

Upazila roundup

CHAPAINAWABGANJ

Mahila Dal unit executives

From Our Correspondent

Feb 8: Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Mahila Dal organised a conference here at the local Shaheed Satu Hall recently.

About 1400 female delegates from 80 units of the district attended the conference. Addressed among others by Kamrul Islam, Aminul Islam, Toid Ahmed and Jahanara Begum.

A 251-member committee of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Mahila Dal of Chapainawabganj Municipal unit was formed with Tahera Begum and Jahanara Begum as President and Secretary respectively.

AGRI-VARSITY

Sandhani collects 14,208 bags of blood, 11 corneas last yr

From Our Correspondent

Feb 8: Sandhani, a social welfare body of medical students collected 14,208 bags of blood and 11 corneas last year and distributed those among the patients.

This was stated by the President of Sandhani at a three-day annual conference held at Mymensingh Medical College auditorium recently.

The blood and corneas were collected through eight units in the medical colleges. The organization also distributed medicine worth about Taka 2,30,000 among the poor patients.

It is learnt that Sandhani, Chittagong Medical College unit collected 2,499 bags of blood, Dhaka Medical College unit 4,242 bags, Mymensingh Medical College unit 1,303 bags, Rangpur Medical College unit 1,452 bags, Rajshahi Medical College unit 969 bags, Barisal Medical College unit 689 bags, Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College unit 1,029 bags, Sir Salimullah Medical College unit 2,025 bags.

The collected blood was distributed among 4258 poor patients of the country.

PATUAKHALI

5 madrasahs to be developed

Feb 8: Five madrasahs will be developed at a cost of Taka 65 lakh in Jessore region during the current financial year, reports UNB.

Official sources said Islamic Development Bank (IDB) will finance the development project to be completed by June next.

The madrasahs are: Monirampur Girl's Senior Madrasah, Khajira Senior Madrasah, Bhadra Bhangsa Girls' Dakhil Madrasah, Jhikargasa Darul Uloom Senior Madrasah and Jessore Alia Madrasah.

With the implementation of the project madrasah education will get further boost in the region.

FENI

Four receive bullet injuries during dacoity

Feb 8: Four people received bullet injuries during a armed dacoity at village Motbaria in Sadar upazila Tuesday, police said, reports UNB.

The injured are Shamsul Alam (30), Nurul Alam (26), Arifur Rahman (17) and Faruque (14).

The robbers numbering about eight broke into the house of Shaheque Muihi Bari of the village and looted valuables worth Taka 1.50 lakh. The inmates were injured when they resisted the act.

Among the injured Nurul Alam was being treated in the Chittagong Medical College Hospital and the others admitted to local clinics.

A case was filed with the local police.

COMILA

30-bed eye hospital soon

Feb 8: A 30-bed eye hospital financed by a London based Rotary Club will be established at Jagannathpur in the town soon, reports UNB.

Former MP Ansar Ahmed laid the foundation stone at a simple ceremony recently.

The Frontonhit Rotary Club of London will also bear the entire expenditure to run the hospital while Comila Rotary Club will supervise the hospital.

President of the Frontonhit Rotary Club Idris Hossain, son of late Amir Hossain of Amir Dighirpar of the town took the initiative and donated 9 decimals of land for the construction of the hospital.

GAIBANDHA

91 pry. teacher's posts lying vacant

From Our Correspondent

Feb 8: Government primary education is facing quandary in the district due to acute shortage of teachers. About 91 posts of primary teacher lying vacant in different remote areas since long.

According to an official source some schools have been running with only one or two teachers. At least two schools are still running with only single teacher and 22 others are being managed by two teachers each.

As a result children of said schools remain deprived from proper education.

Out of the total 91 vacant posts, 17 at Gobindaganj, 12 at Palashbari, 9 at Fulchari, 6 at Shaghata, 18 at Sadullapur, 10 at Gaibandha Sadar, and 19 at Sunderganj upazilas.

When contacted, District Education Officer told that shortage of teachers were mainly prevailing in remote areas and charland where posted teachers do not stay at stations.

JESSORE

2 nabbed, fire arms recovered

From Our Correspondent

Feb 8: The BDR men caught two persons with three Indian fire arms from Benapole under Sharsa thana of the district.

Acting on a secret information, a group of BDR men raided a house at Soto Achra. They arrested Alauddin and Syeduzzaman and recovered the unauthorised fire arms from their possession.

Later, they were handed over to local thana police with the fire arms.

PABNA

Heart, kidney camp from Feb 13

Feb 8: A two-day heart and kidney camp will open at Shishu Hospital premises here on February 13, reports UNB.

Organised by Pabna Pioneer Lions Club, it will be conducted by 30 specialists including Brig (Retd) M A Malek, Prof Abu Zafar, Prof Matur Rahman, Prof. Harunur Rashid and Dr. Kamruzzaman.

Health and Family Planning Minister, Md Kamal Ibn Yusuf will inaugurate the camp.

BRAHMANBARIA

National Science, Technology Week observed

Feb 8: The 15th National Science and Technology Week was observed here in a befitting manner recently, reports ISS.

Deputy Commissioner, Khabiruddin Ahmed inaugurated the week at a function held at Brahmanbaria Government College.

Chairman of the Comilla Education Board, Prof. Abdul Aziz was chief guest at the concluding day function and distributed prizes among the participants. The function was presided over by Prof. Mohammad Shahjahan Chowdhury, Principal, Brahmanbaria Government College.

RANGPUR

Compulsory Pry Edn Programme launched

Feb 8: The Compulsory Free Primary Education Programme was launched in Rangpur Sadar upazila from January 1, reports BSS.

An official source said in the first phase of the programme enrollment of 56,000 boys and girls between six years and 10 years age group had already been completed.

There are 123 government and 30 non-government primary schools in the Sadar upazila.

Double shifts in all these primary schools would be introduced.

DINAJPUR

15-paisa postage stamps not available

Feb 8: Fifteen paisa postage stamps are not available here for more than a month, reports UNB.

Postal authorities continue to remain unconcerned though people in general and journalists in particular are facing difficulties while mailing their letters and news despatches.



The Ambassador of France to Bangladesh, Serge Degalleux recently called on Vice-Chancellor of RU, Prof. Amanullah Ahmed.

Tk 97 cr loan outstanding, 5116 cases filed

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Feb 8: A total of Taka 97 crore 27 lakh and 68 thousand agricultural loan is still remain unrealised in seven upazilas of the district.

The agricultural loans were disbursed by the nationalised commercial banks and Bangladesh Krishi Bank among the farmers. It can be mentioned here that the above mentioned amount does not include the loan cases below the amount Taka 5,000.

A total of 5,116 certificate cases has so far been filed with different courts against the defaulters to realise Taka 8 crore. Other cases are going to be filed to realise the rest amount of money. It is informed.

Warrant orders have also been issued against the defaulter farmers who did not appear before the court after issuance of notices earlier.

The above mentioned loans were disbursed among the farmers to purchase bullock, fertilizers, insecticides, irrigation pumps, poultry birds,

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seeds of different kinds of crops including IRRI-boro paddy, wheat, potato, tobacco, mustard and other kinds of agricultural inputs.

It is informed that most of the farmers could not repay the bank loan as they got poor crop return due to flood, drought, erosion, heavy rain and inadequate irrigation facilities. Bank sources said that despite all measures, only five per cent of total loan was realised.

A Bangladesh Krishi Bank source disclosed that the outstanding loan was Taka 63 crore 51 lakh and 19 thousand.

According to bank rule, the bank first serves notice on the loanee for repayment of loan. If the borrower fail to repay the loan, the bank serve final notice to the borrower. Filing of cases against the borrowers is the last course of action left for the bank.

When contacted, Mr Mokbul Hossain, Regional

Manager, Agrani Bank, Jamalpur Zone told this correspondent that the field workers had been given necessary instruction to ensure recovery of loans.

Meanwhile, different banks through their 39 branches have distributed Taka 2 crop 37 lakh and 83 thousand among the poor farmers during the current financial quarter in Jamalpur district.

Taka 10 crore 59 lakh and 47 thousand will be distributed among the farmers of the district for agricultural rehabilitation.

The present government has written of the loans over Taka 75.43 crore of the farmers who took loan up to Taka 5,000.

On the other hand, the government supplied 50,504 Kg of fertilizers, 25,700 Kilogram of seeds and other inputs to the poor farmers for successful implementation of different kinds of crops cultivation in the district this year.

Notes from Bogra

BOGRA, Feb 8: Aman rice and paddy procurement target may not be achieved in this season in the district.

The Aman procurement drive for the current season started in mid November last. The target was fixed at 80 thousand metric tons of rice and 1 lakh 25 thousand metric tons of paddy by the Government.

But only 375,150 metric tons of rice and 41402,02 metric tons of paddy have so far been procured in the district till December 31.

An official of the district office said the procurement drive may not be achieved as the procurement drive market price is higher and time will be expired on January 31.

The sources said that higher price of rice and paddy in the open markets discouraged the farmers and traders to sell their produce to the government.

It may be mentioned here that the procurement price for the Aman season is Taka 377 and Taka 245 per maund of rice and paddy respectively whereas the market price rose to Taka 480 and 350 for per maund of rice and paddy.

Children suffering from Vitamin A

More than thousand infants in the district are suffering from Vitamin A deficiency.

A recent survey showed that 600 infants of Shariatkandi, Sonatola, Dhunot, Shibganj upazilas have already lost their eye sight over the last 4 months which could have been prevented by regular breast-feeding and high potency Vitamin A capsule.

According to sources, infant mortality rate is rising in the district as mothers are reluctant to breastfeed their children, besides maternal mortality rate is also rising in remote areas of the district.

Stamps on sale at higher prices

Non-judicial stamps are being sold at higher prices in the district due to their scarcity.

Taking advantage of the situation some dishonest government employees and deedwriters are selling these stamps at a price many times more than the fixed price.

Shortage of non-judicial stamps was also reported from Sonatola, Shariatkandi, Dhunot, Nandigram, Shibganj, Gabtali, Sherpur and Kahaol upazilas of the district.

Gay girls moving freely at town

Gay girls are freely moving in the district town creating social problems.

The gay girls are found roaming about near cinema hall, in front of zila school, head post office, by the side of Nawabbari Road in search of clients.

The school and college going students and the youths are tempted by the ugly gestures of these gay girls at different places of the town. Some are also engaged in other anti-social activities after the sunset, it is alleged.

2 killed in accidents

BRAHMANBARIA, Feb 8: Two people were killed in separate accidents and a body was recovered in the district Wednesday, police said, reports UNB.

In one accident Sohag Miah (16) son of Ahmed Ali of Gagrpara of Mymensingh District was seriously injured while he attempted to board a Brahmanbaria bound train at Pagachong Railway station. Later, he succumbed to injuries at the Sadar hospital Wednesday. Sohag was a day-labourer.

One unidentified woman (25) was run over under a railway engine at Gangaagar Kalbari Railway Bridge near Akhaura on the same day.

Police also recovered a dead body of an unidentified man (25) near Badda Para of Sarail Upazila with several knife injuries.

Three separate cases were filed with the concerned police stations.

10 hurt in bus mishap

A report from Rajbari adds: At least 10 people were injured one seriously when a Khulna bound night coach lost control and turned turtle on a rail track near Dauladia Ohat early this morning.

Bacchu (25), a passenger of the coach was seriously injured when the bus coming from Dhaka skidded off the road and overturned.

Bacchu was rushed to the Faridpur Sadar Hospital. His condition is stated to be critical, hospital sources said. He hailed from Joangon village of Rangganj Upazila of Noakhali District.

Rail communication between Goalanda and Dauladia Ohat was suspended following the accident.

Driver and the helper of the bus fled, police said.

Huge sugar lying unsold Growers not getting sugarcane price

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Feb 8: The Mohimaganj Sugar Mills authority of the district is unable to pay Taka 70 lakh to the sugarcane growers of the mill zone area as they can not sell their product.

According to an official source, the mills produced 5,957 metric tons of sugar by crushing 76,646 metric tons of sugarcane this season. Besides, about 248 metric tons of sugar of last year still lying unsold with the mill authority.

The mill authority sold out only 282 metric tons of sugar from the current stock. The dealers are showing less interest in lifting their quota of sugar as the mill price is higher than that of market rate.

Moreover, there is none to procure sugar from old stock which has in the meantime lost its specific standard and quality.

The mill authority could not pay the price of sugarcane supplied by the cultivators on credit as they are facing fund crisis. The value of the present stock of sugar still lying with mills authority was estimated at about Taka 12.81 crore.

About 18 teachers of 12 government primary schools under Sadullapur upazila are not getting their salary since June last.

As a result, the ill-fated

teachers have been suffering from financial crisis.

According to report, earlier the salary of said teachers were paid from the fund of 205 development head. But for some unknown reason, the said teachers are not getting their remuneration since June last.

Out of total deprived teachers, four are serving at Uttar Para Daudpur and Patilakur Primary Schools and of remaining teachers each from Uttar Sadullapur, Bairagur Bazar, Naldanga-2, Choto Daudpur, Sreekala, Tajnagar, Patka, Pir Hat, Kanapara and Nurpur Primary Schools.

Final game of Palash Gold Cup Football Tournament concluded here at Palashbari S.M. Pilot High School ground recently.

On this occasion, Abul Baher Ahmed Chowdhury, Deputy Commissioner, Gaibandha was present as chief guest.

Pabna Zila Dal defeated Rajshahi Dal by 2-0 goals. DC handed over Palash Gold Cup to the captain of Pabna Dal in a ceremonial function and distributed trophies among the players.

At the end of game a chasing and counter chasing took place among the rival supporters. Police however brought the situation under control.

962 test relief plans implemented

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Feb 8: A total of 962 test relief schemes was implemented in five upazilas under Chapainawabganj District with an allocation of 2240 metric tons of wheat under Food for Work Programme during the last rainy season, reports BSS.

According to an official source, work of the schemes include repairing of roads and embankments, tree plantation and clearing of waterhyacinth.

Upazila-wise break up of schemes and allotments of wheat are as follows: Nawabganj Sadar 613 tons for 247 schemes, Shibganj 706 tons for 332 schemes, Gomastapur 316 tons for 175 schemes, Nachol 171 tons for 80 schemes, Bholahat Upazila 196 tons for 69 schemes and 237,000 for 59 schemes.

Golam Azam's trial demanded

A UNB report says: Students observed strike in all educational institutions of the district on Monday.

The strike was called by Gonotantrick Chhatra Oikya to press home their demand for the trial of Prof Golam Azam and withdrawal of false cases filed by the Jamaat-Shibir against their student leaders.

A big procession brought out by the students paraded main thoroughfares of the town.

A protest rally was also held at Nawabganj Women's Government College premises with Mahbubul Islam in the chair. It was addressed by student leaders namely Mostur Rahman (Chhatra Motir) and Saidur Rahman Sabur (Chhatra League N-S).

Health complexes in problems

Another report adds: Health complex and health centres in Sadar, Shibganj, Bholahat, Gomastapur and Nachol upazilas continue to suffer chronic shortage of doctors, medicine, medical attendants and surgical instruments.

The situation further worsened in the absence of blood bank and ambulance. Every day hundreds of patients come from far flung areas for treatment at these centres but go back disappointed for want of proper treatment.

Concerned authorities have been urged to take necessary steps to mitigate the sufferings of the local patients.

3 get life-term for murder

SYLHET, Feb 8: Additional District and Sessions Judge Binyo Kumar Bosh awarded life term to three people of the district for killing a school boy Khokon, reports UNB.

The judge also fined them Taka 5,000 each, in default, to suffer one year imprisonment more.

According to prosecution, Ayub Ali, Sayed Alias Shaded Ali and Shamsuddin killed Khokon, son of Sona Miah of kalbakhari Area near Dargah of Hazrat Shah Poran on December 19, 1989.

The convicts kept concealed the body, Police recovered the body after eight days of the murder following their confessional statement.

A case was filed and after investigation, police submitted chargesheet against them. The learned judge after examining records and evidences, awarded the punishment recently.

Four people were killed and another four injured in an armed attack by a group on its rivals at Fatehpur village in Golapganj Upazila recently.

Police said Nannu Miah (27), Dulu Miah (30) and Sharaf Ali (60) died on the spot and Katal Miah (56) succumbed to his injuries on way to hospital.

Witnesses said about 9 men of the same village attacked their rivals with deadly weapons. The cause of the attack was believed to be a land dispute.

The injured were rushed to the local hospital.

Our Correspondent adds: The Reconstruction work of Kasha-Altalt Road of Beantibazar Upazila began recently under self-help basis, under the auspices of Khasba

Golab Shah Samaj Kalyan Sangstha.

Every day a large number of local villagers are taking part in the earth cutting works of the road for three hours daily.

Workers of Chalkona Samaj Kalyan Samity, Golabshah Kishore Sangha and Greater Kasha Nabin Sangha are also helping in executing the programme.

3 trapped in ditch, died

Three persons including father and son were killed at village Kamalabari Jaidhup under Beantibazar upazila in a tragic accident recently.

According to the report, when a ditch was being dug for construction of a safety tank in a house of the village suddenly another old tank adjacent to the ditch exploded. Sanaulah (16) was working there because senseless with the poison-gas. His father Joahid Ali got into the ditch to rescue the son but he had to face the same fate.

The inmates of the house then made a hue and cry and following this the people from the adjacent houses gathered there. Among them one Abdul Haasib (18) also got into the ditch to rescue them, but failed. Thus all of them were trapped in the ditch filled with poison-gas and met tragic ends of their lives.

Later on, a police party from Beantibazar PS reached the spot and recovered the three bodies.

A case of unnatural death had been lodged with the police station in this connection.

Poura area needs development

From Our Correspondent

BOGRA, Feb 8: Over one lakh inhabitants of the district town have been facing problems due to absence of requisite facilities.

Almost all the roads in the town are narrow and the roads once damaged are not repaired again. The situation worsen during the rainy season. Rain waters remains stagnant on the vital road link, Satmatha and inundate main road, Kabi Nazrul Islam Sarak.

Road side drains with heavy silt overflow after a slight rainfall disrupting road communication and civic life.

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Of the total 6890 latrines, 50 per cent are service latrines. The service latrines emit bad odor causing air pollution and creating unhealthy situation.

The drains and road side ditches are always filled with garbage which have turned into ideal mosquito breeding centre. Besides, most ponds are filled with waterhyacinth and the stagnant waters create massive breeding of mosquitoes. The mosquito meane has turned to serious turn.

There are only two public toilets and the lack of public toilet facilities people often respond to the call of the nature by the side of roads and beside walls of building.

The road sides and foot-paths are occupied by hawkers and shops have been built by hawkers in a haphazard way which are causing serious traffic jam.

Rampant traffic jam has become a common phenomena in the district town causing immense suffering of the town dwellers for a long time.



JHENIDAH: Teachers brought out a procession in support of their demands. —Star Photo