

Upazila roundup

SHERPUR

Food position reviewed

From Our Correspondent

March 31: The overall food situation of Sherpur district was reviewed at a meeting held in Calcuttore building conference room with Deputy Commissioner AKM Kamaluddin in the chair recently.

Chairmen of five upazilas, Union Parishads and concerned authorities of the district also attended the meeting.

The meeting had a threadbare discussion on the food reserve position, food distribution and its movement.

The meeting took some important decisions by strengthening food procurement and its quick movement in the district.

KUSHTIA

Girl rescued

From Our Correspondent

March 31: Kushtia police rescued a girl from the house of one Jabbar of Tikapara, Kushtia town after getting a written complaint.

It is learnt that Shabnan Mustari (12), daughter of Mr Anwar Ali, a worker of sugar mills, Kushtia was lost on March 22 from her father's house at Batooli.

One killed in road mishap

A passenger named Abdul Kader (60) of Meherpur Sadar Upazila fell down from the bumper of a bus at Mujibnagar. He was taken to Meherpur Sadar Hospital immediately. But the doctor declared him dead.

THAKURGAON

Property worth Tk 18 lakh gutted

From Our Correspondent

March 31: A devastating fire at Dhangan, a bordering village of Haripur under Thakurgaon district gutted property worth about Taka 18 lakh recently.

According to the information received here, the fire originated from the kitchen of one Mr. Abdus Sobhan and spread fast and engulfed the whole area. About 18 houses were reduced to ashes in the fire. But there was no report of casualty in the incident.

Due to shortage of vehicle, fire personnel could not go to the spot, it is learnt.

GOURIPUR

Civic amenities absent

From A Correspondent

March 31: The passengers who travel from Guripur (Mymensingh) to Dhaka and Gouripur to Shahganj by bus and coaster have to undergo manifold difficulties for want of requisite facilities.

There is no waiting shed for passengers in the bus stand. Female passengers are worst sufferers. The bus stand has also no urinal and toilet. For this the passengers have to face a lot of problems.

The people of Gouripur Pourasava have been facing immense difficulties for want of basic amenities.

Most of the roads of the poura area are kutcha. The roads are so narrow. That two vehicles cannot move side by side.

The conservancy service of the town is not satisfactory. Most of the roads of the town are dirty and full of garbage. The drains are not cleaned regularly and thus the bad odour of the filth pollute the surroundings.

The markets of Gouripur municipal area are in bad shape causing much sufferings to both the buyers and sellers. Garbage are left here and there which threaten the public health.

RAJBARI

Journalist pickpocketed

March 31: Golam Tahabur Rahman, bureau chief of Agency France Presse (AFP), was pickpocketed here yesterday when he was going to his village home at Belgachi in a shuttle train, police said, reports UNB.

Various valuable papers including identity card, telex card, accreditation card and Tk 300 were stolen.

A case was lodged with Rajbari railway police.

CHANDPUR

Punitive action against 5,377 HSC examinees

March 31: Punitive action has been taken against 5,377 HSC examinees of Comilla Board of 1990 for adopting unfair means and misconduct with invigilators in the examination hall, official sources said here today, reports UNB.

The decision was taken in a meeting of disciplinary committee held recently. According to decision, the examination of 3,754 examinees held in 1990 has been cancelled. They will be allowed to appear in the examination of 1991.

Besides, 1,586 examinees have been expelled for two years, 34 for three years and three for four years.

Officials said about 535 students came under punitive action only in Daulatkandi examination centre.

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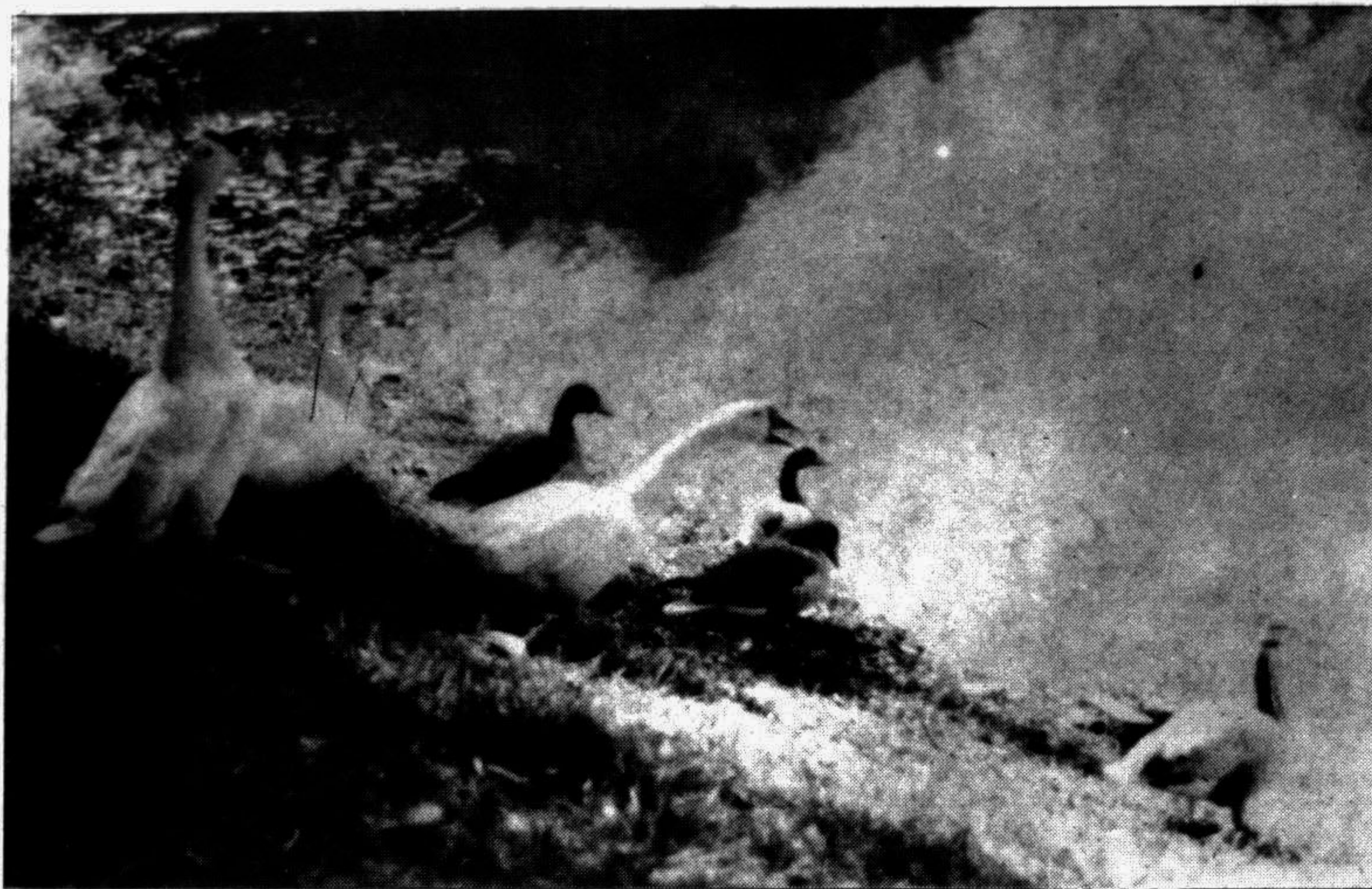
Breach in Muhuri embankment

March 31: Breach in the Muhuri embankment in Gotta Sonapur village under Chhaganata upazila of the district has been hampering aman cultivation in the adjoining areas, reports UNB.

According to villagers, aman cultivation are being hampered seriously in about 3000 acres of land in 14 villages.

The Muhuri embankment breached during last flood but no step has yet been taken for its repair. The adversely affected villages are Gandabpur, Gotta Sonapur, Sonapur, Pathangar, Horipur, Silua, East Silua and Bhanra.

The affected peasants have urged the authorities to repair the embankment immediately.



Ducks flocking towards a 'beel' for a dip in the water in the scorching heat of the summer in Sylhet. —Star Photo

Diesel scarcity hampers irrigation

Drought hits Boro, Rabi crops in Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, March 31: Prolonged drought has severely affected Boro, Rabi and other crops throughout Jamalpur district.

Boro paddy is usually harvested in the months of Chaitra and Baisakh in the low lying areas of Jamalpur Sadar, Melanda, Sharisha Bari, Islampur, Bakshiganj, Dewnaganj and Madarganj upazilas. But the persistent drought has caused substantial damage to the standing crops.

It is estimated that at least 25 per cent of Boro Paddy has already been damaged due to absence of rains.

On the other hand lands prepared for cultivation of Aus and jute have been lying fallow for want of rains.

Besides, Aus Paddy, jute, vegetables and other seasonal crops are either drying up or becoming retarded. To cope with the situation the concerned department has under

taken a programme to cultivate jute on 25,000 acres of land, but the jute seeds have been sown so far on only five per cent of the total acreage.

Betelnut, another essential cash crop of the district has already been damaged following drought.

The prospect of pulse production also seems to be bleak in the absence of shower.

Acute shortage of diesel and its abnormal price hike has left 150 deep tubewells (DTW) and 1000 shallow tubewells (STW) out of operation in Sherpur district.

As the DTW's and STW's could not be utilized, the cultivation of Irri-Boro paddy has been hit very badly in the current farming season. The standing Irri-Boro paddy in thousands of acres of lands have already turned grey.

The agricultural extension officials, who were optimistic

of a bumper production during the current season are now re-assessing the situation with a grim note and expecting a shortfall in production compared to the earlier targets.

The scarcity of diesel has aggravated the farmers' woes in such a time when they put their best to raise the production to the optimum level for making over the losses they sustained during the devastating floods in the last two Aman seasons.

HPC admits shortage

The three oil companies — Jamuna, Meghna and Burma Eastern which are the subsidiaries of the state-owned Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) has declared scarcity of oil last month and refused to supply required oil to Baghabari oil depot.

The daily requirement of diesel during the current Irri-

Boro season is one million litres, supply of which is very short in the oil depot.

According to the sources, diesel used to sell at Taka 14.40 per litre previously which is now being sold at 45 to 50 per litre in different hats and bazars of the districts.

Dishonest traders

It is further learnt that the unscrupulous dealers and traders are allegedly mixing cheap kerosene with diesel to reap additional benefits in this scarce situation. But such mixture of kerosene with diesel will ultimately cause severe damage to irrigation machinery and also to automobile engines.

Meanwhile, kerosene price has also shot up which is now selling in several places in Jamalpur and Sherpur district at Taka 90 per gallon.

Law, order situation discussed

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, March 31: The monthly meeting of the Chuadanga district Law and Order committee was held at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner recently. The meeting was presided over by Mr Tajul Islam, Deputy Commissioner, Chuadanga in the chair. The meeting was attended by members of the committee.

The meeting discussed the over all law and order situation of the district and decided to gear up the performances of law and order maintaining agencies to check crimes

Chess club

A club styled 'Kurigram Chess Club' was formally inaugurated at Kurigram Old Post Office Para by Mr Md Anisur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner, Kurigram in presence of a large number of chess fans and elite of the locality on March 26.

The inaugural ceremony was addressed, by Mr Nazrul Islam, Mr Khalrul Alam, ADC, Kurigram, Mr Majibor Rahman, Prof Mostafa bin-Hossain Khondoker, Secretary, Kurigram DSA, Mr Anisur Rahman, DC, while Mr Motubur Rahman Shaif, convener of the club committee presided. It was rounded off with a tea-party.

Freshers' reception

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Mar 31: Mymensingh Zilla Samity of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) recently arranged a freshers' reception to the newly admitted students of Mymensingh District at BAU at the Animal Husbandry Faculty gallery.

Dr. Shah Muhammad Faruque Director of Bangladesh Agricultural University Research Education System (BAURES) was present as chief guest and Dr. Md. Azizul Haque, President of BAU Teachers' Council was special guest while Dr. Jalal Uddin Ahmed presided over the function.

Dr. S. M. Bulbul, Mr. Ahmed Ali, Mr. Abdul Kuddus, Dr. Saifuddin Ahmed, Mr. Nurul Islam Akanda, Mr. Zahangir Alam also spoke on the occasion.

While welcoming the freshers' Dr. Shah Faruque asked the students to take active part to make the purpose of the Samity a success. The function was ended with a cultural programme.

3 lakh TB patients in northern districts

From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, March 31: About three lakh people are suffering from TB in 16 northern districts of the country. The condition of 10,000 patients is serious.

It is gathered that about 45 per cent of the children up to 14 years are suffering from TB. The radiologists hold that four per cent of the total population in the region are the victims of this disease. While cough test report shows five per cent.

It is further learnt that the number of TB patients is increasing considerably. Lack of effective measures is learnt to have caused deterioration in the situation.

Workshop on literacy

A day-long regional workshop on "Role of democratic forces in the national literacy campaign" was held at the Training Centre of Kurigram RDRS under the aegis of "Gono Sakshorota Oviyan" (mass literacy campaign), a combined organisation of 16 NGOs in Bangladesh, in cooperation with Kurigram RDRS on recently. The day-long function was divided into three sessions which were chaired by Dr Rezaul Haque, Principal Government Charmicheal

College, Rangpur, Mr AZM Azad, President, Kurigram Bar Association and Mr Zehin Ahmed, Vice-President of Mass Literacy campaign, respectively.

The inaugural session was addressed, by Mr A Malek, Project Administrator, RDRS Rangpur, Dr Mahmud Hasan, Executive Director, Gono Sahajay Sangstha, Mr Nurul Islam Sarker, News Editor, Radio Bangladesh, Rangpur, Mr A Wahab Labi, Vice-Principal, Gaibandha Government Womens College, Prof Tapan Rudra, Convenor, Sonmilita Sangskritik Jote, Kurigram, Mr Muhammad Sahabuddin, Secretary Kurigram Press Club Mr Farhanul Haque, VP Nilphamari Govt College Chhatra Sangsad, Mr Khalid Hossain, Regional Field Officer, ADAB, Rangpur.

Two key-note papers entitled "Programme of the campaign — some suggestions" and "Framework of the campaign" were presented by Mr M Habibur Rahman coordinator of the organisation and Nishat Jahan Rana, programme associate of the organisation, at the second and third session respectively.



KISHOREGANJ: The 132 kv overhead electric tower at Katpatty of Bhaibrab town threatened with the fury of the mighty river Meghna. —Star photo

Independence Day celebrated all over

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Mar 31: The Independence and National Day was celebrated here on March 26 with a renewed vow to uphold the ideals and objectives of the martyrs who laid down their lives for the cause of the nation in the liberation war.

The days programmes begun with booming of gun fire, hoisting of national flag atop public and private buildings and placing of wreaths of Shahid Minar.

Different political organisations chalked out elaborate programmes including discussion meetings, seminar, sports competition, documentary film show, special prayers seeking divine blessings for the martyrs.

The highlight of the day were a marchpast participated by members at Police, Ansar, VDP, Boys Scouts and Khelaghar.

Chuadanga

Our Chuadanga Correspondent adds: Independence and National Day was observed throughout Chuadanga district in a befitting manner. In connection with the observance of the day a colourful programme was chalked out earlier by the district administration and other socio, political and cultural organisations separately.

The day's programme was started with 21 gun fire at local Barabazar. National flags were hoisted atop all the public and private buildings of the town.

Other programmes of the day included marchpast by students, BNCC members, Scouts, Girls Guide, Mukul Fouz, and other members of different child and youth organisations at local stadium. Special prayers at all mosques and temples for the peace and national progress.

BAU

A report from Agri-Varsity adds: In Bangladesh Agricultural University a day-long programme was chalked out to observe the Independence and National Day in a befitting manner on March 26. The day's programme includes hoisting of national flag by the Vice-Chancellor of BAU Prof. M Asadur Rahman at Stadium at 7.30 a.m. followed by an attractive march past participated by Boy's Scout, Club Scout, Yellow Birds, Girls' Guide of K.B. High School, students of K.B. Intermediate College, members of Rovers' Scout, Dhumketu Club, Sabuj Mela, Kakali Sangha, Nabarun Sangha, Muktiyoddha Sangsad and the security guards of BAU.

The Vice-Chancellor and the BAUCSU officials placed floral wreaths at the Liberation War memorial tomb under construction at 8.30 a.m. and the Shahid Minar at 9.00 a.m. in memory of the martyrs of Liberation War.

Special prayers for salvation of the departed souls of the martyrs and for national solidarity and prosperity were offered in all mosques and prayer houses located at the BAU campus at 1.30 p.m. on the day.

Patuakhali

Our Patuakhali Correspondent adds: The Independence and National Day was observed throughout Patuakhali district

with pomp and grandeur. A day long programme was chalked out by district administration to mark the day. With the peeping of the sun, the day was greeted with 21 gun shots from R.1 police line. National flag was hoisted in every government and private buildings. Deputy Commissioner of Patuakhali, Mr. Sheikh Md. Salahuddin hoisted the 'national flag' ceremonially in the local stadium amidst cheering crowds. A colourful parade and PT organised by boys and girls of local schools added much enjoyment to the spectators. All the senior officials of the district were present to witness the march past.

Six schools for their best performance in parade and PT were awarded prize by DC. Besides, district administration different cultural and political organisation arranged various programmes like seminars, symposium and cultural show.

Zila Shilpakala Academy arranged an art competition for school going boys and girls in the academy premises. Patuakhali Press Club opened a photographic show focussing the atrocity of Pakistani Military Junta and heroic straggle of the Bangladeshes.

Nandail

Our Nandail Correspondent adds: The Independence Day was celebrated at Nandail with enthusiasm. The importance of the Day was highlighted this year by holding marchpasts, rallies, seminars, cultural functions and special munajat in the upazila.

Various socio-political, cultural and professional organisations chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the day.

The functions arranged by the Upazila Parishad included Police, Ansar, VDP and Scout rally and marchpast, seminar and colourful cultural functions.

Presided over by Mr. Abdul Mattin Bhuyyan, Upazila Chairman, Nandail a discussion meeting was held at Shaheed Zia Hall under the auspices of Upazila Club. The meeting was addressed and participated among others by the Upazila Officer, local journalist and social elite.

Nandail Mukti Juddha Sangsad arranged colourful functions including marchpast, cultural show and discussion meeting.

Sirajganj

Our Sirajganj Correspondent adds: The National and Independence Day was celebrated at Sirajganj with a fresh vow to restore the spirit of liberation war and establish democracy. The day was a national holiday and national flags were hoisted atop all public and private buildings. A rally by the juvenile organisations and students was held at 8 a.m. at the stadium where A.Z.M. Shaifiquil Islam, Deputy Commissioner took salute.

In the evening discussion meetings were held at the office of the BNP, Awami League, NAP, BKSAL, CPB. The main public buildings were illuminated.

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