

Upazila roundup

RANGAMATI

Jogadatri Puja observed

Nov. 27: Hindu community of the district observed their two-day long religious festival "Jogadatri Puja" with due religious fervour, reports UNB.

Hindu devotees observed Horinam Utsab on November 15 and Rash Purnima the following day in various puja mandaps as well as the Gourinai Ashram.

Chairman of the Local Government Parishad Gautam Dewan visited the sacred puja mandaps and talked to the worshippers.

Deputy Commissioner of the district Aftabuddin Khan also visited the puja mandaps.

KUSHTIA

Youngman shot dead

Nov. 27: A youngman was gunned down by some unknown assailants at village Yasalmari of Mirpur upazila of the district Sunday, reports UNB.

Police recovered the body of the victim Alauddin (30) son Banat Biswas from Putimari field of the same upazila.

Police suspects that the victim was the armed cadre of Seraj Group and was killed by the rival groups of the area. Police also recovered four empty shells of shotgun cartridges from the scene although the victim was stated to be killed by bullet shot.

The body of victim was sent to Kushtia General Hospital for autopsy. A case has been registered in this connection.

It may be mentioned that Marafat Ali former Upazila Chairman of Mirpur and MP candidate from Kushtia-two constituency was shot dead by the assailants before February 27 parliament election this year.

HABIGANJ

Girls foil kidnap bid

Nov. 27: Courageous hostel girls thwarted a kidnap attempt by masked hoodlums on two of their inmates here on Sunday night, reports UNB.

Witnesses said all inmates of the ladies hostel of the local Primary Teachers' Institute came out of their dormitory hearing two of their colleagues crying for rescue and chased the armed miscreants out of the compound.

The kidnapers allegedly swooped on the two trainee lady primary teachers when they came out of their hostel room for wash in a nearby tubewell.

A case was registered with local police in this connection. None was, however, arrested so far.

NETROKONA

BJMC jute procurement drive

Nov. 27: Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation's jute procurement drive has got underway in the district, reports UNB.

Deputy Commissioner of the district AHM Abul Kasem formally inaugurated the drive on Sunday at a colourful function held at the local BJMC Jute Purchasing Centre.

Chaired by the Manager of the purchasing centre MII Yusuf, the inaugural function was attended by a large number of jute growers, businessmen and local elite.

The price of one maund of standard quality jute has been fixed at Taka 251.

BORGUNA

Girls' college beset with problems

Nov. 27: Borguna Girls' College is beset with manifold problems including poor accommodation and shortage of fund, college sources said, reports UNB.

Established in 1984 as the only girls' college in the town, it is not yet large enough to accommodate the girls students of the town and adjoining areas.

Shortage of classrooms, absence of common room and reading room, lack of scientific apparatus, inadequate furniture like bench, tools, tables, chairs and almirah are the main problems.

The books in the library of the college is not adequate to meet the reading requirement of the students.

The college is running with acute shortage of teachers. There are only 15 teachers who have not been getting their salary for long, sources said.

The Principal urged the Government to include the college under its development project and provide it with adequate financial and other assistance.

PABNA

Release of student leaders demanded

Nov. 27: The pro-Awami League Chhatra League on Monday called for strike in all educational institutions in the town for an indefinite period from Tuesday to press for release of its two detained leaders, reports UNB.

They are demanding immediate release of Ato and Rana arrested on November 10 on charge of attacking a BNP meeting.

The Chhatra League activists brought out a procession this evening in support of the campus shutdown.

Meanwhile, District Unit President, Mosharrif Hossain, who was arrested on the same day, was released in the evening Monday.

KALIGONJ

Massive irrigation programme

Nov. 27: Sixty thousand acres of land will be brought under irrigation in Kaligonj under Gazipur district, State Minister for Irrigation, Flood Control and Water Development, Musharrarf Hussain Shahjahan said on Tuesday, reports BSS.

Addressing a meeting at the Sramik College premises here, the State Minister said the present government would do everything to make the country self-reliant in food. The irrigation programme was taken up with a view to bringing the lands of the area under three crops cultivation, he explained.

MAGURA

Tk 18 lakh for 22 ADP plans

Nov. 27: Sreepur Upazila Parishad here has sanctioned an amount of Taka 18 lakh for implementation of 22 projects during the current fiscal year under Annual Development Programme, reports UNB.

Of the amount, Taka 7.20 lakh has been sanctioned for construction of three primary schools, Taka 5.92 lakh for construction and repair of union family planning clinic-health centres and the rest amount for construction of bridges, culverts, roads, drains, and development of different hats and bazars.

The construction work will be started from next January and is expected to be completed within June, the sources added.

SYLHET

Foundation of new medical centre laid

Nov. 27: Eminent social worker and educationist Dr. Jamshed Bakht laid down the foundation stone of a medical centre at Shahjalal Science and Technology Complex on Saturday, reports UNB.

Construction work of the centre to be built on 2700 Sq. ft. at a cost of Tk 13 lakh, totally financed by Dr. Jamshed Bakht, will start soon.

Adviser to former Acting President Kazi Fazlur Rahman, Internal Resources Division Secretary Nurul Hossain Khan, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Dr. M A Mannan and Vice Chancellor of the University Dr. Sadar Uddin Chowdhury were among others who attended the function.

SIRAJGANJ

6 more die of diarrhoea

Nov. 27: Six people died of diarrhoea which also have attacked about 200 others in two upazilas during the last 24 hours, reports UNB.

The death toll in the district from the disease rose to 119 and the number of patients to 18,000 since early September, according to unofficial sources.

Officials, however, confirmed 48 deaths and 3,500 attacks since the outbreak of the disease coupled with flood onslaught.

The six dead were identified as Sakhira (16) and Amjad (15) of village Khugni in Shahjapur upazila, Sharifa (30) and Sadhu (28) of village Khaga in Sadar upazila and Rahim (32) of village Meghal in Kalipur upazila.

One hundred and twenty-seven medical teams are working in the district to combat the disease.



RANGPUR: A view of the much publicised Tin Bigha Corridor, under strong vigilance of the BSF and extremist Indian political party activists. Dahagram-Angorpota enclave people can not use the corridor to come to mainland. — Star photo

Bus passengers hostage to drivers, conductors' whims

From Our Correspondent

SHERPUR, Nov. 27: Overloading of buses and minibuses plying on Sherpur Dhaka via Jamalpur-Tangail routes has become a regular feature resulting in frequent accidents.

The drivers hardly follow the traffic rules and resort to high speed at their whims. They always compete to overcome each other endangering security of the passengers.

Besides, they stop their vehicles here and there to procure passengers. As a result, no transport can reach its destinations in time causing sufferings to the travelling people.

It is alleged that bus and minibus conductors' realise excessive fares by the passengers thereby causing frequent altercation with the passengers. Moreover, roads on these routes are in bad shape and have developed numerous potholes for want of proper maintenance.

Moreover, overloading often causes serious accidents but the drivers are least concerned about the inconvenience caused to the passen-

gers. The authorities concerned should take strict steps in this regard, it is widely felt.

Dacoity rampant

A dacoity was committed at the BRAC office of Sreebordi upazila under Sherpur recently.

About 12 armed dacoits took away cash and gold ornaments. Sherpur Police Super, Mr Sultan Ahmed visited the spot. A case has been filed with Sreebordi upazila police station. The police have arrested four persons in this connection and further investigation is in progress.

Another dacoity was committed at the house of Mohammed Yousuf of village Baruyanan under Nalitabari upazila.

Witnesses said a gang of 12 to 15 dacoits raided the house and beat the inmates mercilessly. Later the injured persons were admitted to Jayramkudha hospital.

No body has yet been arrested.

Law order discussed

A meeting on the district

law and order situation, anti-smuggling and blackmarketing was held at the Collectorate conference room with Md Abdus Salam, Deputy Commissioner in the chair recently.

The meeting reviewed the overall situation in the district. Police Super Mr Sultan Ahmed and ASP AKM Emdadul Haq also spoke on the occasion. The Deputy Commissioner in his speech asked the police personnel and other law enforcing agencies to be more active in curbing crimes, anti-social activities and to stop smuggling and blackmarketing at any cost.

Police Super sought cooperation of all to eradicate crimes immediately.

Sadar upazila police recovered a pipegun and some fire arms and arrested three dacoits in a raid conducted recently.

The second officer of the Sadar police station Mr. Abdul Gani with a police contingent raided the place of Shmiltol under Charpukimari union of Sadar upazila and recovered the items.

Notes from Comilla

COMILLA, Nov. 27: Fifteen bottles of foreign liquor were recovered from a pharmacy at Ramchandrapur Bazar in Muradnagar upazila of the district, reports UNB.

Police sources said a mobile court led by Muradnagar Upazila Magistrate acting on an information aided the bazar recently and recovered the liquor.

A case has been lodged with the police in this connection. But none has yet been arrested.

Ushashi Parishad

The annual general meeting of "Ushashi Parishad", a socio-cultural organisation of the town was held at its Police Line Road office here Friday, reports UNB.

Chaired by Prof Shafiqur Rahman, president of the organisation, the meeting, formed a five-member adhoc committee.

The members of the committee are prof Shafiqur Rahman, Ramiz Khan, D.M. Shahid, Moazzem Hossain Bulbul and Abdur Rahim.

The committee will hold the election of Managing Committee within three months.

Buddhist festival

Buddhist festival "Kathin Chibar Dan Utshab" was observed here with due religious fervour at Aliswar Monastery in Laksam Upazila here.

Buddhists community observed the festival on November 14 by drawing elaborate programmes including Chibar Dan and discussion meetings.

The festival was presided over by Sreemati Dharma Raksmi Mohathero.

Mizanur Rahman Mizan, Editor of the Daily Khobar and former MP Abul Kalam Majumder were present as chief and special guests respectively.

The functions were attended by a large number of devotees.

BATF meet held

A meeting of the Comilla unit of Bangladesh Teachers' Association Federation (BATF) expressed solidarity with the 25-point charter of demand of its central committee.

The meeting also formed a district action committee with Principal Abdur Rauf as its convener. Five teams have also been formed to coordinate with the upazila committees.

Presided over by Professor Manirul Haq Chowdhury, President of the unit, the meeting, was held on November 16 at the federation office in the town.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia presiding over a high-level meeting to review various development projects of Chittagong Hill Tracts held at Chittagong on Tuesday. — PID photo

World rapidly nearing a dangerous consequence
Concerted efforts needed to protect environment

KOTBARI (Comilla), Nov. 27: The three-day national workshop on women and development ended here yesterday with a clarion call for taking up a nationwide coordinated and pledge-bound initiative to protect environment in the greater interest of the present and the future generations, reports BSS.

Participants in the concluding day deliberations last evening observed that the world was rapidly nearing a dangerous consequence due to careless and over exploitation of environment. They called upon the government, NGOs, social leaders and individuals to launch a vigorous initiative on war footing against environmental pollution.

In all 124 women development workers from 64 districts took part in the workshop which was organised by ADAB and sponsored by the Islamabad based United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). UNIFEM regional

resources officer Ms. Chandni Joshi was present to see the activities of the workshop ADAB Director Dr. Khawja Shamsul Huda were in charge of the overall supervision of the workshop which was conducted by the ADAB officials at the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD).

The participants, who were drawn from the grassroots level, discussed extensively various problems born out of environmental degradation and observed that this was the main cause of continued poverty in Bangladesh. They said environment was being polluted mainly for the lack of a good management policy to protect it.

The women, mostly uneducated and closer to the adverse affects of environmental problems, clearly made their views as to how natural calamities and human interference was leading the world towards uncertain future.

The participant urged the

government, family planners, NGOs and the menfolk to honour their opinion and said male-female joint recommendations would greatly benefit the task to protect mankind from the wrath of environmental devastation.

The grassroots women, who were divided into 10 groups during the workshop made a series of recommendations to fight environmental pollution. These recommendations will be placed before the regional conference of four countries — Bangladesh, Pakistan, India and Nepal to make a common report out of four separate recommendations.

"That report will go to the Brazil conference of environment and development".

In their recommendations, the participants called for ensuring proper environmental bias in educating the future generations with particular emphasis on waste disposal strategies and public health.

Slow progress in Dhaka-Khulna road work

BAHSAL, Nov. 27: Work is progressing at snail's pace to establish direct road communication between Dhaka and Khulna and five southern districts, reports UNB.

Shortage of fund and indifference of the concerned authorities were stated to be the main reasons behind the slow pace of progress, informed sources alleged.

The construction work of the Dhaka-Mawa road has almost been completed but the construction of two bridges over Dhaleswar river are yet to start.

According to sources, two proposals are under consideration for the construction of the bridges with the British government assistance.

Bullocks shortage hampers cultivation

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Nov. 27: Acute shortage of bullocks is causing serious obstacles to cultivation throughout the district.

It is reported that about 80 per cent of the farmers in the rural areas have no bullocks to till their lands. As a result, many plots of land in the district remain uncultivated every year.

Most of the farmers cultivate their lands on share-basis as they cannot afford to purchase bullocks at an exorbitant price.

At present, a pair of bullocks cost between taka 15000

and 20000.

It can be mentioned here that a good number of cows and bullocks die of various diseases every year. On the other hand, greedy cobblers kill cattle to procure skin.

Slaughtering of cows and bullocks has also been increased now-a-days following the scarcity of fish in the market. The milk production has also declined to a great extent.

The farmers disclosed they had to sell not only the cattle but also their belongings for maintaining their families.

The local people urge the concern authority to extend loans for buying bullocks.

Shortage of funds hampers the workers on major development schemes undertaken by the Public Works Department (PWD) in Chandpur district.

It is reported that last year's development schemes had not yet been completed due to shortage of funds. The completion of the ongoing projects like collectorate building, Police Super office, Deputy Commissioners resi-

dence, circuit house, judges' residence are still uncertain. The construction work of Civil Surgeon office, Judge Court and Ansars office is yet to be started.

Another report says: About 5000 ponds in seven upazilas of the district have been lying unutilised due to dispute prevailing among the share-holders.

According to reliable sources, these ponds were excavated and brought under pisciculture where a huge quantity of fish could be produced.

BCIC Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited by the General Manager, Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Ghorasal, Narsingdi for supply of Paints against tender enquiry No. UFFL/LP-52/91-92 dated 13-11-91. Tenders will be opened on 11-12-91 at 3-00 P.M. Tender documents will be available on all working days against cash payment of Tk. 25/- each set (non-refundable) from (1) BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (2) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong and (3) UFFL, Ghorasal, Narsingdi.

No tender documents will be sold on the opening day.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Bangladesh Institute for Distant Education (BIDE)

Ministry of Education
(Teacher's Training College Building) Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205

Tender Notice

Tenders (sealed) are invited from Bangladesh Stationery and Equipment Office enlisted contractors for repair and servicing of 4 Bengali Typewriter machines and 2 English Typewriter machines at the office of the undersigned. Schedule can be purchased by depositing Tk 50/- (non-refundable) in favour of Director, BIDE, Dhanmondi, Dhaka under head "35- Education Misc" through challan at Bangladesh Bank and producing the original copy of the challan up to 3-12-91. Last date of submitting tender is 5-12-91 up to 10-00 A.M. and the tender will be opened the same day at 10-30 A.M. Intending tenderers may attend the opening of the tender.

Giasuddin Ahmad (Director)
BIDE, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205
Phone: 501126

DFP(G)-13934-23/11
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BTMC's Tender Notice

The General Manager(Procurement), BTMC, Head Office, 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, invites sealed Tender No. 530: 03/7/IMP/LP/RE from the bonafide Manufacturers/ Suppliers/ Indenters for supply of "CLOTH ROLLING MACHINE" from local source and under SEM/ LOAN/ CREDIT on imported basis for BMRE of Meghna Textile Mills, Tongi, Gazipur. The tender documents along with detailed technical specification, requirements and terms and conditions of the tender can be obtained from the Office of the Chief Accountant (Cash Section), BTMC, Head Office, Dhaka on cash payment of Tk. 100/- (one hundred) per set only (Non-refundable) on all working days during the Office hours. The tender will be closed on 24.12.91 at 11.30 hours and the same will be opened at 12.00 hours on the same day in presence of the bidders (if any). No tender documents will be sold on the closing day (i.e. 24.12.91)

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Government of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Manikgonj PWD Division

Notice Inviting Tender

1. Tenders in sealed covers in Bangladesh Form No-2911 are hereby invited by the undersigned from all classes of approved and eligible bldg. contractor (up to class-III) of PWD for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer PWD Division Savar/Mirpur/Gazipur under Savar PWD Circle Dhaka up to 12.00 Noon and will be opened on the same day at 12.15 P.M. in presence of the tenderer who may like to remain present at the time of opening.

2. Name of work : মানিকগঞ্জ জেলায় ব্রিটিকা সরকারী দাতব্য চিকিৎসালয়ের ভিত্তি-সেতলারী তরফে ৬ ডাক্তার কোয়ার্টারের ১৯১১-১২ সালের বিশেষ যোগাযোগ কাজ।

3. Estimated cost : Tk ৩,০০,৪০০/-

4. Earnest money : Tk. ৬,৬০০/-

5. Time allowed : Tk. ৪৫ (পঁচাত্তিশ) দিন।

6. Last date of selling tender : ১৭-১২-৯১ইং

7. Last date of receiving tender : ১৯-১২-৯১ইং

8. Earnest money in the form of PO, TC, BD Pratrakha Sanchaya Patra etc. must be accompanied with the tender in favour of the E.E. Manikgonj PWD Division failing which his/tender will be treated as cancelled.

9. The schedule terms and conditions etc. can be seen and purchased at usual rate from the office of the undersigned and E.E. PWD Division Savar/Mirpur/Gazipur near Savar PWD Circle Dhaka and S.D.E.-I/II of Manikgonj PWD Division during office hours up to the last date of selling tender as mentioned above.

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