicial killing and enforced disappearance continued to take place while people were threatened with being put in "crossfires" during different tenures of the government, he said.

Although rights groups voiced the need to form an independent commission to probe the incidents, those only started to decline when a foreign nation imposed a sanction, he added.

At present, there is a growing trend in "illegal detentions," as people get picked up and interrogated at anonymous places for two to 10 days, said Nur Khan.

He also said recent graft allegations against a former police chief and a former army chief came to light only due to media reports and not because of government steps.

He called upon the government to run a

"purification campaign".

Nakib Muhammad Nasrullah, professor at Dhaka University's law department, said a major crisis in the country is that the state has turned out to be the violator of people's rights when it was supposed to promote them.

He said a government only overlooks people's concerns when it assumes power without their support.

Writer and journalist Mahbub Morshed said in present-day Bangladesh, wealthy people are becoming public representatives, while those who don't have enough money are finding it difficult to stay in the election race.

"This has created an inequity in society. As a result, society cannot function in the way it should," he added.

At the discussion, Moidul Islam, former director general of Anti-Corruption Commission, called upon rights activists to raise their voices against graft.

Modernised

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setting up computer labs in the secondary schools and now we've a goal to do it in the primary schools as well," she added.

This year, a total of 126 stakeholders under 18 categories have been honoured with "Primary Education Medal 2023". Of them, 54 students, persons and institutes received the medal directly from the prime minister.

Gender expert Fawzia Khondker shared her experience, highlighting the lack of engagement of poor and marginalised women in community policing programmes. "There is a token participation of females. When I was invited, I was made female affairs secretary but I wanted to

Need more women

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sensitise police personnel, these efforts are not sufficient.

She also mentioned that in Dhaka, upper class women are joining the forums, but at the district level, that is not the case.

During Open House Day programmes, women's participation increased from 26 percent in 2022 to 33 percent in mid-2023, she added.

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be the voice of the forum," she said.

Gitanjali Singh, representative, UN Women, said, "The number of women leadership in the forces is not where we wanted it to be. We need to enable a policy framework that really allow women's entry, retention and advancement."

This requires addressing many social norms, discriminatory attitude, and perception about women in the forces, she said.

Sadia Tasneem, national consultant at the EAW Response Programme of UN Women, presented the keynote at the event, which was moderated by Tanjim Ferdous, in-charge of NGOs and Foreign Missions at The Daily Star.

PRAYER TIMING

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The World Health Organization in Bangladesh invites proposals/bids from the interested Companies in Bangladesh for the following service:

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Deadline for the submission of RFP: 14:00hrs, 10 July 2024 (Dhaka time).

Interested Companies can view and download the relevant RFP documents from: <https://www.who.int/bangladesh/about-us/procurement-notice>.

Interested bidders are requested to submit their financial and technical proposals in two separate sealed envelopes as per the instructions provided in the RFP documents at the Reception of WHO Bangladesh, House-SW(I)/A, Road-8, Gulshan-1, Dhaka.



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The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Sub-Office in Cox's Bazar hereby announces the launch of the following Request For Information (RFI):

RFI REFERENCE NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION
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RFI to be submitted: RFI should be submitted as per the guidance in section 3 of the RFI document by email to bdgcosup@unhcr.org copy tarekm@unhcr.org and mansaray@unhcr.org.

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