Upazila roundup

MAGURA

Universal pry education faces setback

July 14 : The Universal **Primary Education Programme** (UPEP) in four upazilas of the district has been facing setback due to manifold problems, reports UNB.

Dilapidated condition of most of the primary school buildings, shortage of teachers and benches are hampering the implementation of the programme in the district.

Primary schools in rural areas damaged by floods and storms during the last few years have not yet been repaired. As a result, the students are to attend their classes under the sky.

Besides, high prices of papers, books and other educational appliances, povertystricken people cannot afford their children to continue their studies.

Moreover, most of the schools lack drinking water supply facilities and in the absence of sanitary latrines the surroundings are polluted causing health hazards.

Local elite alleged that the quota of teachers in government primary schools in Sadar, Sreepur, Salikha and Mohammadpur upazilas of the district are not maintained properly.

Some schools with a large number of students are facing shortage of teachers while any other having requisite number of students have excess teach-

JHENIDAH

Two die from snake bite

July 14: Rabiul (12) son of Gafur Mollah and Bachira Khatun (12) daughter of Mokbul Mondol of Khagura under Jhenidah Pourashava died from snake bite Tuesday last, reports BSS.

The two ill-fated victims were sleeping in their house when the venomous snake bit them.

RANGPUR

One gets life term for possessing heroin

July 14: A man was sentenced to life term and another awarded three years' rigorous imprisonment on charges of possessing 145 kg heroin worth about Taka three lakh, reports UNB.

District and Sessions Judge delivered the judgement on Sunday.

The prosecution story, in brief, is that the accused Bazlur Rahman alias Bosna was arrested by CID police with six grams of heroin from Station road of the town on October 27, 1989.

On Bazlu's confessional statement, police later raided the house of Julfikar Alt Kajal at Daph area of the town the same day and recovered 139 kg heroin from his possession.

After investigation, police charge-sheeted them and the judge Nasiruddin Ahmed after examining the evidences and records awarded life term to Bazlur Rahman and three years' RI to Julfikar Ali Kajal.

Public prosecutor Advocate Abdur Rashid Chowdhury appeared on behalf of the State while senior Advocate Taleb Ali defended the accused.

BRAHMANBARIA

Smuggled goods worth Tk 10.60 lakh recovered

July 14: Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized smuggled Indian goods worth about Taka 10.60 lakh from Bagusutta and west Kuttapara villages in Sarail upazila here, reports UNB.

On a secret information, BDR raided the houses of Abdul Ali and Feroz Ali of the two villages recently and recovered 1623 pieces of Indian sarees, 1562 bundles of cloth and six Baby taxi cylinders. They also arrested Feroz Ali.

The goods were later handed over to Akhaura customs office. Two cases were lodged with Sarail police sta-

PABNA

107 projects completed

July 14 : About 107 projects have been completed under Food for Work Programme in nine upazilas of the district during last year, reports UNB.

According to official sources, government has sanctioned about 6,400 metric tons of wheat worth about Take 4 crore for the implementation of the projects.

The projects include construction and reconstruction of roads, embankments, educational institutions, clearing of bushes and jungles, excavation and re-excavation of canals and derelict ponds and development of playgrounds.

Of the total projects, 19 were implemented in Sadar, 20 in Santhia, six an Atghoria, ll in Ishurdi, 11 in Chatmohar, five in Vangura, five in Faridpur, 14 in Bera and 14 in Sujanagar upazilas.

Training course ends

A day-long training course on 'technology of jute seed production' under Pabna project of Agriculture Extension Department (AED) was held here recently at the auditorium of AED, reports BSS.

Fifty jute growers of Pabna Jute Farmers Association took part in the course, an official handout said.

Deputy Commissioner of Pabna inaugurated the training course while Additional Director of Rajshahi agriculture region presided. The training course was aimed at providing practical training to farmers for producing adequate amount of jute seeds to meet the deficiency of jute seeds of the district.

MANIKGANJ

Beggars on

July 14': Beggary is on increase in four upazilas of the district causing inconveniences to the dwellers, reports UNB.

According to sources, there has been a continuous influx of beggars to headquarters of Sadar, Shivalaya, Harirampur, Daulatpur upazilas since the last six months.

Rendered landless by landgrabbers and homeless by natural calamities, these people trek to the town or upazila headquarters to eke out a living, social workers say.

But they finally start begging after their hopes are dashed.

Locals complain that they defecate on roads and drains posing threat to health and

They have also urged the authorities to take steps for their early rehabilitation.

C'NAWABGANJ

Prices of essentials mark rise

July 14 : Prices of most of the essential commodities have shot up in the town and its adjoining areas over the last few days with implementation of VAT, reports UNB.

Edibles like soyabean, and mustard oil are being sold at Taka 42 and 45 per kg respectively as against Taka 38 and 40 per kg last week. Coconut oil is being sold at Taka 49 as against Taka 42 per

Each dozen of ball soap sells at Taka 115 as against Taka 108 a few days ago.

Prices of different varieties of ball pen and refill have also registered a sharp rise.

KISHOREGANJ

Minor girl killed in road mishap

From Our Correspondent

July 14 : A seven-year-old girl Rozina was crushed under the wheels of a running passenger bus at Barabhag in Kishoreganj Sadar upazila on Kishoreganj-Mymensingh Road Thursday last. The Kishoreganj bound passenger bus knocked her from behind and ran over her while she was on way to the Madrasha.

A case was registered with Kishoreganj police in this connection. Police seized the bus but the driver and helper managed to escape.

CHANDPUR

Red Crescent executives

From Our Correspondent

July 14: The annual general meeting of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society Chandpur unit was held recently at Rotary Bhaban at Chandpur.

Abul Kashem, Deputy Commissioner, Chandpur and President of the Society was in the chair. Dr Noorur Rahman and MA Masud Bhutyan were elected Vice-President and General Secretary respectively of the local unit.

Besides five members were elected to the executive committee. They are Dr. MA Gafur. Abdul Karim Patwari, Jahangir Akhand Selim, Dr. Ruhul Amin and Kamruzzaman Chowdhury. Three other members of the executive committee will be nominated by the President of the unit.



Fish production has declined to a great extent due to siltation of rivers, khals, beels and indiscriminate catching of fish fries by a section of people. In the - Star photo backdrop of the fishermen passing agonising days, this fisherman trying his luck with his net at the river Sitalakhya in Narayanganj.

Smugglers use women, teenagers as carriers

Form Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, July 14: Smuggling is rampant in Satkhira border areas. The smugglers use mostly women, teenaged boys and girls in their illegal business at the instance of influential quarters

Recently smuggling has increased in Kalaroa, Satkhira Sadar, Debhata and Kaligani border upazilas.

Smugglers bring in sarees, sugar, salt, spices, glass, fruits, cosmetics, clothes, different kinds steel articles, bicycle, cow, cosmetics, clothes, different kinds steel articles, bicycle, cow, onion, garlic, hides and skin, harmonium reed and toys from India and distribute the same to their agents in different parts of the country. On

COX'S BAZAR, July 14:

Ahsania Mission, Bangladesh, a

humanitarian organisation has

suggested immediate repair of

damaged embankment along

the coastal belt damaged by

the cyclone and tidal bore on

April 29 to protect paddy land

against saline water. The cy-

clone, one of the worst natural

calamities of the century.

wiped out the livestock re-

sources in the battered areas

causing acute shortage of draft

animals, a Press release of the

Six convicted

in Rajshahi

people were convicted in two

separate cases in 'the district.

court sources said here yes-

rigorous imprisonment for two

and a half years in one case

and in another case one Amirul

Hossain was sentenced to five

years RI. He was also fined

Taka 5000, in default, to suffer

one year RI more, court

terday reports UNB.

sources said.

RAJSHAHI, July 14 : Six

Of them, five were awarded

Mission stated.

the other hand electronic goods, VCR, VCP, old clothes, polyester clothes and gold are smuggled out of the country.

The jawans of Bangladesh Rifles under Khulna sector headquarter seized huge quantity of smuggled goods worth Taka 13,79,92,585 from different border areas during the last six months.

In all, 414 cases were registered and over 421 smugglers were arrested from January to June this year.

The recovered goods include Indian clothes, cattle, steel articles, cosmetics, sugar, salt, zira, onion, garlic, pepper, motor parts, bicycle and its spares, harmonium reed, pesticides, hides and

Early repair of dams in

coastal belts suggested

From A Correspondent

Chowdhury, founder Khadem

of the Ahsania Mission who ex-

tensively toured the cyclone-

devastated Magnama Union

under Chokoria upazila of Cox's

Bazar district proposed quick

supply of power-tillers to the

farmers as the cattleheads

were not available. Mr

Chowdhury, on behalf of the

Mission, distributed food

medicines, clothings and

utensils to the survivors. "I

found them depressed, help-

less and destitutes. They need

shelter before the onset of

drenching rain." Mr

the on-going relief operations

Mr Chowdhury said that the

efforts being made by the gov-

ernment agencies, members of

the armed forces and several

non-governmental organisa-

tions (NGOs) were laudable. All

the relief and rescue workers

tion among each other, he

some proposals for long-term

solution of the problems in the

Mr Chowdhury put forward

are working in close coopera-

Civing his impression on

Chowdhury noted.

added.

Mr SM Badrudduza

skin, sarees, lungies worth Taka 9.75.75.574 and the out going goods include VCR, VCP, polyester cloth, old garments. gold, tetracycline powder, bearing and fish worth Taka

4,31,97,011. Meanwhile a meeting was held at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner to review the law and situation prevailing in Satkhira district recently.

Presided over by Katobur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner. Satkhira the meeting discussed overall law and order situation and expressed satisfaction over its improvement in the district. The meeting stressed the need for vigilance against anti-

event of future calamity. These

storied buildings to house

primary schools and mad

rashas which can be used as

protection of embankment;

cyclone shelters:

disaster:

strikes; and

(a) construction of double-

(b) afforestation for the

(c) to compel the people to

(d) Life-jackets for the

(e) adequate protection

take shelter in the cyclone

centres in case of impending

people before a calamity

against the intrusion of saline

Heroin worth

Tk 80 lakh

recovered

officials and police in separate

drives recovered about 85

kilograms of heroin worth

about Taka 80 lakh over the

Five people were also ar

last two days, reports UNB.

rested in this connection.

PABNA, July 14: Narcotics

social elements and close cooperation between people and law enforcing agencies to curb the crimes in the district.

The meeting was attended by the district level officers. upazila chairmen, UNO, journalists, educationists, social workers and elite of the town.

Housewife commits

suicide

Sister's illicit connection with husband forced a young housewife to commit suicide recently at Kushkhali village under Sadar upazila. According to the family sources. Hosne Ara (24) committed suicide by consuming poison when she came to know her husbands

sister. The body was sent to morgue for autopsy and a case was lodged with Satkhira police station. Another report adds: Sakina

illegal relationship with her

Khatoon (20) of village Aranjole under Satkhira Sadar upazila committed suicide by consuming liquid pesticides recently. Family troubles were the cause for her suicide, it is

One Falir Malo (8), son of the Narayan Malo of village Majuiara under Tala upazila died from snake bite recently.

According to the reports the victim was asleep in his residence while a snake bits him and he died on the spot.

Unemployment on rise in Kurigram

From Our Correspondent

landless and unemployed people are on gradual increase in all the nine upazilas of Kurigram district. The total population of the

district is over 11 lakh. Of them 60 per cent depend on agriculture, 10 per cent on different occupation and the rest 30 per cent are unemployed. And of the agriculturists 50 per cent are landless, 30 per cent with a few acres of land and the rest 20 per cent can be classified as land own-

Since the cultivable land in

Besides, hundreds of acres of cultivable land are eroded by rivers Dharla, Teesta, Brahmaputra, Dudkumar, Sankosh and Sonabhari every year. As a result, the number of landless people is increasing

The farmers having a few acres of land cannot cope with the prices of agricultural inputs. They cannot buy fertilizers, seeds, pesticides and even bullock for cultivation chiefly due to poverty. They are deprived of irrigation facilities. Above all they cannot get even fair price for their produces. Consequently, they are forced to sell out their land for subsistence.

The educated unemployed persons are also on the increase, giving rise to social un-

Since there is no mills and factories except a Textile Mill at Kurigram district headquarters, unemployment is a vexing problem in this district.

Self-employment

One Abdul Jabbar, has set up a rare example of survival by maintaining a bee-rearing centre at Khedabagh in Lalmonirhat upazila.

established the bee-rearing and training centre at his self-

of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Dal

of Nakla upazila unit was held

at Na Otris High School re-

by local unit leader. Dr Amzad

Hossain was addressed by

central leader of BNP Al-Hai

The meeting presided over

initiative in 1980. There are KURIGRAM, July 14: The

proportion to the population is meagre shortfall in output of foodgrains is regular feature in the district.

alarmingly

by bee-rearing

It is gathered that Jabbar

35 bee-rearing boxes at the centre and he extracts about two maunds of honey from the boxes per week.

Since inception of the centre he extracts in total about 300 maunds of honey valued at about Taka six lakh. Moreover, he offered prac-

tical training on bee-rearing to about 5,000 persons at 410 training camps held at different places, so that they could also become self-reliant. He went to the biggest bee-

rearing and training centre of Asia in India's Puna State for higher training under joint cooperation of BSCIC, UNDP and ILO and returned home re-He was awarded medals

there for his self-invented "honey refining machine" and "Queen-get-machine" require for bee-rearing. Now, he has a plan to pro-

duce lotus honey. His projects spread over one acre of land where he excavated five reserved tanks in order to cultivate lotus and fish at a time. He planted 300 fruit-bear-

ing trees in his centre for providing food to bees and also distributed 5,000 saplings among the people of the locality free of costs.

3 injured as students clash

July 14: Three students of Chandpur Government College were injured yesterday one of them seriously, when members of the rival organisation suddenly attacked an election procession brought out by the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), reports BSS. It is learnt that the attack-

ers belonging to the Chhatra League (S-A) all on a sudden attacked the Chhatra Dal processionists from behind. They were armed with cocktail, ramdao, Kirsch, etc. Abdur Rahman Liton, and Shahabuddin Mishan, third year students of the college, fell victims to the attack while Chandpur Chhatra Dal Convenor Sharif Mohammad Yunus was grievously injured following a sudden attack near the Chhayabani Cinema Hall in the town. Yunus received injuries in his head and hands. The attackers used axe. Liton and Mishan were taken to the Chandpur Hospital for treatment. Shartf Mohammad Yunus who received serious injuries was rushed to Dhaka and admitted to the PG hospital.

A case has been registered in the local police station by the Chhatra Dal. The police has so far arrested messrs Kamal Patwary, Ganesh, Zakir and Mamunur Rashid of Chhatra League (S-A).

Notes from Barisal

BARISAL, July 14: The Narcotics Control Department, Barisal circle, recovered 4050 "ganja" plants including four kgs of its finished products from different areas of the district over the last four months, reports UNB.

Acting on secret tips Narcotics officials recovered 3000 plants and one kg ganja from the house of Rahamat Gazi, 50 plants from the house of Nurul Hoq Gazi, 1000 plant and three kgs ganja from the houses of Nurul Huq of Gornadi upazila of the district.

Eight cases have been lodged with the police in this connection.

Sharbahara Party activists held

At least 895 people including 190 outlawed Sharbahara Party activists were arrested in the district over the last six months on charges of committing various crimes.

According to police, 53 were arrested on charges of dacotty, 17 for robbery, 23 for burglary, five for rape, seven for abduction and 648 others for other criminal cases during

the period. Highest number of arrests were made and crimes committed in the month of last March. A total of 161 people were held and 118 crimes committed during the month.

So far 34 Sharbahara activists were awarded detention, the sources added.

Loan exempted

About 3,01,210 poor and small farmers of eleven southern districts have been exempted from agriculture loans ranging from Taka 2,000 to 5,000 taken earlier. According to official

sources, the poor farmers of Barisal, Bhola, Patuakhali, Jhalakathi, Perojpur, Borguna, Faridpur, Madaripur, Rajbari, Gopalganj and Sariatpur got the exemption benefit as per the decision of the present government.

Bangladesh Krishi Bank so far exempted Taka 179.92 crore loan of which Taka 86.48 crore was principal money.

Rehabilitation

Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) has undertaken a postcyclone agriculture rehabilitation programme of Taka 16.85 crore in eleven southern dis-

According to BKB, the amount will be disbursed among the affected farmers to boost agricultural output in the districts.

The districts are: Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhola, Borguna, Jhalakathi, Faridpur, Sariatpur. Gopalganj, Madaripur, Perojpur and Rajbari.

According to official sources, more than 71,300 oanee farmers of these districts were badly affected by the last devastating cyclone and tidal surge.

Shamsuddin Mollah laid to rest

FARIDPUR, July 14: Former MP and Awami League leader Advocate Shamsuddin Mollah was laid to rest at the Alipur graveyard here Thursday after-

noon, reports UNB.

in Dhaka Wednesday afternoon after protracted illness. He left behind his wife, six sons and six daughters. His body was brought to his village home Chunurdi in Bhanga upazila from Dhaka yes-

Mollah died at PG Hospital

terday afternoon. Namaz-e-Janaza for him was held at Chunurdi, in front of Bhanga Court, Faridpur Bar Library and Ambika Maidan in the town. It was largely attended by leaders of different

political parties. Jagannath Chandra Ghoshe, President of Faridpur Press Club, placed wreath while his body was taken to the club. Shamsuddin Mollah was the

founder-President of Faridpur Press Club. He also worked as the district correspondent of the

daily Ittefaq. Mollah was elected MP in 1970 and 1973 and was also appointed District Governor in

Tk 11.57 lakh sanctioned for 11 projects

From Our Correspondent JOYPURHAT, July 14: Government has sanctioned Taka 11.57 lakh to implement five projects in Joypurhat district during the current financial year.

to official According sources, the projects include extension and development of Joypurhat College, Government College, Joyp-urhat Government Girls College, Mohepur Government Hazi Mohsin College, Joypurhat Government High School and Joypurhat Government Girls High School.

Telephone facilities inadequate in Sherpur From Our Correspondent

Talukpara village of Matibari upgradation of Sherpur from

Telecommunication Sherpur is too inadequate to meet the growing demand. There are two lakh inhabitants in Sherpur town but the numberber of existing connections is

A large number of applica-

tions for providing new tele-

phone connections has been

lying pending with concerned

authorities for a long time.

The necessity of new lines has

been increased after the

at a wrong place.

SHERPUR, July: 14

sub-division to district. So new connections are highly needed. Important government offices, educational institutions, doctors, lawyers, political offices and elite of the town now

FARIDPUR: The railway bridge at Gandia near Ambicapur constructed six years back at a

cost of Taka six crore is yet to open to traffic. It is alleged that the bridge has been constructed

expect that the present government would take necessary steps to enhance the capacity of existing telephone exchange as soon as possible to ameliorate the sufferings of the Md Abdul Quddus Ali (60) of

upazila committed suicide by hanging near his residence recently. His relations said family feud was the main reason behind the suicide. Police recovered the body

- Star photo

topsy and a case has been registered with the local police in this connection. **BNP** meeting

and sent it to morgue for au-

The annual general meeting

Md.Jahangir Alam Shelim.

Zahed Ali Choudhury. Advocate Sahiful Islam Kalam, Secretary, Zila unit, Abdur Razzak, Md Hatim Ali, Aual Choudhury, Mohammad Haq Dulal and