

**District roundup**

**CHUADANGA**

**World literacy day observed**

Sept 14: The International Literacy Day was observed by different organisations in Chuadanga district recently, reports BSS.

Educational institutions and social organisations chalked out various programmes including discussion meetings and rally to mark the day.

A discussion on 'Education for All' was held at Kamalpur Primary Teachers' Training Institute Auditorium. Presided over by Kamalpur PTT Superintendent Sadrullah, the discussion was addressed among others by Khiziruddin Ahmed, Nazrul Islam and Rebaatul Islam.

The teachers and students of Kamalpur PTT brought out a procession on the occasion.

**COMILLA**

**1355 bottles of Indian phensidyl seized, 2 held**

Sept 14: In two separate raids police recovered 1355 bottles of Indian phensidyl syrup from Sadar and Burichang thanas and arrested two persons, reports UNB.

Acting on secret information, Kotwali police raided a medicine shop and seized 175 philes of phensidyl syrup and arrested Abdul Khair in this connection.

Burichang police in another drive recovered 1,180 philes of phensidyl syrup from Harasar Bazar and arrested Abdur Razzaque in this connection last week.

Local leaders alleged that drug addicts in the district are using phensidyl syrup as intoxicant before the nose of the law enforcing agencies.

They also alleged that a gang of smugglers are active in smuggling the drug in the district which is available abundantly at the medicine and grocery shops.

**CHAPAINAWABGANJ**

**Erosion of Padma devours villages**

Sept 14: The Padma has devoured more than seven villages and displaced about 10,000 people during the last two months, reports UNB.

Sources said about 1,000 acres of arable land, five primary schools, four madrasas, 11 mosques and some government offices have been affected on account of unabated erosion by the river in two thanas of the district.

The worst affected villages are: Sarderpara, Jakpara, Narayanpur, South Pankk, Surjanagar and Ujipur.

The displaced families have taken temporary shelter in the adjacent villages without relief from anywhere.

Local leaders have demanded relief and rehabilitation of the affected people and measures for protecting the area from erosion.

According to the villagers, the river Padma changed its course in this district 13 times in the last 12 years, rendering about 25,000 families homeless and devouring several thousand acres of farmland.

**FARIDPUR**

**Reception to hockey team**

Sept 14: Faridpur Press Club accorded a hearty reception to Faridpur district team champion of national youth hockey tournament '92 at the club auditorium on Friday, reports UNB.

Liakat Hossain, President of the club presided over the function where local political leaders, members of the Bar Association and the Sport Association were present.

The function was attended, among others, by Nurul Huda, Deputy Commissioner, Hadis Uddin, SM Shajahan, Khairul Bashar, Prof Fakruzzaman, Prof Azizul Haq Khan and Ziad.

**DINAJPUR**

**Seven arrested with huge wine**

Sept 14: District Narcotics Department in their anti-narcotics drive has nabbed seven persons and recovered a huge quantity of wine from Phulbari thana of the district, reports UNB.

Official sources said acting on secret information they raided a house last week at Baligram village in Phulbari thana and arrested them.

The arrested were found processing country wine, the sources added.

They recovered 15 litres Cholia wine, 133 litres Jawa wine, and two sets of wine making instruments.

The arrested persons were handed over to the Phulbari thana police.

**KUSHIA**

**Eid-e-Miladunnabi observed**

Sept 14: Eid-e-Miladunnabi was observed here with due solemnity on Thursday last, reports BSS.

Special milad mahfil and discussion meeting were held in all the mosques including Kushiya Jame-Mosque. Quran khwan was held in various parts of Kushiya town. Food also was distributed among the poor people. Discussion meeting was also held on the life and works of Prophet Mohammad (SM) in Kushiya Government College and Islamic Varsity.

A big procession was brought out by Sibir student group.

**AGRI-VARSITY**

**Seminar on crop science**

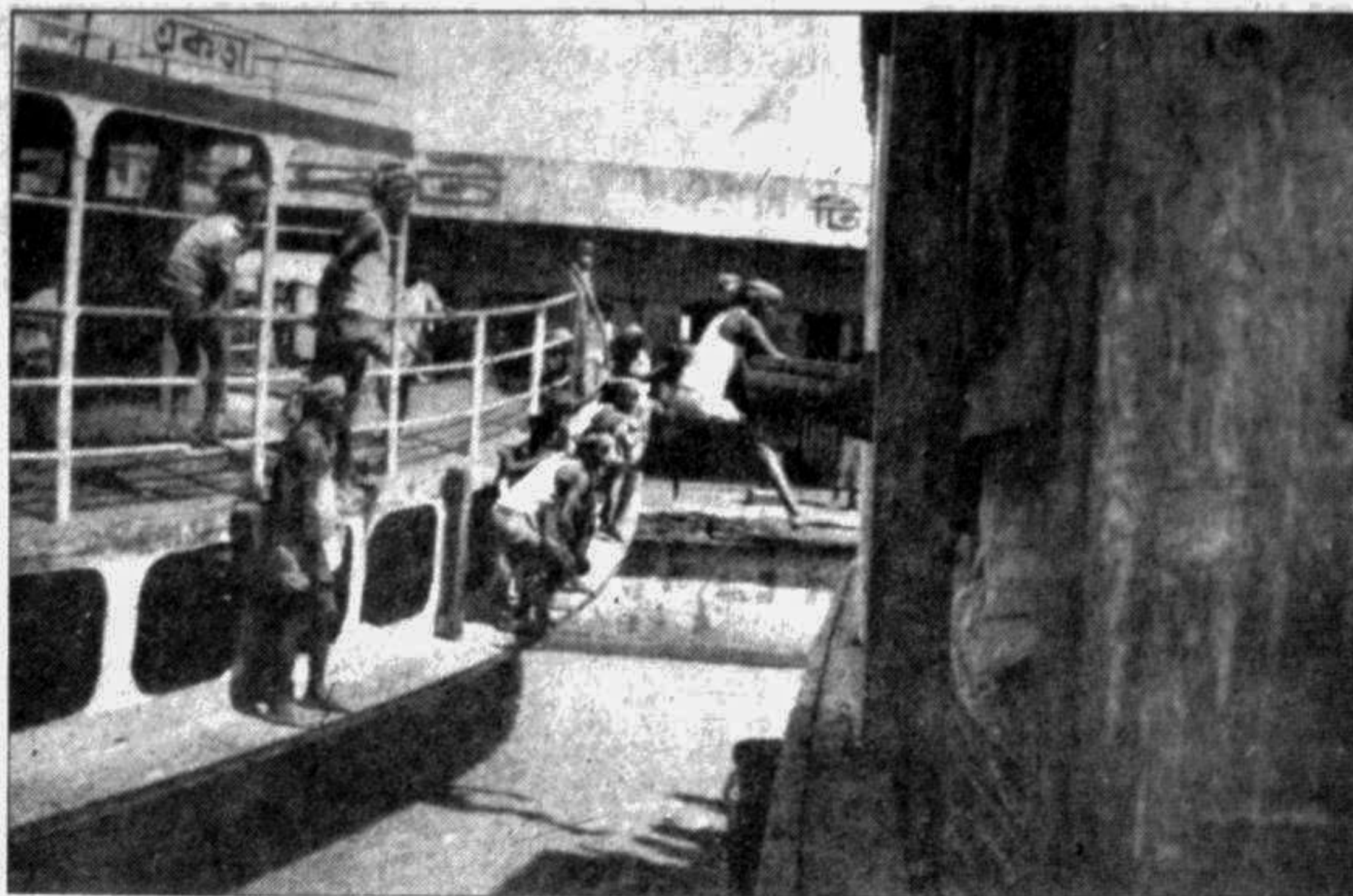
Sept 14: A seminar on crop science was held at the Bangladesh Agricultural University last week, reports UNB.

Organised by the Crop Science Society of Bangladesh, the seminar was presided over by Prof M Abdul Haque, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture.

Dr GA Fakir, Professor of Plant Pathology, BAU, read out the key note paper. He discussed on the experience of the first international congress of crop science held recently in Iowa, USA.

Prof Fakir also stressed the need for establishing linkages between the universities of USA and BAU.

Prof L Rahman, Prof MI Hossain, Prof M Idris, Dr MB Mia took part in the question-answer session of the seminar.



RAJBARI: The porters on way to jump on a launch ignoring the risk of life in the hope of getting luggage at the Aricha launchghat. — Star Photo.

**Fake NGOs active in N-dists**

From Our Correspondent

BOGRA, Sept 14: Hundreds of innocent people in the northern districts of the country have become victim in different ways by a class of so called non-government organisations (NGOs).

Besides cheating money, the staff of the NGOs push the lives of the mother and children of the locality in dangers.

A woman and her baby have died recently under the treatment of a fake doctor in a mother and child care centre of a NGO, Bangladesh Association for Maternal and Neonatal Health (BAMNH) at Sonatola thana of the district.

It is reported that the NGO has cheated a large amount of money from the innocent persons in the name of social work and health care at Gabtoli and Sonatola thanas of the district.

The unskilled health workers of the NGO collect pregnant women from various areas of the thanes at the centre to show its mother and child health activities.

Behinor Begum daughter of Jamal Uddin of village Namajkhali of Sonatola thana under the district came to the health centre of the NGO for safe delivery. Both Behinor and her baby died under the treatment of the unskilled medical practitioner of the NGO.

It is learnt that the NGO has no qualified doctor or nurse to

run the health centre. Some unqualified village health workers and paramedic pass persons are working in the centre. It is reported.

Jamaluddin, the father of the victim, Behinor informed this correspondent that they understand nothing about the medical science as they are illiterate. These so called NGOs are taking the advantages, of the ignorance of the people.

Some villagers informed that these unqualified doctors issue prescription and take handsome fees but they do not give any medicine. But the organisations receive medicines from the donor organisations, it is informed.

It is learnt that the NGO use to sell the medicine to pharmacies instead of supplying those to rural poor people.

When contacted, the Project Manager of Bangladesh Association for Maternal and Neonatal Health informed that they got medicines from the Asia Foundation and Switzerland Red Cross Society which were due to be distributed among the poor people of the rural areas.

Another so called NGO, Sunshine International has cheated at least Taka six lakh from about one thousand innocent women of the northern district recently.

Sunshine International gave an advertisement in the local Daily Korotoa that they are going to recruit 52 female senior

teachers and 104 Assistant teachers (female) for their schools under the UNESCO programme.

The advertisement mentioned that the NGO will open schools in Bogra, Naogaon, Jaipurhat, Dinajpur, Nilphamari, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Natore, Pabna, Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj districts in the northern region of the country.

The requisite qualification for senior posts were HSC pass and SCC pass for the Assistant teachers, the advertisement cautioned. The salaries were mentioned as 3500 taka and 4000 taka for the posts respectively.

The applications were directed to send to GPO box no-3638 by August 15 last. The NGO realised Taka 600 from each candidate as security and they committed that they would refund the same.

Some of the applicants phoned to the head office but go no response. Some of the candidate also went to Dhaka office of the NGO at 40, Sher-e-Bangla Road but found nothing of the sorts.

No case has yet been lodged with the police in this connection.

The victims and their wellwishers have urged the concerned authority to look into the matter and take immediate steps to arrest the cheaters and help return back the money.

**Govt giving attention to uplift of rural people**

RUHIA (Thakurgaon), Sept 14: Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Minister Tariqul Islam has said, the government has been giving particular attention to the socio-economic uplift of the rural people including farmer community in particular, reports BSS.

He was addressing a spontaneous public meeting at the Pragati Sangha maidan here on Saturday.

Presided over by ex-member of Ruhia UP, Moyezuddin Ahmed, the meeting was also addressed by Begum Khurshid Jahan Huq MP, President of Thakurgaon district unit of BNP, Mirja Alamgir and Chairman of Ruhia UP Taimur Rahman.

The Minister said, the present government is taking positive steps to help jute and rice growers so that they can get reasonable prices by selling their cash crops.

Stressing the need for national unity, he said, people living in any corner of the land should work more for building this country with the spirit of Bangladeshi nationalism.

The Minister urged the citizens of the country to work

hard also for consolidating democracy, earned by united movement of all political parties.

Earlier, Tariqul Islam unveiled the plaque of the foundation stone of the Thakurgaon Diabetic Hospital, being built at a cost of Taka 1.5 crore.

The Minister lauded the local people for taking initiative to build a diabetic hospital in Thakurgaon.

A reports from Saidpur says: Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Minister Tariqul Islam has said, peace-loving people including student community should come forward immediately to remove all kinds of terrorism from the society.

He was addressing a conference of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal at Saidpur Town Hall in Nilphamari district Friday.

Presided over by Showkat Hayat Shah, the conference was also addressed by ex-MP Mujibur Rahman, General Secretary of Saidpur unit of BNP Showkat Chowdhury and General Secretary of Nilphamari district unit of BNP, Anisul Arifin Chowdhury.

The Minister said, terrorists have no room in BNP and BNP does not nurture terror-

ists. The present government is firm to eradicate all kinds of terrorism from the country, he added.

Referring to Shahid President Ziaur Rahman as a pioneer in establishing multi-party democracy in the country, Islam said, students should follow the ideals and teachings of the late leader.

A 41-member committee of Saidpur political district unit of JCD was formed in the conference with Showkat Hayat Shah and Fazle Khuda as President and General Secretary respectively.

Earlier, the Minister planted a sapling at the Saidpur college premises.

Another report adds: Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Minister Tariqul Islam has said, the political aim of BNP is to ensure welfare of the people and uphold language, religion, cultural tradition and spirit of Liberation War.

He was addressing the biennial conference of Dinajpur district unit of BNP at Lokhaban here on September 10.

**Notes from Rangpur**

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR Sept 14: Mithapukur thana police has recovered a housewife and her child from the clutches of women traffickers recently.

According to the allegation, a group of miscreants kidnapped the housewife Rupali Begum (20) along with her one and half years-old daughter and sold the to the women traffickers at Taka 1500 when the traffickers were trying to smuggle them to Indian local people caught and handed over them to the police.

The victim is the wife of one Rafiq Uddin of Moyerpur union under Mithapukur thana of the district.

**One arrested**

One Golzar of Nurpur area under Rangpur Sadar thana was arrested by the police and sent to jail hajjat recently.

According to the information, one Aklima Khatun lodged a complaint with the Kotwali thana accusing Mafzul and Rahman Mia of killing her son Golzar.

Kotwali police started a criminal case against the accused persons.

Incidentally Golzar was arrested alive by the Rajshahi Boalia thana police during the on-going drive against the anti-social elements and confessed his guilt. He was however sent to jail hajjat.

**One commits suicide**

One Abdul Majid (38), father of three children of Gaddimari village under Hattibandha thana committed suicide by hanging recently.

According to the eyewitnesses, the body of Majid was found hanging in a tree near his house at dawn on the day of incident. Reason of his death is yet unknown.

**Son kills father**

One Abdul Hussain (85) of Hatia union under Ullipur thana was killed by his son in broad day light recently.

There was a quarrel among the deceased Abdul Hussain and his son Abdul Hakim (24) on some house-hold matters and at one stage Abdul Hakim went violent and killed his father striking by a sword at broad day light in presence of the people of the locality.

Police has arrested him and started a case in this connection.

**One Karim commits suicide**

One Abdul Karim (35) of Darwan committed suicide by taking poison recently.

On the day of the incident, there was a quarrel among the deceased and his wife and at one stage he entered into a house and closed the door and committed suicide by taking poison. It is unformed.

**Phone exchange lying out of order**

The Dimla micro-wave telephone exchange is lying out of order for the last two months without any initiatives by the authorities concerned towards its repairs or replacement.

The sufferings of the people increased since they are cut off in tele-communication from rest of the world.

Dimla being an important thana with flourishing trade and commerce immediately needs restoration of the tele-communication.

**Housewife beaten to death**

A housewife was beaten to death Thursday by her husband at Magura village of Pirganj thana, police said.

Family sources said the husband Dudu Mia asked his wife Sultanahar (22) not to keep connection with a quack of the same village. But disobeying this she allegedly developed an affair with the quack.

On the fateful day when Dudu Mia found both of them gossiping at his house he became furious and started beating her mercilessly.

**Samabaya samity meet held**

From A Correspondent

SAVAR, Sept 14: A general meeting of Pragati Samabaya Samity was held at Natunpara under Savar thana recently.

Majibur Rahman, Tuhin Akhtar and Jafar Ullah President, Vice-President and Chairman, Bangladesh Youth-Association were present at the meeting.

Majibur Rahman, while inaugurating a pisciculture project of the samity at Natunpara donated 250 Khaki Cambel (England) variety of ducks to the samity and expressed his satisfaction over the activities of the samity.

On the occasion, Majibur Rahman and Jafar Ullah planted a mehagani sapling. Jafar Ullah announced his full cooperation to the Mass education and free medical services programmes of the samity.

**CARE cancels projects for lack of cooperation**

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 14: The authority of Co-operation for American Relief Everywhere (CARE) have cancelled two public welfare-oriented food for works projects of Belkuchi thana one in Doulatpur union for alleged non-cooperation of the UP Chairman and another in Dhukuribera union for land dispute.

It is reported that CARE took up two projects in Doulatpur and Dhukuribera unions. Road construction project in Doulatpur was allotted 56 metric tons of wheat and 40 metric tons of wheat was sanctioned for re-excavating a canal in Dhukuribera union.

A team of CARE visited the sites for final approval and pre-work measurement of the projects.

During their visit, chairman of Doulatpur Union did not cooperate with the team and in Dhukuribera local people informed the team about land dispute at the project site.

Accordingly, CARE authority cancelled the projects of the said two unions in Belkuchi thana. While contacted, Thana PIO confirmed the matter.

It can be mentioned here that Chairman of Doulatpur Union allegedly grabbed about 300 maunds of wheat from Doulatpur-Gopalpur Road construction project by selecting his 12-years old son Bablu as project chairman only three months ago.

**257 pry schools need early reconstruction in Khagrachhari district**

From Our Correspondent

KHAGRACHHARI, Sept 14: The primary-education in eight thanes of the district has seriously been hampered as the schools damaged by various cyclones have not yet been reconstructed.

Official sources said that 257 primary schools of the district which were totally or partially damaged by the devastating cyclone of April 1991 have not yet been reconstructed or renovated.

The source further said that 121 primary schools were totally damaged and 136 schools partially damaged by April '91 cyclone.

Seventy per cent primary schools of the district need immediate reconstruction and renovation, an official of the district Primary Education Department said adding that falling which the primary education in the district will come to halt in the near future.

The Engineering Bureau of the Local Government Council and the Facilities Department of the Education Ministry have jointly undertaken a plan to reconstruct and renovate 50 primary schools at a cost of taka two crore, the official said. The progress of the work is far from satisfactory due to poor allocation of the fund and other complications.



Participants at a three-day-long course on health care organised by the ETDA. In all 200 male and 50 female participated at the training course concluded on September 7.

**Six electrocuted in one week in Rangpur**

RANGPUR, Sept 14: Six persons including a housewife and two children were electrocuted in the district last week, reports UNB.

In one incident a mother and her son were electrocuted at Noyatola in Saidpur thana Sunday.

The mother Bilkis (35), a teacher of Saidpur Muslim High School when tried to dry a piece of wet cloth on a live electric wire came in contact with it and cried for help. Her son Tajul (7) rushed to the spot to help her. Both of them died instantly.

Another boy Enamul Haq (7) was also electrocuted while placing his wet lungi on a live electric wire at Radhakrishnapur in Sadar thana on Tuesday.

A youngman, Awal Miah (25) was electrocuted while setting a fan in his room at Bajtupur in Sadulapur thana.

Another victim Ibrahim (35), a night guard of Begum Rokeya Girls' High School, was electrocuted on Thursday while he was repairing a live electric wire.

Mujibur Rahman (45) of Busnapur in Badarganj thana was also electrocuted on the same day.

**Ten-day-long book fair**

BOGRA, Sept 14: A ten-day-long book fair organised by Bangladesh Book Publishers and Sellers Association was held at Woodburn Public Library auditorium here recently, reports BSS.

A total of 20 publishers participated in the fair.

The book fair was inaugurated by noted novelist Showkat Ali. The concluding day function was attended by Deputy Commissioner, Bogra Sajjad Hossain as chief guest. Presided over by advocate Yakub Ali, the function was addressed among others by Meshbahuddin Ahmed Pasha, proprietor of Ahmed Publishing Association.

**Miscreants kidnap girl at gun-point, raped**

MAGURA, Sept 14: A girl was kidnapped and raped at gun point by a gang of miscreants in Sadar thana of the district recently, reports UNB.

According to family sources, four youths of village Sreerampur raided the house of the girl of the same village at dead of night. They tied her father and mother with a rope, abducted her and forcibly violated her one after another.

Local people recovered the girl in an unconscious state from a nearby jungle and sent her to Sadar Hospital.

A case was lodged with local police.

Later, the accused, four youths surrendered themselves to the court. The court rejected their bail prayer and ordered to send them to jail hajjat.

A man was stabbed by some miscreants at the Sadar thana court premises, police said here on Sunday.

According to witnesses while the victim Ali Ahmed of Chandpur village was standing at the veranda of the court a gang of miscreants led by covillager Israfil Hossain suddenly swooped on him and managed to escape after injuring him grievously.

All went to the court in connection with a case. He was rushed to the Sadar hospital in a critical condition.

A case has been filed with the police.



Majibur Rahman, President, Bangladesh Youth Association speaking at the inaugural function of a pisciculture of Pragati Samabaya Samity, Natunpara, Savar recently. Anisul Rahman, GS of the Samity, is seen seated beside him.