

Business

Help expand cooperative movement for uplift

President Abdur Rahman Biswas on Saturday called upon all to expand the cooperative movement throughout the country particularly in the rural areas and ensure its smooth running of on-going development activities, reports BSS.

The president was talking to a ten-member delegation of Bangladesh Jatiya Palli Unnayan Samabaya Federation led by its president Syed Rahmatul Rab Irtiza Ahsan, when they called on him at Bangabhaban.

The President underscored the importance of cooperative in our poverty alleviation efforts and solving unemployment problem.

He said, organising people and motivating them to work unitedly with the spirit of co-operation could accelerate the socio-economic development of the country.

The delegation members apprised the President of their problems regarding loans. The President lauded the success of the co-operatives and assured them to look into their problems.

Among others, vice president of the federation Fazay Uddin Ahmed and Mokhlesur Rahman, Mohammad Titumir, Mozammel Huq and Abdul Latif of the federation were present.

ICMAB unit office-bearers

Election of Dhaka Branch Council (DBC) of Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB) was held on Thursday at ICMAB auditorium, according to a Press release of the institute in Dhaka on Saturday, reports BSS.

Habibul Kabir FCMA, Shawkat Hossain FCMA, Momtazuddin Ahmed ACMA, Abu Sayed Md Sykul Islam ACMA, Md Salim ACMA, Md Jalaluddin ACMA, G M Shah Azizuddin Ahmed ACMA and Md Ali Nawaz ACMA were elected members of Dhaka branch council of ICMAB, the press release added.



Peoples Insurance Co Chairman

Nazmul Ahsan Khaled has been reelected Chairman of Peoples Insurance Company Limited for the year 1993 at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company held on December 30, 1992. He was also the Chairman of the Company for last two terms, says a Press release.

Born in 1940, Nazmul Ahsan Khaled obtained Graduation Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology in 1963.

At present he is the Managing Director of two coastal shipping lines (Khaled Shipping Lines Ltd., and Mohammadi Navigation Ltd.), two export oriented Garments Industries (Moonlight Garments and Ehsan Garments Limited) and one Civil and Electrical Construction Company working in Libya.

Bamboo output decreases

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Jan 2: Bamboo production has decreased to a great extent in eight northern districts due to lack of proper maintenance and systematic plantation, reports UNB.

The bamboo clusters are decaying in Chapainawabganj, Rajshahi, Natore, Naogaon, Pabna, Sirajganj, Bogra and Jaynagar districts as the ignorant growers use the clusters as firewood, informed sources said.

There were thousands of bamboo clusters in the homestead of these districts. But due to reckless uprooting the very existence of bamboo is threatened in these districts.

According to agricultural experts, under natural process a bamboo plant yields only 2 to 3 new sprouts while proper care and rearing will enable a plant to yield 15 to 20 new sprouts a year.

But the owners who are ignorant of cultivation process believe that to plants grow as a natural process.

No steps have yet been taken to save the bamboo clusters from decaying.

Agrani Bank will finance youths seeking jobs abroad

Agrani Bank will finance foreign trips of the unemployed youth seeking jobs abroad provided they send wages through the bank, reports UNB.

The credit amount will be maximum Taka 1,00,000 refundable within two years in monthly instalments. Rate of interest will be 15 per cent.

The scheme is one of the several new short-term credit programmes without collateral security being launched by the nationalised bank this year (1993).

Announcing the programmes to newsmen at the National Press Club this afternoon, Agrani Bank Chairman LK Siddiqui, MP, termed the new venture a major shift from the traditional to modern banking.

To resolve housing problem of the fixed-income group, Agrani Bank has taken up a project under which it will construct multi-storey residential buildings and allocate to professionals on first-come-first-serve basis. The project will initially be limited within the capital city.

Advances will be provided to the allottees against the value of the flat and realised in monthly instalments.

Special short-term emergency credits, each amounting Taka 2.75 lakh at the maximum, have also been planned for small and medium-scale business ventures. Nominated branch managers will be authorised to decide worthy loans.

Another project, "Micro Enterprise Credit Programme", has also been undertaken to disburse one-year terms credit to small income generating ventures like poultry, fisheries, shops, small manufacturing plants.

Siddiqui said close monitoring would be ensured in utilisation and repayment of the credits to plug the loopholes for default.

Bad loans of Agrani Bank is estimated at Taka 700 crore.

The Bank has also introduced Inland Travellers' Cheque from this month which will enable a traveller to carry cheques worth up to Taka 25,000 instead of cash. Bank will charge 20 paisa for every hundred taka.

Under another unique programme coming soon, Agrani Bank will collect house rents in Dhaka city in favour of owners living abroad.

Managing Director Mostafa Aminur Rashid, members of the managing board and senior officials were present.



Air Commodore Azharul Haque, Chairman, Bangladesh Civil Aviation Authority and Zoyenuddin Shidak, Director General, Air Communications of Indonesia signing an accord on air communications between the two countries on behalf of their governments. The accord was signed in Jakarta recently.

Women urged to take part in socio-economic activities

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum on Saturday called upon the womenfolk for mass participation in socio-economic activities to ensure overall national progress, reports BSS.

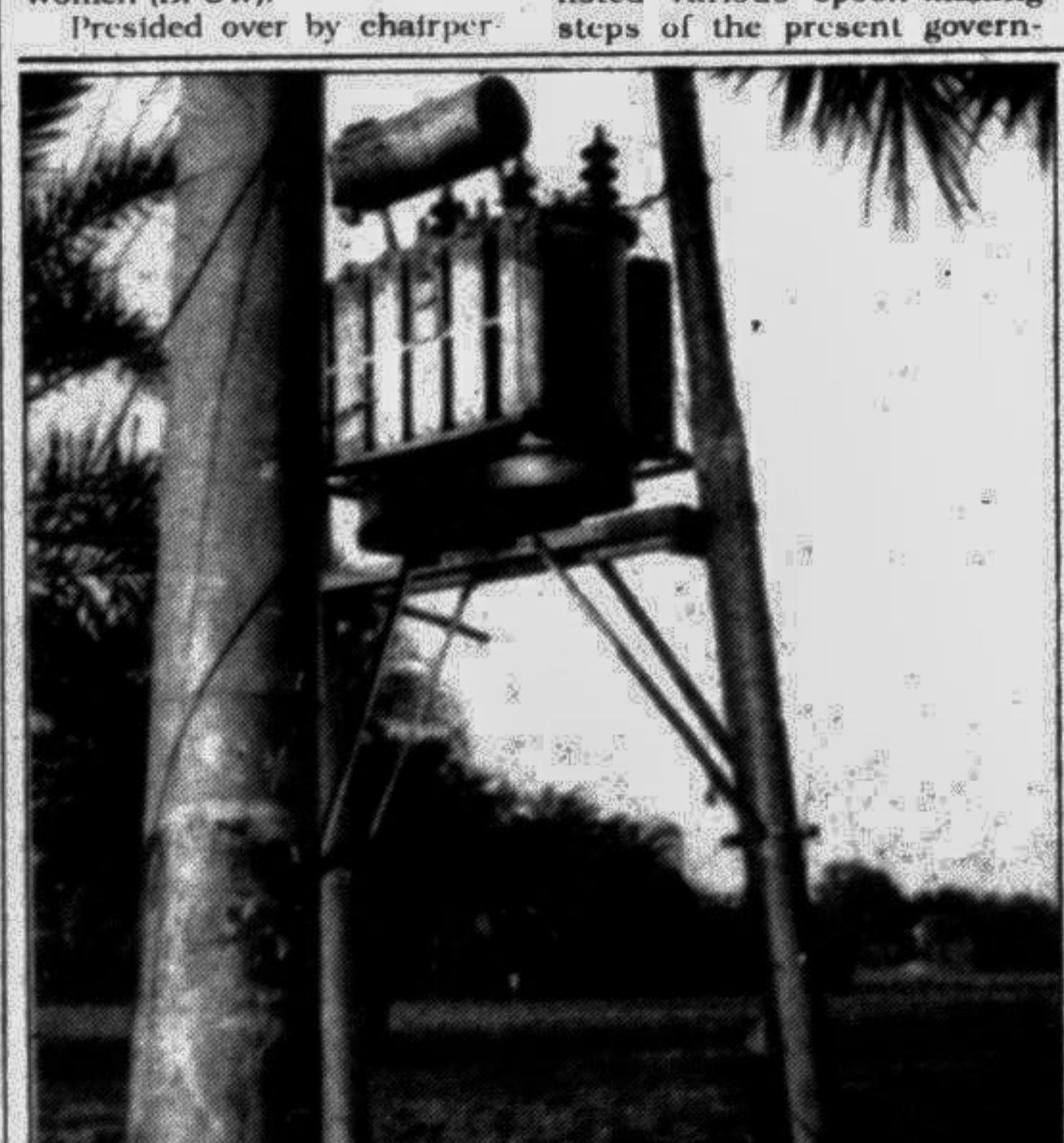
She made this call while addressing a seminar on "Girl child: a future investment" held at the University Women Federation College under the auspices of Bangladesh Federation of University Women (BFUW).

In this connection, she listed various epoch-making steps of the present govern-

ment towards achieving the desired goal of women education.

Prof Jahanara observed that women were the main victims of maximum social crimes. She called upon all concerned to help the government introduce strict legislative measures against such crimes.

She also inaugurated a computer course of BFUW. The course was organised to increase professional skill and creating congenial atmosphere of job opportunity for the women.



MANIKGANJ : This 200 KV transformer of Kasadah Irrigation Project under Shibaloy Police Station is out of order for the last six months, threatening the irrigation to irri, boro agricultural lands.

FARIDPUR, Jan 2 : A week-long village fair has begun at Ambikapur, the birth and burial place of Palli Kabi Jasimuddin, in observance of the 90th anniversary of his birth, reports UNB.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf attended as chief guest the inaugural function of "Jasim Palli Mela" on Friday.

The present democratic government is committed to paying due respect to the celebrities of our glorious cultural and literary heritage, the minister told the function.

Momtaj Jasimuddin, the widow of the minstrel poet, and BSCIC Chairman Moniruzzaman Chowdhury were special guests at the inaugural function. K M Nurul Huda, Deputy Commissioner, presided.

The function was also addressed by Prof Ashraf Siddique, Ali Akbar Chowdhury, Abdus Sattar and Saiful Islam Nilu.

Road construction remains incomplete for fund crisis

MADRIPUR, Jan 2 : The construction work on about 18.23 kilometre road of Madaripur-Shatrapur highway, undertaken in fiscal 1979-80 at a cost of Taka 13.29 crore, still remained incomplete due to lack of funds, reports UNB.

Roads and Highways (R&H) department sources said, only 50 per cent work on the road has been completed with 3 km carpeting during the last 12 years.

About Taka 32.35 lakh was sanctioned in the last fiscal year and no fund was provided during the current fiscal year for the completion of the road, the sources added.

At least 23 posts of district Family Planning office have been lying vacant for a long time affecting family planning activities.

Heavy transports can not ply on the road due to its deplorable condition particularly at areas from Khoazpur to Tekerhat.

Due to lack of maintenance and necessary repair work the condition of about 15 km hering bone parts of the road has become deplorable.

On the other hand, no arrangements have yet been made to introduce ferry services on the river Kirtinasha in spite of repeated appeals to the concerned authorities.

Another report adds : The roof of Shibchar Thana Hospital may collapse any time. Male ward of the hospital has been declared unusable due to dilapidated condition of the building.

Meanwhile, the X-ray machine could not be installed since last three months. The patients are suffering a lot due to lack of X-ray machine.

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 02-01-93

Berth No.	Name of Vessels	Cargo	LP Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Leaving Date
J/3	Cape Syros	Mop	Pira	Seacom	18/12	05/01
J/6	Tiger Sun	GI	BUSA	Prog	30/12	03/01
J/8	Hua Li	GI	Sing	ASLL	30/12	07/01
J/9	Becco Europe	Urea	Safa	UMAL	10/01	
J/10	Endurance Sea	Repair	Agiba	EOSL	25/1	05/01
J/11	Janbaz-II	Urea	Cal	RRSA	20/12	10/01
J/12	Kallang	Urea	Tugo	UMAL	29/12	10/01
J/13	I Yamurenko	Cont	Sing	CT	01/01	05/01
MPB/1	NGS Express	Cont	Sing	BDSHIPS	31/12	02/01
MPB/2	Kota Buana	Cont	Sing	CTS	01/01	03/01
DOJ	Bangla Shourab	Repair		BSC	R/A	04/01
RM/8	S E Haider	Cement	Kara	ASLL	R/A	05/01
RM/9	Bangler Kiron	Repair		BSC	R/A	03/01

VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port Call	Local Agent	Cargo	Landing Port
Tiger Force	02/01	Col	RSL	Cont	Cal
Amer Jyoti	03/01	Cal	Paragon	Cement	
Beccles	03/01	Cal	EBPL	GI	
Samudra Samrat	03/01	Peng	SSL	GI	
Vinta	04/01	Safa	SSST	R Phos	
Stern	04/01	Safx	UMAL	TSP (P)	GTSP
Alam Metco	04/01		SSST		
Golden Nion	05/01	Mong	OWSL		Salam
Guilan	05/01	Lans	ATSL	Cement	
Mowlavi	05/01	Mong	SSL	GI/GL	Abbas
Shenton	05/01	Sing	Omni	Cont	Sing
Lena	06/01	Bank	Prog	Const. Materials	
America Trader	06/01	KUT	BSC	Wheat	
Trans America	07/01	BKR	BOAL	Sugar/GI	
NGS Ranger	07/01	Sing	BDSHIPS	Cont	Sing
Fong Shin	07/12	Sing	BDSHIPS	Cont	Sing
Andrian Goncharov	07/12	-	Bright	Cement	
Delight Glory	08/01	Kara	BSC	GI	
Bangla Sampad	08/01	Ghent	Ancient	Wheat (G)	
Iro	08/01	Mong	RSL	Cont	Sing
Optima	09/01	JPF	OWSL		
HMS London	11/01	Sing	PSL	Cont	Sing
Ingenuity	12/01	Sing	RSL		
Massy Pdenix	15/01	Japa	OWSL	Wheat (P)	

TANKER DUE

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port Call	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Ajon	03/01	-	CT	C P Oil
Anteres	04/01	-	CT	Tallow
Carrico	04/01	Sing	MSPL	HSD
Aspilos	05/01	Rast	DSLL	Crude oil
Global Venus	05/01	-	Seacom	Palm Oil
Chota	07/01	-	Seacom	Ven Oil

VESSELS AT KUTUBDIA

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port Call	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Paraskevi M-Y	Wheat (G)			