

District roundup

MADARIPUR

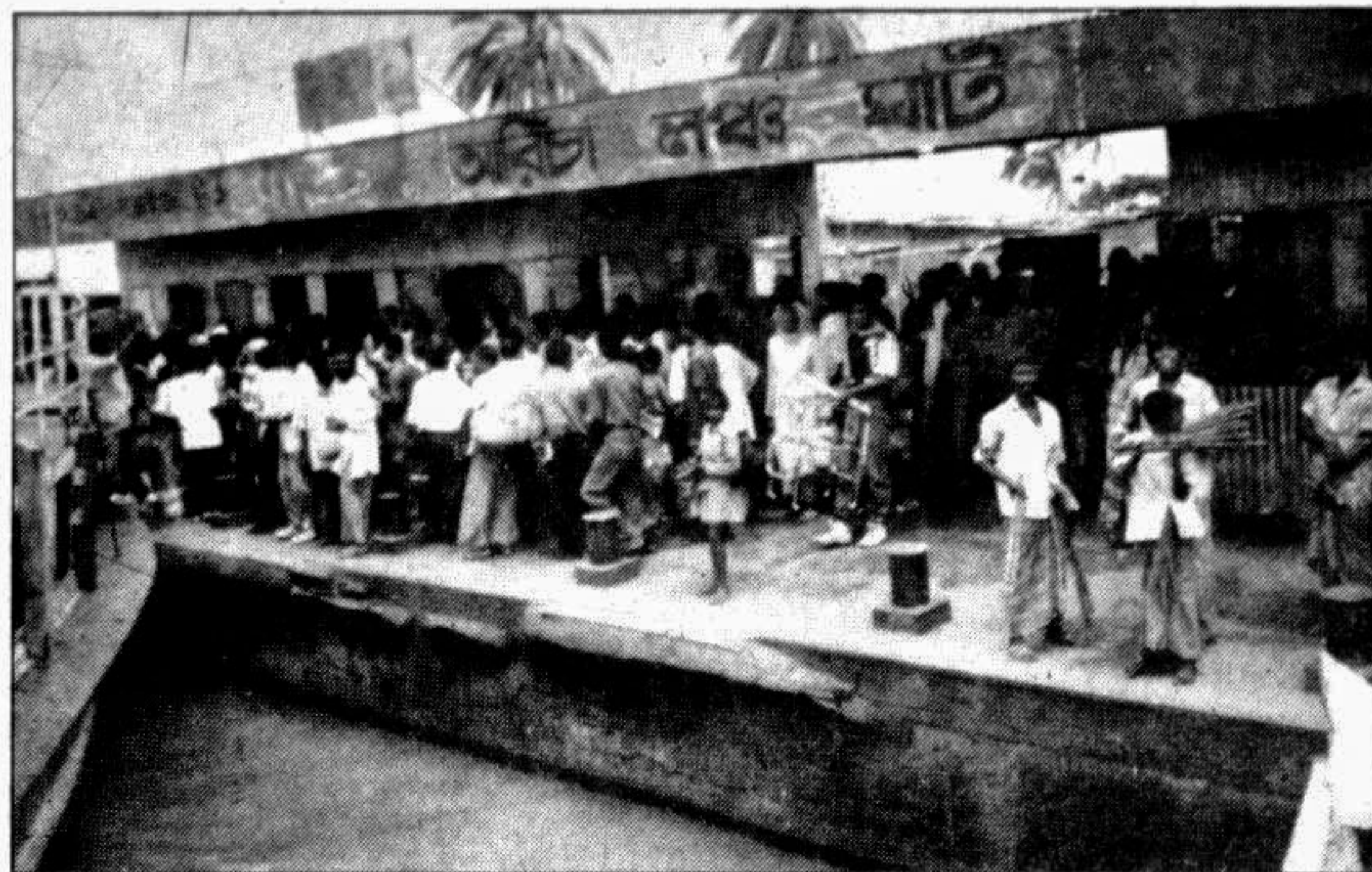
JSD (Inu) unit committee formed

From Our Correspondent
Oct 19: A 33-member pro-JSD (Inu) Chhatra League of the district unit was formed here recently.
Shahidul Kabir Nantu and Ahsanul Hoq Milton were elected President and Secretary respectively.
Another report adds: Diploma engineers of the district submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner to press home their demands recently.
A delegation of the district diploma engineers met the Deputy Commissioner and requested him to send memorandum to the Prime Minister.

SYLHET

Police recover cocktails, beer: 2 held

From Our Correspondent
Oct 19: Police arrested two youngmen and recovered three live cocktails and eight cans of beer from a travel agency of Sylhet town Saturday last.
When contacted, a police official informed this correspondent that on getting secret informations, a police party went to the 'Raja Air International' or West Ambarkhana Area and recovered the crackers and took two persons namely Joyanta Mia and Imran Rahman from there into custody.
Two separate cases had been registered with Kotwali police station.



ARICHA: Thousands of passengers who pass through the ghat suffer much for inadequacy of pontoons. Some posters in cooperation with dishonest people use to harass the passengers here. — Star photo

JHENIDAH

Cop suspended on charge of extortion

From Our Correspondent
Oct 19: Constable Shahabuddin of Jhenidah Police Station has been suspended on the charge of extortion.
Shahabuddin was seen extorting money from the cow businessmen last Tuesday near at Azad Rest House of Jhenidah town. Having been informed Police Supper Jhenidah rushed to the spot and caught him rehanding and later suspended him.
Investigation into the matter is still going on.

SHERPUR

Woman labourer violated

From Our Correspondent
Oct 19: One Shishilia, a woman labourer of G S Salma Rubber Project was allegedly violated by project owner at Shandhakura under Jhenaidah thana of the district recently.
According to the reports, on the day of incident, the project owner ordered the victim to bring a glass of water. When she entered into the room of the project owner, he violated her. After the incident, the culprit left the project compound.
A written allegation has been filed with Deputy Commissioner, Sherpur regarding this violation.

MAULVIBAZAR

Proper drainage system needed

From Our Correspondent
Oct 19: Lack of proper drainage facility in the town, the residents have been suffering untold miseries.
The faulty drainage system makes the town life miserable. The residents of South-Girjapara, Sayedpur, West Shantibag, Arambag, Maydiyapara, Bazar school area of Old Hospital Road areas of the town are the worst sufferers.
Most of the existing drains of the town are kutchas and cracks have been developed in the old pucca drains and remained filled with filth and stagnant water.
These drains have virtually turned into ideal breeding centres of mosquitoes.
Town dwellers urged the authority to take immediate steps to re-excavate and repair the old kutchas and pucca drains.

BRAHMANBARIA

Chhatra Dal sweeps in college union poll

From Our Correspondent
Oct 19: Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal swept majority seats in the student union election of Brahmanbaria Government College recently.
It is gathered that Chhatra Dal won 14 seats with Assistant General Secretary while Chhatra League (M-E) bagged rest of the five seats including Vice-President and General Secretary posts.
Emdadul Hoque Chowdhury and Aminur Rahman belonging to Chhatra League were elected Vice-President and General Secretary respectively. Nazmul Islam from Chhatra Dal was elected Assistant General Secretary.
Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), Chhatra Maitri, Chhatra Union, Islami Chhatra Shibir and Sangrami Chhatra Samaj took part in the election.

KUSHIA

Death anniversary of Lalan Shah observed

Oct 19: The Death Anniversary of great Baul Poet Lalan Shah was observed here on Friday in a befitting manner, reports BSS.
A programme was held at polytechnic institute auditorium here under the auspices of Radio Bangladesh, Khulna.
Noted Folklorist, Dr Ashraf Siddiqui and Deputy Commissioner, Kushtia Abul Khair were present at the function as chief guest and special guest respectively. Prof Abu Taleb, Dr Anwarul Karim and Prof Abul Ahsan Chowdhury, spoke on the occasion. Radio Bangladesh relayed the function.
Hundreds of bauls from different parts of the country thronged to the mazar of Lalan Shah at Scuria near here to pay their respect.

HABIGANJ

Uncle kills teenaged nephew

Oct 19: A teenaged boy was killed allegedly by his maternal uncle in Sadar thana of the district on Monday last, reports UNB.
The victim Alur Rahman (16) of Jatrabari village took away a cow for straying into his paddy field.
On his way to the pound, he was confronted by his uncle, the owner of the cow and demanded the cow to be handed over. When he refused, Alur Rahman was beaten severely and allegedly hit by a deadly weapon.
The boy succumbed to his injuries on way to the local hospital.
A case was filed with the local police in this connection.

NARSINGDI

Arrest of killers of JCD leader demanded

Oct 19: A big protest rally was held at Hasnabad Bazar in Raipur thana of the district Saturday demanding arrest of the killers of JCD leader Sadequr Rahman Tapan, reports UNB.
Tapan, a JCD leader of Amirganj union of the thana, was brutally killed by some miscreants on October 13.
Prestided over by Rafiqul Islam the rally was addressed, among others, by local MP Abdul Ali Miridha. They demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the killers.
Meanwhile the local people nabbed one Nannu Mia of Baherchar, a notorious dacoit, in connection with the murder case and handed over him to police.

GAIBANDHA

Bijoya Dashami celebrated

From Our Correspondent
Oct 19: Bijoya Dashami, the biggest festival of Hindu community was celebrated here in the district recently.
The immersion of the image of Goddess Durga concluded in the river Ghagot peacefully.
A total of 130 puja mandap was erected at different locations of the district. Of them, 12 images were set up at pourashava area. On the occasion of the Dashami, a fair was arranged at Bridge Road where hundreds of people including children thronged for shopping toys and sweet meat.
Before the immersion, devotees brought out a colourful procession with the image of Goddess.

Tk 14 cr rice in govt godowns now unworthy of consumption

PATUAKHALI, Oct 19: About 13,000 metric tons of rice, stored in 43 godowns of four southern districts, have become unworthy of consumption local rice dealers informed here, reports UNB.
Of the total, about 2572 metric tons are in 11 godowns of Barguna, 3434 metric tons in 14 godowns of Patuakhali, 3000 metric tons in 11 godowns of Bhola and 4000 metric tons in 7 godowns of Pirojpur, they said. The total loss would be about Taka 14 crore at taka 1134 per quintal.
Sources said, the dealers were not lifting their allotted quotas as the rice, they said, were already beyond human consumption.
The price of per kg of rice in ration is Taka 11 against Taka 10 in the open market, which other sources said, was another reason for lack of interest by the dealers.
Water Development Board has undertaken a programme to construct a 10 km long embankment at a cost of taka 56.5 lakh at Charmontaz in Golachipa thana in the current fiscal year.
Official sources said on completion of the embankment a vast tract of arable land

will be protected from floods and salinity.
Besides, it will also contribute to the production of additional crops in the area, the sources added.
Another report adds: Public Health Engineering Department will instal 42 deep tubewells (DTW) in the five thanas of Pirojpur district costing Taka 17 lakh during the current fiscal year.
Of the total DTWs eight each will be installed in Sadar and Nazirpur thanas, six in Bhandaria, ten each in Madbaria and Nesarabad thanas.
On installation, the officials said, pure water crisis in the areas would be resolved.
Five government primary schools are being constructed in Sadar thana of Bhola district at a cost of Taka 7.50 lakh.
Local Government and Engineering Directorate is implementing the project which is expected to be completed by the end of this year.
With the completion of the project about 2000 children of Sadar thana will get education facilities.
Public Health Engineering Department has taken up a programme to sink 600 deep tubewells in six thanas of the district in the current fiscal

year.
Official sources said PHE and UNICEF will jointly instal the DTWs in Bauphal, Dasmna, Mirzaganj, Galachipa, Kalapara and Sadar thanas.
About Taka 2.40 crore will be spent for installation of the DTWs.
The work on the project has already started and is expected to be completed by June next.
Problems of drinking water in the district will be solved to a great extent after completion of the project.
Bangladesh Rural Development Board of Barguna Sadar thana branch has so far planted one lakh and eight hundred saplings of various flower and fruit bearing trees in the locality.
Barguna Sadar thana branch achieved the target of their tree planting programme, official sources said here.
Another report adds: A number of roads in Mokamia of Begani thana has been lying in a deplorable condition for a long time.
All the roads of the locality need proper repair on emergency basis.
Local people urged the authorities to take necessary steps to repair the roads immediately.

Prospect for orange cultivation in Maulvibazar bright

MAULVI BAZAR, Oct 19: Prospect for orange cultivation in Maulvibazar district is bright. But the growers have been facing problems in the farming of the fruit for a long time due to lack of government patronisation.
It is learnt from Maulvibazar district Agriculture Extension Department that there are 1 lakh 27 thousand 5 hundred and 28 plants of orange in Shabajpur and Niz-Bahadurpur areas of Baralekha thana and 50 thousand plants in Jatfarnagar area of Kulaura thana. There are about 2 thousand acres of land under orange cultivation in these areas.
Every year huge quantity of orange produced in these gardens.
Orange plants are scatteredly cultivated by local people, who knows nothing about the cultivation. There is no motivation programme from Agriculture Extension Department. Deputy Director of Maulvibazar district Agriculture Extension told this correspondent that they have no policy to patronize the orange cultivation, though such policy will be helpful not only for the orange growers but also for economy of the country.
Orange growers of Baralekha and Kulaura thanas said, they are able to take proper care of the orange plants due to their ignorance

of orange cultivation. In the meantime, large number of orange plants are being destroyed due to ignorance.
On the other hand, during the season of orange the growers could not market it as the local authorities concerned like law enforcing agencies harassed them, saying that those are smuggled fruits. As a result, the growers are compelled to sell the orange locally at a low price.
Local people opined that if the government take proper steps and keen interest on orange gardening in Kulaura and Baralekha thanas. Production of orange of this areas may fulfill the demand of a vast majority people of the country.

8 to suffer life-term for murder in C'nawabganj

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Oct 19: Eight people were convicted to life-term in a murder case, court sources said here Wednesday last, reports UNB.
They were also fined Taka 500 each or in default, to suffer one month rigorous imprisonment more.
The convicted persons are: Santu, Ghotu, Soybur, Adam, Mokbul, Mintu, Abul Hossain and Mujibur Rahman of Barorashia village of Shibganj thana.
According to prosecution story, the accused killed Thota Mia (20) of the same village while he was returning home from his father-in-law's house on October 15, 1989 following old enmity.
The District and Sessions Judge after examining the witnesses and records delivered the judgement last week.
Another report adds: Pittiable condition of different roads and highways in the district has been causing immense sufferings to the movement of passengers and vehicles.
Innumerable potholes and cracks have developed at many points of the Chapainawabganj-Rohanpur, Mohrampur-Bholahat and Shibganj-Sonamasjid roads creating serious obstacles to the movement of vehicles for a long time.
After a slight rainfall the roads become muddy and slippery and waters remain stagnant at several points risking the movement of vehicles. Accidents occur frequently in these roads, local people said.

Notes from Sirajganj

From Our Correspondent
SIRAJGANJ, Oct 19: One killed and three others were injured and property worth about Taka five lakh were gutted when fire broke out in three cloth shops at Sirajganj town recently.
Fire originated from electrical short circuit at a cloth shop of Sorawardi Road and soon spread the neighbouring shops. Zahurul Islam (22) was burnt alive and three others sustained serious burn injury. Condition of one injured person is stated to be critical, hospital sources said.
Jubo Dal unit confice held
The conference of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal (JJD), Sirajganj District unit was held recently at the local Bhasani Hall with Md Mokaddas Ali in the chair.
Among others, Jute Minister Brig (Retd) Hannan Shah, State Minister and Jubo Dal Secretary General Gayeshwar Roy and district BNP President Mirza Muraduzzaman MP spoke in the conference.
The Jute Minister called upon the youths to take vital role in implementing 19-point programme of Shaheed President Zia under the leadership of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia.
A 71-member committee of Sirajganj district JJD was formed with Ershadur Rahman Niru as president and Munshi Kamaluddin as General Secretary.

Govt official fined by PDB court

The live stock officer of Kazipur thana was fined Taka 900 in default imprisonment for 15 days by the PDB court of Bogra.
The officer was allegedly using electricity illegally. While contacted, accused Dr Azad Khan told that after pleading guilty he was fined Taka 900 by the court.

Killing of AL leader condemned

Sirajganj district Awami League President Motahar Hossain Talukder and General Secretary Abdul Latif Mirza in a joint statement condemned the brutal killing of Tarash Awami League Vice-President and former Chairman of Talam UP Hasan Ali (38) of broad day light.
The signatories demanded exemplary punishment to the killers.
The victim Hasan Ali was shot dead on September 27 at Gunta Bazar by some armed assailants. The killers also chanted slogans in favour of so-called Sarbahara Party during the incident.

Two smugglers arrested

Sirajganj Railway Police arrested two alleged smugglers identified as Mahboob alias Babu (25) and Harunar Rashid (28) for creating violence in the inter city Padma Express train.
Police sources said, the arrested persons were travelling without ticket and while challenged by TTE created violence injuring an attendant who is undergoing treatment at Sadar hospital.
After the incident the accomplices of the arrested persons decamped with smuggled goods.

Three orphans missing

Three orphans identified as Tumu (5), Rafiq (10) and Javed (7) have been missing from the Sirajganj Government Shishu Sodan (orphanage) for last one month.
The orphanage authority ignored the matter. But relatives of the missing children have apprehended that the child traffickers may have taken away the children. They also called upon the authority to look into the matter.

Children's rights week concludes

The implementation week of declaration of children's rights concluded here recently.
Deputy Commissioner AZM Shaiful Islam inaugurated the week at the local office of District Kachi Kacher Asar.
The Programme of the week included children's rally, seminar, drawing, music and athletic competition, film show and tree plantation.

Smuggled goods sold in open market

PABNA, Oct 19: Smuggled goods were being sold openly in the local markets here and in Ishurdi, reports UNB.
Consumers informed that despite government restrictions on the banned items, they enter different markets here from the main transit points in Ishurdi.
It has been alleged goods that though strict patrol being imposed in the area contraband goods are being infiltrated into Bangladesh from across the border daily through rail and road transport.
The main smuggling goods are sugar, saree, fertilizer, pesticide, liquor, cosmetics, razor blades and spare parts.
On the other hand, electrical goods, raw jute and gold are being smuggled out of the country, it is learnt.

Food stock satisfactory

LALMONIRHAT, Oct 19: The food stock position in the district is said to be satisfactory, reports UNB.
According to food officials about 6,380 metric tons of rice, 2827 metric tons of wheat and 8 metric tons of paddy are now in stock in different godowns of the district.
The labourers of food for work programme are being given rice instead of wheat as the stock of is more than wheat.
There are allegations that the rice raised from some godowns were unfit for consumption. However, the food



RANGPUR: A demonstration plot of 'Soyabin' at Mukimpur under Pirganj thana of the district. — Star photo

Vast area of govt land under illegal occupation

From Our Correspondent
DINAJPUR, Oct 19: A vast area of land of the Roads and Highways Department has illegally been grabbed by a section of the people in collaboration with the local officials of the Roads and Highways Department throughout the district.
Hundreds of sheds, semi-pucca shops have also been constructed on the land beside the roads and highways in the district during the last few years.
Even a number of big buildings were also constructed illegally in Dinajpur town and other places of the district. The shops and buildings have narrowed the roads further impeding the traffic movement.
On the other hand, most of the roads in the heart of the district town have been occupied by the trucks. This causes untold difficulties to the pedestrians.
Agricultural lands and ponds of the Roads and Highways Department in the district have also been grabbed and are being used for agricultural and pisciculture purposes by different individuals without proper authority.
The occupants of the land and other property said that the officials of the department collect money regularly without giving any receipt.

Pye-dog menace alarming

From Our Correspondent
COX'S BAZAR, Oct 19: Pye-dog menace has become alarming over the last three months in different areas of the district.
According to reports, the pye-dogs with the advent of rainy season have taken shelter in different localities and in hats and bazars of the district posing a great problem to the people. These pye-dogs now confined in the high land and bazars frequently bite the people especially the children, it is learnt.
The victims to encounter the dreadful consequence of dog biting move here and there including the district headquarters to procure ARV but in vain.
In view of the circum-



NATORE: The local Sangekritik Jote brought out a procession recently demanding a fullfledged TV station. — Star photo

Indian insecticides sold freely

NARAIL, Oct 19: Indian insecticides are being sold freely in different markets of the district, local leaders said, reports UNB.
The smuggled insecticides like Theodin, Theonil, Hengidel and Voldoi are said to be harmful to animal, fish, crops, frogs, useful insects and destroy the fertility of land.