# District roundup

SYLHET

## Property worth Tk 10 lakh gutted

From Our Correspondent Mar 3: Property worth about Taka Ten lakh were gutted in a big fire at Laladighirpar area of

Sylhet town recently. The fire reportedly originated from the short-circuit of a freeze of the house of one Tazuddin, a businessman soon spread to the all the attached rooms. The house was under lock and key from outside.

On getting informations, fire scrvice personnels reached the place of occurrence and brought the fire under control.

Another report adds: Smuggled sugar worth about Taka 19,200 were seized by the BDR from the Haripur area on Sylhet-Tamabil road recently.

According to an official source, the jawans of BDR seized about 700 kilograms of sugar worth about Taka 19,200 from a number of passenger buses. Later on, the sugar was

handed over to the customs department cases had been registered with the police in this connection.

#### GAIBANDHA

## Two separate incidents take two lives

Mar 3: Two persons died at two-separate incidents in the district last week, reports BSS. One Mithun (9) was allegedly killed at village Manmath Kuthipara under Sundarganj thana of Gaibandha district. He was missing from February 22. His body was found at a wheat field.

Sundarganj thana registered

Abdul Hamid (25) allegedly committed suicide by taking poison at village Dakkhin Gidari under Gaibandha Sadar

#### MANIKGANJ

### 95 pry teachers posts lying vacant

Mar 3: About 95 posts-of primary teachers have been lying vacant in seven thanas of the district hampering implementation of the Universal Primary Education Programme, reports UNB.

According to official sources, the quota of teachers in the government primary schools are not maintained here properly.

Some schools with a large number of students have been facing shortage of teachers while many schools having a few students have excess teachers.

Moreover, the guardians alleged that most of the teachers are irregular in taking their classes. Some teachers come to the schools once or twice in a week only to put their signatures on the attendance register.

Local leaders have urged the authorities to fill up the vacant posts of teachers without further delay and take steps against the teachers who are irregular in taking classes.

#### SIRAJGANJ

### 19 people hurt in labourers attack

Mar 3: At least 19 people, including a UP Chairman, were injured in an attack by a group of labourers at Alokdia village in Sadar thana, reports UNB. The labourers alleged that the UP Chairman and two Project Chairmen had embezzled the wages of 200 labourers who had been employed to repair

the Puratan Bogra road CARE had provided 366 metric tons of wheat under Food for Work Programme but the project chairmen sold the wheat to the UP Chairman, it was alleged by the labourers

Among the injured, two were admitted to a local clinic

#### KHULNA

### Goods price situation reviewed

Mar 3: A joint meeting of the Khulna district administration and representatives of various trade organisations and traders of Khulna was held here recently and reviewed price position of essential consumers goods, reports BSS.

The meeting presided over by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Khulna was at tended by large number of people representing different trade organisations.

The meeting urged all to maintain fair price during the holy ramadan.

**JHENIDAH** 

## Woman killed while working in pulse-mill

Mar 3: One woman was killed while working in a pulse-mill at village Arappur in Jhenidah Sadar thana Sunday night, police and witnesses said, reports UNB.

The victim, Sufia Khatun (40), met the tragic end when she was caught by the wheel of the mill and died on the spot. A case was lodged with Jhenidah police station.

#### CHUADANGA

### 787 metric tons. of wheat for 18 dev schemes

From Our Correspondent Mar 3: The government has sanctioned 787 metric tons of wheat under the current dry scason Food for Works Programme for implementing 18 development schemes in four thanas of the district like Chuadanga Sadar, Alamdanga, Damurhuda and Jibannagar.

Of the total wheat, 163 metric tons of wheat have been sanctioned for implementing 3 schemes in Chuadanga Sadar thana, 242 metric tons of wheat for implementing 6 schemes in Alamdanga thana, 313 metric tons of wheat for implementing 7 schemes in Damurhuda thana and 69 mctric tons of wheat have been sanctioned for implementing 2 schemes in Jibannagar thana.

#### KURIGRAM

## Annual college athletic meet held

From Our Correspondent Mar 3: The annual athletic meet of Government Kurigram College was held recently at the college campus with much cnthusiasm.

The sports meet was formally inaugurated by Prof Shyama Proshad Roy. Principal of Govt Kurigram College in presence of a large number of distinguished persons of the locality, guardians, students

and journalists. A huge number of students participated in 100 meter, 200 meters, 400 meter, 800 meter, 1500 meter race, discus throw, shot-put, javeline throw, long jump, high jump, hop-step and jump, pole volt, 100x4 relay-race and dress as you like events of the sports competitions, which was conducted by Prof Nizam, Prof Shariful Islam Chowdhury and Fazlul Haque physical teacher of the college.

After the competitions prizes were awarded to the successful competitors by Principal Shyama Proshad Roy. The prize giving ceremony was presided over by Vice-Principal Abdul Ali. Among others, Prof Nizam, VP of College Chattra Sangsad Shameem, and Principal Shyama Proshad Roy spoke on the occasion.

#### KISHOREGANJ

## Miscreants kill one

From Our Correspondent Mar 3; Md Shamsuddin (60). Manager of Faruk Transport Agency was killed by miscreants at Barabazar in Kishoreganj town recently.

According to the police, the miscreants entered the office room of the transport agency by breaking open the window where the manager was sleeping at dead of night. He was strangulated to death. The body was recovered by the Kishoreganj thana police the next morning and later, the body was sent to Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital for post mortem. The cause of murder could not be known immedi-

#### RANGPUR

### Father, daughter burnt alive

From Our Correspondent Mar 3: Father and daughter burnt alive at Tamphat under Kotwali thana recently.

Victim Phani Pahan (40) and his minor daughter Sunia Pahan [6] while sleeping in their hut, suddenly the fire was broke out from a blazing lamp and immediately it engulfed the entire house and burnt both of them before they could try to escape. The fire also caused total damages to other four houses.

Another report adds: A housewife named Rashida has given birth to a male child in a running train recently.

in the matured advance stage, the housewife while travelling by a Patgram-Lalnionirhat bound college train, suddenly she felt lever pain and gave birth to the son inside the toilet.



RANGPUR: M Aminul Islam, Commissioner, Rajshahi Division taking salute of the march past of the scouts participating at the 12th Rajshahi Regional Scouts rally held here at Zila - Star Photo School ground recently.

# 60 pc pry. schools unable to accommodate students

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Mar 3: About sixty per cent government primary schools of the seven thanas of the district are facing difficulties to accommodate rising number of students in the school.

It is reported that most of the schools are in delapitedated condition for a long time. The shortage of teachers, tables, benches and other problems have made the situation worse. About two lakh students are now studying in about five hundred government and non-government primary schools. Everyday the number of school going students is in-

It is reported that many schools were damaged by flood, storms, cyclones and other natural calamities during last few years. These primary schools have not yet been re-

A good number of schools are holding classes in open space of the schools. Many schools are running without fenees. Many delapidated primary schools were handed over to Facilities Department but these schools have not yet been repaired. In many schools students are compelled to sit on mats due to lack of leenches. In some schools. there are no chair for teachers

Besides, supply of necessary

appliances including blackboards, chalk, dusters is inad-

About 80 per cent of the schools have no play ground for the children. Moreover, some of the teachers are not discharging their duties prop-

## Three ideal villages to be set up

RAJBARI, Mar 3: The government has undertaken a programme to set up three ideal villages in the district during the current financial year to rehabilitate landless and distressed people, reports

The villages are Gopalpur, Charnaraynpur and Bajitpur. A total of 72 metric tons of wheat and 32 bundles of CI sheets have already been allocated for these villages. When completed in May

next, 58 families will be accommodated in the villages. Another report adds: The election of the executive council of the Bar Association of the district was held on

Syed Rafigus Salehin and Muslim Uddin Khan were elected president and secretan respectively.

Abnormal high price of paper and other materials compelled many students to discontinue their studies.

Another reports adds: The sale of note books is going on unabated in Chandpur district headquarters and seven thanas. It is reported that note

books are being sold in most of the book shops of the town as well as in different markets of thana headquarters despite government ban on it. It may be mentioned that government have imposed ban on publishing and selling note books upto class eight. It is learnt that some unscrupulous publishers are publishing sub-standard note books with fake names and addresses. These note books are full of errors. destorting facts. Some guardians alleged that these books are being sold at an exorbitant price in different markets. It is further reported that most of the owners of the book-stalls do not sell text books without notes and guide books. The students follow the note books and guide books to pass the examination. They do not follow text books.

As a result, purpose of education is hampered. Local guardians have urged the concerned authorities to take legal action against the illegal sale of note books, guide books and made-easy.

## Boro cultivation going on in Barisal Agricultural Zone plots to educate the farmers are being brought under boro

BARISAL, Mar 3: Cultivation of boro in eleven southern districts under Barisal Agriculture Zone (BAZ) is going on in full

swing, reports BSS. According to an official source, the districts being brought under this programme are Barisal, Jhalakati, Bhola, Piroipur, Patuakhali, Barguna, Faridpur, Rajbari, Gopalgonj, Madaripur, and Shariatpur.

A total of 2,26,425 hectares

## Jatiya Shishu literary, cultural contest ends

MYMENSINGH, Mar 3: Jati ya Shishu literary and cultural competition of six districts under Mymensingh region was held recently at the premises of Shishu Academy Mymen

Mymensingh region in

A total of 325 competitors participated in the competition in 62 items.

shingh, reports BSS.

cluded Mymensingh, Tangail. Jamalpur, Sherpur, Netrakona and Kishoreganj districs.

cultivation. Of the total, 1.88.700 hectares are being brought under 'Upshi' variety of boro and the rest under 'local' variety, the source said. The production target of boro has been fixed at 8,26,476

metric tons. Meanwhile, about 1,07,500 hectares have already been brought under this pro-

Banladesh Agriculture Extension Department (BAED) has prepared 11,200 seed-beds in these districts during the period

Bangladesh Agriculture Devclopment Corporation (BADC) has distributed 56,885 kilograms of high yielding variety of boro seeds among the Besides, it has installed

5,020 power pumps, 405 deep tube-wells, 8,831 shallow tubewells, 1,075 hand-driving tube-wells and 1,310 other trrigation equipments in this zone for irrigation purposes. Bangladesh Agriculture

Extension Department has arranged 372 demonstration the modern methods of culti-

BSS adds: Facilities Department of the Ministry of Education has completed 18 education projects in four southern districts of Barisal division at a cost of Taka 93.32 lakh during the current fiscal

## 15,000 acres fallow land in Gazipur

GAZIPUR, Mar 3: At least 15,000 acres of land in Kaliakoir and Sreepur thanas of the district are likely to remain fallow in the current boro season due to shortage of bullocks and capital, reports UNB.

It was learnt that about 1.60 lakh acres of land in 8 unions of two thanas are suitable for rabi cultivation. But due to shortage of draught animals and other agricultural inputs farmers could not bring the entire land under cultivation this scason.



NATORE: Altaf Hossain, ADC (Revenue) and Sultan Ahmed, Assistant Director of Zila Islamic Foundation are seen giving away books among the owners of libraries at local -- Star photo foundation auditorium recently.

## Across the country

# Rajnagar people go for a mighty take - off leap

By Masud Hasan Khan

Rajnagar-dwellers formed a

ference presented a paper at a Panchgaon education and seminar based on the ecodevelopment model symbolises the hope for a better life for nomic and social data of the the people of Rajnagar thana At the conference, the in Maulvibazar district.

More than 1.58 lakh people of the thana, located about 225 kilometers from the capital, are watching with much interest a unique model developed at a quaint village in Panchgaon union of Rajnagar which aspircs to involves people actively in the national development initiatives and link up education with the efforts for economic emancipation.

Worked out by a renowned economist of the country Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, the model promises to combat unemployment, by organising and training the students with technical education. The model will also help reduce primary school drop-outs and unite people so that they themselves can identify their problems, formulate policies and implement the decisions. At a two-day conference on

February 15, teachers, parents, local political leaders, educationists, representatives from different local government offices and journalists planned the strategy for an updated primary education with particular emphasis on vocational training at 25 primary schools in eight unions of Rajnagar. Food Secretary ATM

Shamsul Huq opened the conference at the Panchgaon High School.

so that they can prepare themselves for the job market

Dr Ahmad says that the success of his model largely depends on the better hand shake between the national development policy and box



MOULVIBAZAR: Students are seen at the sewing course at the vocational training centre.

composed of people from all walks of life for over-seeing the working of the education and development expansion

Besides, the conference recommended re-vitalising the primary school management committee and the teachersguardians committee for better running of the schools.

In addition, a federation

up a management committee tom-up development initia

The 349.65-square-kilometer Rajnagar thana stands on the bank of the river Manu.

The condition of the most of the 102 state-owned primary schools in the thana are in shambles. Rice is the major crop on the 43 thousand plus acres of arable land in thana.

The gap between the rich and the poor in Rajnagar is too



and earning their livelihood.

Presided over by Dr Qazi Khaliquazzaman Ahmad, the inaugural function was addressed, among others, by the Deputy Commissioner of Maulvibazar district Mr Arif Hossain Rajnagar Thana Nirbahi Officer Mr Fazlur Rahman, Panchgaon UP Chairman Abdur Rauf, Headmaster of the school Arun Ghosh, journalist Nazimuddin

made up of all the representative bodies was formed at the thana level.

Explaining the objectives of his model, Dr Qazi Khaliquzzaman Ahmad says that the strategy aims at development at the individual level.

Local resources has to be mobilised and persons be organised and trained so that they can contribute to the de-

- Star photo evident as 30 per cent of the total population is landless. Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman

Ahmad in 1985 set up the l'anchgaon High School. The total number of students, most of whom are girls, now stands at more than 500.

Besides, Dr Ahmad donated his parental home and a big adjoining land for the welfare of the people.



MOULVIBAZAR: Learners at the cane and bamboo craft at the vocational training centre. - Star photo Dr. Qazi Khaliquzzaman is seen at the centre.

Mostan and Rajnagar Press Club President Shahiduzzaman

Some 40 primary and high school teachers, UP Chairmen and community leaders took part in the conference.

During the conference, the UP Chairmen and primary school teachers presented reports identifying problems and prospects an suggested mea sures to expand education and meet economic challenges in their unions.

Rajnagar Press Club leaders on the second day of the convelopment efforts, he says. Dr Ahmad, who heads a research organisation Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad, says that under the frame work of the model there should be feeder schools for educating the stu-

to the primary schools for whatever reasons will be taken in either to the vocational training programme or to the labour market.

technical training programme

The primary school dropouts will be re-cycled to the

Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad set up a vocational training centre on the plot in 1990 which offers courses on typing, carpentry, sewing, and cane and bamboo craft.

About 200 students have successfully completed traindents for the primary schools. ing in the centre, according to Those who can not make it the BUP.

Dr Ahmad said that in response to the enthusiasm gencrated among the Rajnagar people the training programme of the centre would be expanded as part of its aim to reduce the unemployment.

# Cattle lifting rampant in Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent Farmers said most of them

KISHOREGANJ. Mar 3: Cattle lifting has become rampant and creating widespread anxiety among the farmers in thirteen thanas of the district.

The thanas are: lina, Mitamain, Karimganj, Tarail, Austagram, Nikli, Bajitpur, Kultarchar, Bhairab, Katiadt, Kishoreganj Sadar, Pakundia and Hosseinpur thanas.

A total of 80 cows were stolen and skins of 12 cows were flayed during last 15 days. Local leaders alleged that an organised gang of lifters backed by some unscrupulous traders have been carrying on this activities in the villages. '

were spending nights in the cowsheds to protect their pets. In some cases, cattle lifters demanded ransom from the owners for releasing the stolen animal. Authorities have been ap-

proached to take necessary measures to control the situation immediately. Another report adds:

Substandard life saving drugs have flooded the markets of the district of Kishoregani for the last few months. Worms, fungus, flies are

jection, it is alleged.

often found in many drug con-

tainers including saline and in-

#### Tk 1,14,75,000 sanctioned for 54 projects BARISAL, Mar 3: Governm-

ent has sanctioned Taka 1,14,75,000 for the fm plementation of 54 education projects in 27 thanas of four southern districts of Barisal division during the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

The districts to be brought under this programme are: Barisal, Jhalakati, Pirojpur and The projects include reapir

and reconstruction of government primary schools. Taka 3.75 lakh cach will be

spent for the reconstruction of the twenty-seven schools and Taka 50,000 each will be spent for the repair of twenty seven schools in these thanas.