

## District roundup

### KISHOREGANJ

#### Catching of fish fry unabated

From Our Correspondent  
Jan 27: Defying the government order the fish fry are being caught indiscriminately in different parts of the district.

It is reported that a section of fishermen in Sadar, Tarail, Karimganj, Bajitpur, Itna, Mitamin, AUSTAGRAM, Bhairab, Hossainpur, Pakundia, Katiadi, Nikli and Kuliarchar thanas of the district are catching fish fry of ruhi, katla, magur, mrigel, puti, singhi, boal, kalibaush, shaol etc. from rivers and canals. Everyday a huge quantity of different varieties of fish fry are being sold in different markets, hats and bazars of the district.

It is learnt that some of the fishermen are using current nets for catching these fish fry. The government has banned the catching of fish fry below nine inches to implement its open water fish production programme.

It is alleged that law enforcing agencies are often play a silent role to take any strident action against the illegal catching of fish fry. If indiscriminate fishing goes on unabated, it is apprehended that the quantity of fish in the district will be declined.

### KURIGRAM

#### NGO's unit executives

From Our Correspondent

Jan 27: A mini forum of Non-Govt Organisations (NGOs) working in Kurigram was formed recently in a meeting of the representatives of the NGO's with Golam Mostafa in the chair.

The meeting was held at the office premises of Kurigram Palli Unyasan Prokhalpa. In the meeting a seven-member executive committee of the forum was formed.

The members of the committee were: President — Serajul Islam, Progtal Palli Unyasan Prokhalpa, Kurigram, Co-ordinator — Moloya Kumar Dutta, Prokhalpa Manager, Progtal Palli Unyasan Prokhalpa, Kurigram, Treasurer — Abdus Salam, Saha Prokhalpa, Kurigram, Members — Golam Mostafa, Director, Alor Pathy, Ulipur, Abdul Awal Mia, Chief Organiser, Samaj Gobsana and Proshikkhan Centre, Nageswari, Abul Hossain Chisti, Director, Alor Sandhan Samajsebi Sangathan, Rowmari, and Azadunnabi, Director, Kajer Dak, Ulipur.

### FENI

#### Dost Textile Mills facing deadlock

Jan 27: Feni Dost Textile Mills is facing deadlock due to want of cotton supply and unsold yarn worth about Taka 3 crore, reports UNB.

It is learnt that 12,150 bales of cotton yarn of different count remained stockpiled in the godowns due to lack of demand in the market. On the other hand, the raw cotton kept in the mills godown can hardly run the mills for the next 4 or 5 days.

Cotton Development Board has not supplied any cotton to the mills during the last 4 months, mills sources said.

About 90 per cent of the yarn produced by the mills is to be bought by the BTMC appointed dealers, agents and weavers' associations. But recently they have started purchasing yarn from the market at a comparatively cheaper rate.

Officers, employees and labourers of the mills have urged the authorities to ensure regular supply of cotton and take necessary measures to sell the stockpiled yarn for the sake of steady running of the 30 year-old mills.

### CHITTAGONG

#### Five terrorists held

Jan 27: Rauzan police arrested alleged terrorist Iqbal and four of his accomplices at Golachipa Pahar near Fakirtila of Rauzan thana here on Sunday after exchanging fire with the latter for an hour, reports BSS.

According to district police, a squad of Rauzan police raided a den of miscreants at Golachipa Pahar and succeeded in rounding up Iqbal and his accomplices. The miscreants had fired several shots at the police before their arrest, police said.

Police suspect that the arrested terrorists were connected with the killing of Razu Chairman and Emdad of Rauzan area recently.

### PIROJPUR

#### Dacoits loot valuables worth Tk three lakh

Jan 27: Daring dacoits were committed in three institutions in Nazirpur thana headquarters of the district on Friday, reports UNB.

A gang of robbers armed with deadly weapons entered simultaneously the Nazirpur Shaheed Zia College, thana Sub-Registry Office and Assistant Commissioner's (Land) Office by breaking open the doors and looted cash, judicial stamps and valuables worth about Taka three lakh, police and local people said.

Three cases have been filed with the local police in this connection.

### SIRAJGANJ

#### River dacoit nabbed

Jan 27: Police arrested an alleged river dacoit from Gobindapur village in Chauhali thana of the district on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The dacoit was identified as Sukur Ali (36) of Daulatpur thana in Manikganj district. Police also recovered eight barrels of diesel from his possession which had been looted on January 10. The diesel was looted from a group of businessmen of Khaskawlia while they were returning from Bagbari.

A gang of pirates attacked the businessmen in broad day light in the river Jamuna near Charkachria village.

A case has been filed with the Chowhali police.

### MAGURA

#### Road mishap leaves 2 lives

Jan 27: Two brothers, both minor, were killed by a speeding bus Friday on Magura-Jhenidah highway at Abalpur in Sadar thana of the district, police said, reports UNB.

Polash (12) and Bipul (10), sons of Mansur Biswas of Abalpur, were run over by a Jessore-bound bus for Dhaka while the two boys were playing on the road.

The driver fled with the bus immediately after the accident.

### SATKHIRA

#### Shopkeepers sell contraband goods openly

Jan 27: Indian contraband goods are being sold openly in every hats and bazars of the district before the nose of the law enforcing agencies, local people alleged, reports UNB.

The contrabands included cows, cotton cloth, medicine, eggs, bicycle, radio, heroin, coconut oil, sugar, fertilizer and machinery parts.

Local leaders alleged that the matter has been brought to the notice of the concerned authorities but no step has yet been taken to stop the selling of contrabands.

They said some influential quarters are involved with the smuggling of these contrabands who have underhand connexions with some dishonest officials of the administration.

They demanded immediate action against the smugglers and called upon the authorities to stop selling of contraband items.

### PATUAKHALI

#### JCD founding day observed

Jan 27: The 14th founding anniversary of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) was observed at Dashmina thana of the district, reports UNB.

Organised by the Dashmina thana unit of JCD, a colourful function was held at the Dashmina High School premises on the occasion.

Member of the standing committee of BNP Prof Abdul Baten Talukder attended the function as the chief guest with president thana unit of JCD Humayun Kabir Milon in the chair.

Speakers at the function, recalled the contribution of Saheed Ziaur Rahman and urged the students folk to establish the ideals of Zia in the social life for the development of the country.

It was also addressed by Chairman Rangopaldi Union Parishad Khairul Bashir Kabir, Chairman of Dashmina Union Parishad Mujibur Rahman Howlader and Headmaster of the Dashmina High School Fazlul Huq.

An attractive cultural programme was held at the end of the function.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia talking to the rural women during her visit to the different villages of Bogra Sadar and Gabtali thana of the district on January 24. — PID photo

## Govt to create a miniature Bangladesh at Sonargaon

SONARGAON (Narayanganj), Jan 27: Information Minister Nazmul Huda on Sunday stressed the need for upholding the national heritage and culture along with the rapid development and modernisation, reports BSS.

Barrister Huda was addressing as chief guest the fifth day function of the week-long folk festival and crafts exhibition organised by the Bangladesh Folk Art and Craft Foundation here this afternoon at the foundation premise. Professor Rezaul Karim MP presided over the function while Foundation Director K M Habibullah spoke.

The minister underscored the need for preserving the beauty and heritage of Sonargaon, the capital of Bengal during 13th and 14th centuries and said the present democratically elected government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia would like

to develop the historic Sonargaon and create a miniature Bangladesh here.

Barrister Huda said the present government was active in nourishing and blooming of the country's own culture imbued with the feeling of nationality.

Highly appreciating the initiatives taken by the Cultural Ministry and the foundation in arranging the national folk festival and handicraft fair, first of its kind in this historic place the Information Minister said 'Mini Bangladesh', a sign of country's folk art and culture was going to be established here soon.

The minister said the country was now marching ahead on to the path of development, modernisation and prosperity under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

People are using more modern and scientific methods replacing the older ones in

order to keep pace with the rapid development of the country, he added.

Pointing to the massive development work initiated here at Sonargaon by the government during last two year, he said there had been no development work in this area during the most corrupt autocratic regime of Ershad.

Professor Karim said the foundation would recover the rich glory and heritage of the former capital city Sonargaon and would develop it as a tourist centre of international standard.

The festival has created a great enthusiasm among the people of the area. Narayanganj Cultural Association, Narayanganj Zilsha Sanghit Niketan, Barisal Cultural Association and a number of other organisations presented musical soiree, pala and varieties of folk songs.

## Notes from Chandpur

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Jan 27: Procurement of aman rice and paddy in seven thanas of Chandpur district is very negligible.

The procurement had started on December 1 but the sellers were not coming up to the purchasing centres opened in different areas of the district. Sellers were not interested to sell their paddy and rice to government centres as the payment process is complicated. They demanded cash money against their paddy and rice.

### Science, technology week concludes

National Science and Technology Week was concluded at Chandpur government college recently.

The programme included exhibition of science and technology projects by different schools, madrasas, colleges and science clubs. The exhibition was inaugurated by Md Yaqub Ali DC Chandpur. On the concluding day, Principal Matjur Rahman of Chandpur Government College distributed the prizes among the winners of best projects.

### Installation ceremony held

The installation ceremony of newly elected office bearers of students union of Chandpur Government College held here recently with great enthusiasm at college ground.

Barrister Nazmul Huda, Minister of Information, attended the function as chief guest while Md Nurul Huda, State Minister for Establishment was present as special guest.

Md Matjur Rahman, Principal, Chandpur Government College presided over the meeting.

The meeting was addressed among others by Prof Md Abdullah MP, Prof MA Mannan, Mallah Siddiqur Rahman, Sarif Md Yunus, Mizanur Rahman, Harunur Rashid, Shhjalal Mission, Sheikh Mizanur Rahman.

### Press club meet held

Md Nurul Huda, State Minister for Establishment attended in a reception meeting at Chandpur press club recently.

The meeting was presided over by Quamruzzaman Chowdhury, President, Chandpur press club. The meeting was addressed among others by Prof Md Abdullah, MP, Prof MD Hossain Khan, Golam Kibria Jiban.

The State Minister for Establishment has called upon the journalists to be impartial and urged them to contribute to national development.

### Daring dacoity committed

A daring dacoity was committed at Charbhanga Bazar under Matlab thana recently.

The dacoits looted several shops in the market and managed to escape with goods and cash worth about Taka five lakh. Several shopkeepers were injured by daggers and one Loxmi Narayan was admitted at Matlab hospital with severe injury.

A case has been filed at Matlab thana in this regard.

### Veteran AL leader dead

A veteran Awami League leader and ex-MP Md Abdur Rob died on January 8. He was 64. He was suffering from diabetic for a long time.

He left behind his wife, six sons, three daughters to mourn his death. Condolence meetings were organised by Awami League, student league and other organisations.

## BDS implements social, economic schemes in Barisal Div

From Our Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Jan 27: A large scale social and economic development programme is underway in Barisal Division. To fulfill this programme a Non-Government Organisation (NGO) called Barisal Development Society (BDS) has undertaken the works.

BDS has implemented various schemes at different district of the division to achieve this goal. The prime projects include economic and educational programmes.

In 1991 BDS introduced the idea of 'Integral Community Development' for different community services.

This idea now known as 'Integral Community Development Programme' (ICDP) was implemented to create awareness among the general community members. The concept of ICDP works with group approach. A group of two to four members are sent in different areas of particular villages to pass on information to community members.

ICDP's programmes include cooperative, mass-literacy, adult education, pre-primary schooling programmes. Other programmes include credit union, motivational, welfare ac-

tivities, water and sanitation, diarrhoea prevention, relief and rehabilitation programmes and Income Generation Programme (IGP).

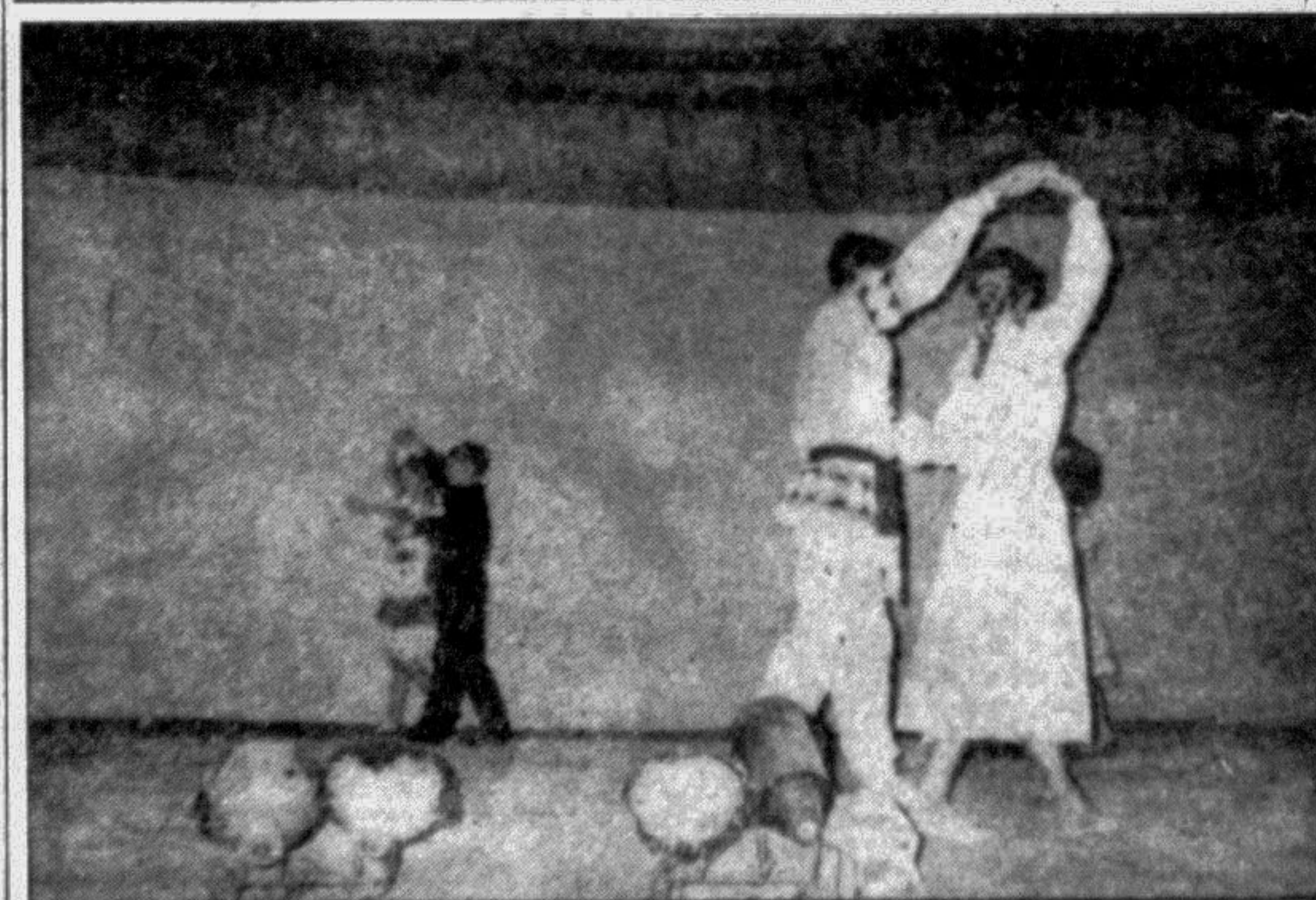
BDS has its own training institute to promote and develop knowledge among its

### Cold wave claims 30 lives in refugee camp

KHAGRACHHARI, Jan 19: Cold wave claimed at least 30 lives in the tribal refugee camps of Indian State of Tripura, according to a report received here today, reports UNB.

Officials quoting returnees from the outlawed Shantibahini camps in north-eastern State of India said, 7 old women and 5 children of Kathalchhari, 6 old couples and 3 children of Lebachhora and 3 children of Karubik tribal refugee camps died recently suffering from the severe cold.

A tribal returnee who fled the camp in Kathalchhari said, the poor refugees in Tripura camps do not have minimum winter clothes. Malnutrition and skin diseases have compounded the miseries of the refugees there, he added.



BARISAL: A ballet dance scene of the visiting children ballet dancers' team of Russia. — Star photo

## Pourashava polls

### Two brothers locked in battle in Netrakona

NETRAKONA, Jan 27: Two brothers are contesting the election for the post of ward commissioner of Netrakona pourashava to be held on January 30, reports BSS.

Nepal Chandra Shaha and Anjan Chandra Shaha, sons of the late Bhatrab Shaha are two candidates for the post of commissioners in ward-2 of Netrakona pourashava.

Both of them have attracted electors curiosity equally sympathetically.

### Barguna

UNB report from Barguna says: The campaign for the coming pourashava election has generated enthusiasm among the supporters and candidates following the date of withdrawal of candidature expired and allocation of election symbols.

In the two pourashavas 9 candidates are contesting for chairmanship and 61 for the posts of commissioners.

A number of camps are engaged in campaign programmes till late at night. Hand-bills, posters and leaflets are being distributed among the voters.

People are found sitting in groups in tea stalls, restaurants, shops and clubs to discuss the election affairs.

### Gaibandha

UNB from Gaibandha reports: Hectic campaign is going on for the Gaibandha pourashava election. The election has generated much enthusiasm among the candidates and their supporters.

The pourashava has assumed a festive look with the election date drawing nearer. The ceaseless miking and projection meetings are the main features of the town. With every passing day the candidates are collecting mikes from adjacent areas to show their campaign strength.

Meanwhile, festoon and placards with portraits of the candidates hung from different points of the town have generated much enthusiasm among the supporters. Tea stalls, restaurants are business centres are the hot points of campaign.

According to official sources, 71 candidates, including 10 for chairmanship, were contesting for the coming pourashava election scheduled to be held on January 30.

### Faridpur

BSS report from Faridpur says: Campaigning for Faridpur pourashava elections is going momentum gradually.

Three candidates are contesting the post of the chairman. They are BNP backed Advocate Akhand Md. Nazul Islam, Awami League backed Hasbul Hossain Hablu and independent and former chairman of Faridpur pourashava Fazul Kabir Chand, among them the BNP backed Advocate Nazul is a new can-

didate. Awami League backed candidate is a prominent young labour leader.

Forty seven candidates are contesting the nine posts of commissioner for three wards including a female candidate in Ward No 3 (Laksmipur-Altur).

According to an official source, there are 44,368 voters in Faridpur Pourashava. Of them, 24,188 are male and 20,180 are female. Twentythree polling centres with 90 booths will be set up for the election to be held on January 30.

### Chudanga

BSS reports from Chudanga states: Electioneering in three pourashavas of Chudanga district — Chudanga, Alamdanga and Darsana — are going on the full swing.

In all 14 candidates are contesting three posts of chairmen and 120 candidates are contesting 27 posts of ward commissioners in these pourashavas.

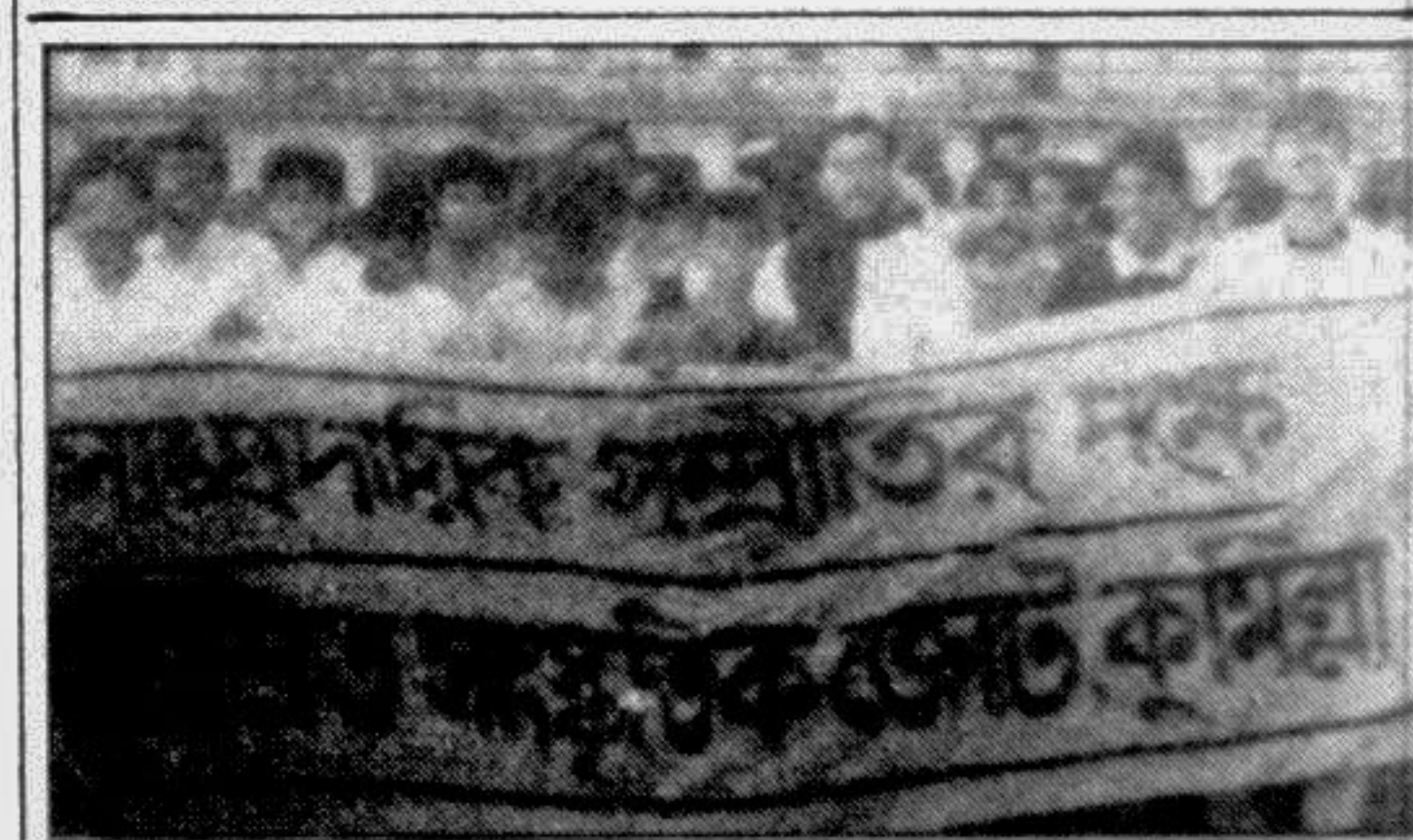
Six candidates are seeking the post of chairman of Chudanga pourashava, they are Ohidul Islam, Advocate Ashraf Ali, Waliulla Siddique, KM Abdul Zabbar, Nazmul Hoque Swapan and Sarajul Islam. 39 candidates are contesting nine posts of ward commissioner, five candidates are contesting the post of chairman of Alamdanga Pourashava. They are Mir Mohiuddin, Sobed Ali, Abdul Wahab, Hasan Kadir, and Munzar Rahman. 39 candidates are contesting nine posts of ward commissioner. Three candidates are contesting the chairman post of Darsana pourashava. They are Shamsul Islam, Aktarul Islam and Anwarul Islam. 42 candidates are contesting nine posts of ward commissioner of Darsana pourashava. There are 64,760 voters in the three pourashavas including 31,502 female voters. The candidates and their supporters are working day and night to woo voters.

### Chittagong

BSS report from Chittagong adds: Election for the first time in the newly constituted Patiya Pourashava has generated much enthusiasm among the workers and supporters of candidates.

Two candidates for the post of chairman and 43 candidates for the posts of commissioners in three wards are contesting in the election.

The two contestants for the chairmanship are, general secretary of Chittagong district South Chapter of Jatiya Party Shamsul Islam Master, and Organising Secretary of Chittagong South Chapter of BNP Mohammad Ali, both of them were former administrators of the pourashava. There is no candidate from Awami League, PDF, Five Party and Jannat-e-Islam.



COMILLA: Sammilita Sangskritic Jote brought out a procession recently demanding to maintain communal harmony. — Star photo

## Diarrhoea takes 11 more lives in Barguna

BARGUNA, Jan 27: Diarrhoea claimed 11 more lives in five thanas of the district in last two days, raising the death toll to 150 since the outbreak of the disease on January 1, official sources said on Saturday, reports UNB.

They said some 6550 people were attacked by the water-borne disease during the period. Of them, 825 were attacked in last two days.

Four people died of the disease in Sadar thana, one in Pathorghata, and three each in Betagi and Amtali on Thursday-Friday.

Scarcity of pure drinking water and intake of adulterated food stuff were attributed to the outbreak of the disease in the district.

The Civil Surgeon said 60 medical teams were working in the affected areas. Shortage of doctors in the district were hampering the treatment of the increasing number of patient.

Another report adds: Jandice has broken out in all the five thanas of the district creating panic among the people. In the district town and the

adjacent areas, the disease has taken a serious turn and in almost every family one or two members have been attacked by the disease.

Local doctors said primary symptoms of the disease are yellowing of urine, eyes, nails and sometimes the whole body. The patients feel feverish and weak and have headache with vomiting tendency.

According to the doctors, the only treatment of the disease is to have normal food and drink and complete physical rest. It turns fatal if not treated timely.

But the patients coming to the doctors are disappointed for only getting a series of advice instead of medicine. As a result they are forced to turn to rural Kabiraj (herbal physicians). Taking the advantage, the Kabiraj are earning huge amount of money charging minimum Taka 200 per patient.

However, it is observed that people including educated ones have full faith on herbal treatment of jaundice. They said hundreds of people are being cured by this method.