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11 more test
positive for
Covid-19 in
Rajshahi division



Rangpur records
7.41pc Covid-19
positivity rate

COUNTRYWIDE

Farmer's dream in emergency support

► Nurey Alam, AA



Mossammat Jelly Begum is a 35 years old hardworking person. Her husband is a day laborer. She is living in Belgari village of 'Phapore' union in Bogra Sadar upazila. She is a dairy category cattle farmer. Jelly Begum started the farm with 2 female calves. At present, she is having 4 cows on her farm; also has some native chickens. She herself sells cow's milk in the villages at a price of BDT 50 per kg and with the money from milk sale, she runs their family including five daughters. Besides, the husband works as a day laborer and provides financial support to the family. In this way, Jelly Begum was working hard day and night. She said, "I had suffered a lot including the daughters and the helpless cows during the epidemic situation."

She expressed "I couldn't feed the cows properly. At that time, I could not even move out due to government restriction and being furious of pandemic too. It was not easy to sell milk as well, not easy to work. I know, what a hard time we experienced, even we were starved".

After sometimes, she bought cow

feed from the village shop with debt and committed to pay money by selling the milk. Meanwhile, suddenly an employee from the Upazilla Livestock office came to the house and visited farm, listed her name, mobile number, checked out voter identification card and took pictures of farm.

A few days later, Jelly Begum received BDT 10,149 on her mobile. She never thought that she would get any help for the damage of the farm by covid'19. Having financial support, she got emotional and burst into tears; Says "I could not make

understand what a surprised after getting this money; I never imagined even. I will make my farm bigger now". She expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and others who selected her for the incentive. She paid off the cow feed debt with some of the incentive money and said she will renovate the floor of cow shed with bricks and sand. Jelly Begum says, the cows are blessings for her, she got money like a magic. Now her dream is to establish her daughters and to be a successful farmer to make her family happy.