

MINIMIZATION OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS OF TOBACCO AMONG THE FOLK COMMUNITY IN RURAL BANGLADESH

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ABSTRACT

The research basically deals with evaluation of the negative impacts of tobacco on health and the environment with a view to minimize tobacco cultivation among the folk peasants in rural Bangladesh. Therefore, the study has been conducted through the survey method with the easy to understand structured questionnaire through which the data are collected by interview and personal observation. However, this study reveals the information about the duration of cultivation of tobacco as well as identified its effects on health from the tobacco processing place. Moreover, it focuses on the consciousness building in the local farmers and adaptation of the cautions during the tobacco cultivation. The study concludes that the various government and non government organizations, institutions and media could play important roles to create the awareness in the folk community for minimizing the tobacco cultivation and reducing its negative impact on health and the environment.

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