

District roundup

AGRI-VARSITY

BAU teacher dead

Nov 30: Prof Dr Md Shamsul Haque of the Department of Chemistry of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) died of heart attack at 7.10 pm on November 25 at the Mymensingh Medical College Hospital. He was 55, says a press release.

A brilliant son of the village Jagatpur under Burichang of Comilla district, Prof Haque got his M Sc in Chemistry from the University of Dhaka in 1961 and was awarded Ph D in 1971 from the Charles University of Prague.

He joined BAU in the Department of Chemistry, as Lecturer in 1963 and was subsequently promoted to the posts of Asst Prof in 1969, Associate Prof. in 1977 and Professor in 1989 in the same department.

He also served as the Head of the Department of Chemistry and Provost of Shahjalal Hall of BAU.

He left behind his wife, a son and two daughters and a host of colleagues, friends, students and relatives to mourn his death.

SHERPUR

Anti-Terrorism Act protested

From Our Correspondent

Nov 30: Zila Unit of Jatiya Party organised a public meeting at local market square recently protesting Anti-Terrorism Act and demanded release of former President and their party Chairman.

S M Rafiqul Bari Chowdhury (MP) central leader of Jatiya Party attended the meeting as chief guest while Zila Unit president Abdul Wadud presided over the meeting.

S M Rafiqul Bari Chowdhury said that provisions of anti-terrorism bill would curb the independence of administration judiciary, journalism and the democratic process of the country.

Among others, the meeting was addressed by Secretary General of Zila Unit Md Ilus Uddin, Ex-poua chairman Latfar Rahman Mohan, Advocate AKM Farhad, Advocate Md Tauhidur Rahman, Md Zainal Abedin Siddique, Abdur Rashid B Sc, Amdadul Haque Hera, Md Matiar Rahman Mati, Md Nizamuddin and student leader Shafiqul Islam Miza.

After the meeting a big procession was brought out which paraded town streets chanting slogans for immediate release of party Chairman HM Ershad.

MAULVIBAZAR

Annual prize giving ceremony held

From Our Correspondent

Nov 30: The annual prize distribution ceremony of 'Nirjhar' a social organisation was held at Maulvibazar Government College auditorium recently.

President of Nirjhar, Professor Karunamay Roy presided over the function while, Principal Dewan Mohammed Ajraf, renowned educationist and philosopher attended as chief guest.

Special guests of the function were Shamsul Huda Principal Maulvibazar Government College and Abul Kalam Azad, Secretary, Maulvibazar Association at Dhaka.

It was addressed among others by Radhika Mohan Goswami, President Maulvibazar Sangbadik Samity, Mobasir Ali Headmaster of Govt Boys High School, Maya Wahed, Superintendent of PTT and Syed Mohsin Ali, former Chairman of Maulvibazar Poursahava.

KURIGRAM

Private tuition hampers edn in institutions

From Our Correspondent

Nov 30: Most of the teachers in schools and colleges are engaged in private tuition hampering the education of the students in Kurigram.

The students who get support of private tutors do better results in the examinations and the poor section who cannot afford private tuition fee are in great difficulty. Because coaching in classes is insufficient which deprives the students from real education.

The teachers of secondary schools here have established mini-private schools in their houses to teach students in shifts at an exorbitant tuitions fees. A teacher teaches a number of batches of students from dawn-to-dusk.

Real teaching in secondary schools and colleges is being hampered to a great extent owing to a large scale private coaching by the teachers.

SIRAJGANJ

Two children die from food poisoning

From Our Correspondent

Nov 30: Two children of same family in village Khokshabari in Sadar thana died of food poisoning recently.

It is gathered that all the five members of the family of one Abdul Hanif Mridha fell ill after taking food at noon.

Nurunnabi(4) and Halima Khatun (6) died at the Sadar hospital on same day. Seriously ill father Abdul Hanif (38), mother Zaida Khatun (29) and relative Abu Eusuf are under going treatment.

The incident have created a pathetic scene in the area.

KISHOREGANJ

Housewife commits suicide

From Our Correspondent

Nov 30: A 25-year old housewife, mother of one child committed suicide by taking poison at village Gaital under Kishoreganj sadar thana recently.

According to police, Achiron Begum (25) daughter of one Siddique of village Makraon about six years back and since the marriage, Siddique tortured her wife off and on for dowry. But her poor father failed to give dowry money as per demand.

In the afternoon of the day of incident, Achiron swallowed poison in her father's house. She was immediately rushed to the Kishoreganj sadar hospital where she died at night.

Later, the body was sent to morgue for postmortem. An UD case has been instituted with local police in this connection.

GAIBANDHA

Husband gets life-term for killing wife

From Our Correspondent

Nov 30: Husband was sentenced to suffer life-term and fined Taka 1,000- on charge of killing wife in a recent judgement delivered by Kamrul Islam Siddiqui, District and Sessions Judge.

The prosecution of the case was that one Sajju Mia of village Putimari under Palashbari Thana had been creating pressure on his wife Altabanu for dowry since marriage. Sajju Mia often tortured on her. On 7-4-92, being furious after exchanging hot words husband caught hold the throat of wife in which she died.

A case was however filed with Palashbari Thana in this connection.

SYLHET

BDR men seize Indian goods

From Our Correspondent

Nov 30: Indian smuggled goods worth about Taka 50,000 were recovered by the BDR personnel in a raid recently from village Bausi under Golapganj thana of Sylhet district.

According to reports, on getting secret informations, a contingent of BDR went to the house of one Nurul Islam in the night of incident. They recovered Indian smuggled bids, safety matches, cosmetics, and blades worth about taka 50,000.

However, realising the presence of the BDR men, Nurul Islam managed to escape from his house. The seized goods had been handed over to the customs department.

A case in this connection had already been registered with the Golapganj thana.

SATKHIRA

Sub-jail crowded with under-trial prisoners

From Our Correspondent

Nov 30: The Satkhira sub-jail is over crowded with under trial prisoners for a long time. As a result, the inmates of the jail have been suffering a lot.

The Satkhira sub-jail was established during the British rule when criminal court was set up at the sub-divisional headquarters.

With the passage of time, the place turned into a district town and consequently the number of crimes has also been increased manifold.



NATORE: Many rootless people are at present residing in the dilapidated and abandoned court building of the district risking their life. — Star photo

Bangladesh-China Friendship Bridge

Third bridge on Mohananda to be completed by June

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Nov 30: The construction work of the third Bangladesh-China Friendship Bridge over Mohananda river in the district is progressing fast, reports UNB.

Officials said, the work is expected to be completed within the next June, three months ahead of schedule. The 448.30 metre long and 9.92 metre wide bridge will connect the Shibganj and Bholahat thanas with the district headquarters.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia had unveiled the plaque of the bridge on August 29 last year.

A Chinese team comprising 64 experts is supervising the construction work which started in last March. Of the total Taka 54 crore, China has provided Taka 28 crore for the construction of the bridge.

The first Bangladesh-China Friendship Bridge was constructed in Dhaka over the river Buriganga and the second in Shambhuganj over the old Brahmaputra on Mymensingh-Kishoreganj Highway.

An earlier BSS from Rangpur adds: Communications Minister Oli Ahmed called upon the people

to participate in the development activities now going on throughout the country.

He said petty personal and party interest should not be the goal of politics.

The minister addressing a BNP workers rally at Rangpur Circuit House where about two hundred leaders of Awami League, Gonafranc Party and Jatiya Party formally joined

Construction of mini hatchery complete

From Our Correspondent

MAULVIBAZAR, Nov 30: Construction work of 'mini hatchery' project under Integrated Fisheries Development Programme has been completed at Kulaura thana recently.

A source of thana fishery department said that the hatchery would be able to produce 20 kg of fish fry every year.

The source added that newly constructed Kulaura Mini Hatchery is one of the 15 hatchery of the country. The government had sanctioned Taka 18 lakh for the construction of the hatchery.

BNP

Prof Rezaul Karim MP, Begum Rebeka Mahmud MP, BNP Divisional Organising Secretary Rezaul Haque Rana and BNP central committee member Rahimuddin Varasha were, among others, spoke on the occasion.

Oli Ahmed said Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman had inaugurated the politics of development and solidarity in the country for the first time. "It is now our turn to carry the positive politics forward under the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia", he added.

The Minister called upon the political workers and leaders who have joined BNP to put in their best efforts in establishing a peaceful society free from all sorts of terrorism.

Earlier, addressing a separate meeting at Rangpur Circuit House the minister urged the district level government officials to bridge the gap between the people and the government so that people do not suffer from any sense of isolation. He said, BNP does not mixup politics with administration. "We are all party to the success and failure of a democratic government", he added.

Notes from Chandpur

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Nov 30: About 50 persons were injured in a bus accident at Mohamaya under Chandpur thana on November 22.

Fifteen seriously injured persons were admitted to Chandpur sadar hospital, the condition of six persons were stated to be critical.

The bus was bound for Chandpur from Dhaka with about sixty passenger. The accident occurred when the driver lost the control of the bus. The bus suddenly collided with a tree beside that road. The bus driver managed to escape.

Diarrhoea death toll now 70

At least 70 persons died of diarrhoeal disease in seven thanas of Chandpur district during the last three months.

About 10,000 people have also been attacked by the disease. The badly affected thanas are: Faridganj, Chandpur, Hajiganj and Matlab.

According to Civil Surgeon, Chandpur, 58 medical teams are working in the affected areas. Besides, two field hospitals have been opened in Hajiganj and Shahrasti to meet the emergency.

Scarcity of saline has been reported from the affected areas. Acute scarcity of drinking water in the rural area is one of the reason of spreading the disease.

Power supply plan

Chandpur Palli Biddut Samity has undertaken a scheme to supply electricity to about 500 villages in the district.

Besides, electricity has already been supplied to 578 domestic, 5074 commercial, 433 industrial, 458 irrigation consumers. About 1500-km electric lines have been constructed in seven thanas of the district. Three substations have already constructed at Chandpur, Hajiganj and Shahrasti.

One killed in launch mishap

One person was killed and some other persons were injured when a passenger launch collided with a fishing boat in the river Meghna under Chandpur thana.

The body of the victim, Md. Sekender was recovered from the river after two days of the accident.

A case has been registered with Chandpur river traffic police.

Meet discusses problems

Omar Faraque, Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong visited Chandpur recently.

In this connection, a meeting of the cross section of people was held at DC's conference room.

The meeting was addressed among others by Principal Mattur Rahman, Jahingir Akhand Selim, Sheikh Mattur Rahman, Md. Safiuddin Ahmed, Prof. Md. Hossain Khan, Jiban Kanai Chakrabarti and Md. Yakub Ali, DC Chandpur.

The speakers ventilated the various problems of the district.

Cooperative Day observed

National Cooperative Day was observed here with great enthusiasm.

In this connection, a meeting was held at Chandpur Court Station Yard.

Md. Yakub Ali, DC, Chandpur attended the meeting as chief guest. The meeting was addressed among others by Monir Hossain, Nazir Ahmed, Abu Sayed and Abdul Kader Master.

Prices of rice, paddy lower

New aman paddy and rice appeared at different hats and bazars of the district.

The growers of paddy are selling their produce at a lower price for want of buyers. Food Department has not started procurement of paddy. Farias and middlemen are taking advantage of the situation.

As a result, the farmers are deprived of the fair price. The paddy is being sold below the production cost between Taka 140 and Taka 150 per maund.

In the absence of government procure centre, the price of paddy has fallen abnormally.

Seminar on pry education

A seminar on compulsory primary education was held at Bishnudi Primary School ground recently.

The seminar was presided over by Saupan Kumar Shaha and the seminar was addressed among others by Md. Yakub Ali, DC, Principal Tarkuliah, Golam Mustafa, District Primary Education Officer, Sheikh Mattur Rahman Advocate, Prof. Md. Hossain Khan, Mustafizur Rahman, Headmaster Shahid Javed High School, Hafiz Ahmed, Headmaster, Hassan Ali Primary School.

Two held with looted motor cycle

MAGURA, Nov. 30: Police recovered a motor cycle and arrested two persons from Hazipur village in Sadar thana on Wednesday, reports UNB.

The arrested persons were identified as Abu Isahaque and Abul Hossain.

Sources said, Babul Biswas was coming from Binodpur by a motor cycle and was crossing the village Goalkhali when an armed miscreant attacked him and took away his motor cycle.

A case was filed with the local thana.

Bangladesh Rifles recovered smuggled goods worth about Taka 5.54 lakh from a truck on Magura-Jessore Road on Wednesday.

Acting on secret information, a BDR patrol raided the truck near district hospital and recovered 20 VCR sets 10 VCP sets and 2 bales of

polyester cloth. These goods were being transported to India from Bangladesh.

The contraband goods were handed over to the local custom officials and a case has been filed with the police.

Earlier report says: At least eight persons were injured, three of them seriously, in a clash between two rival groups of people at Khasinathpur village in sadar thana on Friday noon.

Sources said the quarrel ensured over a petty matter and bamboo sticks and sharp weapons were used by both the groups.

Of the injured, Rakib Hassan (18), Sazzed Hossain (17), and Moklesur Rahman (16) were admitted to the sadar hospital.

Call to make rally against Anti-terrorism Act a success

JAMALPUR, Nov 30: The district Jatiya Party leaders at a workers meeting Sunday called upon the workers to help make the Dhaka rally on December 1 a success, reports UNB.

The central committee of the party called for the rally at Dhaka to press home the demands to release party chief HM Ershad and repeal Anti-Terrorism Act.

Presided over by Shafiqul Islam Khoka, the speakers said proper application of the existing law was enough to curb terrorism in the country.

A committee was formed in the meeting with Shafiqul Islam Khoka as convenor to

hold the district council election of December 30.

Heart camp

A day-long heart camp was held on Friday at the district hospital premises organised by Mymensingh branch of National Heart Foundation.

Deputy Minister for Health Sirajul Hoq formally inaugurated the camp. A total of 175 heart patients got free medical treatment.

Prominent heart specialists of the country took part in the camp.

The Deputy Minister thanked the organisers for their noble gesture and assured all possible help in this regard.



NARAYANGANJ: Jagorani Sangstha, Lions Eye Hospital, Tangail and RSCB arranged an eight-day eye camp here recently. — Star photo

Stagnancy of water keeps lands in haor fallow

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, Nov 30: Cultivation on hundreds of acres of land is being hampered due to stagnancy of water in a haor in Chhatak thana under Sunamganj district every year.

The poor farmers are being deprived of getting lakhs of maunds of paddy during the Boro and Aman season every year.

According to report, about ten thousand acres of land had been lying fallow in the Jawar Haor due to the absence of outlet of water during the winter season every year.

The farmers of Hasnabad, Raishandashpur, Sikka, Haiderpur, Kalaruka Tajpur and other villages are being deprived of cultivating their lands for the last 5 years, some villagers informed.

A canal from the Jawar Haor to Hasnabad may facilitate the farmers of the said villages in

cultivating Boro and Aman paddy on their lands, some of the leading people of the area opined.

The people of the locality have urged upon the government to take necessary steps to arrange digging of the proposed canal at an early date with view to ensuring the production of huge quantity of paddy on by bringing the barren lands under cultivation.

According to the report the body was found at Kazbari area under Biswanath thana in the early hours on the day of incident. The body was bearing a number of marks of injury.

On getting informations, a police party took the body and sent it to the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital for postmortem.

A case of unnatural death was recorded with the Biswanaththana.

Most high schools face innumerable problems

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Nov 30: At least 167 non-government high schools in seven thanas of Satkhira district are beset with innumerable problems hampering education of about 50 thousand students.

The deplorable condition of school buildings and shortage of furniture and accommodation, absence of play ground, lack of libraries facilities, absence of common room and fund constraints are hindering education in these schools.

Many school houses are now in a deplorable condition. Some schools are holding classes in buildings which may collapse at any moment.

During the rainy season, water trickles through the leakages of the roofs of the buildings.

schools have one or two storied buildings while others are housed in tinsheds. These schools are facing accommodation problem.

About 60 per cent of these schools have neither science buildings nor necessary science equipments.

In the absence of play ground in 70 per cent of these school students are being deprived of recreation and sports facilities.

In most of the schools, scarcity of pure drinking water persists for want of tube-wells.

Only 5 per cent schools have libraries which have no reference books. There is no separate common rooms for the girl students. The girl students are compelled to stay in class rooms at leisure hour.



RANGPUR: A seminar on mental disease was held at the local medical college auditorium recently which was organised by Foundation of Mental Health in cooperation with World Health Organisation. — Star photo