

Upazila roundup

JHENIDAH

Sugar mill staff succumbs to injuries

Nov 24 : The critically injured worker of Moberakganj Sugar Mills succumbed to his injuries at Jessore Sadar Hospital Sunday night, hospital sources said, reports UNB.

The Mill sources said, the victim Idris Ali (40) while crushing sugarcane was seriously injured on the same day following breakdown for a vital spare parts.

A case was lodged with the local police in this connection.

Meanwhile, the sugar mill restored operation from Monday after the breakdown of the vital parts, mill source said.

The crushing is being hampered seriously due to frequent mechanical disorder, it is learnt.

It is apprehended that the mill might incur huge loss in the current crushing season as the machine went out of order two times during the last eight days.

CHUADANGA

Town needs development

Nov 24 : The Chuadanga town is beset with manifold problems, reports UNB.

According to sources, houses, shops, roads and lanes were constructed without plan hindering further development and causing much inconvenience to the increasing population.

In the rainy season, the town becomes muddy and filled with garbage, rain water remains stagnant in the absence of proper drainage system.

The Public Health Engineering Department and the pourashava have yet to take up any development programme to provide the civic facilities and protect the environment.

The sewerage scheme has not yet been completed due to shortage of fund. Out of 368 kilometre of sewerage line required to drain out the rain water, only 10 km had been built.

BOGRA

Dacoits loot Tk 50,000 from cold storage

Nov 24 : Dacoits looted cash money and valuables worth about Tk 50,000 from Matdali Krishikal Cold Storage of Sadar upazila Sunday night, police said, reports UNB.

Cold storage sources said, a gang of dacoits numbering about seven to eight with deadly weapons entered the cold storage, tied the hands of the night guard and employees and decamped with valuables.

A case was filed in this connection and police took the night guard and some employees to custody for interrogation.

RANGPUR

Release of transport leader demanded

Nov 24 : Thousands of motor workers demonstrated in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office here Tuesday demanding immediate release of their leader Abul Kalam, reports UNB.

Kalam, Secretary of Rangpur District Motor Stramik Union was sent to jail hajjat Monday after Sadar upazila Magistrate rejected his bail petition were he surrendered in connection with a case.

Witnesses said police had to open five rounds of blank rubber bullets fire to disperse the mob when the vehicle carrying Kalam from court to jail hajjat was gheraoed by them.

SIRAJGANJ

Resignation of MP demanded

Nov 24 : Some activists of Jattiyabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) brought out a procession here on Tuesday night demanding the resignation of local MP, Mirza Moraduzzaman belonging to the ruling BNP, reports UNB.

District BNP General Secretary Humayun Islam Khan told UNB that the procession was led by a JCD leader who was scolded by Moraduzzaman for showing obscene films on VCR.

The JCD leader along with some of his party colleagues approached the MP after the VCR was seized by police Sunday but he did not support them.

CHANDPUR

Government college sangsad polls December 1

Nov 24 : Sangsad election of Chandpur Government College will be held on December 1, college sources said, reports UNB.

The last date for submission of nomination papers has been fixed on Saturday (Nov 23) and withdrawal date on or before Monday (Nov 25).

BRAHMANBARIA

Sasanka property case judgement December 15

Nov 24 : The judgement of the sensational Nidarabad Sasanka's property case will be delivered on December 15 by Additional District Magistrate Golem Kibria, court sources said, reports UNB.

Four fake deeds were made by the main convict Tajul Islam of Pachgaon village to grab the property of 3.34 acres of land of Sasanka.

Police submitted the chargesheet against eight including Tajul and nineteen witnesses were examined by the court earlier.

BARISAL

92,046 tubewells installed in 11 districts

Nov 24 : The Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) has so far sunk 76,570 shallow and 15,476 deep tubewells for ensuring supply of pure drinking water in rural areas of 65 upazilas of eleven southern districts under Barisal circle, reports BSS.

The districts are : Barisal, Jhalakati, Bhola, Pirojpur, Patuakhali, Barguna, Faridpur, Rajbari, Gopalganj, Madaripur and Shariatpur.

An official source said, the PHED had sunk 8,333 deep and 28,208 shallow tubewells in four districts of Barisal Division, 6,852 deep and 2,836 shallow tubewells in two districts of Patuakhali Division and 291 deep and 45,526 shallow tubewells in five districts of Faridpur Division.

Besides, 117 deep-set pumps were installed in Faridpur Division by June this year for supply of pure drinking water in different areas.

During the current fiscal year, PHED has fixed a target for sinking of 1,648 deep and 3,152 shallow tubewells and re-sinking of 2,150 shallow tubewells in three divisions of the Barisal Circle.

MYMENSINGH

One killed in road mishap

Nov 24 : One Hafizuddin (16) was crushed under the wheels of a minibus on Mymensingh-Dhaka road at Balti under Sadar upazila recently.

The victim died on the spot when Mymensingh bound minibus (Dhaka Metro-Cha-9682) hit the youth from back side.

The police seized the minibus but the driver, however managed to escape.

A case has been filed with the police in this connection and the body was sent to MMCH for autopsy.

FARIDPUR

Free fertilizer, seeds for 1868 farmers

Nov 24 : The government has sanctioned Tk 19,690.00 for purchasing seeds and fertilizers for free distribution among the distressed small and marginal farmers in the district, reports UNB.

According to the Deputy Commissioner, under the programme 1868 small and marginal farmers of eight upazilas of the district will be supplied with necessary inputs including, seeds and fertilizers to cultivate wheat and boro in the current rabi season to cover up crop losses incurred during the last flood.

SATKHIRA

Teachers bring out procession

Nov 24 : Satkhira Shikshak Samity Federation brought out a procession to press home their 15 points demand Wednesday, reports UNB.

The processionists paraded the streets of the town chanting slogans and ended at the DC office premises. They submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner.

Hunting, fish scarcity discourage migration Steps needed to protect guest birds

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Nov 24 : The number of local and migratory birds is decreasing every year in the district.

The number of winter birds is gradually decreasing due to the scarcity of fish in the beels, haors, ditches and canals, it is reported.

With the beginning of winter the Siberian birds used to migrate to tropical countries to evade the biting cold. According to experts, 550 varieties of birds are seen in Bangladesh of which 200 species migrate from Siberian regions.

Hunting and scarcity of fishes are the two main reasons behind the gradual disappearance of both local and migratory birds. The number of hunters has been increased considerably. The killing of birds, shortage of fishes and traps to hold birds compel them to fly elsewhere.

To provide security to the birds hunting must be banned, the experts say. It is to be mentioned here that in the past many poor people used to trap birds and used to earn money by selling them.

On the otherhand, many embankments have been constructed in almost all the local beels and haors to protect the crops from the floods which are also creating obstacles to the free movement of migratory birds resulting in fall in their numbers.

Experts opined that modern methods adopted in Soviet Russia and other developed countries to protect the birds

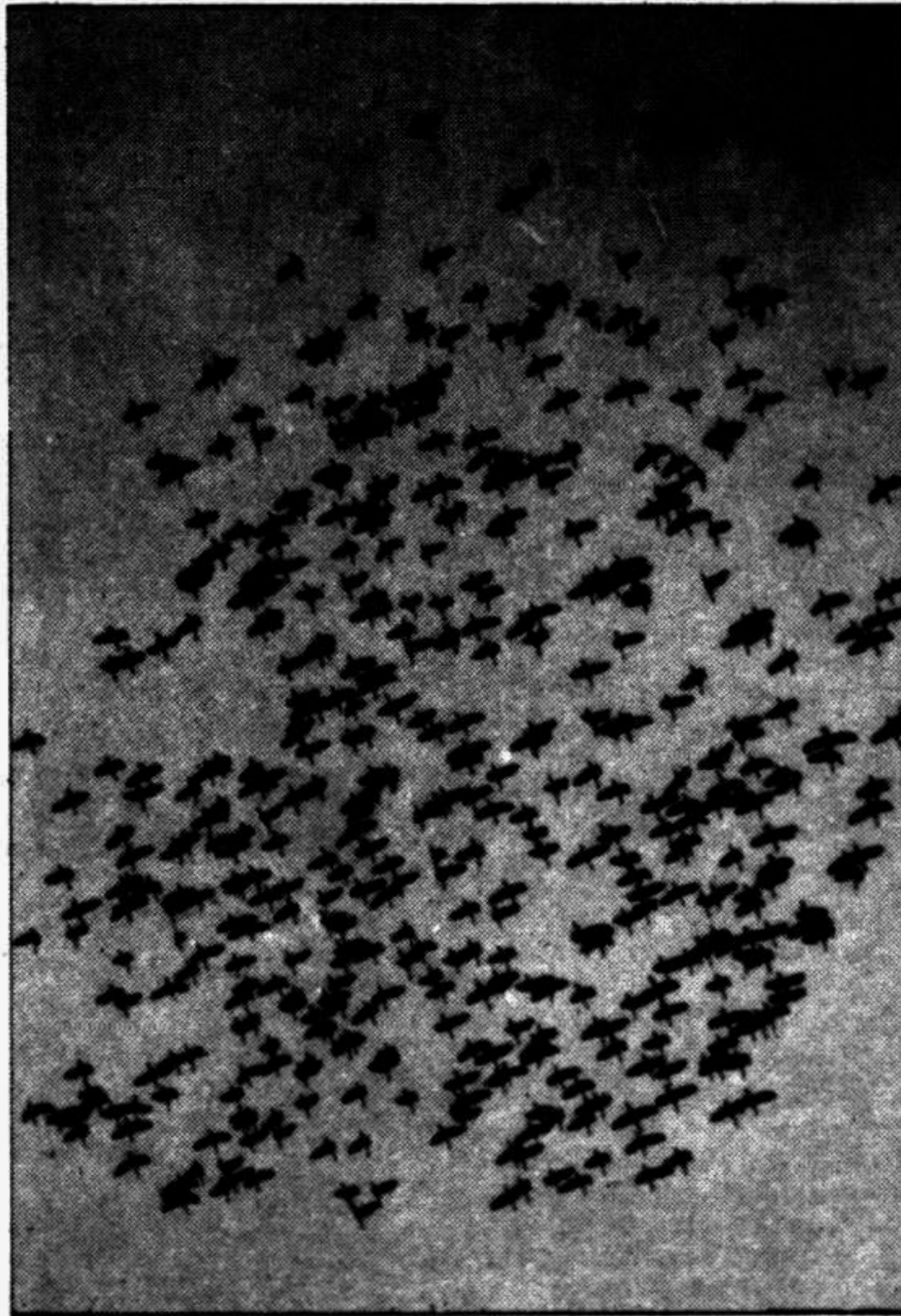
should also be adopted in Bangladesh.

Cattle disease

Another report says : The wide-spread outbreak of vari-

ous diseases has so far claimed 50 cattle in the district.

Many cattle have been attacked by the diseases in all the seven upazilas of the district.



With the advent of the winter guest birds from Siberia and other parts of the world have started coming to escape biting cold. — Star photo

The diseases are locally known as 'Golafula' and 'khura'.

An unofficial report says that over 3,000 cattle have been attacked by the diseases.

It is alleged that some unqualified quack doctors are arranging treatment but those are of no use.

It is further alleged that till now the Livestock Department had not yet taken any step since the outbreak of the disease. The field staff of the department refused to provide any treatment saying that they had no programme, it is complained.

When contacted, an official of the District Livestock Department told this correspondent that they had no information regarding the diseases.

Miscreant held

UNB adds : Police arrested one miscreant and recovered one SLR and five hand-made rifles from village Hawalkhali under Sadar Upazila.

Satkhira police said Rezaul and his group used to harass, extort money and seize goods from the people and local businessman posing themselves as BDR personnel.

Police laid a trap on November 22 following a complaint from the affected persons and arrested only one member of the group.

A case was filed with the local police in this connection and further investigation was going on.

Siltation hampers farm output in Maulvi Bazar

From Our Correspondent

MAULVI BAZAR, Nov 24 : The agricultural production is being greatly hampered due to a rapid decline soil fertility in the district.

The flood waters from Monu and Dholai had left behind a huge quantity of sand on the main lands of the Maulvi Bazar, Rajnagar, Kulaura, Baralekha and Kamalganj upazilas of the district. At least 5000 acres of land have in the meantime been silted up.

Our correspondent visited Dhewpasa, Balaikandi, Balirbhag villages under Chandnighat Union of Sadar upazila and found that the ponds, tanks and canals of these villages have almost been silted up. As a result, various trees including thousands of betel nut and mango trees have been seriously affected.

If this silt is not removed all kinds of trees and crops are likely to be destroyed. Frequent and excessive use of chemical fertilizers on lands has been identified as the main reason for the decline in

production, the experts disclosed. The experts opined that motivation to use cowdung and green manure as fertilizers would increase production. The balanced use of chemical fertilizer may be continued for better production, the experts added.

Soccer competition

The Inter-upazila Gold Cup Football Competition began at the local government high school play ground under the auspices of Maulvi Bazar District Sports Association from November 17 last.

Mr. Arif Hussain, Deputy Commissioner and President of DSA inaugurated the competition.

On the opening day, Maulvi Bazar Pourashava Team defeated Sreemongol Upazila Team by 4-0 goals. All the goals were scored in the second half.

All the six upazila teams and pourashava team of Maulvi Bazar District are participating in the competition.

Mechanical trouble hits sugar production

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Nov 24 : The crushing of sugarcane in the Mobarakganj Sugar Mills is being greatly hampered due to frequent mechanical disorder.

The mill is likely to incur a huge loss during the current crushing season.

It is reported that Idris Ali, worker of the mill, was injured on November 17 due to break down of 'Fabricator hammer', a vital spare parts of mill machine who succumbed to injuries at the Jessore hospital.

The mill faced closure for the second time, due to the break down on November 17. Earlier on November 8, the mill faced 32 hours closure due to the breakage of a roller which was installed on the very day.

It is alleged that the prepared spare parts were of very bad quality. When contacted,

the mill authority told this correspondent that the repairing work is going on.

Road blockade

Another report says : Some 200 activists of Jattiyabadi Chhatra Dal, Jhenidah district unit staged a three hours road blockade on Monday last on Dhaka-Jhenidah Road to press home the arrest of the killers of the slain Chhatra Dal Leader, Mithu.

The Chhatra Dal Leaders blamed the police for not arresting the killers and demanded immediate transfer of OC for his negligence in this regard.

The agitating Chhatra Dal workers however withdrew the blockade after assurance from the Deputy Commissioner.

Plastic goods threaten pottery

From Our Correspondent

RAJBARI, Nov 24 : Pottery in the four upazilas of the district is on the verge of extinction. Large number of families, depend on this profession for generations together and had been earning their livelihood by selling various earthen products. There had also been a maximum use of earthen products in the past but now-a-days these products are facing tough competition with aluminium and plastic products which are mainly used for household purposes.

The buyers prefer aluminium and plastic products as these are more durable than earthen products. The huge decline in sale has left the potters helpless.

In the past, the potters used to collect the clay free of cost but now they have to buy it at a high rate. The price hike of fuel for burning the earthen goods is also seriously hampering the pottery business.

The potters who have in the meantime become almost bankrupt borrow money from the local mahajans at an exorbitant rate of interest, to keep their business running.

It is opined that loan facilities should be extended to potters to cope with the huge amount of capital they need. The maximum use of polythene bags have been causing health hazards as it pollute the environment of the district. It is complained that the people throw the used polythene bags here and there which block the drains in the town resulting in water logging. These imperishable polythene bags have adverse effect on health experts disclosed.

The people of the district urge the authorities concern to impose immediate restrictions on the productions of polythene bags to save the country from pollution of environment which is also a alarming threat to the whole world.

Another report says : The construction of new houses and repair of old ones are being hampered greatly for want of bamboos.

The traditional cottage industry is also facing a set-back due to shortage of bamboos. It is learnt that the huge sale of bamboos by farmers to collect money for their livelihood has caused the scarcity. It can be mentioned here that bamboos are widely used in the construction of kutcha houses in rural areas.

The people engaged in cottage industries are compelled to give up their traditional profession for want of bamboos. This class of cottage industry workers are passing hard days.

At present, a medium size bamboo is selling between Tk 40 to Tk 50 which is beyond the purchasing capacity of the poor people of the village. Con-

sequently most of the people are unable to repair their houses.

Erosion, calamities render Gaibandha farmers bankrupt

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Nov 24 : The number of landless and jobless people is increasing day by day in the district due to widespread river erosion and natural calamities.

The worst affected upazilas of the district are — Sundarganj, Gaibandha Sadar, Fulchari and Shaghata were erosion of the river Teesta and Brahmaputra have rendered a large number of families homeless.

Having no other alternative, the people are bound to take the profession of labourers and rickshawpuller. Besides, a large portion of the people turns into beggars and sail for unknown destination to collect livelihood.

It can be mentioned here that Gaibandha is a food deficit area where per head cultivated land quota is so small. The regular floods and drought are damaging crops every year. The low price of jute and other cash crops adversely affects the economy of the marginal farmers. They are compelled to sell their last property to buy foods and for the payment of outstanding agriculture credit.

Road communication

Another report says : The inhabitants of Gaibandha district have been facing much difficulties due to bad road communication.

The road communication upazilas with the headquarters had not yet improved. Most of the roads of the district were badly damaged by the floods. Cracks and potholes have developed in many points on the roads. The condition of Gaibandha-Shaghata, Gaibandha-Fulchari, Gaibandha-Sundarganj, Gaibandha-Sadullapur

and Gaibandha-Nakhat roads are miserable. Even a rickshaw can which is the main means of communication not ply smoothly.

The owners of vehicles did not take risk of damaging their vehicles. As a result, it takes more time to reach the district headquarters from the remote corners of the district. The road communication yet to be improved in the district due to fund shortage and proper initiative.

Wheat cultivation

A total of two lakh 95 thousand and 950 hectare of land has been brought under massive wheat cultivation in 16 northern districts under the intensive rabi crop cultivation programme this year.

The district-wise break up is: Rajshahi district 22,000 hectares, Naogaon 16,350 hectares, Natore 15,500 hectares, C'nawabganj 10,500 hectares, Bogra 13,000 hectares, Jaipurhat 5,000 hectares, Pabna 26,000 hectares, Sirajganj 30,000 hectares, Rangpur 22,600 hectares, Gaibandha 16,000 hectares, Kurigram 18,000 hectares, Lalmonirhat 6,000 hectares, Nilphamari 11,000 hectares, Dinajpur 32,000 hectares, Panchagarh 20,000 hectares, Thakurgaon 32,000 hectares.

Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation will supply seeds and fertilizers to make the programme a success.

On completion of the programme, a total of 5,83,21,000 metric tons of wheat is expected to be produced in the area.

103 illegal electric line snapped

A mobile court conducted by the Power Development Board (PDB) in a recent drive snapped 103 illegal electric connection and realised Tk. 21,000/- as fine from the connected people.

The drive was launched at Tulshighat, Manoharpur, Baluhat, Talukjaira, Badakhal, Trimohoni and Palashpara areas. Besides, the court also arrested 15 persons on different charges.

944 teachers not getting salary

About 944 teachers of 236 registered primary schools under Gaibandha district are not getting their salaries since January '91 for alleged negligence of the concerned authority.

The non-payment of salaries for long 11 months the poor teachers are suffering much. The teachers disclosed that he teachers of other districts has in the meantime received benefit upto June '91 but the fund for Gaibandha district has not yet been placed for unknown reason.

When contacted, the District Education Department could not furnish clear answer.

Tk 40,000 property gutted

A fire gutted property worth about Taka 40,000/- at village Chaitantola under Sundarganj upazila on November 15.

Six dwelling houses were burnt to ash in the fire. The fire originated from the house of one Bhadu Shiekh at mid-night and it engulfed the adjacent areas. The fire was however controlled locally.

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TENDER NOTICE

The undersigned hereby invites tenders in prescribed form under sealed cover from government enlisted repairing firms for completion of the undermentioned repairing works of this Forest Division's, government vehicle No. Dhaka NA 3107.

Tenders will be received up to 12-00 hours on 28-11-91 and the tender box will be opened on the same day at 12-30 hours. The prescribed form for submission of tender can be purchased from the officer incharge, Dhaka Sadar Forest Extension Centre at Taka 400/= (four hundred) only (non-refundable) up to 24 hours before the submission of tender.

Terms and conditions and other informations of the tender can be seen and obtained at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Schedule		
Description of vehicle	Description of work	Time limit for completion of work
Government Pickup No. Dhaka NA 3107	1. Repairing and fixing of hind lock	Within 10 days of receiving work order
	2. Repairing faulty electric system at the back	
	3. Necessary welding and painting of the body	
	4. Whole works of engine	

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Tender Notice

Tenders from bonafide traders / suppliers/ contractors of Bangladesh are hereby invited for purchase of raw material/ small machine parts for students' practical classes/ stationery and sports goods, employees' liveries etc, during 1991-92 financial year.

1. Estimated cost	: (A) Development head-raw materials (various groups) Tk 2,00,000/= (B) Revenue head-raw materials Tk 50,000/= and other relevant Tk 50,000/=
2. Earnest money	: As mentioned in schedule for each group.
3. Tender schedule	: 1 (one) set viz divided in A, B, C Groups. Each tenderer will have to purchase 1 (one) set, but any one willing may submit tender for one or more than one groups.
4. Price of schedule	: Per set Tk 400/= (four hundred) only (non-refundable).
5. Sale of schedule	: Persons intending to buy schedule should apply to the undersigned with Trade Licence and Income Tax Clearance Certificate as upto 30th June '91 and will be available from Cashier, J. P. I. at prescribed price, subject to permission of the undersigned upto 1.00 P.M. 28-11-91.
6. Date of receiving tender	: 30-11-91 upto 11.45 A.M.
7. Date of opening tender	: 30-11-91 at 12.00 Noon
8. Place of receiving tender	: Through the tender box kept at the offices of the Principal, JPI/ Executive Engineer, Roads & Highways Department, Jessore.

Tender schedule can be sent by post. Tender sent by post should reach the undersigned before the prescribed time. Tenders received late will not be considered. For further detailed information, the office of the undersigned may be contacted.

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