

## Upazila roundup

### RAJSHAHI

#### Rat menace

##### From Our Correspondent

May 9: Rat menace has increased alarmingly causing extensive damage to the standing crops on thousand acres of land in nine upazilas of the district.

It is learnt that the standing crops on vast tract of crop-field in the rural areas have been attacked by pests and rats.

It is complained that affected farmers have failed to combat the menace due to want of necessary insecticides. Even in the urban areas, the rats attack have damaged most kitchen articles, vegetables garden in large-scale.

District Agricultural Office sources said that rat killing drive would be started within a short period.

### GAIBANDHA

#### President Award for four farmers

##### From Our Correspondent

May 9: Four successful farmers of the district have received President Prize for their outstanding cultivation during 1991-92 BS.

Out of four farmers one received gold medal and three others got bronze medals. The names of the prize winners are Md Yunus Ali of village Rangamat under Palashbari Upazila who acquired the gold medal for outstanding result in transplant cane cultivation.

Other farmers are Md Ali Hossain of village Bashkata and Md Amjad Hossain of village Dikderi under same Upazila received bronze medals for bumper production in Kakrol and Banana cultivation respectively.

Besides another Md Abdur Razzak of village Kholahati under Sadar Upazila received bronze medal for better Cabbage cultivation.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia gave away the prizes among the farmers in Dhaka on May 3.

### SYLHET

#### Housewife, two children rescued

##### From Our Correspondent

May 9: Police has rescued a kidnapped housewife and her two children from Lamakazi Bus Stand of Sylhet town recently.

It is learnt that they were kidnapped 21 days back from their house at village Gohari under Biswanath Upazila of Sylhet district.

According to the reports, some people proposed for the marriage of Asadullah's daughter. But he refused. As a result, they became angry and attacked the house of Asadullah.

As the daughter of Asadullah was absent from the house, the armed attackers kidnapped Asadullah's wife and two children.

A case was filed with the police in this regard. One has been arrested in this connection.

### MADARIPUR

#### Erratic power supply

May 9: Power failure has become a regular feature in the town over the last few days, reports UNB.

Power supply goes off at least five to six times a day and resumes after an interval of one to two hours.

The frequency of power failure reaches its peak in the noon hampering local industries greatly.

The local mills, factories, shop and press owners have been suffering much due to irregular power supply.

If the situation continues, production in mills and factories will decrease abnormally, local people said.

Businessmen of the town urged the authorities to take steps to ensure smooth supply of electricity.

### MAULVIBAZAR

#### Shortage of English teachers

May 9: About 80 per cent of non-government colleges and senior madrasahs of the district are running short of English teachers, reports UNB.

According to the existing government rules, each senior madrasah must have one English teacher, an intermediate college two teachers and a degree college three or more English teachers.

Education authorities here said requisite number of Masters Degree holders in English were not available. English teachers are reluctant to take up jobs for meagre salary in these institutions, they said.

### SATKHIRA

#### One slaughtered to death

##### From Our Correspondent

May 9: Armed miscreants slaughtered a person to death at village Srikalaskathi under Shyamnagar of the district recently.

It is reported that on the day of occurrence, the victim Johar Ali (55) of the said village while returning home after Esha prayer, a group of armed miscreants slaughtered him.

The body was sent to the morgue for autopsy. A case has been filed with Assasuni Police Station in this regard.

Another report adds: One person was killed and another injured in a road mishap recently.

It is learnt that Kabi Adhikari (16) and Pradip Adhikari (8), both son of Ram Adhikari of village Nurnagar under Shyamnagar Upazila while coming to Kaliganj riding bicycle, a Kaliganj bound truck (Khulna Ta-1433) knocked them down. As a result, Pradip died on the spot.

### FARIDPUR

#### People's help to curb crime sought

May 9: Inspector General of Police, M Enamul Huq emphasized that only joint efforts by people and members of the law enforcing agencies could curb crime in the society, reports UNB.

He was speaking at a meeting of cross section of people at the local Circuit House on Wednesday.

The IGP said, it was very difficult on the part of police force alone to maintain law and order situation without the active cooperation of the people.

Enamul Huq urged upon all to help the police in maintaining law and order situation specially the anti-smuggling drive taken up by the government.

### GAZIPUR

#### Three to suffer life-term for murder

##### From Our Correspondent

May 9: Additional District and Sessions Judge, Matruh Rahman sentenced three persons to life-term imprisonment and fined Taka ten thousand each in default to suffer RI for two years more on charge of murder recently.

The convicted persons are: Abdus Sattar (40), Alauddin (12), and Joyal (37). All of them hail from Kaliganj Upazila.

According to the prosecution of the case, at 8 pm on March 25, 1991, the convicted persons killed one Ibrahim (25) of village Anikhol under Kaliganj Upazila of the district by sharp dao.

### COMILLA

#### Smuggled goods worth Tk 4 lakh seized

May 9: Bangladesh Rifles seized smuggled goods worth about Taka 3.82 lakh from the border areas of the district during the month of April, reports UNB.

Smuggled goods worth about Taka 3.67 lakh were seized while being smuggled into the country included Indian sarees, lungis, blouse pieces, medicines, cycle and motor parts, spices and sugar.

The goods worth about Taka 14,506 were seized while being smuggled out of the country included fish, dry fish, powder milk, old garments, electronic goods etc.

### PABNA

#### Krisak Federation unit formed

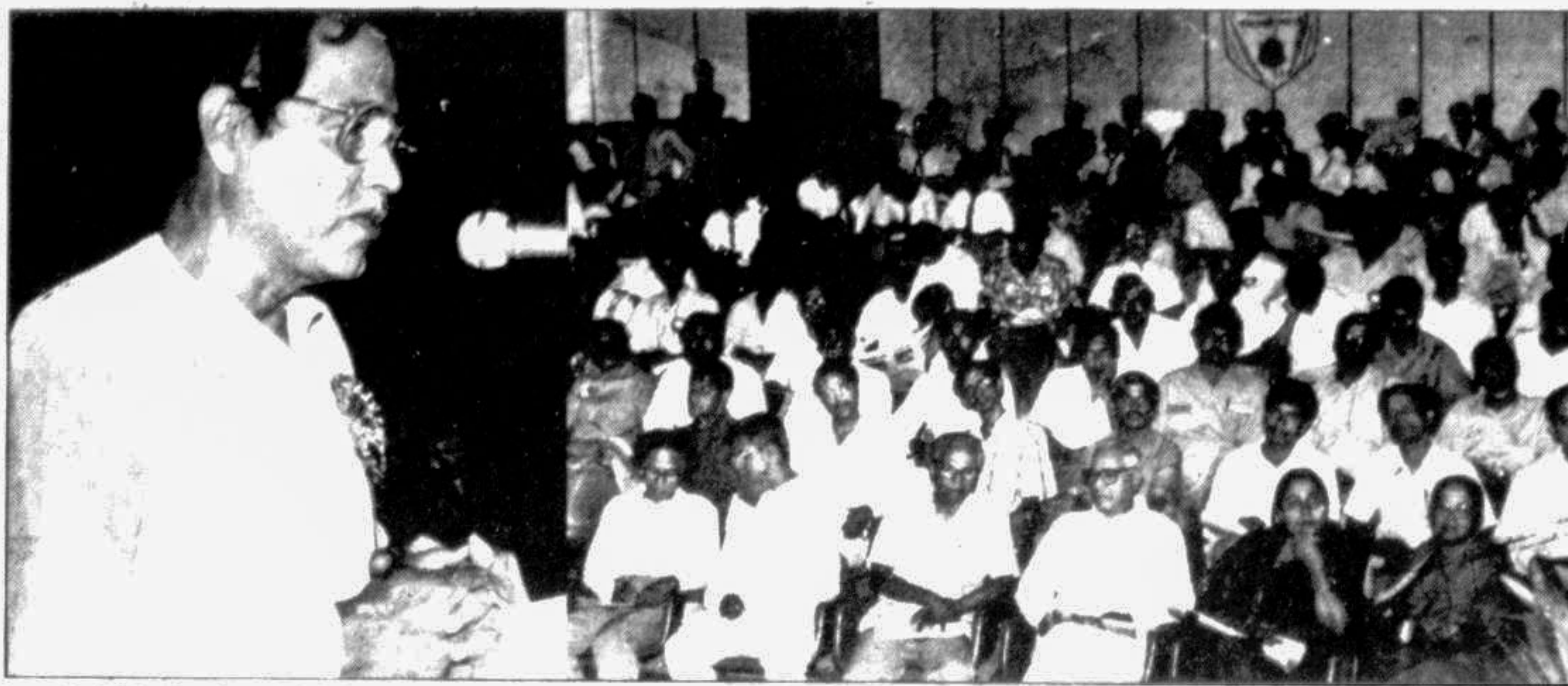
##### From Our Correspondent

MAY 9: The annual conference of the district unit of Bangladesh Krisak Federation was held at Jalalpur High School ground recently.

Md Mahatabuddin, President of the federation presided over the conference while Comrade Badruddin Omar attended as chief guest.

The conference was addressed among others by Sajib Kumar, Faizul Hakim and Mujibar Rahman.

Later, a 51 member executive committee was formed. Md Mahatabuddin and Md Amjad Hossain were elected as President and Secretary of the federation. The other members of the committee were Dabirul Islam Vice-President, Ichahak Ali, Assistant Secretary, Firoz Ahsan, Culture Secretary and Shamsul Alam, Abdur Rahim, Abdullah Al-Mamun and Azimuddin were elected as the members.



SYLHET: Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury, Deputy Leader of the ruling party in Parliament is speaking at the installation ceremony of Anti-Drug and Anti-Smoking Society, Sylhet held here recently. —Star photo

#### 900 suffering from the disease

## Diarrhoea leaves 27 dead in Jessore, Faridpur

##### From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, May 9: Diarrhoea has so far claimed 17 lives and attacked over 800 people in eight upazilas of the district during last one month.

Out of the total, two persons have died in Sadar upazila, two in Jhikargacha, seven in Sarsha, one in Monirampur, one in Bagherpara, one in Chowgacha, two in local pourashava area and one in Obhainagar upazilas during the period.

The disease has attacked 64 in Sadar upazila, 65 in Jhikargacha, 147 in Sarsha, 20 in Chowgacha, 81 in Monirampur, 62 in Keshabpur, 151 in Bagherpara and 28 in Obhainagar. Another 183 have been attacked by the disease in the pourashava area.

In order to combat the disease, 74 medical teams have been set up who are working in the affected areas of the district. A mobile team has also

been formed to gearup the activities in the affected areas. But the supply of oral saline is still inadequate to the increasing demand.

When contacted, the District Health Office informed this correspondent that they are aware of the matter and taking all-out efforts to combat the disease. The continuous drought, scarcity of pure drinking water and taking of adulterated foodstuff were the main reasons behind the outbreak of diarrhoea in the area, the source added.

### Faridpur

Our correspondent from Faridpur reports: Ten people including six children have died of diarrhoea and over 100 have been attacked by the disease in four unions of Alphanadanga upazila of the district during the last 15 days.

Fourteen medical teams

have been working in the affected areas and requisite quantity of anti-diarrhoeal medicines have been supplied to the affected areas, an official source informed.

Some local people informed this correspondent that a large number of diarrhoea-hit people are coming to the health complex but they are going back without treatment for want of requisite medicines.

The affected unions are Bana, Togorbandh, Pachuria and Gopalpur.

The persons who died of diarrhoea were identified as Sakina (3), Shaju (5) of Bona union, Ibrahim (2) of Bhatpara, Urmi (2) of Dhaljuri village under Pachuria union, Laily (5) and Kamrul (25) of Uttarchar Narayanpur, Nilu (27) of Panail village, Golam Nabi (70) of Togorbandh, Rozina (10) and Bablu (20) of village Chandra under Gopalpur union.

## Rly passengers deprived of requisite facilities

##### From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, May 9: The passengers who travel by train from Burimari, Patgram, Baura, Borokhata, Hatibandha, Parulia, Bhotmari, Tushbandhar, Kakina, Aditmari, Lalmonirhat, Mohendranagore, Teesta, Singardabrihat, Torailhat stations have been facing immense difficulties for want of requisite facilities.

Hundreds of passengers travel through these stations everyday. The sufferings of the passengers at these stations have reached the climax for want of adequate arrangements at waiting rooms and toilets. The waiting rooms and toilets are not cleaned regularly.

There is no shed at most of

the platforms and this causes untold sufferings to the travelling passengers during the rainy and summer seasons.

There is only one First Class waiting room at Lalmonirhat Station. Which is not well arranged and well ventilated.

The condition of latrines and urinals is miserable. Unhygienic condition of latrines vitiates the atmosphere of the stations. The waiting rooms in most of the stations have no doors and windows.

The passengers are deprived of pure drinking water as there is no tubewell in most of the stations.

In most places, the railway lands on both sides of the lines

have been occupied by the public of the respective areas. Houses and shops have been built on the occupied lands.

A UNB report from Maulvibazar says: Sreemangal Railway Station, one of the busiest railway stations of the country, has been facing numerous problems for a long time.

Everyday, thousands of passengers travel round the clock to and from the station. The waiting rooms are too inadequate to accommodate the rising number of waiting passengers.

Moreover, the condition of the waiting rooms is pitiable, with toilets overflowing and emitting bad smell. The rooms are hardly cleaned.

The goods shed of the station has been turned into a den of anti-social elements and the platform is packed most of the time by the shelterless and floating people.

Besides, the practice of travelling without ticket has been increasing alarmingly in this railway route due to absence of proper checking.

with the joint initiative of police, health and municipal authorities.

Stomach ailments and skin diseases have been spreading in the district causing grave concern among the people.

Doctors said, a large number of patients are pouring into the upazila health complex and the hospitals everyday with gastro-intestinal and skin diseases.

Scarcity of pure drinking water and consumption of adulterated food and oils are learnt to be the main reasons behind the outbreak of the diseases.

Adulterated foodstuff including oil, milk and ghee are being sold in open markets, consumers complained.

Local people urged the government to take measures against the sale of adulterated food stuff for the sake of public health.

Fish disease has broken out in an epidemic form in all the upazilas of the district, fisheries officials said.

Fish like tiki, shole, gozar, kot, putt, boal, magur and shing have been affected by the disease known as ulcerative syndrome, they said.

With the out break of the disease, demand for fish has abruptly gone down in the local markets, fish sellers said.

The low income group of people who mostly live on fishing, are the worst sufferers.

A daring dacoity was committed at Kalaroa Sub-station of Satkhira Palli Bidyut Sanmity (PBS) on Friday.

The dacoits looted a huge quantity of electric wires and equipments valued at Taka 5 lakh.

## Notes from Madaripur

MADARIPUR, May 9: Bangladesh Agriculture Extension Department has fielded 8,750 power pumps in 11 southern districts during the current season, reports UNB.

The districts are Barisal, Pirojpur, Jhalakathi, Barguna, Patuakhali, Bhola, Madaripur, Shariatpur, Rajbari Gopalganj and Faridpur.

District wise breakup of the pumps: Barisal-2490, Bhola-1434, Gopalganj-1298, Madaripur-1215, Shariatpur-1187, Pirojpur-350, Faridpur-291, Jhalakathi-227, Madaripur-180, Rajbari-24, and Barguna-18.

According to an official source, the power pumps were supplied by Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) under the Agriculture Rehabilitation Programme.

### Rickshaw plying uncontrolled

Uncontrolled rickshaw plying and parking in and around the town has been creating multifarious problems to the town dwellers for a long time.

Most of the rickshaws plying on roads do not use light or lamp during night fall and many of them even have no licence.

Passengers alleged that the rickshawpullers park their rickshaws indiscriminately in the town creating obstacles to the movement of vehicular traffic and pedestrians.

Rush of rickshaws at local bus stand also creates traffic hazards. Whenever a bus reaches at a stoppage a lot of rickshaws gherao the bus blocking its door creating difficulties to the passengers to get in and out of the bus.

Town dwellers have urged the authorities to implement traffic rules strictly and take action against its violators.

### Cold storage demanded

Potato and onion farmers of the district have been facing difficulties due to lack of cold storage.

Local sources said, a huge quantity of potatoes and onion has been produced in the district exceeding previous records.

But these were being sold at Taka 100 and Taka 85 per maund respectively, much lower than the production cost, due to glut in the market. Adequate storage facilities could have improved the price situation, growers said.

The growers have urged the authorities to take steps for setting up a cold storage to help solve their problem.

## Social leaders urged to create awareness against smoking

##### From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, May 9: Deputy Leader of the Treasury Bench in the parliament, Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury has called upon all for spreading the anti-smoking movement to the remote areas of the country.

The social leaders like the imams, political leaders and women can play vital role in this regard, he opined.

Dr Chowdhury was speaking at a function as chief guest arranged by the Anti-Drug and Anti-smoking Society, Sylhet in connection with the observance of the 'World Tobacco-free Day' and the installation ceremony of the office-bearers of the organisation at the Sylhet Auditorium recently.

Prof Chowdhury stressed the need for the services of different government organisations including the radio, television, alongwith different NGOs in creating social awareness regarding the bad effects of the drugs and smoking in the country.

The Deputy Minister for Health and Family Planning, Md Sirajul Haque was present as special guest in the function

which was presided over by Dr M A Matin, president of the organisation.

Manjur-ul-Karim, Secretary, Ministry of Communications and Chairman of the central committee of the organisation, Mofazzal Karim, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Dr Dilaur Rana, Secretary of the committee of ADASS, Dr Md Siraj Uddin, Secretary, Sylhet unit of ADASS and Dr Mujibul Haque spoke on the occasion.

A colourful rally was also brought out in the town later on.

## Rotary Club opens school under literacy programme

CHANDPUR, May 9: Chandpur Rotary Club has opened a school for the poor and destitute children under its literacy programme, reports UNB.

The school is now teaching 25 poor boys of the town. Rotarian and Rotaracts are engaged in teaching these underprivileged children.

## Introduction of crop insurance demanded

BORGUNA, May 9: Farmers of the district demanded introduction of crop insurance for the development of agriculture sector, reports UNB.

According to farmers, natural calamities like drought, flood, nor' wester and cyclone are the regular features in this region. They face great hardship almost every year due to massive damage of crops.

According to agriculture experts, every year about 30 per cent crops are damaged in the district by natural calamities.

In this backdrop, introduction of crop insurance is imperative to save the farmers. This system will be a guarantee for them against their crop loss, experts observed.

The affected farmers to cover up the damage caused by the natural calamities have to rush to Bangladesh Krishi Bank and other commercial banks for loans. But most of them who have no links with the concerned officials are allegedly failed to avail the opportunities.

Crop insurance system has proved its worthiness in many of the countries of the world,

they added. Taltali Upazila Health Complex has been facing problems for a long time due to lack of X-ray machine, surgical instruments, blood bank and scarcity of medicines.

Most of the poor patients who come from the far-flung areas have to go back only with prescriptions as the hospital cannot provide them with essential medicines.

In the absence of blood bank many serious patients were to move to the General Hospital in the town causing untold suffering due to lack of ambulance. On the otherhand, patients from distant areas who need timely hospitalisation suffer much for lack of official transportation.

Due to the absence of X-ray machine, poor patients are being deprived of proper medical treatment. Moreover, the hospital is not equipped with surgical instruments. Local leaders have urged the authorities to equip the health complex with modern amenities so that the patients can get proper treatment facilities.

## Drinking water scarcity

MAJDEE COURT, May 9: The town-dwellers are suffering greatly due to scarcity of drinking water, lack of conservancy service and unhygienic atmosphere, leaders said, reports UNB.

The only overhead tank constructed about 40 years back has been lying inoperative due to lack of repair and proper maintenance.

The Public Health and Engineering Department has set up water supply lines to only one fourth of the municipal area including government residential areas.

The municipal authorities could not set up pipelines in the rest of the area due to lack of fund, it is in formed.

Most of the people in areas where water supply is available

complained that they were paying monthly rents but could not get water regularly.

Local leaders have demanded revival of the medical college project abandoned by the Ershad regime ten years ago.

Late President Ziaur Rahman had laid the foundation stone of a medical college in 1978 near the general hospital.

But the project was dropped by the Ershad government following the death of President Zia.

Later, the acquired lands were returned to the owners. Recently the government announced plans for setting up of four medical college at Faridpur, Dinajpur, Bogra and Khulna.

## R&H Moulvibazar Short Tender Invitation Notice

### Tender Notice

No 70/EE(R&H), SN Mou-1991-92

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2908 are hereby invited from 'A' to 'E' general class valid enlisted contractors of Roads & Highways Department for the undermentioned works:

Group No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Eligibility of Contractor
(One)	Work of supplying Bholagani/Jaffong shingles, pea-gravels, local sand (F M 0.80) & 1st class P/U brick halves to Moulvibazar & Sherpur stackyards under Road Sub-Division - 1, Moulvibazar of Moulvibazar Road Division during 1991-92 financial year.	Taka 75,400/-	Taka 1,508/-	10 (ten) days from the date of issuing work order	'A' to 'E' General class valid enlisted contractors of R & H Department
(Two)	Work of supplying - do - do - do to Moulvibazar, Kulaura & Barlekha stackyards under Road Sub-Division - 2, Moulvibazar of - do - do - do	Taka 1,61,000/-	Taka 3,220/-	- do -	- do -
(Three)	Work of supplying - do - do - do to Moulvibazar, Sreemangal, Shaistaganj & Mirpur stackyards under Road Sub-Division-3, Moulvibazar of - do - do - do Division.	Taka 2,57,100/-	Taka 5,142/-	18 (eighteen) days - do -	- do -
(Four)	Work of supplying - do - do - do to Shaistaganj & Teliapara stackyards under Road Sub-Division, Habiganj of - do - do - do Division.	Taka 1,07,900/-	Taka 2,958/-	10 (ten) days - do -	- do -

Special execution : Contractors quoting more than 5% above the scheduled rate should deposit 10% (Ten per cent) of the estimated cost as special earnest money besides the earnest money with the tender in the form of scheduled BD/TC/Pratirakha Sanchaya Patra in favour of Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Moulvibazar. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled outright. Permanent earnest money depositors also have to deposit this special earnest money with the tender. Tender of the tenderers quoting more than 15% (fifteen per cent) below the scheduled rate, will be rejected outright.

Tender schedule, specifications, terms & conditions, special terms & conditions etc. can be seen and purchased from the offices of Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Moulvibazar/Sylhet/Sunamgonj/Comilla/Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Road Division-1/2/3/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Moulvibazar & Road Sub-Division, Habiganj up to 13-05-92 (30-01-99BS). Tenders will be received at the offices of Superintending Engineer (R&H), Road Circle, Sylhet and the undersigned up to 12-30 hours on 14-5-92 (31-01-99BS) and opened on the same day at 12-45 hrs.

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PABNA: Selim Reza of village Nisripur of the district got second prize (Jr. Group) in National Science competition this year. —Star photo