recently

under control.

at the hospital.

impure water.

the affected village described

the situation as serious.

Despite relentless efforts the

situation could not be brought

about 200 persons may die

within few days. Two persons

have already died in the mean-

accommodate diarrhoea pa-

tients in Melandah Upazila

Health Complex. Many patients

are going back for want of beds

centres installed at the village

are unable to cope with the

onrush of the patients. According to doctors, the situ-

ation is out of control as the af-

fected people were consuming

Only three tubewells are

operative in the village. As a

result most of the people have

to take water from canals,

ponds, and other water bodies.

claimed five more lives raising

the toll to 53 in the district

and other 10,000 were at-

tacked by the disease. The

worst affected upazilas are

. Acute scarcity of pure

drinking water and adulterated

food taking were the main rea-

sons behind the outbreak of

Dewanganj and Islampur.

Meanwhile, diarrhoea has

The temporary medical

There is no further space to

Doctors apprehended that

Upazila roundup

SATKHIRA

Eye camp held

Dec 3 : An eye camp was held at Satant High School premises under Satkhira Sadar Upazila on November 30, re-

The eye camp was inaugurated by Mr. Shahidul Alam, Joint Secretary, Prime Minister's Secretariat.

A discussion was also held on the occasion. Among others, Dr. Abu Bakar Siddique, founder-Chairman of Khulna Eye Hospital, Syed Shahed Ali, Secretary, Export Promption Bureau, Dr. Abdul Momin, Civil Surgeon, Satkhira and Mr. Ali Akbar, ADC (General) Satkhira spoke on the occasion.

The discussion was presided over by Kazi Shamsur Rahman MP.

A total of 512 eye patients have been enrolled for cataract operation and treatment.

Manikganj

Smuggled clothes recovered

Dec 3 : Acting on a secret information police seized smuggled clothes and medicines worth over Taka one lakh from a passenger-coach at Aricha ferry terminal recently. reports BSS.

A case has been registered with Shivalaya police. None has been arrested in this connec-

TANGAIL

Bhasani's death anniversary observed

Dec 3 : A fortnight long programme in connection with the 15th death anniversary of Maulana Bhasani concluded on Friday at Bhasani Hall here, reports BSS.

'Muktadhara,' a leading publishing house and Tangail Public Library jointly sponsored the programmes.

The programme included discussions, cultural functions. book exhibition, staging of dramas and documentary film shows.

Begun Alema Bhasani, widow of the great leader, inaugurated the programme. Deputy leader of the Jatiya Sangsad Prof. AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, LGRD Minister Abous Salam Talukdar. Deputy Speaker Humayun Khan Panni. State Minister Lutfar Rahman Khan, State Minister Sadeq Hossain, Awami League leader and former Minister Abdul Mannan, Awami League leader Barrister Shawakat Ali Khan, Litterateur Syed Abul Maksud. poet Al-Mujahidi and 7-party leader Miah Sadequr Rahman. among others, took part in the discussion.

FENI

Over 1400 tubewells out of order

Dec 3 : Over 1400 tubewells went out of order in different parts of the district causing acute scarcity of drinking water, reports UNB.

Lack of proper maintenance and shortage of spare parts are earnt to be the main reasons of the disorder.

Of the total, 785 shallow and 621 deep tubewells are out of order in five upazilas of the district.

Meanwhile, local Public Health Engineering Department officials said due to shortage of fund they could not undertake the work to resink the disordered tubewells.

MAGURA Abolition of UZ

Parishad criticised Dec 3 : A public meeting held at Mohammadpur upaztla headquarters here Sunday

criticised the government for abolishing the Upazila Parishad, reports UNB.

The meeting organised by the local leaders of the upazila was presided over by Advocate Abdur Razzaque.

Speakers at the meeting urged the government to withdraw the order stating that the country should run by the elected representatives who could only ensure the smooth development activities

in the upazilas. The meeting warned the government that the people would be compelled to launch a mass movement in collaboration with the Upazila Parishad Chairmen Samity unless the order is withdrawn immedi-

The meeting was addressed, among others, by Advocate Ali Akbar, Faziur Rahman and Advocate Lutiar

BARGUNA

2 die after eating 'Khagra'

Dec 3: Two members of a family died and two others fell sick after eating 'Khagra' an edible leafy vegetable at Nizlatimara village in Patharghata upazila Sunday, reports

The victim Fatema (20) daughter of Chand Miah fell sick and died instantly just after taking her lunch with the vegetable.

Three other members of the family including the house owner Chand Miah (45), his wife Nur Banu (40) and another daughter Rahima (18) were rushed to the upazila health complex where Nur Banu succumbed later.

The conditions of Chand Miah and Rahima (18) were stated to be critical.

BRAHMANBARIA Drinking water scarce

Dec 3: Acute searcity of pure water has been prevailing in seven upazilas of the district, with 685 tubewells having gone inoperative, reports

Of the total, 93 tubewells have gone out of order in Nabinagar, 242 in sadar, 54 in Kasba, 99 in Sarail, 54 in Akhaura, 70 in Nasirnagar and 71 in Bancharampur upazilas.

The number of tubewells sunk by the Public Health Engineering Department is no adequate to meet the requirement of pure water of all the people.

Local leaders have urged the authorities to take steps for repairing or resinking of tubewells.

COMILLA

Arms, ammunition recovered

Dec 3: Police recovered arms and ammunition from a graveyard of village Nalbugh in Sadar upazila of the district reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, police went to the spot recently and recovered the abandoned arms and ammunition.

The recovered arms in cluded one gun, two pipegun. one round of ammunition and one big size knife.

Earlier on November 9, po lice recovered one pipegun from Hoshenpur village of the same upazila.

MAIJDEE COURT

Massive Boro farming plan

Dec 3: A massive programme has been taken up to bring 91,855 acres of land under Boro cultivation in five upazilas of the district during the current season, reports

According to Agriculture Extension Department, 80,000 acres will be brought under Upshi and the rest 11,855 acres under local variety.

Of the total land, 51,500 acres will be brought under Upshi and 6,849 under local variety in Begumganj. 11,255 acres under Upshi and 3165 acres under local variety in Sadar, 150 acres under Upshi and 60 acres under local variety in Companiganj, 12,020 acres under Upshi and 495 acres under local variety in Chatkhil and 4950 acres under Upshi and 1465 acres under local variety in Senbag upazilas Bangladesh Agriculture Develogment Corporation (BADC) distributed seeds, fertilizes, insecticides and other agriinputs among the growers for successful implementation of the programme.

CHUADANGA

Husband to die for killing wife

Dec 3: An accused of village Chaighoria in Sadar upazila here was awarded death penalty for murdering his wife Thursday, reports

According to the prosecution. Sefalt Khatun (21), was beaten to death one year back by her husband Ruhul Amin (28) when she refused to bring dowry money from her poor

parents. His brother Abdul Mannan concealing the fact filed a case that Sefalt committed suicide.

After investigation, police submitted charge sheet against Ruhul for committing murder and Mannan for registering false case.

The Additional District and Sessions Judge Ansar Ali Sikder after examining the records and witnesses awarded death penalty to Ruhul Amin and five years rigorous imprisonment to his brother Manan.



PABNA: Erosion havoc caused by the river Jamuna near Nagarbari.

- Star photo.

Problems hamper education at Satkhira Govt College

From Our Correspondent

SATKIIIRA, Dec 3: Shortage of teachers, accommodation problem, inadequate laboratory apparatus and absence of transport facilities have been disrupting the academic atmosphere of the Satkhira Government College since

The college, established in the early forties, was nationalised in 1980 and since then no development of the college was done.

The class rooms of the college cannot accommodate the existing 800 students. As a result, the students find it difficult even to sit comfortably. The students of the college are deprived of other necessary facilities. During the summer, the students have to bear the severe hot for want of

Out of 67 posts, thirty-six teachers are quite inadequate to meet demand of the students. The remaining 31 posts have been lying vacant for long. The number of administrative staff is also insufficient. Two posts of Demonstrators are also lying vacant, it is reported.

Due to inadequate science apparatus, the practical classes of the students can not managed properly.

The teaching and administrative staff of the college have been facing acute accommoda tion problem in absence of residential quarters. They are compelled to live in rented houses which eat up a substantial portion of their salaries. Inadequate water supply and absence of modern toilcts

KISHOREGANJ.

Gouripur railway station.

Passengers have been facing

mantfold problems due to ab-

sence of basic amenities at

The platform of the station

is not adequately covered with

overhead shed to protect the

waiting passengers from the

scorching heat of sun and

rains. Besides, the only waiting

room is quite unfit for use as it

remains always dirty. Poor ac-

commodation arrangement for

male and female passengers is

not regularly cleaned and un-

hygienic condition of latrines

pollutes the atmosphere of the

station. The onrush of hawkers

in the platform causes much

troubles to the easy movement

of passengers especially when

the trains arrive at the station.

Traffic jams

A large number of rick-

shaws, indiscriminate parking

The urinals and toilets are

also another problem.

pose great difficulties to all The existing college hostel dents. The condition of the

can accommodate only 50 stuhostel building is also deplorable. The library has a good collection of books but the students can not avail the opportunity of reading those because of small sitting arrangement. Moreover a portion of the library is being used as store room. Due to absence of transport

facilities the students and teachers who come from far flung areas are unable to attend the classes in time. The girl students are the hard hit, it is No auditorium and common

room have been established after its nationalisation. There is no canteen in the college campus which creates much troubles to student and staff of the collage. The play ground of the col-

can not used during rainy sea-People of the district urged the concerned authorities to

lege is very low and as such it

give special attention to mitigate the suffering of the teachers and students of the college.

Rabi crop farming

Agricultural Extension Department has taken up a massive programme to cultivate different kinds of pulses in 16590 acres of land in seven upazilas of the district during the current season.

Out of the total lentil will be cultivated in 7595 acres with a

of vehicles and occupation of

footpaths by small traders cre

ate traffic jams in the town

endangering the safety of the

sources, only 1584 rickshaws

have valid licence but more

than 5000 rickshaws play

without licences. Besides, ply-

ing of a huge number of rick

shaws from the adjacent

unions has aggravated the situ-

ation. The school-going chil

dren very often become vic-

tims of road accidents and

there are a number of motor

repairing workshops on road-

sides occupying half of the

roads that impede the easy

movement of vehicles and

The people of the

pedestrians, the sources said.

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thorities concerned to the

take necessary steps to miti-

gate the sufferings of the peo-

According to the pourashava

pedestrians.

Gouripur rly station

needs proper care

From Our Correspondent

Dec 3

production target of 1951 metric tons, khesari will be cultivated in 1277 acres of land with production target of 256 metric tons, gram (chhola) will be cultivated in 2320 acres of land with a production target of 774 metric tons, mug will be cultivated in 4205 acres of land with a production target of 723 metric tons, mashkalai will be cultivated in 798 acres of land and motor in 383 acres of land with production targets of 255 metric tons and 73 metric tons respectively.

Vegetable cultivation

A scheme has been taken up to bring 10700 acres of land under vegetable cultivation in seven upazilas of the district during the current scason.

According to the Agriculture Extension Department, 2000 acres of land will be brought under vegetable cultivation in Satkhira Sadar upazila, 1500 acres in Kalaroa, 2100 acres in Tala, 3000 acres in Debhata, 1100 acres in Kaliganj and 500 acres each in Assassuni and Shyamnagar upazilas

The Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) will supply seeds, fertilizers, insecticides and other agricultural inputs to the farmers at fair price for the implementation of the scheme.

About 26460 metric tons of vegetable are expected to be produced during the season, the sources added.

7345 acres to be brought under potato cultivation

MAIJDEE COURT (Noakhali), Dec 3: A scheme has been taken up to bring 7345 acres of land under sweet potato cultivation in six upazilas of the district during the current season, reports UNB.

According to Agriculture Extension Department, 600 acres of land will be brought under cultivation in Sadar, 40 acres in Begumganj, 110 acres in Senbag, 35 acres in Chatkhil, 260 acres in Companiganj and 6300 acres in Hatiya upazilas.

Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation has supplied seeds, fertilizers, insecticides and other inputs to make the scheme a success.

Upazila wise breakup is as follows: Sadar-7000 acres, Begumganj-30 acres, Schbag-50 acres, Chatkhil-20 acres, Hatiya-1500 acres and Companiganj-12,292 acres.

advent of winter migratory birds started pouring into the beels, haors and shoals of five upazilas of the district, reports

Guest birds of different species known as Balthas. Pankouri, Dighari and Sarils are seen pouring into the areas in large numbers.

About 200 species of guest birds usually take temporary shelter around the water bodies of Amtoli, Patharghata Bamna, Betagi and Sadar upazi-

Despite government ban a section of amateur hunters are found killing the birds indiscriminately.

Rush driving

Reckless driving and frequent violation of traffic rules have made the bus journey hazardous and risky to and from the district headquarters.

different routes in the district were unfit and might cause any serious accident at any time. Overtaking in the narrow highway and overloading of the

most of the buses plying on

cern among the passengers. at different points on their journey as per their whims causing delay in reaching des-

tinations. They often charge high fares leading to frequent altercation with the passen-Local people have urged the

passengers.

Cyclone shelters

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society has taken up a programme to construct six cyclone shelters in coastal areas of the district in current fiscal

The shelters will be constructed at Barmispara in upazila of the district.

Students clash: Rajnagar College closed

From Our Correspondent

MAULVI BAZAR, Dec 3: Rajnagar College of Maulvi Bazar district has been declared closed for an indefinite period from November 28 after a clash between two rival student organisations. Earlier, at least eight stu-

dents were injured in a clash between the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and the Chhatra League (JSD-Inu) at Rajnagar College campus on Thursday. Of the injured students

three were admitted to Maulvi Bazar Sadar Hospital. Their conditions were stated to be critical. The trouble started between two rival student organ-

the college. Eyewitness said at the time of clash they had used sticks, hockey sticks, iron-rod, Chinese axe and pipe-gun. Police of the Rajnagar thana reached the spot after the incident. It is alleged that the ri-

The members of Chhatra League (JSD-Inu) told The

Notes from Borguna

BORGUNA, Dec 3: With the

Passengers complained that

buses are causing great con-

Drivers stop their vehicles

government to take immediate steps against violation of traffic rules to ensure safe journey of

Baliapara union, Chaliatali bazar in Barabogi union, Kazirkhal Nidarerchar, Padmachar and Lathishara in Patharghata Official sources said the

shelters would be used as primary schools during the normal period. About 7000 people will be accommodated in the shelters during he period of natural disaster.

isations on the issue of admission to Intermediate classes of

val students attacked again on injured students in the health

Daily Star that the workers of JCD were responsible for the attack. They also claimed that all of the injured students belong to Chhatra League (JSD-

From Our Correspondent JAMALPUR, Dec 3: Over the disease, officials said. 2500 people have been at-

Pure drinking water needed

2500 suffering from

diarrhoea in Jamalpur

District Health Department tacked by diarrhoea at village said that 78 medical teams are working round the clock to Bhapki of Charbani Pukuria union under Melandah upazila combat the spread of the dis-Medical teams working in

150 people join JP A UNB report says: About

50 leaders and workers of different political parties and student organisations of the district joined Jatiya Party here at a simple ceremony Monday.

Among others, those who joined JP, include Khondaker Hafizur Rahman Badsha of Jamalpur Nagorik Committee. Abdullah Al-Amin of Freedom Party and Jahangir, Alam, Shamim, Tajul and Kalam of Jattyatabadi Chhatra Dal.

Ex-chairman of Zila Parishad Reaz Khan congratulated the newly joined leaders and workers.

Football tourney Another report adds: Dhaka

Konika Sangskritik Sangho moved into final of Shahid Smriti Gold Cup Football Tournament They beat Sirajganj District Khelowar Samity by 2-0 goals

at Dewanganj High School Babu and Reaz scored one goal each for the winners

in the first semi-final Monday

Dewangani Khelowar Samity will face Dhaka East Bengal Sporting Club in reply match of group 'Ga' final (Wednes-

Number of unemployed farmers on rise

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Dec 3: The number of landless and unemployed people is on gradual increase in all uazilas of the dis-

Out of the total 12 lakh

people, sixty per cent depend

on agriculture, ten per cent on

other occupations and the remaining 30 per cent are unemployed. Of the agriculturists, sixty per cent are landless, thirty per cent are marginal farmers

and the ten per cent have lands of their own. The shortfall of foodgrains is a regular feature in the district as the per capita land quota is very small. Besides, acres of cultivable lands are eroded by the Padma and Gorai rivers every year. The regular

floods, drought, cyclone and

other calamities damage the crops every year. As a result, the number of landless is increasing alarmingly.

The marginal and landless farmers cannot cope with the increasing prices of agricultural inputs, fertilizers, seeds, pesticides and bullock due to their poverty.

The majority of the farmers have to give 50 per cent share to share-croppers. These class of farmers use to arrange capital from the money lenders and ultimately a considerable amount of return goes to the investors pocket. Above all they cannot realise fair prices of their products for urgent

need of the moncy for living. The educated unemployed persons are also on increase which creating social unrest.

2 jailed in rape case

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, Dec 3: Mr. Ansaruddin Sikdar, Additional Sessions Judge and special tribunal judge, Chuadanga convicted two persons-Toyeb Ali and Akkas Ali and sentenced

each in default of which to suffer one year RI more. According to court sources, the two accused and another unknown person of village Bhanderdua under Chuadanga Sadar upazila forcibly took away Shefalt of the same village in a nearby sugarcane field from the residence of Kudrat Ali of the same village at dead

them to suffer 14 years RI

each on charge of raping one

Shefali Khatoon, recently. The

court also fined Taka 5000

A case was registered in this connection with the Chuadanga police station. After investigation police submitted chargesheet against three person. The court examined all the witnesses and found the said accused persons guilty

of night and raped her repeat-

and sentenced them to the aforesaid punishment.

Woes of bus passengers The bus passengers of Chuadanga town are facing great inconveniences in absence of waiting rooms and sheds and other facilities at

the four bus stands. Absence of ticket counter and urinals are adding troubles to the passengers particularly to the female and children.

The sufferings become acute during the rainy season when the waiting passengers find no alternative but to stand under the open sky or trees. Every bus on the route is overloaded but the authority does not provide the passengers

minimum confort. Overloading has become a regular feature. Bus and minibus drivers overtake each other resulting in frequent accidents. The bus passengers of the areas have urged the authority concerned to take ac-

tion in this regard.

2 UP chairmen held for wheat misappropriation

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGII, Dec 3: The Fulbaria thana police have arrested UP chairman Md. Golam Faruq of Ashim Union Parishad under Fulbaria upazila in connection with the misappropriation of wheat worth Taka 7,000 which was allocated for VGD card holders recently. Earlier, the Anti-Corruption Department have filed a case against the chairman, in this connection.

Meanwhile, a case has also been filed with the Fulpur police against UP chairman Amiruddin of Shingharshar Union Parishad for misapproprinting 12 mounds of rice and wheat which was allocated for poor and distress people.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer . Fulpur has carlier filed a case against the UP chairman in this connection.

Muktagachha police arrested one alleged criminal and a dacoit from village

Sonargaon under Muktagaehha recently. Police also recovered a pipegun with five rounds bul-

lets from their possession.

A case was filed with the police in this connection.

Four killed

Four persons were killed in different incidents in the district during the last one week.

One Majibur Rahman (18) of

village Baharkanda of Sadar

upazila was killed by his rival group in a land dispute clash. Strajul Haq (43) of village Biraya under Gafargonj was killed by his rival group in a clash for catching fish. Md. Dulu Mia (20) was run

over and killed by Kishoreganj bound train at Biara under Nandati upaztla and Subhan (22) of the same upazila committed suicide.



KURIGRAM: Processionists parading Kurigram streets demanding release of former President Ershad and other Jatiya Party leaders.