

District roundup

LALMONIRHAT

Goods worth Tk one lakh gutted

Nov. 27: Valuables worth over Taka one lakh were gutted in a devastating fire at Kanchaneswar village in Kalganj thana on Saturday, reports UNB.

The fire originated from a cow-shed of Abdul Jabbar soon engulfed the adjacent areas and gutted four tin-shed and 7 thatched houses, four bullock, paddy, jute and other necessary household articles.

Local people brought the fire under control.

CHANDPUR

Merger of villages demanded

Nov. 27: Thousands of people of seven villages of Faridganj thana demanded that their villages should be brought within the jurisdiction of the Hajiganj thana for administrative convenience, reports UNB.

The villages are Ghania, Gontoba, Damra, Balamura, Montola, Manori and Chhalipara — all in Faridganj thana but located very near to the Hajiganj thana headquarters and about 12/13 miles away from the Faridganj thana headquarters.

The seven villages also have better communication and commercial links with the Hajiganj thana headquarters.

About 50,000 inhabitants of the seven villages have appealed to the government to delimit and re-demarcate the two thanas and relieve them of their anxiety.

SIRAJGANJ

Three BCL activists arrested

Nov. 27: Police arrested Tuesday three workers of Chhatra League (M-I) for their alleged involvement in the attack on JCD leaders of Kazipur Mansur Ali Government College in the town, reports UNB.

Police said BCL workers of the college Abdul Bari (22), Mohammad Mahmudul Hasan (25) and Shah Alam (23) were arrested from their respective residences.

The arrested students allegedly launched an attack on a procession brought out by the JCD activists in the town on November 1 that left JCD leaders Rabiul Hasan and Aminul Islam injured, police added.

JCD leaders had filed a case with the local police earlier.

CHUADANGA

10 bighas of rly land grabbed by illegal occupants

Nov. 27: About 10 bighas of Railway land in the district have been grabbed by some illegal occupants since 1984, railway sources said, reports UNB.

They have forged lease documents and a group of station employees are stated to be collecting Taka 30 per month as rent.

The railway authorities did not let out any of its land property and no official records exist on this matter, the sources added.

COMILLA

6 persons to suffer 10 yrs RI for dacoity

Nov. 27: Six persons have been sentenced to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment each for committing dacoity at the town, reports UNB.

The convicts are Shahjahan, Abul Kalam, Payara Mia, Oli Alam, Syed, Ahmed and Kabir Ahmed.

Seven other accused were acquitted. The convicts were also fined Taka 5,000 each or in default, to suffer three more months of RI.

According to the case, the accused broke into the house of Golam Mohammad of Sadar thana and looted gold ornaments, cash and other valuables worth Taka 30,000 at gun point on October 16, 1988.

A case was filed with the police in this connection. Police after investigation submitted charge sheet against 13 persons.

Additional Sessions Judge A K M Ishtiaq Hussain awarded the punishment after examining records and witnesses of the case.

BOGRA

Dacoits loot cash, valuables worth Tk 1 lakh

Nov. 27: Dacoits wearing khaki uniform raided five houses at Chelopara in the town Sunday and took away cash and valuables worth about Taka one lakh, reports UNB.

Local sources said that they knocked at the doors of the five houses at about 2.30 am almost simultaneously identifying themselves as policemen. They tied up male members of the families and looted valuables and cash.

In one house, a man was stabbed when he tried to raise alarm. He was rushed to Mohd Ali Hospital with grievous wounds.

JAMALPUR

One crushed to death

Nov. 27: One Sharafat Ali (40) of Dewanganj thana was crushed under the wheels of 'Ekota' inter-city train near Dewanganj Railway Station recently, reports BSS.

Eyewitnesses said the victim while crossing the railway track met with the accident.

A case of unnatural death was lodged with railway police. The body of the victim was sent to sadar hospital for post-mortem.

BRAHMANBARIA

Bhasani's death anniversary observed

Nov. 27: The 16th death anniversary of Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani was observed here in a befitting manner, reports UNB.

The Bhasani Smriti Sangsad arranged a discussion meeting at the local Bar library auditorium with Dr Faridul Huda in the chair.

It was addressed, among others, by Advocate Abdus Samad, Advocate Sirajul Hoque Chowdhury, Advocate Azizul Hoque Angur, Advocate Ferdous Alam Bhuiyan, Advocate Akasir M Chowdhury and Moshir Rahman Khan.

Speakers at the meeting recalled with gratitude the contribution of Moulana Bhasani to the liberation war of Bangladesh.

They said that Bhasani fought against injustice throughout his life.

PATUAKHALI

Holding of college union polls demanded

Nov. 27: The students of Abdul Karim Mirza College of Patuakhali have demanded holding of election of Chhatra Sangsad without further delay, reports UNB.

They brought out a procession and held a meeting on the campus. They also said election should be held under the new constitution of the college to ensure fair polls.

Among others, the meeting was addressed by district Jatiyatadhi Chhatra Dal leaders Elias Bachchu and Monir Hossain and Patuakhali University College unit leader Md Liton.

Student leaders, at the meeting, accused the Awami League and Jatiya Party of conspiring to foil the attempt of the present government to consolidate democracy in the country.

They also called upon the students to unite under the banner of JCD to restore peace in educational arena for the greater interest of the nation.

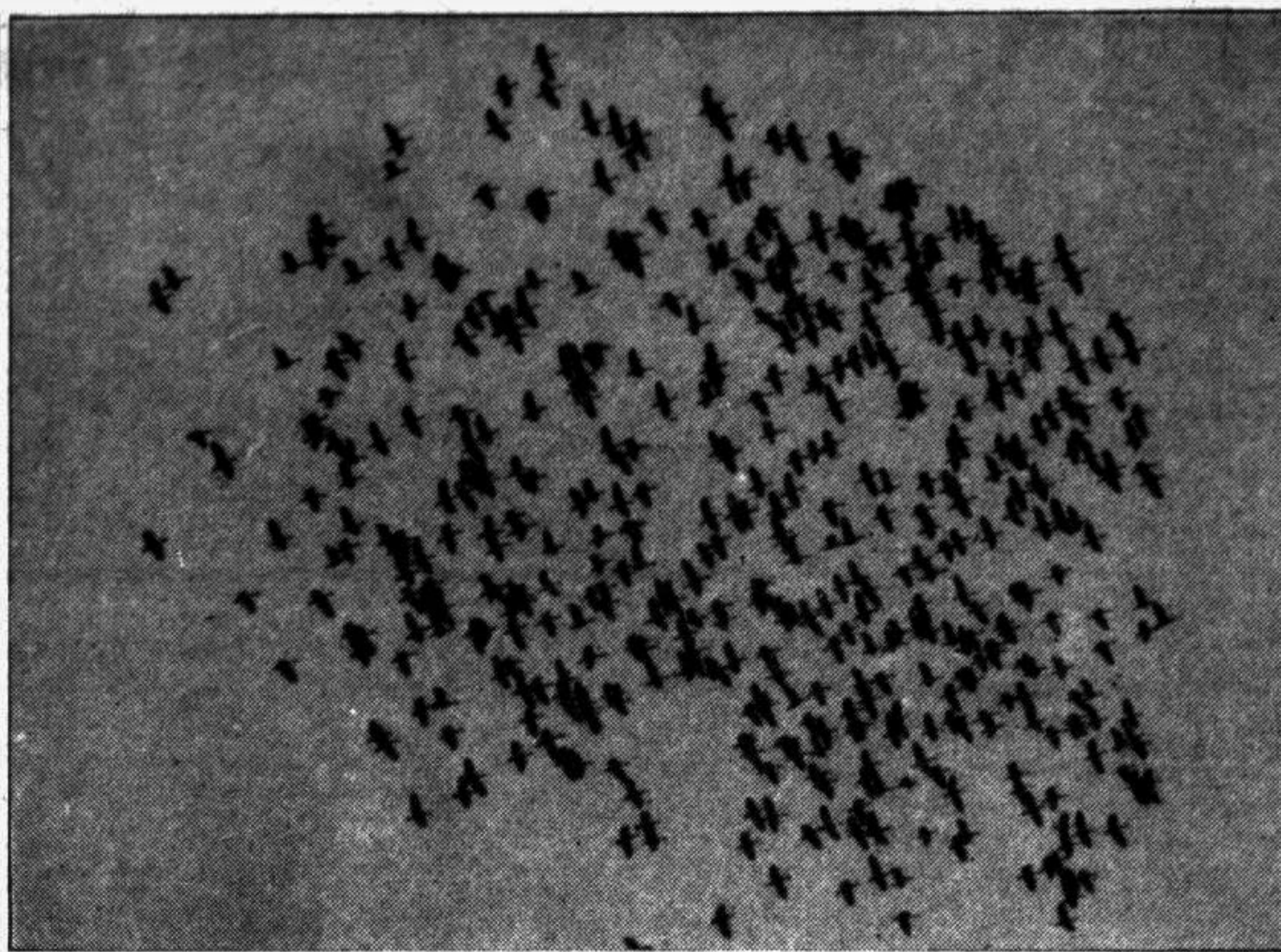
Reception given to 3 eminent personalities

Nov. 27: Faridpur Shahitya Parishad, a socio-cultural organisation, on Saturday arranged a reception in honour of three eminent personalities of this locality at Shilpakala Academy auditorium here, reports BSS.

The personalities are Alauddin Khan (75), an eminent football and hockey player of undivided Bengal, Radha-gobinda Saha (71), a reputed instrumental musician and social worker and Mahiuddin Ahmed (65), a veteran stage drama artist.

Speakers at the function paid tributes to them for their contributions in their respective fields and advised the younger generation to learn from them. Others principal (Rtd) Apurba Krishna Ghose, Fazul Kabir Chand and Professor Md Shahjahan spoke on the occasion.

K M Nurul Huda, Deputy Commissioner of Faridpur and Chowdhury Mamtaz Hossain attended the function as chief guest and special guest respectively.



MIGRATORY BIRDS: A flock of birds in search of safer place. Hunters and scarcity of food discouraging their stay in different localities of our country. — Star photo

Migratory birds start coming in flocks

MANIKGANJ, Nov 27: With the advent of winter, migratory birds have started flocking at different rivers and waterbodies in the district and neighbouring Tangail, reports UNB.

Siberian ducks, Sandi ducks, Pankouri, Pintail ducks, Knight Herong and other migratory birds have been noticed in marshes, rivers and beels during the last few days.

Informed sources said the number of migratory birds, however, had been declining since the last few years due to scarcity of food and raids by hunters and catchers.

Migratory birds have started coming in flocks in the coastal and char areas of greater Patuakhali region with the advent of winter.

According to local people, hundreds of winter birds have arrived in the charlands of Dashmina, Galachipa, Bauphal, Dumki, Mirzagonj, Kalapara, Amtali, Patharghata, Betagi, Banna, Barguna Sadar and

Patuakhali Sadar thanas of the region. Bird-catchers also became active in the locality despite government ban, they said.

According to reports, flocks of migratory birds have been seen settling on the "Durgasagar" area of Barisal district which, local people said, was an ideal place for winter birds.

20 passengers hurt in road mishap

SATKHIRA, Nov 27: At least 20 passengers were injured when a Satkhira-bound bus turned turtle on Sunday, reports UNB.

Of the injured, Kamrul, Gani, Rafiq, Rashid, Babu and Akkas were admitted to Assasuni hospital in a critical condition.

AGRI-VARSITY

Seminar on agri uplift on Dec 20

Nov 27: A seminar on the national research systems for agricultural development in Bangladesh will be held at the gallery of the Faculty of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology of BAU on December 20 under the auspices of the Mymensingh unit of Bangladesh Association for the Advancement of Science (BAAS), according to BAU press release.

The objective of the seminar is to share experiences in structuring national agricultural research systems to meet the challenges of increased production, productivity and their economic growth.

The day-long seminar will give audience to seven deliberations to be made by the scientists of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC), Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) and Fisheries Research Institute (FRI).

Massive wheat, potato, rabi crop farming plan taken up

PATUAKHALI, Nov 27: About 60,000 hectares of land will be brought under massive wheat cultivation in 11 southern districts of the country during current rabi season, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Krishi Bank and other commercial banks have been disbursing loans among the growers to help them enable to purchase necessary inputs to boost production in these districts.

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

It is reported that BADC will supply necessary seeds, fertilizers and insecticides for successful implementation of the programme, which will produce 60,000 metric tons of potato.

Another report says: About 40,000 hectares of land will be brought under intensive rabi-crop cultivation in the district during the current winter season.

Of the total land, 5,000 hectares will be brought under boro cultivation, 100 hectares under wheat cultivation, 260 hectares under potato cultivation, 400 hectares under sweet potato, 650 hectares under vegetable, 1,160 hectares under mustard, 15,000 hectares under khesari, 16,750 hectares under mug mug, 5 hectares under arhar and 16 hectares under motardal.

Farmers have already started their rabi-crop cultivation.

Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation has been distributing high yielding variety seeds, fertilisers, pesticides and other necessary inputs among the growers at fair prices to make the scheme a success.

Boro cultivation

Bangladesh Agriculture Extension Department has taken up a programme to bring 5,000 hectares of land under boro farming in seven thanas of the district.

Of the total land, 2,000 hectares will be brought under High Yielding Variety and 3,500 hectares under local variety.

It is estimated that on successful implementation of the programme, about 10,000 metric tons of boro paddy will be produced in the district.

Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation will supply necessary seeds, fertilizer, insecticides and other necessary inputs for the successful implementation of the programme.

Notes from Bogra

From Our Correspondent

BOGRA, Nov 27: A month-long training course on nursery development technology and a two-month-long training course on irrigation mechanism concluded here at Rural Development Academy (RDA) of the district recently.

The inaugural function of these training courses were presided over by Director General of RDA, Dr Ashraf Uddin Ahmed. Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh, Prof Ashraf Ali also attended the functions as chief guest.

A total of 110 participants took part in both the training courses. The course were conducted by co-ordinator, A K M Zakaria.

Eye camp concludes

A four-day-long eye camp concluded at Nijbolai Primary School premises of Shariakandi thana in cooperation with Bogra Shah Sultan Eye Hospital recently.

About one thousand eye patients were given treatment and free medicines.

A total of 40 cataract patients was operated upon and spectacles were distributed among them free of cost.

The concluding session was presided over by an eminent social worker of Nijbolai village, Abdus Salam.

Youth confce held

The biennial youth conference of Christian church of Bogra-Jaypurhat district held here at Bogra Christian Society auditorium recently.

The conference was presided over by Mozammel Haque Lulu, Editor of the local daily 'Korotoa'. It was addressed, among others, by Rabin Barandi and Sourav Dewan.

The speakers discussed the various problems of Christian community. Later, nine-member executive committee was formed.

Workshop on pry education ends

A two-day long workshop on Compulsory Primary Education organised by Primary Education Directorate Rajshahi Division in cooperation with UNICEF concluded here at Rural Development Academy, Bogra recently.

A total of 30 journalists of Rajshahi division participated in the workshop.

Monjurul Alam, zonal officer of UNICEF, Afsan Chowdhury, programme officer of UNICEF Dhaka, Baroi, Nurul Islam, programme officer, UNICEF, Rajshahi, and A Hye, Deputy Director, Primary Education took part in the workshop.

BDR men seize 440kg of smuggled sugar

BRAHAMANBARIA, Nov 27: BDR personnel have seized 440 kg of smuggled sugar and rounded up four women smugglers here, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, a BDR patrol party searched a Brahmanbaria-bound bus on November 18 at Kuli, recovered the sugar and nabbed the women smugglers.

A case was lodged with Sadar thana police in this connection.

Meanwhile, BDR has launched a special anti-smuggling drive called the "Operation Shaita Prabaha-92" here recently.

Smuggled goods worth Taka 1.73 crore were recovered from January to November of this year. Some 37 alleged smugglers were also arrested during the period.

People won't accept black laws, says Mizan

CHANDPUR, Nov 27: Jatiya Party leader Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury Sunday said the people will not accept black laws like the recently enacted Anti-Terrorism Law, reports UNB.

The people of the country did not experience such repressive laws in the past 2000 years" he said while addressing a public meeting at the Municipal Park in the town Tuesday afternoon.

The JP acting Chairman said that before going to power, Begum Khaleeda Zia committed to repeal all black laws but now she has enacted yet another black law.

He alleged that a large number of workers and leaders of Jatiya Party have been arrested under the law "in a bid of the government to stifle the voice of opposition".

The terrorist activities will be eliminated from the country only when the ruling party nabs its own terrorists, the JP leader said and referred to the arrest of JCD leader Elias Ali in support of this contention.

Depicting a dismal picture in the industrial sector, Mizan Chowdhury alleged that 16 jute mills were closed, 13,000 railway employees retrenched and yet another process was on to terminate thousand of public sector employees within a few months.

Presided over by district JP convener Mahbubul Haq, the meeting was also addressed by former minister Maj Gen (Rtd) M. Shamsul Haq, former MP Harunur Rashid, Ismail Hossain Bengal and S M Alam.



MAULVIBAZAR: Principal Dewan Mohammad Azraf, a renowned educationist addressing as chief guest a function organised by Nirjhar, a local organisation recently. — Star photo

60 current nets seized, 4 held in Homna

COMILLA, Nov 27: Thana Fisheries officials and Homna police seized 60 current nets and arrested four owners of the nets from Noabad Jalmaah on November 17, reports UNB.

The arrested persons were identified as Lucy Mia, Shipau Mia, Idris and Sagir. They were using current nets to catch small carp defying the government ban.

Mentionable that catching of fish below nine inches in length has been banned by the government. But fish fry are being caught indiscriminately and sold in different local markets by unscrupulous fishermen.

Local leaders appealed repeatedly to take stringent action against the dishonest fishermen.

The body of a housewife has been dug out of the grave by the Kotwal police in presence of a Magistrate after 5 days of burial.

The victim was identified as Shirin Akhtar (17) wife of Karan Mia, a hotel employee.

It was then sent for autopsy on a complaint lodged by Karan Mia that his wife was murdered.

Further investigation will be started after getting the viscera report.

A general meeting of the managing committee of Comilla Alia Madrasa was held on November 19.

Presided over by district ADM, the meeting elected a 13-member new executive committee with Abdul Awal former chairman of Sadar upazila as Vice President and Hajeer Abdus Salam General Secretary.

Deputy Commissioner of the district is the ex-officio President.

Demand for construction of flood embankment

NAOGAON, Nov 27: Speakers at a meeting here urged the government to raise flood embankment on both sides of the Chhoto Jamuna river to protect a large area from floods, reports UNB.

The meeting, organised by the Naogaon Town Flood-wall Embankment Implementation Committee recently was presided over by Advocate Yasir Ali.

It was addressed by Principal Bazul Huq, Advocate Mozharul Huq Poono, Dr Asif Ali and local NAP leader M A Rakib.

They noted that low lying areas of the town were being inundated every rainy season by the over flowing river.

They suggested that an embankment should be raised between Naogaon Government College and Saigachi area.

They also demanded re-examination of the river at least by twelve feet to hold excess rain waters.

Naogaon Student Cooperation Organisation accorded a grand reception to the students who secured star marks at the 1992 SSC examinations.

Principal Mujibur Rahman Bhuiyan of Naogaon Government College and Principal Tofazzal Hossain of Naogaon Government Mahila College attended the reception held at the Government Krishna Dhan High School auditorium recently as chief and special guests.

Headmaster Sadrul Anam of the school was in the chair. Students and their guardians attended the reception which was rounded off with a musical soiree.



NARAYANGANJ: The members of the local Leo Cub are seen painting half of the head lights at the Chasha Chatter of the town during a programme taken by the club recently.