

Upazila roundup

BRAHMANBARIA

Facilities inadequate in hospitals

Jan 21 : Most of the health complexes in the district are beset with manifold problems...

Besides, paucity of drinking water lack of proper drainage system in the complexes are increasing the sufferings of the patients.

MAULVIBAZAR

Irregularities in govt girls high school

Jan 21 : Misappropriation of funds, misuse of power and other corrupt practices are alleged to be rampant in Government Girls' High School, having 700 students.

CHAPAINAWABGANJ

Fish disease

Jan 21 : Fish disease has broken out in an epidemic form in Sadar, Shibganj, Machol, Bholahat and Gomostapur upazilas of the district, reports UNB.

DHAMRAI

Mass literacy centres to be set up

Jan 21 : Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar said here on Sunday that it would be detrimental to the nation if the teachers went on an indefinite strike, reports BSS.

MAGURA

Sugarcane cultivation plan

Jan 21 : Faridpur Sugar Mills has taken up a programme to bring 1,325 acres of land under sugarcane cultivation in Magura district during the current season, reports UNB.

BORGUNA

Child labourers on increase

Jan 21 : Child hawkers and labourers are on the increase in the town areas of district with the influx of floating people, reports UNB.

KHULNA

Entrepreneurs urged to set up industries

Jan 21 : Minister for Industries Shamsul Islam Khan said here on Sunday that the present democratic government has introduced the liberal industrial policy to hasten massive industrialisation in the country, reports BSS.

PABNA

Seven dacoities in five days

Jan 21 : Seven dacoities were committed in different places of the district during the last five days, reports UNB.



PABNA : The members of Bangladesh Teachers Association Federation, local unit brought out a silent procession in support of their 15-point demand recently.

500 acres under ganja farming in Dewanganj

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Jan 21: Ganja plantation in different villages of Dewanganj Upazila has increased to a great extent for the last five years.

A reliable source said that about 500 acres of land are now under illegal ganja cultivation in 55 villages of Dewanganj Upazila.

Illegal sale of liquor is going on in different areas of the district town and other places of the upazilas of the district.

Waterfall at Madhabkunda needs proper care

From Our Correspondent

MAULVIHAZAR, Jan 21: The waterfall at Madhabkunda in our country has been kept isolated for a long time.

Madhabkunda waterfall and its scenic beauty attract a large number of tourists and picnic parties.



JAMALPUR : The sadar thana police arrested three inter-district dacoits from Fulbaria area of the town recently. The police also recovered one pipe gun and ammunition from their possession.

Notes from Magura

MAGURA, Jan 21 : The election of Magura Government HSS College students union will be held on February 13, Principal of the college announced recently, reports UNB.

The last date for filing of nomination papers will be announced soon.

It is expected that BNP backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Awami League backed Chhatra League, Sharngrami Chhatra Samaj and Chhatra Motree will contest the election.

Bar executives Election to the district Advocates' Bar Association was held at its office recently.

The newly elected office bearers are: President - Abul Khaer, Vice-President - Beren Sikder, General Secretary - Fokurul Islam Faruque, Treasurer - Soriful Islam, Librarian - Achinta Nanda, Auditor - Moshir Rahman.

Sweet potato farming Sweet potato cultivation has been geared up in 16 districts of Khulna Division with 11,911 hectares of land brought under a crash programme during the current rabi season.

The production target of sweet potato has been fixed at 1,52,841 metric tons, officials said.

Agriculture Department supplied essential inputs viz seeds, fertilizers, pesticides etc to the farmers for the success of the programme.

14,706 tons of sugar At least 14,706 metric tons of sugar will be produced by Faridpur Sugar Mills during the current crushing season, officials said.

According to the General Manager of the mills, 1.30 lakh metric tons of sugarcane will be purchased in 17 centres in Magura, Faridpur, Rajbari and Gopalganj districts.

The source also said 15,000 acres of land have been brought under sugarcane cultivation during the current season in these districts.

Faridpur Sugar Mills authorities will disburse Taka 3 crore as loan among farmers of these districts to help them grow sugarcane.

Plan to construct 3 bridges

A scheme has been undertaken to construct three bridges in Sadar upazila at a cost of Taka 54,85,574 in the current fiscal year.

According to Water Development Board, Taka 20.29 lakh has been sanctioned for construction a bridge on Haorkhali Canal, Taka 20.23 lakh for a bridge on Alomkhali Canal and the rest Taka 14.32 lakh for a bridge on Narankhali Canal.

The work on the bridges will start from February next and is expected to be completed by June.

With the implementation of the scheme, road communication in the district will be improved to a great extent.

Aman paddy procurement drive

Target will not be achieved

From Our Correspondent RANGPUR, Jan 21: The aman paddy procurement target will not be achieved in Rangpur district during the current season, concerned officials apprehended.

Procurement of 30,000 metric tons of aman rice has been fixed as target in the district. But at middle of November last, 22,000 metric tons of aman paddy and 110 metric tons of rice have been procured.

The procured foodgrains in term of rice stands at around 15,000 metric tons which is 50% of the target fixed for the current season.

There are 15 purchasing centres and 95 rice mills in the district to procure aman rice and paddy. Due to price hike in the markets, the farmers and the traders have almost stopped supply of aman paddy and rice to these centres and as a result, the target of aman procurement seemed to have been failed this year in the district.

Mithapukur thana police have recovered a large quantity of lethal weapons from the Chhatra Shibir office recently.

The police also later on arrested 12 Shibir workers in this connection. The recovered weapons included - one Chinese axe, two swords, two iron rods and over 50 bamboo lathis.

According to the police, Shibir workers were creating disturbances and locked in clashes with the rival student organisations for some time past.

The total number of primary schools in the district is 914. Of them, 702 are government primary schools while the rest 212 are non-government.

According to official sources, 1,75,950 sets have been distributed in Nawabganj, 1,76,800 sets in Shibganj, 64,950 sets in Gomostapur, 38,850 sets in Nachole and 31,350 sets in Bholahat upazilas for the academic year of 1992.

The books have been distributed under Universal Primary Education Programme.

Girl kidnapped

TANGAIL, Jan 21: Ritta, a SSC examinee was allegedly kidnapped by miscreants on Sunday from Akurta Para of Tangail town, reports BSS.

Mia Mohammad Shahid, Officer-In-charge of Tangail Thana said that three persons were arrested in this connection. Vigorous police investigation is going on to recover the girl.

Farmers in Sunamganj to get Tk 6.20cr loan

From Our Correspondent SYLHET, Jan 21: A total of Taka 6 crore 20 lakh and 32 thousand has been sanctioned for distribution as loans among the farmers of different upazilas of Sunamganj district during the current financial year.

According to an official source, of the total amount, Bangladesh Krishi Bank will disburse Taka. 5077 and Rupali Bank will disburse Taka 18 lakh 60,000. The rest amount will be disbursed by Sonali Bank, Janata Bank and Agrani Bank.

The source also informed that the loans would be given for purchasing bullock for tilling lands, establishing poultry farms, purchasing agricultural inputs and cultivation of different crops including paddy and others.

Electric cables worth Tk 50,000 recovered

Electric cables worth about Taka. 50,000 were recovered from village Mandolbhog under Chhatak Upazila of Sunamganj district recently.

According to the report, on getting information, a police party reached the spot and after sometime, they caught 3 dacoits from a nearby place.

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Dacoits loot valuables worth Tk 70,000

A dacoity was committed in a house at Barasala area of the suburb of Sylhet town recently.

According to report, a gang of dacoits armed with deadly weapons attacked the house of one Mr. Nasiruddin Ahmed at midnight. They entered into the house by breaking open the collapsible gate of it. They took away valuables, gold ornament and a pistol worth about Taka. 70,000 from the house.

On getting information, a police party reached the spot and after sometime, they caught 2 dacoits from a nearby place.

A case in this connection had been registered with the police.

Bidis being sold without bandrolls

BORGUNA, Jan 21 : Bidis are being sold here without bandrolls to evade duty causing great revenue loss to the government, reports UNB.

It is alleged that many bidi factories in 11 upazilas of Borguna and Patuakhali districts are involved in this malpractice in connivance with local customs and excise department officials.

Local people alleged that bidis are being sold without bandrolls or in certain cases used bandrolls collected from the retailers are reused.

Besides, the actual production of the factories is not shown in the paper submitted to the excise officials.

Local leader and elite have urged the authorities to check duty evasion which is depriving the government of huge revenue income from bidi manufacturers.

Traffic jam has become a common phenomena in the daily life of the town dwellers causing them immense suffering for a long time.

A huge number of rickshaws now occupy Borguna roads.