

**District roundup**

**BARISAL**

**Outlawed Sarbahara Party zonal commander held**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Sept 9: Mehendiganj police arrested a so-called Sarbahara Party Zonal Commander Alamgir (26) Purba Ratanpur during the time of routine patrol at night. On seeing police, Alamgir suddenly jumped into the nearby river but police caught him from the river.

Police also recovered one country made LMG with a round of ammunition from Laladarabad area of Ekkaria union under Mehendiganj thana of the district recently though intensive police operation.

Another report adds: Barisal Pourasava will implement eight projects with an expenditure of about five crore taka during the current financial year.

These projects include construction of community centre, commercial complex and bridges, renovation of old and new bazar areas and reconstruction new roads.

Besides, Barisal pourasava has installed 30 deep tubewells with financial assistance of UNICEF during last financial year to supply pure drinking water.

**COMILLA**

**Course on rural admin for Bhutanese officials concludes**

Sept 9: A one-month long Attachment Programme on Rural Administration for two senior officials of the Royal Government of Bhutan which was organised by the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Comilla concluded on 27 August, 1992 says a press release.

The course was aimed at orienting the Bhutanese officials with the administrative structure of Bangladesh, activities of different nation building departments as well as government and non-government organisation and the rural administration system of the country.

With this end in view, they were given ideas on district and thana administration, police administration and the judiciary of this land.

The opening and concluding sessions was chaired by Dr Ksharada Mohan Das, Director General, BARD while Katebur Rahman newly appointed Deputy Commissioner of Comilla, was special guest in the concluding session.

Maqbul Ahmed Chowdhury, Director (Rural Administration) and Mrs Shirm Hussain, Deputy Director of the same division conducted the course as course director and associate course director respectively.

**NARSINGDI**

**Young housewife beaten to death**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Sept 9: A young housewife was allegedly beaten to death by her husband for dowry in Rampur village under Palash thana of the district recently.

According to the police, the victim Hajera Begum (20) was married to Sayed Mia of the same village five years ago.

Recently, Sayed Mia asked his wife to bring a big amount of money from her father's house. Syed started beating Hajera Begum mercilessly as she failed to bring the money from her father's house. As a result, she died on the spot.

Another report adds: One Nur-E-Alam committed suicide by touching live electric wire recently.

It is learnt that the victim under Silepur thana committed suicide over family conflict. A case has been filed with Silepur thana in this connection.

**SATKHIRA**

**One to suffer 10 yrs RI for bank dacoity**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Sept 9: Sajedul Karim, Special Tribunal Judge Court No 5, Satkhira convicted one Saiful Islam of village Mahadebpur under Keshabpur of Jessore district on charge of dacoity and sentenced him to suffer for 10 years RI and fined Taka 10,000 in default to suffer six months more.

The case in brief is that the accused Saiful Islam was arrested by police from Barandi Para of Jessore town on January 2, 1990 in connection with two separate bank dacoities at Sonali Bank, Islam Kali Branch and Agrani Bank Patisghata Branch.

After investigation, police submitted charge sheet against him.

**MYMENSINGH**

**30 fire arms recovered, 830 nabbed**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Sept 9: Mymensingh police recovered 30 fire arms and arrested 830 alleged miscreants from different areas of the district recently.

Police also recovered eight gun, one cut-rifle, one pistol, 21 pipe-guns and 104 round ammunition.

Of them, one rifle, two guns three pipe-guns from Trishal thana, one pistol and five pipe-guns from Fulpur, five pipe-guns from Kotwali and two pipe-guns were recovered from fulbaria thana.

The arrested miscreants included absconders, dacoits, terrorists, illegal fire arms holders and notorious wanted persons on various cases.

**KISHOREGANJ**

**Wanted person nabbed**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Sept 9: Kishoreganj police led by Sub-Inspector Zamir Hossain of Kishoreganj thana arrested Abdul Barik of village Rashedabad in Sadar thana who had been wanted in a murder case for the last five years recently.

Abdul Barik killed his wife Malaka Khatun on December, 1987 and since then he had been absconding. Police submitted chargesheet against him under section 302 BPC to the court on February 29, 1988 last.

Another report says: A daring boat dacoity was committed in a haor in Itna thana in broad-day light recently.

According to the report, the engine-driven passenger boat was on its way from Chamtaghat to Itna. When the boat reached at a place in between Barbari and Balda ferry ghat the dacoits equipped with fire-arms came by another two bats and looted cash and other valuables amounting to about Taka 50,000 from the passengers. The dacoits also beat the passengers.

**BARGUNA**

**Fish farming faces serious setback**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Sept 9: Fish cultivation has been facing serious setback in the district due to lack of proper maintenance, necessary inputs and siltation of ponds.

According to experts, the fish production has been decreasing for lack of proper maintenance and patronisation.

Many of the marshy lands have been turned into cultivable lands for IRRRI and Boro crops. As a result, fish breeding has decreased alarmingly. Moreover, a huge quantity of fish fry are washed away by flood water every year. On the other hand, random catching of fish fry is also one of the main reason of decreasing fish cultivation.

**AGRI-VARSITY**

**BAURt Club installation ceremony ends**

Sept 9: The tenth installation ceremony of the Agri-Varsity Rotaract Club was held at the GTI Dormitory on September 4, says a Press release.

The Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Prof M Ashraf Ali Khan attended the ceremony as the chief guest while it was attended by the Registrar of BAU AH Khan as the special guest.

In his address as chief guest, the Vice-Chancellor urged upon the youth force of our country to engage themselves in the welfare of the nation following the ideals of International rotaract movement.

The outgoing President of the club Rt Adhir Kumar Biswas formally handed over the collar to the newly-elected President of the club Rt Nirmal Kumar Datta as a part of installation of the new executive committee.

The Secretary of the outgoing committee presented the annual report, while the newly elected Secretary Rt Shaiful Islam Dulal presented the programme outline for the current session in the ceremony.

Others who spoke on the occasion including Rtn K Rahman, Rt M Rahman Armit, Rt Rita, Rt Rashed, Rt Labiu, Prazati and Rt Mahboob.

The installation was followed by an attractive cultural function.



**RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY:** The artistes of 'Swanan', a local cultural organisation rendering songs at a function held at RU campus in observance of the death anniversary of poet Kazi Nazrul Islam recently. —Star photo

**Aman output likely to fall for inadequate rainfall**

**BARGUNA, Sept 9:** Aman cultivation in the district is likely to fall short of the target due to inadequate rainfall this rainy season, agriculture officials said here, reports UNB.

According to Agriculture Research Centre, the district has experienced an average rainfall of 775 mm from April to mid August this year, against the recorded rainfall of 2000 mm in the corresponding period of last year.

Agriculture Extension Department said, only 70,200 acres of land had so far been brought under T-Aman cultivation against the target of 2,47,000 acres.

Due to persisting drought transplanted Aman seedlings in many areas had dried up, they said.

Bangladesh Krishi Bank has disbursed Taka 4.64 crore as loan among the farmers of six thanas of the district during the last fiscal year.

The Bank realised Taka 7.76 crore of the total outstanding loan of Taka 33.85 crore during the period, sources said.

On the first month of the current fiscal year, BKB distributed Taka 4.40 lakh to 80 farmers for transplanted Aman cultivation, Taka 1.85 lakh to 20 farmers for cattle purchase and Taka 2.24 lakh to 15 farmers for other purposes.

Thana-wise distribution of loans during the month of July is as following: Taka 2.19 lakh in Amtali, Taka 26,000 in Taltali, Taka 21,000 in Bamna, Taka 1.84 lakh in Betagi, Taka 2.52 lakh in Patarghata and Taka 2.52 lakh in Sadar thana.

Our Maulvibazar Correspondent reports: About 2,60,500 acres of land have been brought under transplanted Aman cultivation in the district during the current season.

According to Agriculture Extension Department (AED), of the total, 1,86,400 acres will be brought under High Yielding Variety (HYV) and 74,100 acres under the local variety. About 12,650 acres of seedbeds have already been prepared.

The AED will be set up 90 demonstration plots in the six thanas of the district. Of the total, 40 plots have already been prepared.

Under the programme, the AED and BADC have already distributed 85.03 tons of Aman seeds and Taka 57 lakh has also been earmarked for distribution among the farmers as short-term loan for the successful implementation of the scheme.

On the other hand, target of Aman variety of IRRRI-Boro cultivation in the district had exceeded. It is gathered from a source

**Across the country**

**The island of 'love, truth and purity' recreated**

by Aroop Talukdar

**BARISAL:** Brojo Mohun College, now Brojo Mohun University College — once known as the 'Oxford of Bengal' — still shines bright after a century of proud achievements.

If you come here, any time, you will find a beautiful campus with, almost unexpectedly, no slogans smearing the walls and no posters vulgarising the exteriors of the soulful ambience called the B M College. You will rather be greeted by the smiles of thousands of blooming flowers with splendourous bursts of smell and beauty. Everywhere everything is neat and clean and dignified.

It may be recalled that Mahatma Aswini Kumar Datta established the Brojo Mohun College in 1889 in memory of his father Brojo Mohun Datta, with the motto of "Truth, love and purity."

Now, it is unbelievable that during the thirties students of this college operated in their examinations without any invigilators as there was no practice of copying. That was also the time students and teachers of the wellknown Presidency College of Calcutta used to come to visit the college as this college was so reputed as an ideal educational institution of the sub-continent.

Why even now, the magnificent massive buildings, the vast campus with tens of thou-

atmosphere. This in spite of a tough 1:56 teacher-student ratio with 125 teachers doing their utmost to keep the standard flying. Things may ease up when all the 176 posts of teachers would be filled up. And it is true that only BMC of all the seats of learning in the country, except the universities, under such constraints can carry on with offering

ished jobs aplenty. Really, time is short for him as he is going to be retired by the end of this December. Meantime he was transferred and supposed to join as the chairman of Jessore Education Board. But he was, naturally, reluctant to join the post as his mission of renovating whole of legendary college is only half way through. Besides, thousands of students and their guardians are very much eager to have him in this college at least upto his retirement.

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About the non-stop continuous violence in the different institutions he said, only true co-operation between teachers and students can return the violence free environment to the educational institutions. Violence is damaging the educational environment in the country which is to be controlled at any cost.

Principal Mohammad Hanif's crowning achievement has been restoring the hundred year old main building of the college to its original size shape and beauty — believed to be technically impossible over many decades. For this sixty

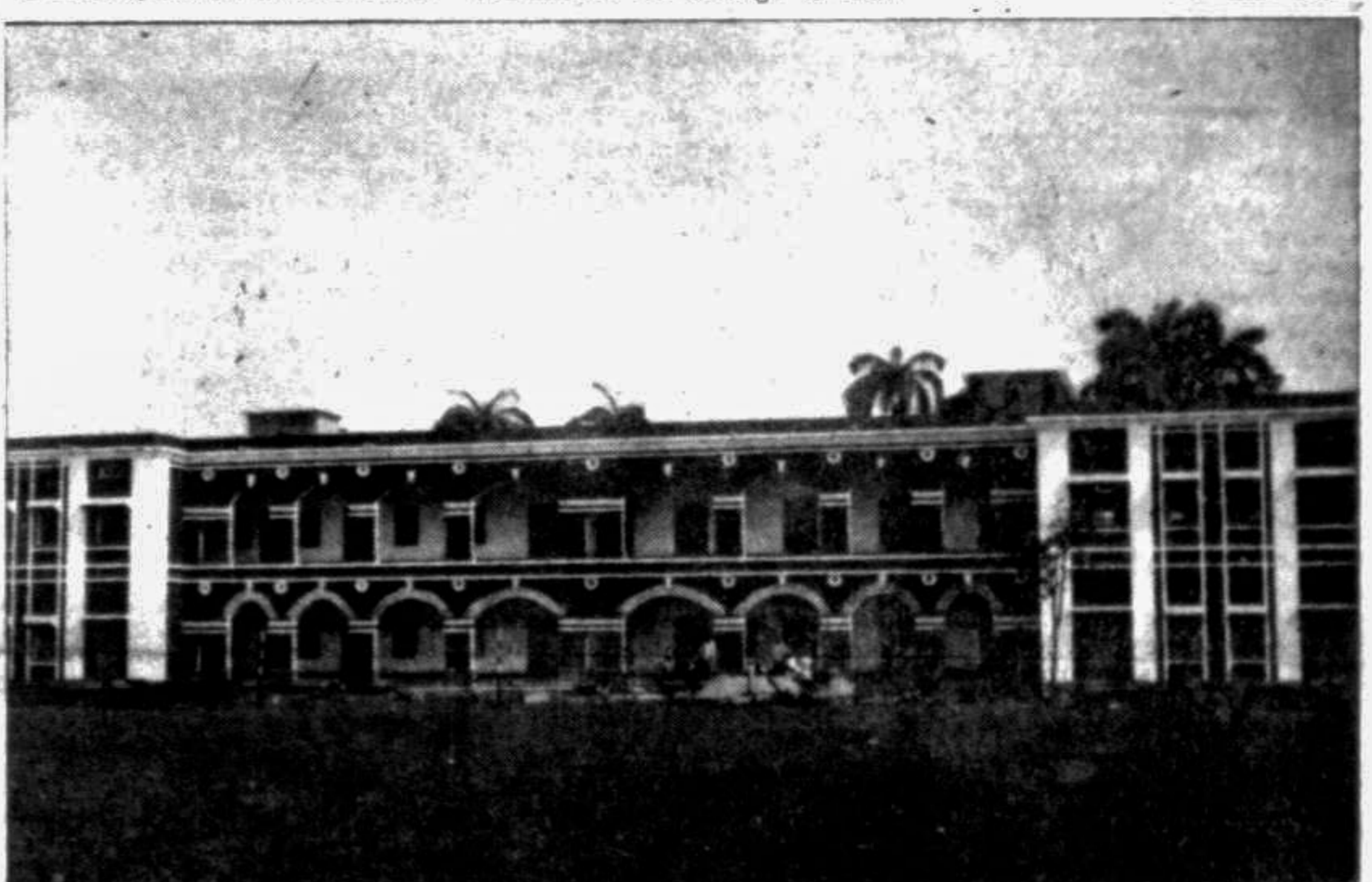


**Prof Mohammed Hanif, Principal of Brojo Mohun College.** —Star photo

honours courses in 17 subjects and masters degrees in 12 subjects.

No, it is not that there are no graffiti anywhere or posters. There is a wall-space reserved for that and these things are not allowed to spill out of that area.

The vast darkgreen playground of the college is also



**BARISAL:** Main building of the local Brojo Mohun College is still shining with a hundred years of achievements. —Star photo

sands flowering plants and more than four thousands mahogany trees, ten big and small clear-water ponds and a botanical garden of this college has yet to be matched by any other educational institution of our country. The campus has lately been home to 'Nagalingani', a rare flower.

More than seven thousand students are studying in the college in a perfectly peaceful

remarkable in that you would not find single cow or goat grazing there or fallen leaves cluttering any part of it.

All these astonishing achievements owe almost wholly to professor Mohammad Hanif, principal of the college. The wonderful co-operation he got from his staff members and the students was something only he could generate.

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**Negligence of railway employees, businessmen suffer much**

**From Our Correspondent**

**AKHRAIA** confirmed the missing of two cartons of cigarettes. The cost of missing cigarettes was estimated at Tk 58,443 as per the market value.

N Ahmed & sons on 5.3.92, 25.3.92 and 12.7.92 sent Regd. letters to Rly. Chittagong Office asking the payment of lost goods. Railway Chittagong Office issued a letter to the party dated 22.7.92 mentioning that investigation is going on.

After the expiry of fixed time, the authority is not paying the compensation to the victim.

The victim urged the railway authority to look into the matter as early as possible. Another report adds: A teenaged girl received serious acid burn injuries on

Friday night at Barail village in Nabinagar thana.

Police said the victim Nasima refused the marriage proposal of her neighbour Babul Miah (24) who was trying to make an affair with her for the last two years.

Meanwhile, Nasima's uncle sent an NOC from abroad for her and she was scheduled to leave the country on September 6.

When Babul got the information, threw acid on her body with the help of his accomplices while she was sleeping in her bed room.

Nasima was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital immediately where she is now fighting for life. Police arrested Babul Miah along with his one accomplice.

**Six uplift projects implemented**

**PATUAKHALI, Sept 9:** Local Government and Engineering Bureau implemented six projects under Food for Works Programme in the district during last fiscal year, official sources said, reports UNB.

At least 810.91 metric tons of wheat were utilised for the implementation of the projects.

According to official sources, 2,889 kilometre long Patuakhali-Khasherhat road was repaired with an allocation

of about 96.10 tons of wheat. Subidkhali-Kakrabunia 8.855 km road in Mirjaganj thana was reconstructed with the utilisation of 157,855 tons of wheat.

Bauphal-Kalishuri 9.317 km road in Bauphal thana was repaired with an allocation of 179,295 tons of wheat, Dashmina-Baragoldi 6.38 km road was repaired by utilising 179,296 tons of wheat, Galachipa-Ulania 7.801 km road was reconstructed with

the utilisation of 113,988 tons of wheat, Kalapara-Dhankhali 3.912 km road was also repaired with 89,940 tons of wheat.

Besides, 112,115 metric tons of wheat were utilised for construction of two shelters to be used for cattle and livestock during flash flood and cyclone.

A meeting of the district Zia parishad has called for effective implementation of the 19-point programme to materialise the dream of Shaheed Pre-sident Ziaur Rahman.



**JAMALPUR:** Local thana police recovered 83 Indian cows from Nandiana ferryghat under Sadar thana of the district recently. —Star photo

**Seven die of hydrophobia**

**PABNA, Sept 9:** Hydrophobia claimed at least seven lives and attacked 50 others in the district during last one month, reports UNB.

The dead were identified as Majed (18) of Demra village, Mohammad Ali (30) and Shah Alam (22) of Sonah village of Faridpur thana, Torab Ali (50) of Pargobindopur, Javed (120) of Madpur of Aithoria thana Majirun (40) of Mularchar of Sadar thana, Hafizur Rahman (15) of Mulgramm of Chalmohor thana.

Anti-Rabies Vaccine (ARV) the only medicine of the disease is not available in the local market. A patient has to spend Taka about three to four thousand for treatment of hydrophobia.

Local leaders demanded urgent measures to combat the disease and ensure adequate supply to ARV in the district.

**Services to EPI recognised**

**COMILLA, Sept 9:** Members of the Integrated Volunteers Forum have been awarded prizes in recognition of their service to the Extended Programme of Immunization in the district, reports UNB.

A total of 71 voluntary organisations and 61 dedicated workers of 80 voluntary forums were given prizes and certificates at a function held at the Comilla Town Hall September 1.

The prizes and certificates were given on behalf of the Comilla Pourashava by the Deputy Commissioner Hedayetul Islam.

**Two friends quarrel for cassette, commit suicide**

**DINAJPUR, Sept 9:** Two youths who happened to be friends allegedly committed suicide by taking poison in Kaharole thana of the district on Monday, reports UNB.

According to police, the victims Abdul Malek (20), son of Meher Ali of Madharpur village and Kiron Chandra Roy (21), son of Chitra Chandra Roy of Shankarpur village of Kaharole thana quarrelled each other over the possession of a cassette of favourite songs.

At one stage both of them got furious, went to their respective houses and took poison. They appeared at the HSC examination from Kaharole College this year, family sources said.

Separate cases have been lodged with the local police. A youngman allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from his bed-room ceiling, police said here

The victim was identified as Rezaul Karim (20) of Voter Para in Nawabganj thana of the district. The incident occurred on September 2.

Police could not ascertain the reason behind the suicide. A case has been filed.

**Two killed in road mishap**

**BSS from Gatabandha adds:** Two persons were killed and one was seriously injured on Friday in a road accident on Dhaka-Rangpur highway at Joridigha under Gatabandha thana of Gatabandha district.

The victims are Abdur Rashid (30) of Majhira under Bogra district and Raghupath (32) of Birganj under Dinajpur district. They died on the spot. One Shukumar of Birganj was admitted to Palashbari hospital in a critical condition.

**Woes of phone subscribers**

**MAJDEE COURT (Noakhali), Sept 9:** Maintenance is poor and rehabilitation of the telephone connection here has been left incomplete perpetuating the suffering of the telephone subscribers of the district, reports UNB.

The telephone department sources said that the cable link between Chatumuhani and Majdee was disturbed and was responsible for creating the existing trouble.

They said shortage of fund made it impossible to complete the rehabilitation work.

At present there are 852 telephone connections at Majdee and 611 at Chatumuhani. The capacity of Majdee telephone exchange is 880

lines. It would not be possible to meet the growing demand for the telephone connection unless new telephone exchange was installed, officials said.

Another reports says: Traffic congestion has been creating serious problem to the town dwellers at Chatumuhani, a busy commercial centre, since long.

Hundreds of trucks and buses from Rajpur, Ramgati, Ramgoni, Lakamipur, Chakthai and Sonamuri thanas pass through Chatumuhani town towards Feni, Dhaka, Chittagong and other parts of the country. The road is very narrow and many unauthorised shops have come up on the road sides, compounding the situation.