

District roundup

Sylhet: Property worth Tk 10 lakh gutted
Jhenidah: Woman killed while working in pulse-mill
Chuadanga: 787 metric tons of wheat for 18 dev schemes
Gaibandha: Two separate incidents take two lives
Manikganj: 95 pry teachers posts lying vacant
Kishoreganj: Miscreants kill one
Sirajganj: 19 people hurt in labourers attack
Khulna: Goods price situation reviewed



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 School ground recently.

60 pc pry. schools unable to accommodate students

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.
Three ideal villages to be set up
Boro cultivation going on in Barisal Agricultural Zone
15,000 acres fallow land in Gazipur

Across the country
Rajnagar people go for a mighty take-off leap

By Masud Hasan Khan
Panchgaon education and development model symbolises the hope for a better life for the people of Rajnagar thana in Maulvibazar district.
Inference presented a paper at a seminar based on the economic and social data of the thana.
At the conference, the Rajnagar-dwellers formed a 25-member ad-hoc body to set



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

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 boom-up development initiatives.
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 wide.
In addition, a federation 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 development efforts, he says.
Dr Ahmad, who heads a research organisation Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad, says that the model there should be feeder schools for educating the students for the primary schools.
Those who can not make it to the primary schools for whatever reasons will be taken in either to the vocational training programme or to the labour market.
The primary school drop-outs will be re-cycled to the technical training programme



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

Mostan and Rajnagar Press Club President Shahiduzzaman Ansari.
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 a suggested measures to expand education and meet economic challenges in their unions.
Rajnagar Press Club leaders on the second day of the conference

Cattle lifting rampant in Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent
KISHOREGANJ, Mar 3: Cattle lifting has become rampant and creating widespread anxiety among the farmers in thirteen thanas of the district.
The thanas are: Itna, Mitamain, Karimganj, Tarail, Austagram, Nikli, Bajitpur, Kularchar, Bhairab, Katiadi, Kishoreganj Sadar, Pakundia and Hossainpur 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.

Tk 1,14,75,000 sanctioned for 54 projects

BARISAL, Mar 3: Government has sanctioned Taka 1,14,75,000 for the implementation 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, Projpur and Bhola.
The projects include repair and reconstruction of government primary schools.
Taka 3.75 lakh each 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.



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 foundation auditorium recently.

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

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 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 chairman sold the wheat to the UP Chairman, it was alleged by the labourers.
Among the injured, two were admitted to a local clinic.

Mar 3: The government has sanctioned 787 metric tons of wheat under the current dry season 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 metric tons of wheat have been sanctioned for implementing 2 schemes in Jibannagar thana.

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 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 Patagram-Lalmohar that bound college train, suddenly she felt lever pain and gave birth to the son inside the toilet.