

## District roundup

### BRAHMANBARIA

#### Week-long eye camp held

From Our Correspondent  
Jan 3: A week-long eye camp jointly organised by Ashuganj Samity in Dhaka and Dhaka Lion's Club held here at Ashuganj Hajj Abdul Jalil High School of the district recently.

The eye camp inaugurated by the chief guest Education Secretary Shaiful Alam. The chief guest in his speech said that blindness and heart disease are increasing day by day in the country.

He stressed to building on eye clinic and 20-bed hospital for the welfare of the people.

The function presided over by Shaful Alam. The opening speech delivered by direction Adm of Zia Fertilizer factory Shafulur Rahman. Other speakers were Additional Deputy Commissioner Mohd Shah Alar, Abbasuddin Khan, Atahar Hussain, Mohd Shajahan Miah, Shahiduddin Ahmed, Dr Sohrab Miah, Alhaj A Qudus, Shafulur Islam and Abul Kashem.

### RAJBARI

#### Folk festival observed

Jan 3: A day-long folk festival was held at the Rajbari Zila School ground on Friday on the occasion of English new year, reports BSS.

Organised by 'Banoful', a socio-cultural organisation State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahan Ara Begum was present as the chief guest.

Handicrafts exhibition, 'Lathi Khela', street drama and cultural functions were arranged on the occasion.

President of the 'Banoful' Md Mamunur Rashid Babu and local cultural personalities were present.

### NAOGAON

#### Reception to meritorious students

Jan 3: Naogaon Education Foundation organised a reception in honour of meritorious SSC students at the local town hall recently, reports UNB.

Vice-Chancellor of Rajshahi University Prof Md Ansur Rahman attended the reception as chief guest and awarded scholarships among the students.

The VC in his speech lauded the Foundation for their efforts to congratulate the meritorious students of the district and advise the students to utilise their valuable times in acquiring proper education.

The President of the Foundation and Executive Editor of local weekly Naba Barta, Md Jahangir Alam presided over the function.

Jahangir appealed to all to donate to the foundation and thanked the donors for their contribution.

Local elites, teachers and guardians attended the function.

### SHERPUR

#### BNP unit confce held

From Our Correspondent  
Jan 3: The biennial conference of Bangladesh Nationalist Party, Sherpur town unit held here at town hall recently.

The function was presided over by Sherpur town unit BNP leader Advocate Mizanur Rahman while district BNP leader Alhaj Advocate Habibur Rahman was present as chief guest.

It was addressed among others by Secretary General of district unit Advocate Shiful Islam Kalam, Md Abdur Razzak Ashis, Gulam Mustafa, Md Lutfur Rahman, Advocate Muklesur Rahman, and district Jubo Dal President Md Hatem Ali.

Later a 51-member Sherpur town BNP unit committee was formed with A T M Amir Hossain Amir and Md Shiful Islam Shawon as president and general secretary respectively.

### MADARIPUR

#### Law, order situation reviewed

From Our Correspondent  
Jan 3: The law and order situation in the district reviewed at a meeting held at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner, Madaripur recently.

Md Adhus Sattar Miah, DC Madaripur presided over the meeting. The meeting expressed that the overall situation in the district has improved.

### FENI

#### Course on motivation ends

Jan 3: A ten-day long training course on motivation has ended at the Zonal Cooperative Institution, reports UNB.

Seventeen Assistant Thana Cooperative Officers from the Chittagong division took part in the training course.

Principal of the institute Md Mominul Haque distributed certificates on the concluding day on December 14.

### MAULVIBAZAR

#### Presentation of charter held

From Our Correspondent  
Jan 3: The charter presentation ceremony of 'Rotary Club of Maulvibazar Monu' held here at local Janamilan Kendra.

Monu Rotary Club president Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury, MP presided over the ceremony. Humayun Khan Panni, Deputy Speaker of parliament and L K Siddiqui, MP Rotary district governor were attended as chief guest and special guest respectively.

Prominent singer Mostafa Jaman Abbasi, Begum Khaleida Rabbani MP, Rotary ex-district Governor Professor Jalal Uddin Ahmed and district Rotary Secretary AFM Obaidur Rahman were attended as guests of honour.

Rotary district Governor LK Siddiqui, MP handed over Rotary charter to Manu Rotary Club president Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury, MP for his newly organised club.

### SYLHET

#### Press club executives

Jan 3: Muktabis-Un-Nur of weekly Jalalabad and Azir Ahmed Selim of weekly Yugover were elected President and General Secretary of the Sylhet Press Club on December 31, reports UNB.

The other office-bearers are Vice President — Mohtuddin Shiru and Abdus Sattar, Assistant General Secretary — Helaluddin Rana, Treasurer — Yahia Raja Chowdhury, Office Secretary — A T M Haider and Sports Secretary — Badruddoza Badar.

The five executive members are — Zahirul Huq Chowdhury, Salam Masrur, Ajay Pal, Sayed Chowdhury and Iqramul Kabir.

### SIRAJGANJ

#### JCD sweeps Belkuchi college union polls

From Our Correspondent  
Jan 3: Election of Belkuchi College Students Union was held here recently peacefully.

JCD, BCL (M-I), Sangrami Chhatra Samaj and Islami Chhatra Shibir contested in the polls.

A total of 1332 voters out of 1572 have cast their votes. Jatiyotabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) candidates have bagged all the 16 seats.

Md Humayun Sarker was elected VP, Sohel Rana Liton was elected OS and Monwar Chowdhury Babu was elected AGS in the election.

### COMILLA

#### Miscreants assault forum leader

Jan 3: Joint convener of Bangladesh Ganatantrik Forum Oinar Farukh was assaulted and injured seriously by some miscreants on Saturday, party leaders said, reports UNB.

He is now under treatment in a private clinic. Injured Farukh said the miscreants ransacked his shop at the Thomson Bridge area in the town before assaulting him.

Party convener Md Hedayet Ullah and joint convener Advocate Abdul Matin in a joint statement condemned the incident and demanded appropriate action against the offenders.

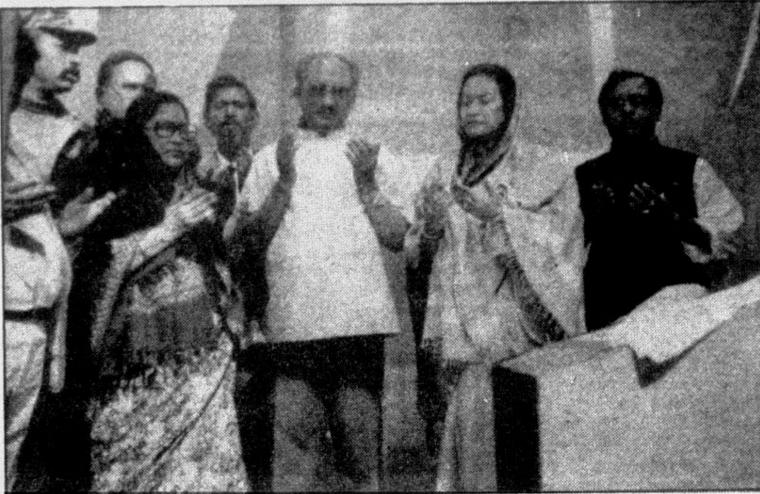
### COMILLA

#### Daring theft committed

Jan 3: A daring theft was committed in a store at Chawara bazar, six kilometres off from the town on Thursday night, reports UNB.

Thieves took away 18 drums of Soyabean oil worth about Taka one lakh from the store.

Police arrested Haris Mia, night guard of the bazar and a case has been lodged with the Kotwali police in this connection.



MAULVIBAZAR: Durre Samad Rahman, wife of Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman offering munajat after laying the foundation stone of Durre Samad Rahman Hall at Maulvibazar Women's College recently. Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, Azizur Rahman MP are also seen in the picture. — Star photo

## 5000 heart disease patients in one district

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, Jan 3: Over five thousand people both male and female in four thanas of the district have been suffering from heart disease.

The thanas are: Chuadanga Sadar, Alamdanga, Damurhuda and Jibannagar.

According to an unofficial estimate heart diseases have attacked about 1,500 people in Chuadanga Sadar thana; 2,000 people in Alamdanga; 1,000 people in Damurhuda and 500 people in Jibannagar thanas.

Meanwhile, many people have died of heart disease in the district. During the last two years, over 200 people have died of heart attack in the district, it is learnt.

Deaths from heart disease cases and heart attack are abnormally increasing in the district.

The treatment facilities for the heart disease patients in the district are very poor, it is learnt.

There is only one hospital and three health complexes in

four thanas of the district.

It is learnt that for want of better treatment facilities hundreds of heart disease patients are either to go to Dhaka or to Calcutta for treatment.

Mental unrest, smoking, high blood pressure, abnormal eating of rich food and a high level of cholesterol in the blood are among the main causes of heart attack, it is informed.

The arrival of migratory birds in the rivers, beels and other water bodies of Chuadanga district are very poor during the current winter season due to scarcity of food and raids by hunters.

The migratory birds like Pankori, Kayem, Balhash, Saudihash, Pinalhash and other migratory birds used to come every year in flocks in the river and beel areas of Chuadanga district.

According to local people, hundreds of winter birds arrived in beels of the district like Dalk-Laxmipur Beel, Begampur Beel, Sonatotal Beel,

Daladalia Beel, Bhaikhol Beel, Chilla Beel, Tetulia Beel, Pakhila Beel, Chittra River, Sinduria River, Kumappara Beel, Moishore River, Boalia Beel, Hawsh River, Perdurapur Beel, Mathabhangra River, Bhairab River, Rongol Beel, Kutubpur Beel, Sinduria Bill, Fulbari Beel.

The birds are not staying in the water bodies of the district for fear of the hunters.

Violating the government orders, a group of people hunting the migratory birds desperately.

Dalk Beel under Damurhuda thana, Raipur Baor under Jibannagar thana and Begumpur Beel under Chuadanga Sadar thana are known for ideal places for the winter birds of the district.

Now-a-days, the migratory birds have been leaving the rivers, beels and other water-bodies of the district in search of safer places as the hunters and catchers of the winter birds have increased in the district.

## Poura polls campaign gaining momentum in districts

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Jan 3: The probable candidates of the local pourashava election have launched their campaign with the announcement of the schedule for pourashava polls on January 30, 1993.

A good number of camps have been set up by chairman and commissioner candidates of the pourashava area.

Some of the probable candidates have already started visiting the areas for mobilising the support of the voters and arranging tea parties at their respective residences and elsewhere at the town.

The ex-commissioners and chairman, those defeated in the past election and a good number of new faces have appeared in the contest this time.

The participants are found more active because the government has assured the holding of the polls free and fair.

In the meantime, the campaign of the election all over the areas of the pourashava is going on in full swing.

The names of probable chairman candidates are: Ex-Pourashava Chairman Fuzul-Kabir Chand as independent, local BNP leader Advocate Nazrul Islam, young probable candidate Hasibul Hassan Labu (supported by Awami League) and ex-Chairman Md Rakibuddin Ahmed as independent. Commissioners are: Ward No 2—Abdullah Mondol, Faruk Hossain, Aminur Rahman Farid, Kharshid Alam,

Abdul Razzak Raza, Myunuddin Ahmed Monu, Jahangir, Siddik Mondol, Fanta, Mahatab Ali, Abdul Malak, Ferose and Hashem Kaji. Ward No 3: Jahangir Kha, Israfil, Chand Miah, Niyem Khan, Raquibuddin, Shahin, Sorat Ali, Minto Mollah, Salam Haji, Farid Shak, Rejaun and Nuro Miah; Ward No 1: Khurro, Torra, Ali, Anamul, Lotiff, Harun Kha, Abdul High, Mozza, Sumsu, Nimy, Jahangir and Noru.

### Satkhira

Our Satkhira Correspondent says: With the announcement of the schedule for pourashava polls on January 30, 1993 the probable candidates for the posts of chairmen and commissioners of Satkhira pourashava launched their mass communication programme as a part of their election campaign.

The candidates have already started arranging tea parties at their respective residences and elsewhere in the town.

Some of the candidates have already started visiting the areas for mobilising the support of the voters through the door to door campaigns.

The ex-chairmen and commissioners, defeated in the past elections and many new faces have appeared in the contest this year.

The mastans who had role during the last union parishad polls are not active.

The tea-stalls, hats, bazars

and commercial centres have already turned into bustest propaganda centres.

Due to the prevailing law and order situation and the social atmosphere, many peace loving social workers are not interested to come forward as candidates during the coming pourashava elections.

In the election campaign political parties have been playing a key role as most of the political parties not officially will be in the race.

The probable candidates for the post of chairman of Satkhira pourashava are: Abdul Muttalib, President, Satkhira Press Club and Editor of The Daily Kafela (AL), ex-Pourashava Chairman Mozahar Ali, Advocate Abdur Rouf (JP), Abdul Jalil (BNP), Kazi Saidu Rahman (NAP), Sheikh Ashraf Haq, Raifuddin (Workers Party) and Mir Monzur Ali.

### Netrakona

UNB report from Netrakona says: Electioneering for pourashava polls has gained momentum in Netrakona and Mohanganj pourashavas.

Tea stalls, hats, bazars and commercial centres have been turned into projection points for the probable candidates.

Ex-chairman, commissioners and defeated candidates in past elections and some new faces will compete for different positions in these pourashavas.

## Notes from Agri-Varsity

AGRI-VARSITY, Jan 3: The executive committee of the Officers' Association of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) for the year 1993 has recently been formed with the Treasurer of BAU Alhaj M Z Islam as its President and the Deputy Registrar (Academic) Shahid Dad Khan as its General Secretary, says a press release.

Other office-bearers of the 11-member executive committee include Md. Rahmatullah as Vice-President-1, A G Dewan as Vice-President-2, Mashur Rahman Khan as Joint Secretary-1, R H M Yusof as Joint Secretary-2, M. Aminul Islam as Treasurer and M N Rahman, M Anisul Haque, M U Fakir and Jaki Uddin Ahmed as members.

### Installation ceremony held

The installation of the newly elected office-bearers of the executive committee of BAU Research Project Employees' Association was held at the horticultural gallery recently.

The Vice-Chancellor of BAU Prof. M Ashraf Ali Khan attended the ceremony as the chief guest and Prof. Monwar Ahmad, Director of BAURES and Prof. S M Farouk, former Director of BAURES attended the function as special guests.

The oath-taking ceremony was conducted by the election commissioner Nurul Halim. The newly elected committee includes A. Kadir as president, A Kuddus as vice-president, Asgar Ali Mina as general secretary, Nurul Islam as joint secretary, A Khaleq as treasurer, Amlul Huq as organising secretary, A Latif as social welfare secretary, Abu Hanif as cultural secretary and G Rasul, A Matin, A Mannan, K Rahman, A Jalil, Tota Mian and Mokbul Hossain as members.

### Seminar on National Systems on Jan 14

A seminar on National Agricultural Systems for Agricultural Development in Bangladesh will be held on January 14 at the Shipcharya Zainul Abedin auditorium of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) under the auspices of the Mymensingh Chapter of Bangladesh Association for Advancement of Sciences (BAAS).

The inaugural session of the seminar will be attended by the Vice-Chancellor of BAU Prof. M. Ashraf Ali Khan as the chief guest, while the Executive Vice-Chairman of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) Dr. M S U Choudhury and the President of BAAS Prof. M Aminul Islam will attend the session as the special guests.

### Course on Farming Systems concludes

The concluding session of a three week-long training programme on 'Farming Systems Research' was held at the dormitory of Graduate Training Institute (GTI) of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) recently.

Presided over by the Director of GTI Prof. Md. Mustafizur Rahman, the session was attended by Prof. A M Shamsuddin as the chief guest and Prof. S M Altaf Hossain, Coordinator of Farming Systems Research and Development Programme of BAU and Wasiddin Akhanda, Deputy Director of Agricultural Extension Directorate of Mymensingh Zone as special guests.

The training course was organized by the GTI and its course-coordinator was Prof. M Amir Hossain of GTI.

A total of 12 scientific officers from BARI, BLRI, BFRI and Bidhan Chandra Krishi Bishwabidyalaya of West Bengal took part in it as trainees.

### Music society executives

The 16-member executive committee of the music society, an organ of Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) for the sessions 1992-93 and 1993-94 has recently been formed with Prof. Ratneswar Karmakar, Md. Shahjahan and Monwar Ibrahim as its president, vice-president and general secretary respectively, says a press release.

Other office-bearers of the committee include Students' Welfare Officer as ex-officer treasurer, Aatur Rahman and Tuhin Hasan as assistant general secretaries and Makhan Chandra Roy, Manjurul Kadir, Amalendu Barman, Golam Moshed, Kamrul Hasan, Abdul Monnaf, Dalia Yasmin, Rafikul Islam Farooki, Shamsun Nahar Poppy and the cultural secretary of BAUCSU as its members.

The 14-member executive committee of the Literary Society of TSC, BAU for the sessions 1992-93 and 1993-94 has also been formed with Prof. K S Islam, Dr. K M Haanuzzaman and M Alamgir Choudhury as its president, vice-president and general secretary respectively.

## LGED builds 3 bridges in Tangail

TANGAIL, Jan 3: Three bridges, constructed by Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) have been opened to traffic at Ghatail thana in Tangail, reports BSS.

State Minister for Relief Lutfur Rahman Khan inaugurated the bridges yesterday.

The bridges, each 28 ft long, are Zharka bridge, Amtali bridge and Chyhatta bridge.

With the completion of these bridges, the road communication of Ghatail thana became easier.

Later, the state minister addressed a public meeting at Dewpara Public School ground.

Organised by the district unit of BNP, the meeting was also addressed, among others, by Abdus Salam Pintu MP, Begum Anwara Habib MP, acting president of Tangail district BNP Mohammad Ali and local leader Abdur Rauf Khan.

The state minister said the

present democratic government was pledged bound to chance the lot of the common people and that was why it was implementing thousands of development projects throughout the country.

He said the people were getting the fruits of development initiated by the present government and for this reason the people were rejecting the statement based politics of the opposition.

Khan called upon the people to participate whole heartedly in all development activities for the sake of continuous progress and development of the country.

Another report adds: Bangladesh Islamic Foundation, Tangail branch has taken up a programme to distribute 1,100 Arabic-to-Bangla Holy Koran among the people and different organisations free of cost in the current fiscal year.

## Procurement of aman rice, paddy faces setback

NATORE, Jan 3: Aman rice and paddy procurement is facing serious setback due to shortage of accommodation in different food godowns in the district, reports UNB.

Official sources said there is a government order to purchase 1,385 metric tons of rice and 3,496 mts of paddy under the procurement programme in the current boro farming season.

Sources said, the capacity of the food godowns is 8,000 mts of foodgrains, but 6,750 mts of rice, wheat and other foodstuff are now stored in these godowns since last boro farming season, leaving very little space for fresh intake.

Food rationing has been stopped in Natore as the ration rate of rice was Taka 11 per kg while the market price was Taka 8 to 9 per kg.

Officials said they were buying only fine and medium variety of paddy and rice and gave priority to the best quality paddy.

But the growers have produced coarse variety of aman which they were compelled to sell in the open markets at throw away prices.

Fine quality pajam paddy is

being sold in the open markets between Tk 250 and Taka 270 per maund while government price is Taka 210 only, which were driving away the growers from government purchasing centres.

Another report adds: Campaign for pourashava election is gaining momentum after the announcement of the date of election in Natore and Gurudaspur pourashavas.

Candidates and their supporters were visiting respective areas for projection.

Tea stalls, road corners and hats and bazars are humming with election debates among the town-dwellers.

The eight probable candidates who are being talked about for chairmanship of Natore pourashava are Md Abdul Mannaf, Advocate Sajedur Rahman, former chairman Md Aminul Haq Gedu, ASH Hamidul Islam, Korshed Alam Khan, K Jubayer Hossain, Md Rafiqul Islam and Mydul Islam.

Md Mashur Rahman, Aynal Talukder and Md Amzad Hossain are likely to contest for the post of chairman of the newly created Gurudaspur pourashava.



SYLHET: The employees of Roads and Highways (R&H) Department brought out a procession in protest against the sacking of 12,000 employees throughout the country. — Star photo

## Three killed in incidents

JESSORE, Jan 3: A young housewife was killed allegedly by her husband at Bepara Colony in the town police and hospital sources here said, reports UNB.

The cause behind the death of victim Rashida (28) could not be ascertained immediately.

However, local people believe that the death of Rashida could be the result of regular torture by her husband Hossain Ali Hashu.

Hashu is absconding but police arrested Rashida's mother-in-law Achia Khatoon.

Police recovered the body and sent it to a local hospital for autopsy.

UNB report from Gaibandha adds: A student leader was allegedly killed by his rivals on Kuthbari road at Gobindganj in the district on Friday.

The dead was identified as Mostafa Jewel, a student of Gaibandganj college and a leader of pro-Awami League Chhatra League.

The clash between Jewel and his rival group ensued over political issues. Local Awami League leader tried to pacify the situation but failed.

In the evening, some miscreants attacked Jewel with deadly weapons injuring him seriously. He was rushed to the Rangpur Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to injuries.

## Fish worth Tk one crore destroys every year

MAIJDEE COURT (Noakhali), Jan 3: Fish worth about one crore Taka was being destroyed every year at Sadar thana of the district and Rangmat thana of lakkipur district to lack of processing and storage facilities, reports UNB.

There is no cold storage along the Meghna river in the Southern part of the district which is rich in fish resources. A huge amount of fish is at present preserved with salt, ice is not readily available due to frequent power breakdown.

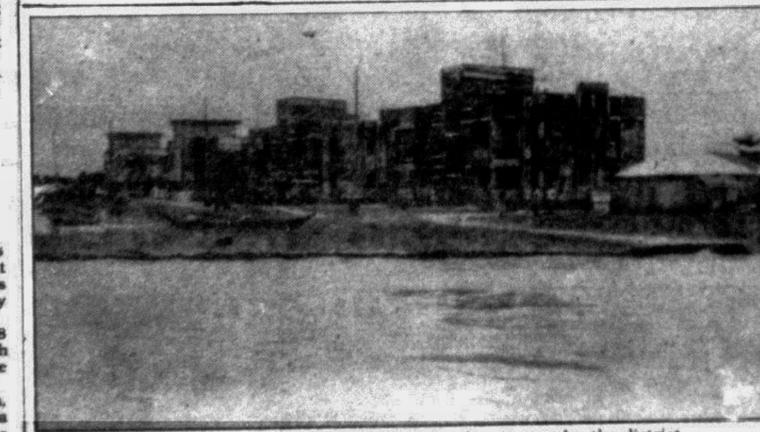
Local fishermen said a huge quantity of fish could be exported to earn foreign exchange if facilities could be

provided in the area.

Marine pirates often raid the fishing boats and villages and take away fish and fishing gear, they said.

Another report says: Education Department has distributed a total of 3,23,900 sets of free books among the primary school students in six thanas of Noakhali district.

District Primary Education office sources said that 1,08,000 sets of books has been distributed in Begunghat, 31,300 in Chakhal, 95,000 in Sadar, 33,600 in Senbag, 25,000 in Companyganj and 41,000 sets in Hattya thanas of the district.



CHANDPUR: The erosion-hit Haimchar thana headquarter under the district. — Star photo