

## COASTAL AREAS

# New Climate Smart map to help farmers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Climate Smart maps that highlight climate-related risks in the coastal areas will help agricultural officials and farmers execute location-specific adaptation plans to mitigate climate risks and grow crops, said speakers at a programme yesterday.

The remarks came at the launching programme of the climate-smart mapping and adaptation planning held at the Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council (BARC) auditorium in the capital.

The International Rice Research Institute (in collaboration with the Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services jointly developed the Climate-Smart Mapping and Adaptation Planning.

The CS-MAP, developed under the CGIAR Research Initiative for Asian Mega-Delta, offers a participatory approach to identifying climate-related risks, assessing their impacts, and creating detailed maps and adaptation plans for agriculture in 10 coastal districts.

Being one of the most risk-prone countries for extreme climatic disasters, Bangladesh faces an array of

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challenges, including salinity intrusion, erratic rainfall, and rising temperatures, which threatens food security and rural livelihoods.

A 164-page atlas was published under the project and it would be sent to all local agricultural office in 10 coastal districts including Khulna, Satkhira, Patuakhali, Bagerhat, Pirojpur, Narail, Gopalganj, Barishal and Bhola.

Speakers said CS-MAP is an innovative tool that integrates scientific research with local expertise to map climate risks and provide location-specific adaptation strategies.

"The map will help the agricultural officials to execute the adaptation plans for a certain crop," said Mostafizur Rahman, director Climate Change and Disaster Management, CEGIS during his presentation of the map.

Hunnath Bhandari, IRRI representative to Bangladesh, said farmers and agricultural officials have been using these tools for last three years and it is helping them a lot.

Mohammad Emdad Ullah Mian, Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, was present as the Chief Guest, while Mohammad Khalequzzaman, Director General, BRR, Saiful Alam, Director General, DAE; Nazmun Nahar Karim, Executive Chairman, BARC and Zakir Hossain, Additional Secretary, Extension Wing, Ministry of Agriculture were present as special guests.



Md Badsha transports milk from small dairy farms in Kaptai, Chattogram, to customers in the Noapara area of Raiganj upazila, including local residents and sweet shops. He makes this journey twice daily, delivering around 250 litres of milk and earning approximately Tk 1,500, which supports his family and covers his educational expenses. This photo was taken in the Madunaghata area of Hathazari upazila recently.

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## 56 premature babies born every hour: study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Every hour, 56 premature babies are born in the country, amounting to an average of 1,340 such births daily, said speakers citing a study at a programme yesterday.

Bangladesh ranked number one out of 103 countries in terms of pre-term birth rate in 2020. Each year, 4,88,600 premature babies are born, they added.

To address this, proper policy implementation needs to be strengthened, said experts at the workshop titled "Dialogue on the Premature Burden, Intervention Status, and Innovations in Bangladesh", jointly organised by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University and icddr,b.

Ahmed Ehsan Rahman, scientist of Maternal and Child Health Division of icddr,b, said if babies are born before completing 40 weeks of gestation, they are at risk of respiratory distress, jaundice, and anaemia. They tend to have lower body temperatures and weakened immune systems. They also face risks of cerebral palsy, epilepsy, or

visual impairment. Additionally, their mental development may not progress properly.

Citing a Lancet study from March 2024, conducted in 103 countries, he said out of every 100 newborns, 16.2 are preterm, meaning Bangladesh has the highest rate of preterm births in the world. Also, 23 percent of newborns in Bangladesh are born with low-birth-weight.

More than 24,900 newborns born prematurely and with low-birth-weight die each year in Bangladesh. This means that three such newborns die every hour, Rahman added.

Professor Md Abdul Mannan, head of Neonatology Department at BSMMU, presented a paper about the ongoing efforts to prevent premature births in the country.

He said 24,957 babies die due to premature births annually, which means 68 newborns die daily. There are three approaches to treating premature and low-birth-weight newborns -- antenatal corticosteroids, kangaroo mother care

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## One killed, 2 hurt in mob beating

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A man was killed and two others were injured as a mob beat them up after they allegedly attempted robbery at a house in Nurjahan Tea Garden area under Moulvibazar's Kamalganj upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Alal Mia, 45, of Gototikar village in Moglabaazar of Sylhet district. The two injured -- Abdul Malek, 41, and Jasim Mia, 38, of Sreepur village in the upazila -- were later handed over to police and are currently being treated at a hospital.

Saleh Ahmed, owner of the house and also a local union parishad member, said some 10-12 robbers had gathered around the house early in the morning when local tea workers noticed them group and quickly warned other locals, who surrounding the robbers. When the criminals tried to resist, they were captured and beaten up by the locals. Alal Mia sustained critical injuries in the mob beating, while the others managed to flee the scene.

On information, police went to the spot and later apprehended Abdul Malek and Jasim Mia, two of the robbers, from inside the tea garden where they were hiding.

The three were taken to Moulvibazar Sadar Hospital for treatment, where Alal Mia succumbed to his injuries. The two others are currently being treated at the hospital, said Shamim Akonji, officer-in-charge (Investigation) of Kamalganj Police Station.

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## TK 1,161CR GRAFT 5 ex, present officials of Biman sent to jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent five former and present officials of Biman Bangladesh Airlines to jail, rejecting their bail petitions in a Tk 1,161 crore corruption case.

The officials are: former deputy chief engineer Md Shahidul Alam Siddique, former principal engineer (services and audit) Shahid Uddin Mohammad Hanif, former deputy engineer Md Shahjahan, former engineer Md Jahid Hossain, and principal system engineer (structure) Sharif Ruhul Kuddus.

Judge Md Zakir Hossain of Dhaka Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court passed the order after they surrendered before the court and submitted petitions seeking bail in the case.

The prosecution opposed the bail petitions saying the charges brought against them were primarily proved, and hence they should be sent to jail after dismissing their bail prayers.

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## Judiciary Reform Commission seeks opinions

### Launches website

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Judiciary Reform Commission (JRC) formed by the interim government has launched a website to solicit opinions from stakeholders on necessary reforms in the judiciary.

The JRC has sought opinions from the general people, including judges, lawyers and court-related support staffers by December 7, a JRC press release said.

Separate questionnaires have been provided on the website (www.jrc.gov.bd) to collect feedback from different sections of the population and stakeholders. The commission has requested everyone to fill out the selected questionnaires for the relevant stakeholders and provide their feedback by December 7.

In addition, the commission has requested that if anyone has specific proposals regarding judicial reforms, they should send those within the specified time.

Proposals can be sent to the commission's e-mail (bangladeshjrc@gmail.com and info@jrc.gov.bd) or to the commission's address (Judicial Administration Training Institute, 15 College Road, Dhaka 1000), according to the press release.

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former Narayanganj correspondent of the daily Jugantor.

Additionally, the anti-money laundering agency has directed banks to submit account details of Sanjib Chatterjee, head of public relations at EXIM Bank.

This latest move by the

BFIU is part of a series of measures taken over the past three months to investigate allegations of money laundering against dozens of former ministers, lawmakers, and close associates of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, who was ousted following a mass uprising in August.

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