

# Upazila roundup

### JHENIDAH District BCL (A-A) committee formed

**From Our Correspondent**

Mar 10: The annual conference '92 of Bangladesh Chhatra League (A-A) of the district unit was held local tennis ground recently.

Ashim Kumar Ukil, General Secretary of BCL Executive Committee was present as chief guest in the conference while Saidul Karim Mintu, President of the district BCL was in the chair.

Among others the conference was addressed by Central Leader Kamal Hossain and other local leaders.

More than 500 workers of BCL and AL from six upazilas of the district were present in the conference.

A 41-member committee of district BCL (A-A) with Jiban Kumar Biswas and Nazrul Islam as President and Secretary was formed respectively after the conference.

### KUSHITIA Youngman commits suicide

Mar 10: A youngman of village Gobindapur of Mirpur upazila allegedly committed suicide by taking poison Thursday night, reports UNB.

Police and hospital sources said, Shahnur Zaman (20) was rushed to Kushitia General Hospital in a critical condition where he died after a short while.

The cause of the suicide could not immediately be ascertained.

### PABNA Intensive wheat cultivation

Mar 10: An intensive scheme has been undertaken to produce 7.07, 445 tons of wheat in 8,68,625 acres of land in 16 northern districts during the current season, reports UNB.

According to Agriculture Extension Department, district wise break-up of land area with production target is as follows: 47800 tons in 62000 acres of land in Pabna, 101070 tons in 125000 acres in Seraiganj, 14073 tons in 16490 acres in Joypurhat, 63066 tons in 72280 acres in Bogra, 27050 tons in 34600 acres in Natore, 48162 tons in 57360 acres in Naogaon, 47526 tons in 59,980 acres in Rajshahi, 42690 tons in 54100 acres in Thakurgaon, 21370 tons in 27300 acres in Panchagar, 68720 tons in 84500 acres in Dinajpur, 27500 tons in 34100 acres in Nilphamari, 10963 tons in 13065 acres in Lalmonirhat, 62720 tons in 77200 acres in Kurigram, 66365 tons in 80350 acres in Gaibandha and 58370 tons in 70300 acres of land in Rangpur district.

### TANGAIL 2.89 lakh cattle vaccinated

Mar 10: Tangail district Livestock Department has vaccinated 2,89,093 cattle and 36,19,718 poultries in the first half of this year, reports BSS.

Official source said that 13,592 cows were brought under artificial insemination during the period.

Under chicken sale programme 10,000 highbred chicken were sold among interested people and 1443 HYV cocker were exchanged with local variety. Besides, 4000 ducklings of developed varieties were also sold through its poultry farm.

Official sources added 4271 persons were given training on vaccination and dairy and poultry farmings.

Fiftyeight poultry rearing units were opened in the period.

Under non-government enterprises 69 cow farms, 139 goat sheep farms, and 191 poultry farms have also been set up in this period.

Nine nurseries have been established in nine upazilas of the district to distribute luxuriant growth grass among farmers.

### BRAHMANBARIA Discussion on Haralal Roy

Mar 10: A discussion and a cultural competition were held on Sunday at the district Shripakala Academy premises in memory of Prof Haralal Roy, a writer and Professor of Bengali of Brahmanbaria Government College, who died in a road accident four years ago, reports BSS.

Organised by Shahitya Academy, the function was presided over by Dr Mohammad Faridul Huda, a former State Minister. Prof. Rama Roy, among others, spoke on the occasion as special guest. Mr Joydul Hossain, Secretary of Shahitya Academy conducted the function.

The cultural competition included painting, recitation and acting for children of different age-groups and performing of Rabindra-Nazrul sangait and modern songs.

### CHAPAINAWABGANJ Cancellation of exam centre protested

Mar 3: Students of Nawabganj Government College staged sit-in demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office on Sunday protesting the cancellation of degree examination centre at the college, reports UNB.

They also brought out a procession in the town and handed over a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner demanding restoration of the centre.

### AGRI-VARSITY Get-together

Mar 10: A cordial get-together of the officers and employees working in the Registry Sections of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) was held at the conference room of TSC recently, says a Press release.

The function was presided over by the Registrar Mr A H Khan, while it was attended by the Vice-Chancellor of BAU Prof M Ashraf Ali Khan as the chief guest and the Syndicate member Prof M A Kashem as the special guest.

The chief guest in his address underscored the importance of holding this sort of get-together in order to develop the administrative environments of the University by way of strengthening the bond of mutual understanding and friendship.

### RAJSHAHI New Chairman of Mass Communication Department

Mar 10: Dr Md Zahangir Kabir has joined as the Associate Professor and Chairman of the newly created Department of Mass Communication in the University of Rajshahi, says a Press release.

Prior to his joining in this position he has been in the profession of mass communication for long and was serving the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council for more than 14 years as Publication Officer, Technical Editor, Senior Editor and Principal Editor.

Earlier he served the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology as Publication-Information Officer.

Mr Kabir obtained PhD degree in Journalism and Mass Communication from the University of Mysore, India under Indian Government Scholarship Scheme.

### SYLHET One killed, 6 others injured

**From Our Correspondent**

Mar 10: An activist of Jaitiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Biswanath College was killed and six others injured in a bomb blast during the college election campaign recently.

It is gathered that the victim Bidhan Blusan Purakayostha (19), a first year student of the college succumbed to injuries. Later he was died in the hospital.

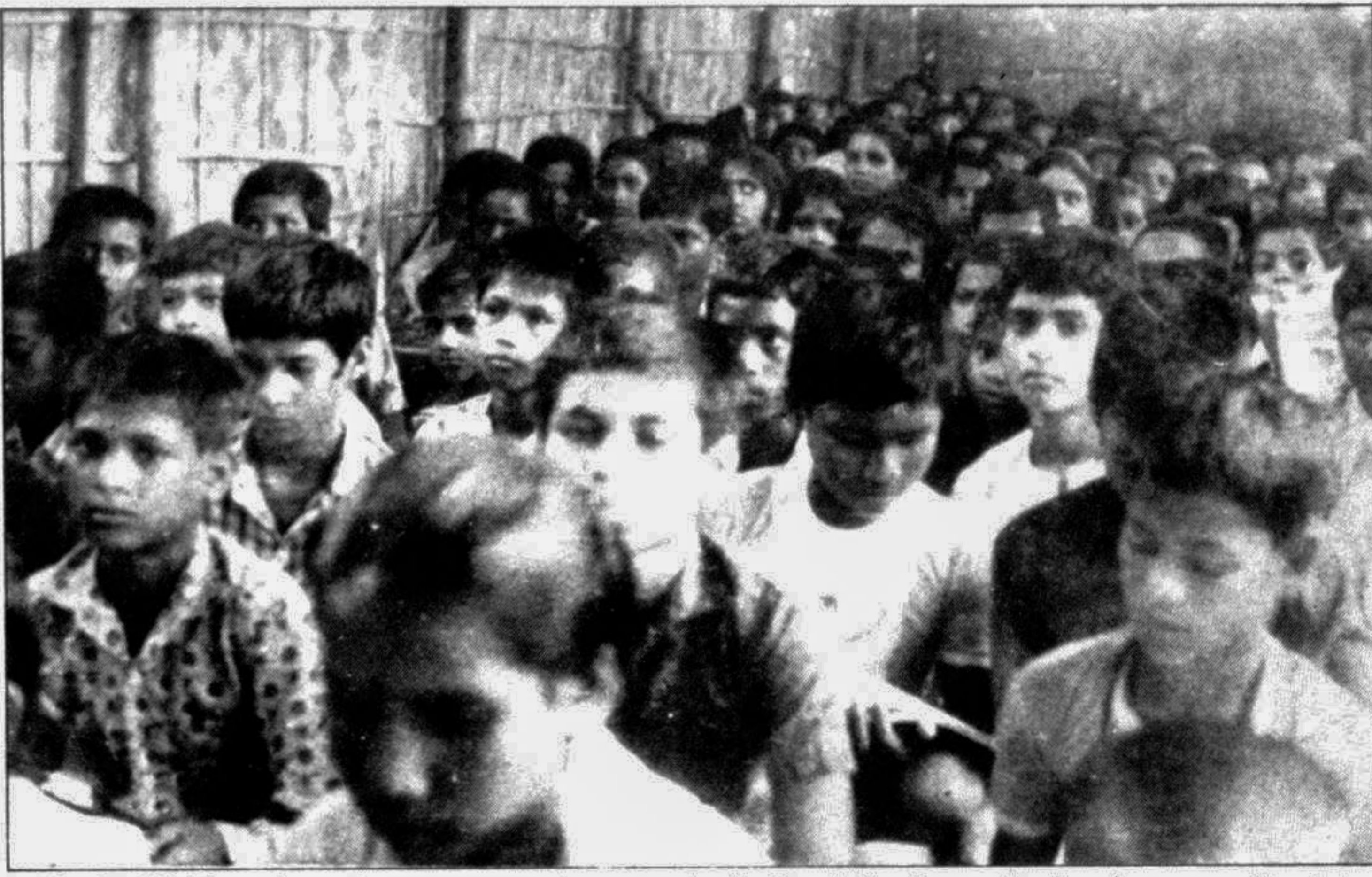
Injured Sohel, Pappu and Mahub had been admitted to the Sylhet M A G Osmany Medical College Hospital while three others were given first aid.

Jaitiyatabadi Chhatra Dal had registered a case in this connection against 16 activists of BCL (A-A) accusing them for the incident.

### BARISAL Tk 31 lakh for development of 6 colleges

Mar 10: The government has sanctioned Taka 31.11.622 for the development of six colleges of two districts under Barisal Education Zone in the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the development projects included construction, vertical extension, and repair and renovation of six degree colleges of the districts. The colleges are: Government Gournadi College, Syed Hatem Ali College, Barisal College, Chakhar Fazul Haq College, Bhandaria Huz College and Sahrwardy College.



SIRAJGANJ: The students of a non-government primary school in Tarash Upazila are attending class. -- Star photo

# India constructing embankment close to boundary pillars

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Mar 10: India has started construction of a gigantic sand embankment at the upperstream of river Teesta in India side, according to an information received here from across the border.

This will inundate vast areas of Domar and Patgram upazilas during next monsoon.

Sources said, Indian government has switched on the construction of a gigantic embankment with sand at Dhaprehat in Mekligon thana under Kochbihari district recently.

About 50-kilometre long and 18-metre breadth, the embankment is being built close to the boundary pillars of both Bangladesh and India, spreading through Bagher Char, Satalpara, Kuchlibari, Thangghara and upto Baora of Bangladesh. Huge earth cutting from the southern side have been undertaken towards the construction of the embankment.

There is an apprehension that during ensuing monsoon vast areas in Char Kharbari, East Kharbari, Bager Char, under Dmla and Thang Jhara, Kuchlibari and Naya Bawra under Patgram upazilas will be inundated affecting at least 15 thousand families of the areas.

Besides these, huge tract of crop field would go under flood water of river Teesta.

### 17,000 tubewells installed

The Public Health Engineering Department has fielded about 17 thousand hand driven tubewells in five districts of Greater Rangpur Zone during the last fiscal year.

Besides these, about 400 tubewells were repaired and refielded in last year in the zone.

The UNICEF had provided with the required fund for

fielding and refielding of the tubewells.

### Mismanagement hit boro farming

At least 150 deep tubewells have been kept idle in Mithapukur upazila for the past few months due to mechanical trouble, disconnection of power supply and tug of war in the management committee.

The stoppage of functions of these huge number of deep tubewells has jeopardised the cultivation of High Yielding Variety of Boro paddy in the upazila during the current season.

There is a target to bring at least 41 thousand acres of land under Boro paddy cultivation in the upazila during this season.

The total number of deep and shallow tubewells in the upazila is around 1,8,329. Of them 329 are deep and the

rest 1,500 are shallow. But, out of the total 329 deep tubewells, 150 are not functioning now for various reasons, resulting in uncertainty towards achieving target of Boro cultivation in the upazila, it was informed.

It may be mentioned here that Mithapukur upazila is one of highest crop producing area in northern region. But during the current season, the troubles that manifested leading to closure of functions of those deep tubewells might hamper Boro cultivation in the upazila, it is apprehended.

### Farm earns profit

Alam Nagar Poultry Farm has earned a profit of Taka 23 lakh during the last year.

According to a spokesman, the farm has earned this profit out of the sale proceeds of eggs, hen and ducks.



GAZIPUR: Some addicts are taking heroin in Tongi Pourashava area. -- Star photo

# Heroin addicts on rise at Gazipur

From Our Correspondent

GAZIPUR, Mar 10: The number of heroin and other drug addicts is increasing in the district day by day causing concern to the dwellers of the locality.

Many people of the district have been addicted to drugs like heroin, ganja, charas and others. About 70 persons died last year from heroin and other drug addiction. The families of these persons who are mostly poor have been passing miserable life for financial crisis.

Three heroin addicts, Bachu, Abul and Rustom of the Tongi poura area have died recently.

It can be mentioned here that Tongi police recently in cooperation with the Leo Club of Dhaka arrested 32 heroin addicts from the Borhan Majar Area, Tongi.

Most of the addicts belong

to the age group between 12 and 45 years and the majority of them are transport workers, small traders, rickshawpullers, hawkers, students, employees of restaurants and the local maantras.

The addicts often sell their belongings including roof-tins, doors, windows, lands and in some cases they do not bother to sell their children. Some addicts earn money through dacoity, hijacking and other unlawful activities.

Easy availability of the drugs has aggravated the situation further in the district. Drugs are available in most of the markets of the town and even in the rural areas. Heroin and other drugs are openly sold in the town area including the Ershad Nagar, Millbazar, Station Road, Modhumita Road, Kaliganj Bazar.

It is gathered that there are at least 18 drug shops in Ershad Nagar alone. Of the shops, some are kept closed at day time.

### Blue film show

The blue film of Indian and other foreign countries are being exhibited here openly which is causing degradation of moral character of the young generation of the town and adjoining areas of the district.

Indian Hindi films are also being exhibited in rural areas through VCR and VCP on commercial basis. The college and school going students are majority in number of spectators of the shows.

### Birth anniversary of Ramkrishna observed

BARISAL, Mar 10: The 157th birth anniversary of Sree Sree Ramkrishna Paramahangsadev was observed at the Ramkrishna mission premises here on March 4-6 with due respect and religious fervour recently, reports BSS.

The three-day programme included Padabali Kirtan, discussions, recitation from the Ramayan and cultural functions.

Professor Md. Hanif, Principal, B.M. College, Barisal presided over the discussion meeting on Swami Vivekananda, the greatest disciple of Sree Sree Paramahangsadev while Nurul Alam Khan, Deputy Commissioner, Barisal was the chief guest.

### Safe smuggling route

MAULVIBAZAR, Mar 10: Shamsnagar-Sharifpur road in the district has become a safe route for smuggling of contraband items, reports UNB.

Indian goods like matches, cosmetics, clothes, bidies, onion, sugar etc. are being smuggled through this route and openly being sold in different parts of the district.

According to witnesses, most of the Indian goods are being smuggled by trucks and buses via Shamsnagar-Maulvibazar Highway and the posted agents of the smugglers unload the goods at certain points to despatch them to different destinations.

Besides, a good number of poor women are found ferrying Indian sarais from village to village to earn their livelihood.

### Notes from Maulvibazar

MAULVIBAZAR, Mar 10: The annual police rally and athletics meet '92 of the district was held at local government high school playground recently, reports UNB.

MA Khaleque, PSC, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Chittagong Range, attended the rally as chief guest while Mazharul Islam, Police Super of the district presided over the function.

In his speech, the chief guest, called upon the members of police to discharge their duties with utmost sincerity, devotion and impartiality.

### 2 killed in road accidents

Two people were killed in road accidents in two separate incidents in the district recently.

According to police, motor cycle rider Mabassar Ali (40), of Husainpur village in Kulara upazila was knocked down by a private car (Chittagong-Ka: 1914) near Luhawuni tea garden.

He was shifted to Sylhet Medical Hospital where he succumbed.

Another victim Manir (22), a truck helper was killed when his truck collided head on with a Sunamganj bound night coach (Cht Ja: 2230) on Dhaka-Sylhet Highway near Gtasnagar in Sadar upazila.

### Cattle lifting

Recent spurt in cattle lifting in the district has been creating panic among the poor farmers.

At least 200 cows and buffaloes had been stolen from different upazilas last month, sources said.

According to farmers, on many occasions the cow lifters demand ransom money beyond their capacity. They alleged that inspite repeated appeal to the law enforcing agencies no step has yet been taken in this regard. As a result, cultivation is being hampered greatly.

### Week-long eye camp

At least 10 cataract patients were operated upon in a week-long eye camp held in Fenchuganj upazila of the district recently.

The camp was held at Fenchuganj Fertilizer Factory Officers' auditorium under the joint auspices of Bangladesh National Blind Society (BNBS), Maulvibazar unit and Fenchuganj Fertilizer Factory.

About 400 patients with various eye complications were also treated free of cost in the camp.

# Civic amenities at Chandpur absent

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Mar 10: Civic amenities in Chandpur Pourashava are absent for a long time.

The residents have not yet been provided with essential urban facilities despite upgradation of the subdivision into district.

The narrow roads and lanes are causing much difficulties for both pedestrians and vehicles.

Due to lack of proper care and maintenance numerous holes with wide deep breaches have developed on different places of the roads. Roadside ditches are always filled with filth and garbage which have turned into ideal mosquitoes breeding centres.

The government employees have been suffering due to lack of accommodation. The daily markets are in very bad condition. Shops have been built in a haphazard way and lack of ad-

equate number of sheds in the market compelled the traders to carry on their business on the approach roads causing much inconveniences to both customers and sellers.

Frequent failure of electricity have become almost regular happenings of the town. The entire Pourashava area including commercial areas plunged into darkness. On the other hand lack of adequate number of street lights caused much trouble to the town dwellers.

Recreational facilities are completely absent in the town. The roads and lanes are not cleaned regularly. The absence of dustbins make the road dirty. Due to absence of public toilets, people use roadsides which pollute the town atmosphere.

The people of the town urged the authority concerned to do the needful in order to redress their sufferings.

# Use of green manure stressed

From Our Correspondent

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Mar 10: A peasants rally and a day long workshop on the use of green manure were held at the Amnura High School premises recently with the newly elected Chairman of Jilim Union Parishad, Tosiqul Islam in the chair.

The workshop was organised by members of the Agram Production Scheme under Barendro Project and it was sponsored by Agricultural Extension Department.

The workshop was addressed among others by Abu Musa, Senior Scientific Officer and Abdul Hamid Sarker, Director, Agricultural Extension Department.

The speakers stressed the need for using green manure under the Agram Production Scheme which has introduced

a three-crop programme annually replacing the age-old one crop cultivation.

This year, aus, aman, ropa, first and other crops are being cultivated under the scheme which is expected to boost production in the project area. A large number of peasants and officials of Agricultural Department attended the workshop.

Deputy Director, Livestock Department, Abdul Aziz Sarker distributed nine she-goats formally among the poor tribals of Babudanga village under Chapainawabganj district recently.

A cultural function was also arranged on the occasion which was participated by the tribal people of that area who presented Gambhira songs.

# Printing of note books unabated

MAJDEE COURT, Mar 9: Unabated printing of sub-standard note books is deteriorating the scholastic aptitude of the students in the district, reports UNB.

It has been alleged that despite government restrictions on publishing note books, a competitive market has emerged as a secret supplier of note books, guardians complained.

In Chaumuhuni, the business has been flourishing with new printing press and publication agencies solely engaged for the purpose.

Students are becoming dependent on these note books which are limited and selling

secretly.

The law enforcing agencies recovered these banned books several times, it is learnt.

Public safety is at total risk as there is no gate or any guard at Lakshminarayanpur Railway Crossing near here.

Local people alleged that the railway crossing situated between Majde Court and the railway station of Noakhali district remains open to free flow of traffic making it susceptible to any kind of accident any time.

People complained that despite repeated requests for setting up safety measures at the crossing, no action has yet been taken.

### Canal digging in progress

PIROJPUR, Mar 10: Excavation of four kilometer Darogabari canal in Sadar upazila of the district is going on in full swing, reports UNB.

Deputy Commissioner of the district inaugurated the excavation work at a simple ceremony.

When completed, about 1000 acres of land will get irrigation facilities. Besides, the canal will help produce about 2000 metric tons of additional foodgrains in the locality, officials sources said.

### Work on Kurigram Irrigation Scheme in progress

DINAJPUR, Mar 9: Work on Kurigram Irrigation Scheme is going on in full swing at an estimated cost of Taka 36 crore, reports UNB.

Eighty per cent work has already been completed and the remaining work is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

After completion of the scheme, 10 lakh acres of crop-land in Kurigram, Nilphamari, Thakurgaon and Dinajpur will get irrigation facilities, official sources said.



SYLHET: AFM Kamal, Chairman, local pourashava distributing prizes among the winners of sports and cultural contest arranged by the Kewapara Samaj Kalyan Samity for children. -- Star photo