

## National

## Upazila roundup

## SHERPUR

## College beset with problems

Dec 1 : Sherpur Government College has been facing manifold problems due to shortage of teachers, lack of furniture and science apparatus, scarcity of water supply and recreational facilities, reports UNB.

According to informed sources, the college is now running with about 1,200 students but there are only 33 teachers out of 56. There has been no Vice Principal and a demonstrator since a decade last.

A good number of teachers are residing in the college hostel owing to shortage of staff quarters. The hostel building is now in a dilapidated condition and may collapse any day, some of them said.

Books are scarce in the library located in a very small room which is unable to meet the requirement of the students.

Lack of sitting accommodation, recreational facilities and transport are stated to be other problems being encountered by the college.

The students as well as the local guardians have appealed to the government to take necessary steps for removing these problems.

## SIRAJGANJ

## Discussion on Dr Milan observed

## From Our Correspondent

Dec 1 : Bangladesh Medical Association, Sirajganj district unit observed Shahed Dr. Shamsul Alam Khan Milan Day at the MATS auditorium on November 27.

The programme included Milad Mchfil and discussion meeting.

Presided over by district BMA President Dr. Suzubuzzaman the discussion meeting was addressed among others by Dr. Motiur Rahman, Dr. Rafiqul Islam and Dr. Nurul Islam Talukder. The speakers lauded the role of Dr. Milan during the mass-upsurge against autocratic Ershad regime.

It may be mentioned that Dr. Milan was shot dead by some assailants on Nov 27, 1990.

## KISHOREGANJ

## House rent up

## From Our Correspondent

Dec 1 : House rent has increased manifold at Kishoreganj town due to acute shortage of accommodation over the last few years.

The middle class people as well as the small traders are badly affected because of house rent rise.

At present a single unit of residential quarter is being let out at a monthly rent of Tk 1,000 to 1,500. In many cases the house-owners realise advance rent from the tenants. As a result, many tenants especially the fixed income groups find it difficult to manage their accommodation here.

Due to accommodation crisis, a large number of professionals, both in private and public organisations are to live in this town leaving behind their families at village homes.

## HABIGANJ

## Samabaya Samity executives

Dec 1 : The election of the executive parishad of Baniyachong Upazila Kendro Samabaya Samity (UCC) was held here recently.

Mr. Motabib Hussain and Mr. Iqbal Hussain Khan were elected Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parishad respectively.

A report from Ajmiriganj said, the election of Ajmiriganj UCC executive parishad was held at Ajmiriganj UCC office room recently.

Mr. Aliuj Md. Haizuddin and Mr. Humayun Choudhury were elected Chairman and Vice Chairman of the parishad respectively.

## Uplift schemes

UNB adds : Local Government Engineering Bureau (LGB) has taken up three development projects at a cost of Tk 44.58 lakh during the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

According to officials, the projects are : Reconstruction of Ratanpur-Syltiai road at a cost of Tk 24 lakh, construction of two kilometre Ratanpur-Syltiai road costing Tk 20 lakh, reconstruction of one kilometre road and 4 culverts on Chunarughat-Balla road costing Tk 11.38 lakh.

The sources also said an estimated amount of Tk one crore scheme has already been submitted to the higher authorities for development of the roads of the district.

## RAJSHAHI

## Northern dists hard-hit by river erosion

## From Our Correspondent

Dec 1 : River erosion has become a chronic problem in northern districts destroying dwelling houses and a vast tract of croplands along the banks.

Sirajganj, Kurigram, Chapai-Nawabganj, Gaibandha, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Panchagarh and Bogra are largely affected by the massive erosion.

The intake canals of main pump house under Ganga-Kabotak project at Bheramara have been seriously threatened by the erosion of the Padma. About 30 per cent areas around the intake canal have already been washed away.

Erosion has affected about 60 upazilas in 16 northern districts and condition of 25 upazilas are reported to be worst, informed sources said.

## COX'S BAZAR

## BKB to disburse Tk 11.50 cr among farmers

Dec 1 : Bangladesh Krishik Bank will disburse an amount of Taka 11.50 crore among the farmers of Cox's Bazar district during the current season, reports BSS.

According to an official source, of the total amount, Taka 2.09 crore have already been disbursed among the farmers.

The loans are meant for cattle purchase, cottage industries, salt production, rubber plantation and irrigation.

## NETRAKONA

## Smuggled goods seized

Dec 1 : The anti-smuggling task force seized a large quantity of smuggled onions, garlic, peppers, molasses and pulse worth about Taka 4,55,631 from Machuabazar of Netrakona town Tuesday, report BSS.

The task force also arrested seven persons including two truck drivers for their alleged involvement in the smuggling. The arrested persons along with smuggled goods were handed over to Netrakona Kotwali police Wednesday. Officer-in-charge on Netrakona Kotwali police station said five cases were filed against these peoples.

## FENI

## WDB sanctions Tk 2.46 cr for 29 schemes

Dec 1 : Bangladesh Water Development Board has sanctioned about Tk 2.46 crore for completion of 29 schemes under Modhumoti-Nabanganga Flood Control Project during the current financial year, a BADC source informed.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Krishik Bank has started filing

According to Sub-divisional Engineer of WDB, over Tk 22.4 lakh has been sanctioned for construction of seven and half kilometre-long flood control embankment, Tk 20.59 lakh for four and a half km-long embankment, Tk 16.24 lakh for one and a half km-long embankment, over Tk 1.83 lakh for construction of 16 culverts and Tk 3.40 lakh for construction of half km-long road.

The work will begin from December and is expected to be completed by June '92.

After completion of the schemes, flood control and irrigation facilities in Mohammadpur upazila of the district will be improved.

## PABNA

## Work on new sugar mill starts

Dec 1 : Work has begun on the setting up of a new sugar mill at Kalikapur on the side of Iewardi-Pabna road at a cost of Tk 14.58 lakh during the fourth five-year plan, reports UNB.

The construction work of the factory building is expected to be completed by 1993.

According to Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation (BSFIC) sources, 15,000 metric tons of sugar will be produced in the mill which will employ about 1500 people.

BSFIC is financing the project from its resources but 40 percent mill share will be sold to the public.

The 60 per cent share of the BSFIC will also be distributed later to the private shareholders gradually.



Santal women in quest of job to earn a day's meal at Piroganj in Dinajpur. — Star photo

## Notes from Barisal

BARISAL, Dec 1 : The government has allocated Tk 7,83,02,927 to implement 65 educational projects in five southern districts of Bholia, Jhalakati, Pirojpur and Patuakhali under Barisal education zone, reports UNB.

These projects include construction of 47 rural primary schools, six urban primary schools, nine senior madrasa and three primary education office buildings.

Construction of six urban primary schools and three primary education buildings will be implemented with the financial assistance of International Development Agency (IDA) under general education programme while Islamic Development Bank (IDB) will finance for the construction work of 47 rural primary school buildings and 9 senior madrasa buildings.

Each urban primary school will be provided with one tubewell, two-unit latrines, electrification and water supply system.

Besides, each rural primary school will be provided with one tubewell and one latrine.

Each primary education building will be furnished with water supply system, latrine and electrification while each senior madrasa will get one tubewell, furniture and a latrine.

## PHE will install 355 deep tubewells

The Public Health Engineering Department (PHE) with the financial and technical assistance of UNICEF will install 355 deep tubewells in six upazilas of Bholia district.

The tubewells to be sunk at a cost of Tk 1,55,13,540 will ensure supply of pure drinking water to at least 1.50 lakh people in the district.

Official sources said 72 tubewells will be installed in Bholia Sadar, 72 in Borhanuddin, 25 in Taumuddin, 24 in Daulatkhan, 73 in Lalmohon, 90 in Charfession and 24 in Manupur upazilas.

These tubewells will be installed within December next, officials added.

## 16.37 lakh hectares under Aman farming

About 16.37,564 hectares of land have been brought under Aman cultivation in 11 southern districts of the country during the current season.

The districts are Barisal, Patuakhali, Jhalakati, Bholia, Bognia, Pirojpur, Madaripur, Faridpur, Gopalganj, Sharitalpur and Rajbari.

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The hunters are killing these birds indiscriminately.

Killing of these birds should be stopped to maintain ecological balance, experts opined.

## Guest birds

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## Doctors, medicines inadequate: Patients suffer

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JAMALPUR, Dec 1 : Santoshbari Upazila Health Complex under Jamalpur district has been facing manifold problems due to the shortage of doctors, drugs and absence of other related facilities.

The existing doctors can hardly attend the hundreds of patients coming from different villages of the district. The absence of necessary appliances and other facilities further aggravated the situation.

The complex has been running without any life-saving drugs for a long time, it alleged.

Of the doctors, three are absent for a long time for unknown reasons. The people of the upazila have been deprived of the health care and family planning services due to the non-appointment of four health and family planning field workers since the beginning of the hospital.

For want of isolation wards, the hospital authority accommodates all the patients in common wards. As a result, the patients are easily attacked by the infection diseases. Moreover, the visitors enter into the hospital wards at their sweet will which causes much disturbances to the patients.

The water supply to the hospital is very much irregular as the only motor has been lying out of order for a long.

The doctors of the hospital have been facing very much difficulties for want of necessary equipment, it is complained.

thana police have recovered four stolen cows from a village of the upazila.

The farmers of the district have urged the concerned authorities to take necessary steps to stop the lifting of cows.

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society of the district unit distributed huge quantity of relief goods among the distressed people in all seven upazilas of the district.

According to police and eye-witnesses, a group of BNP activists led by Shariful forcibly entered the house of Samela Khatun and started chopping off bamboo bush as a sequel to previous enmity.

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