

## Upazila roundup

## AGRI-VARSITY

## BAU Ladies' Club committee formed

From Our Correspondent

A 14-member executive committee of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Ladies' Club for the year 1992 has recently been formed with Prof Hosne Ara Khan, wife of the Vice-Chancellor of BAU as its Chairperson and Asya Zoha as its General Secretary says the press release.

Other office-bearers of the committee include: Vice-Chairperson Prof Dr Lutfun Hossain, Joint Secretary Mrs Shefali Razzaque, Treasurer Mrs Hosne Ara Patwary, Literary and Cultural Secretary Mrs Tasalli Mahub, Game Secretary Mrs Nibedita Dewan, Social Welfare Secretary Mrs Kulel Haque and Members — Mrs Zohra Hossain, Mrs Zebunnesa Sarkar, Mrs Dilara Tarque, Mrs Hosne Ara Haque, Mrs. Abeda Moslem and Mrs. Rowshan Ara Rahman.

## DINAJPUR

## Mosquito menace

From Our Correspondent

May 27: Mosquito menace has taken a serious turn in almost all parts of the district causing problems particularly to the examinees of the forthcoming HSC examination.

Life here in general has become intolerable with the growing menace of mosquitoes. The situation turns worse after sunset. Ditches, derelict ponds in Dinajpur town, Birol, Chiribandar, Parbatipur, Bochaganj, Hakimpur, Ghoraghat, Phulbari, Nawabganj and Birganj upazilas and adjoining areas are kept filled with dirty waters and garbage help bulk breeding of mosquitoes.

Local people have urged the authorities to take effective steps to eradicate the mosquito menace.

## FARIDPUR

## Freshers reception

May 27: A fresher reception for Degree students of Government Sarada Sundari Mahila College was held recently at the college auditorium, reports BSS.

Health and Family Welfare Minister, Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Eusuf attended the function as chief guest. Md. Abdur Rahim, Deputy Commissioner, Faridpur and Md. Abdus Sattar were the special guests. The function was presided over by Professor Mian Lutfar Rahman, Principal of the college.

Addressing the students the minister stressed the need for women education so that they can contribute their mite to building future ideal citizens. The minister observed that educated women can play a positive role to create awareness about Primary Health Care Programme.

Professor Md. Farhad and Professor Shipra Roy spoke about the academic facilities of the college.

## NARSINGDI

## Dacoity committed in train, 5 seriously hurt

From Our Correspondent

May 27: A dacoity was committed in a train near Anirganj under Raipura upazila of the district recently.

It is learnt that a group of dacoits numbering about 10 to 12 attacked the passengers of the Dhaka bound train.

As a result, five passengers were injured seriously and the dacoits decamped with valuable goods worth about Taka one lakh.

A case has been lodged with the police in this regard. Another report adds that dacoits looted goods worth about Taka one lakh from Anirganj village under Raipura upazila recently.

It is learnt that Badon Mia and his accomplices attacked the house of one Jeru Mia and decamped with goods worth about Taka one lakh.

A case has been lodged with the police in this connection.

## SYLHET

## Youngman electrocuted

From Our Correspondent

May 27: A youngman was electrocuted at his residence at Baghari area of Chhatat town recently.

According to the reports, the ill-fated person named Layek Miah (25) was electrocuted and injured seriously while he was ironing at his residence. He was immediately taken to the upazila Health Complex where the physician on duty declared him dead.

## NETRAKONA

## Debt-ridden farmers selling paddy in fields

From Our Correspondent

May 27: Farmers are selling away standing paddy at a very low price before harvesting in Netrakona district.

Farmers are debt-ridden for cultivation of Irr-boro paddy. They have no other alternative but to sell their standing paddy to a section of financially solvent men at a very low price to meet up the expenditure of irrigation, fertilizer and insecticides.

The irrigation dealers have increased the rate of irrigation taking advantage of hike in prices of diesel.

Due to severe drought in the region, the farmers were compelled to purchase double irrigation water on credit from dealers.

It is also learnt that some unscrupulous fertilizer dealers have created artificial crisis of the item. The paddy growers are burdened with debt and failed to earn minimum profit.

## CHUADANGA

## Two commit suicide

From Our Correspondent

May 27: A young girl named Halima (16) of village Ishwar Chandrapur under Damurhuda upazila of Chuadanga district committed suicide by taking poison recently.

She was the daughter of one Year Ali. It is learnt that the ill-fated young girl committed suicide as she was opposed by her guardian to continue her love affair.

Another 12 year old poor young boy named Intiaz of village Joynagar under Damurhuda upazila of Chuadanga district also committed suicide on the same day.

It is learnt that the young boy Intiaz demanded breakfast to his mother while his mother asked him to collect firewood from the nearby field. He disagreed to go to the field for collecting firewood. As a result, his mother abused his son who later committed suicide going to a nearby field by taking poison.

The victim Intiaz is the son of one Sader Ali of village Joynagar.

Both the bodies were laid to rest without any post mortem, it is learnt.

## NAOGAON

## Discussion on Rabeya Basri

May 27: A discussion meeting on the life of Hazrat Rabeya Basri (RA) and Qirat competition were held recently under the auspicious of Naogaon Zila Mahila Sangstha, reports UNB.

The President of the zila sangstha Dilruba Kabir was in the chair while Manager of local Sonali Bank Mahila Branch, Begum S.Z. Khaleida Habib attended as chief guest.

Local elite attended the function. Children participated in the Qirat competition.

Prizes were awarded among the winners donated by local Islamic Foundation.

Sweets were also distributed among the children after function.

## RANGPUR

## One stabbed to death

May 27: Miscreants stabbed

a teenage boy to death and injured another seriously at Islampur near the town Wednesday, police here said, reports UNB.

Witnesses said a gang of five assailants swooped on the victims while they were returning home from the town and started stabbing them indiscriminately.

Nazrul Islam died on the spot and Delwar Hossain (17) was rushed to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

Police suspected that previous enmity might be reason behind the attack.

## JAMALPUR

## Tk 1.50 lakh for cyclone-hit institutions

May 27: Government has distributed a total of Taka 1.50 lakh among the managing committees of the cyclone affected mosques and educational institutions of Madariganj and Melandha upazilas, reports UNB.

Mirza Azam MP, gave away the cheques of Taka 1 lakh for reconstruction of the damaged schools and Taka 50,000 for damaged mosques.

The money was sanctioned by the Relief and Religious Ministries.

## Tk one cr heroin, ganja seized in Pabna

PABNA, May 27: The officials of Pabna and Rajshahi Narcotics Control Department in a joint raid seized drugs worth about Taka 1 crore from Kashinathpur Bazar here on Monday, reports UNB.

The drugs included, 800 grams of heroin, 235 kilograms of ganja and 8 litres of country made wine. Police arrested 5 drug sellers from the bazar.

They were identified as Abul Hossain (22), Kashem (18), Ramiz (23), Paresh Chandra (25) and Mokkarram Ali (28).

A case has been filed with the police in this connection.

At least 300 families of 11 villages of Bera upazila of the district lost their homes due to erosion of the river Jamuna during last two days.

The affected villages are Nakalia, Verakhola, Pechakhola, Ganopadma, Raghunathpur, Kazirhat, Natibpur, Madhupur, Puranvarenga, Nagarbari and Dalarchar.

Officials said Bera Irrigation Pump Station built at a cost of

## Tagore's memoirs at Patisar need care

NAOGAON, May 27: Due to negligence, many memoirs of the Bengali Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore's Katharbari at Patisar are being destroyed, reports UNB.

Poet Rabindranath used to come and stay with villagers at the small village of Patisar in connection with his Zamindari. He also composed several poems during his stay at the Patisar House.

Patisar village is situated in Atrai Upazila in Naogaon district, about seven miles off Ashanullah (formerly Atrai) Railway Station.

Another report said that old Patisar High School, established by Poet Rabindranath in 1951, has also been in a dilapidated condition. This school was then third high school in the whole of Naogaon subdivision.

The seven-mile long Patisar Road is also in a deplorable condition. Several culverts and bridges are now damaged. A pucca road is needed to visit historic Patisar home of the poet, local leaders said.

## Nazrul's birth day observed

KUSHTIA, May 27: The 93rd birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam was observed here in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

A two-day programme was chalked out to mark the day. Nazrul Academy organised a seminar and discussion meeting at Kushtia Public Library. Presided over by Syed Hafiz Ahmed, President of local Nazrul Academy and Deputy Commissioner, Kushtia, the meeting was followed by recitation and musical soiree.

Udichi Shilpi Gosthi organised a discussion meeting at Public Library premises. Presided over by Mr. Hafizur Rahman, the meeting rounded off with cultural function.

Phulkuri Branch of Kushtia also organised a discussion meeting at Law College auditorium with Advocate Abdur Rahman in the chair. Syed Mostaq Ahmed, Registrar, Islamic University was present as chief guest.

Nazrul Academy Tuesday organised a seminar and cultural function at Kushtia Shilpakala Academy. It was presided over by Syed Hafiz Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner, Kushtia.

## Need for primary health care stressed

NAOGAON, May 27: Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) President, Prof M A Mazed stressed the need for introduction of primary health care system for ensuring medicare facilities to rural people, reports UNB.

He said this while inaugurating the BMA Naogaon Unit and addressing the newly elected office bearers recently.

Commenting on the recent judgement, he called upon the government to find out the killers of Dr Shamsul Alam Milon and give them exemplary punishment. He demanded retrial of Milon murder case through proper investigation.

He urged the doctors to serve the people with sincerity and devotion. He also urged the upazila doctors to stay in their respective upazilas to serve the local people better.

Presided over by the district Civil Surgeon the gathering was held at the Coronation Theatre Hall in the town.

The BMA Secretary, Dr Oazi Abdul Haq said the newly established democracy should be institutionalised for the well-being of the commonmen.

Taka 40 crore is threatened by

the erosion. About 500 acres of boro crops were inundated due to sudden rise of water level by 35 centimetres. More than 200 people took shelter on the flood control embankment and Natiabari Primary School premises.

The erosion victims alleged that no relief materials were distributed among them. However, the UNO said 38 metric tons of wheat and Taka 2500 in cash were distributed

among the affected people by

the local administration. A report Habiganj says: Police Seized huge quantity of molasses and arrested five people in this connection from Habiganj Paurabazar Tuesday.

Acting on secret information, police raided different shops of the bazar and seized 85 tins of molasses and nabbed five people in this connection.

The arrested people could not be identified immediately. A case has been filed with the local police.



MAULVIBAZAR: Traders are selling 'sheetal pati' at the town.

—Star photo

## Across the country

## The woe of weavers of the sheetal pati

by Rajat Kanti Goswami

MAULVI BAZAR, May 27: Change of fashion and technical and scarcity of raw materials have caused the age-old local handicrafts to face a most demanding challenge. As a result craftsmen, carrying on the skills and traditions of centuries are gradually being eliminated.

Munshibazar, Daserbazar and Banglabazar under Rajnagar and Baralekha Upazilas of Maulvi Bazar district were once famous for Sheetal Pati (cane made mat) used for sleeping. It is very comfortable in the days of scorching heat. But with production shortage hitting 'Murti' cane, the raw material, the mat weaver are sitting idle as they have no other avocation to depend on for their livelihood. This has resulted in widespread unemployment of the once busy pati makers.

## Manufacturers live in groups

The manufacturer families in those areas live in groups in different villages. Now they have become despaired of their profession as they have no working capital at hand. They can't ensure any loan from banks and they can't afford to buy raw materials at high price.

Some mat weavers have told The Daily Star that there are

industrial concerns especially the BSCIC and some commercial banks to look after cottage industries, but until now no major step or initiative has been taken in this regard by any of those bodies or they can't avail of any such scope, if any.

Some craftsmen of Sheetal Pati at Gobindapur and Bhagpur villages under Baralekha Upazila and Dhulijura, Nidampur village under Rajnagar Upazila, which was once famous for 'Murti' cane told this correspondent that a piece of Sheetal Pati is being sold at Taka 100 to Taka 1800, depending on quality and design.

## Traders come from far flung areas

Traders and members of the public come to Munshibazar, Daserbazar and Banglabazar from far flung areas of the country to buy Sheetal Pati, on a commercial basis. The age old rush is not there simply.

These three whole-sale centres supply Sheetal Paties of many varieties to meet the demand of comfort seekers who can't sleep without a 'Sheetal Pati' stretched out on the ground or on the cots. But as the raw materials are becoming scarce day by day with the fall in growth of 'Murti'

## Rally against increase of poura tax

JHENIDAIL, May 27: Katchandpur Pourashava people here on Saturday brought out a procession protesting the increased poura tax in the new assessment, reports UNB.

Organised by the 'Sharbadalya Poura Nagorik Adhikar Raksha Committee' the processionists paraded the main thoroughfares of the poura town chanting various slogans in favour of their demand.

Later, they submitted a memorandum to the UNO who is acting as Poura Administrator to withdraw enhanced taxes.

## 6 killed in lightning

MAGURA, May 27: Four people including a school boy were killed and three others seriously injured by lightning in two upazilas of the district on Sunday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said school boy Anwarul Haq (12) son of Abdul Matin of Khatobari village in Sadar upazila while returning home was struck by thunder bolt killing him on the spot.

In another incident in the river Padma Nazirganj of Sunagar upazila of the district on Sunday, three fishermen were killed by the lightning while they were fishing.

Three other fishermen also received serious injuries in the

incident.

Two students of Alokda College were killed and five others injured when the lightning struck them at Dumurshia village in Mohammadpur upazila Monday.

Witnesses said Amirul Islam (20) and Munirul Islam (20) 1st year students of the college while going to the college at noon along with his other friends were struck by the thunder bolt. Both of them died on the spot.

The injured who could be not be identified immediately were admitted to the local hospital.

## Sale of adulterated foodstuff rampant

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, May 27: The sale of adulterated foodstuff throughout the district has become rampant causing health hazards.

With the increase of population in the town, bazars, hats, railway and bus stations, ferry ghats and other commercial places, the demand of food has increased very much.

Most hotels of these busy places are kept dirty and at the same place the owners keep food items open. It is informed that only a few owners

have licences required for hotel business.

It is complained that pure edible oil and milk is hardly available in the markets. It is learnt that an organised group with the help of some influential persons of the district is engaged in these activities.

The ignorant and innocent people buy these adulterated items without having any knowledge of it and are attacked by various intestinal diseases.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer (R&amp;H)

Workshop Division

Khagrachhari

## Quotation Invitation Notice (Second Call)

1. Quotation Notice No.	03/Workshop 1991-92.
2. Name of work	(Group No. A) Repair & supply of necessary spare parts to Wabco Tyre Buldozer of Khagrachhari Road Division-1 (R&H) under Khagrachhari (R&H) Workshop Division during 1991-92 financial year.
	(Group No. B) Repair & supply of necessary spare parts to Farmstead Wheel Loader Model FL-230 of Khagrachhari Road Division-1 (R&H) under Khagrachhari (R&H) Workshop Division during 1991-92 financial year.
3. Earnest money	2% of the quoted amount.
4. Offices where the quotation schedule will be available	Executive Engineer (R&H), Workshop Division, Khagrachhari/Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division-1, Khagrachhari/Executive Engineer, Planning & Programming Division, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (R&H), Workshop Division, Chittagong and Sub-Divisional (R&H), Workshop Sub-Division, Khagrachhari.
5. Offices to receive the quotation	1. Superintending Engineer (R&H), Workshop Circle, Chittagong, Chittagong. 2. Superintending Engineer (R&H), Road Circle, Khagrachhari. 3. Executive Engineer (R&H), Workshop Division, Khagrachhari.
6. Last date of selling quotation	07-06-92 up to office hours.
7. Date & time of receiving quotation	08-06-92 up to 12.45 PM.
8. Date & time of opening quotation	08-06-92 at 1.00 PM.
9. Time limit	25 (twenty five) days from the date of issuing of Work Order.
10. Eligibility of contractor	All classes of contractors as per financial limit and rules under 'A' to 'C' category of Roads & Highways Department, 'D' category of Chittagong Workshop Circle and 'E' category of this Division.

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## Notice Inviting Tenders

(RHD), Road Division, Dinajpur

1. Tender Notice No.	: 58 EE/D of 1991-92.
2. Name of work	: Reconstruction of road pavement damaged by T&T Department for laying under ground cable on Dinajpur-Birganj Road (Dinajpur town area) under Road Division, Dinajpur during 1991-92.
3. Estimated cost	: Tk. 6,07,955/=
4. Earnest money	: Tk. 12,160/=
5. Time for completion	: 30 (Thirty) days.
6. Eligibility of contractor	: A to D (General).
7. Name of offices of availability of tender documents	: Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Divn, Dinajpur/Rangpur/Bogra, Planning and Programming Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.
8. Name of offices to receive the tender bids	: Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Divn, Dinajpur, Rangpur/Bogra, and Superintending Engineer (RHD), Rangpur Road Circle, Rangpur, and Superintending Engineer (RHD), Project Control Circle, Dhaka, and Addl. Chief Engineer (RHD), Rajshahi Zone, Rajshahi.
9. Last date of selling of tender documents (during office hours)	: Up to 6-6-92.
10. Last date of receiving tender bids	: Up to 10-30 PM on 7-6-92.
11. Date and time of opening of bids	: At 12-45 PM on 7-6-92.

Md Rafiqul Islam

Executive Engineer (RHD),

Road Division, Dinajpur.

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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

PWD E/M Division No 11, Chittagong

## Notice Inviting Tender

Memo No. 1-4/448

Dated 5-5-92

22-01-99

Tenders in sealed covers in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 for the undermentioned work are hereby invited from enlisted PWD E/M 1st class PWD Chittagong Zone E/M 2nd class contractors having valid ABC/BC Electrical Contractors and Supervisory Licence respectively from Bangladesh Electrical Licensing Board

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time for completion of work
1.	Providing E.I and fans in the 2-storied 2 Nos. Building (8 flats) Type P-2 Officers Qrt. each 1250 Sft. for the work construction of officers and staffs quarter in the compound of Customs House, Chittagong.	Part-I Tk.211983/05 Part-II Tk. _____	Part-I Tk.4240/- Part-II Tk.2% of the total quoted amount	4 (four) months

The interested contractors can purchase tender schedule from the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division No. 1/11, Chittagong during office hours by showing valid contractors registration book, Electrical Licence etc. at usual charge (Non-refundable) up to 06-06-92. The tender will be received on 07-06-92 up to 12-00 Noon in the tender box of the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division No. 1/11, Chittagong and the tenders will be opened on the same date at 12-15 PM in presence of the intending contractors/their representatives.

Each tender shall have to be furnished with requisite Earnest Money in the shape of PO/BD/CD from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division No. 11, Chittagong.

Notice inviting tenders, additional terms and conditions, Bangladesh Form No. 2911 etc shall be treated as active part and parcel of the tender. PWD authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason therefor

Md. Shahjahan Ali Akand

Executive Engineer

PWD E/M Division No. 11

Chittagong.

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