

District roundup

SIRAJGANJ

Accused snatched

June 25: Gamblers snatched away an accused from the hold of a constable after beating him up in Belkuchi thana of the district Thursday night, reports UNB.

Constable Saidur Rahman was seriously injured in the attack and being treated at his residence, police admitted.

Local people said the miscreants attacked Saidur Rahman when he was taking the accused to the thana headquarters after rounding him up from Randhunbari area at about 9 pm on charge of gambling.

Earlier on Tuesday night, they also took away gambling tools and cash money from Jasmuddin, Officer-in-Charge of the thana, who along with constable Saidur Rahman seized the articles from Randhunbari Bazar.

DINAJPUR

Horizon Edn Trust opened

June 25: Horizon Education Trust, a project for educating the children of sweepers in the town, was inaugurated here last week, reports UNB.

Deputy Commissioner Kazi Farid Ahmed inaugurated the project on June 17 at a simple ceremony.

Presided over by Motijul Islam the function was addressed among others, by Supen Datta, Advocate Shamsul Haque, Asadul Habib Dulu and Shaban Lal.

Initially, the project has started with 34 children from the local sweeper colony under the auspices of a local NGO "Apon Gram Progati."

NAOGAON

Two projects completed

June 25: The road division of the roads and highways department will implement two projects at a cost of Taka 3,48,755 by July this year, reports BSS.

According to an official source, work of the projects include construction of the RCC pipe culverts on Patnitala-Khujipur road and a Bailey bridge on Patnitala-Joypurhat road.

RAJSHAHI

105 grammes of heroin seized

June 25: Officials of the Department of Narcotics Control acting on a secret information seized 105 grammes of heroin and 14 litres of country made wine searching three residences of the city recently, reports BSS.

Three persons were arrested in this connection. Later the arrested persons were handed over to police.

JAMALPUR

Several houses gutted, three injured

June 25: A devastating fire gutted several houses, including two tinsheds, at Pathalia in the town early Wednesday and injured three firefighters, reports UNB.

Fire Brigade sources said the fire, originating from the kitchen at the residence of Habibur Rahman, gutted two huge tinshed houses and spread to few adjoining houses.

Losses from the fire may run up to five lakh taka, according to the affected families.

The fire which occurred at about 4 am was brought under control after two hours. The injured firemen were undergoing treatment at the Fire Brigade's own medical centre.

THAKURGAON

Ansar, VDP rally held

June 25: Annual a rally of the Ansars and members of the Village Defence Party (VDP) of Thakurgaon district was held here recently, reports BSS.

Deputy Director General of Ansars and VDP Brig. Abed Mia was present at the rally as chief guest while Deputy Director Ansars and VDP, Rajshahi Division, Shahabuddin Mollah was special guest.

Ansars and VDP members from five thanas of the district participated in the rally.

NATORE

HSC examinee held for assaulting invigilator

From Our Correspondent
June 25: A HSC examinee named Akhtarul Islam Roll No 871 was arrested by Natore police on charge of assaulting an invigilator of Nawab Sirajud Daulia Govt College centre.

The college and police sources said during English 2nd paper examination the invigilator Professor Nazrul Islam of Kubjipur Government College found the student adopting unfair means and caught him red handed.

When the invigilator was going to expel him the student hit the invigilator and assaulted him. Then the acting police officer of the centre rushed to the spot and arrested the student. It is learnt that Akhtarul Islam son of one Moshin Ali was the student of Dr Rahmat Iqbal College of Shingra thana under Natore district. College authority has filed a case in this connection with Sadar thana.

PATUAKHALI

TB clinic face various problems

June 25: The TB Clinic of the town is faced with various problems, causing immense sufferings to the patients, reports UNB.

It is learnt the clinic lacks medical apparatus, necessary medicine and pure drinking water facilities.

There is no workable X-ray machine at the clinic for detecting the disease. The post of technician has remained vacant for the last five years.

According to a statistics, over 5,000 people of the district are suffering from TB, but they are not getting proper treatment at the clinic, established in 1971.

A huge number of TB affected patients come to the clinic every day. They are, however, advised by the junior consultant who is only the man serving at the clinic, to go to Barisal or Dhaka for treatment.

It is reported many poor patients, who can not afford to go to Barisal or Dhaka, return home without treatment and fall prey to the deadly disease.

Local leaders have urged the concerned authorities to take immediate steps for equipping the clinic with necessary apparatus and facilities.

KUSHLIA

85 HSC examinees expelled

June 25: Some 85 HSC examinees were expelled from different centres of the district on charge of adopting unfair means in English 2nd paper examination held on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Of them, 24 were expelled from Bheramara, 18 from Mirpur, 12 from Amla, 10 from Islamia College, 9 from Daulatpur, 5 from Khoksha, 4 from Kushlia Government College, one each from Kushlia Government Women College, Kumarkhali and Mothurapur College.

In English first paper, 70 examinees were also expelled from various centres in the district. Of them 22 were from Amla, 14 from Islamia College, 10 from Bheramara, 8 from Mirpur, 5 from Daulatpur, 4 each in Mothurapur and Kumarkhali, 2 from Government College and one from Khoksha College.

Although section 144 or PC, was imposed around examination centre students and mob attacked police and a magistrate in protest against expulsion of two students from the Chand Sultana Girls School centre at one pm. At least twenty people were injured in the lathi charge.

FARIDPUR

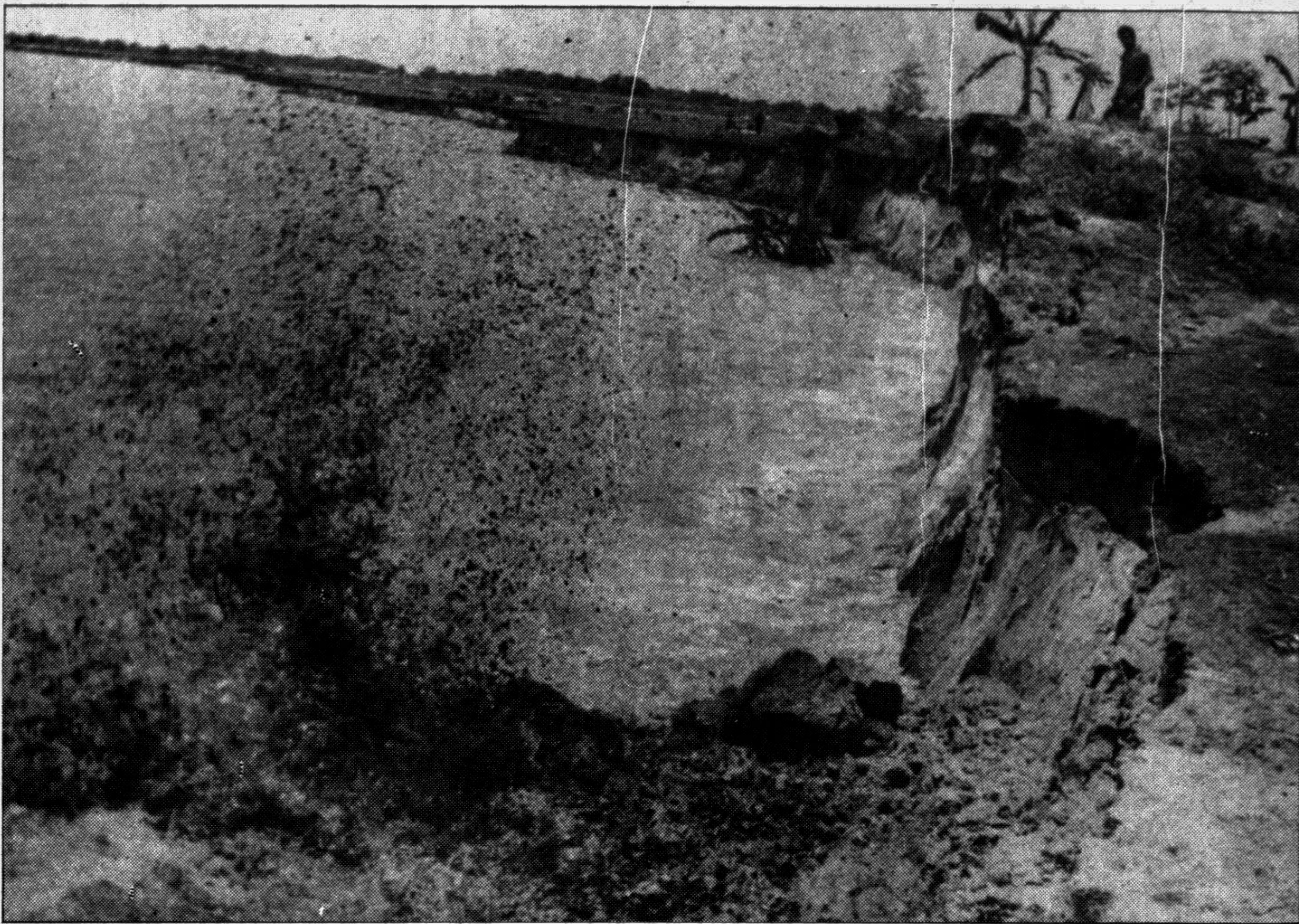
First hospital with 2 general OT rooms

June 25: Faridpur General Hospital has become the first and lone 100-bed hospital in the country with two general Operation Theatres as the second OT went into functioning on Monday, reports UNB.

With the introduction of the second OT in the hospital, a long-cherished demand of the people in the region was also met.

Earlier, patients, needed to be operated upon, had to wait for long for operation due to non-availability of OT space in it.

About 650 patients of general surgery, orthopaedic and gynaecology were being operated in the hospital per month on an average, hospital sources said.



TANGAIL: Jamuna erosion has engulfed hundreds of acres of land and left thousand of families in the open sky. The picture shows an action of a small portion of mudslide in Shaillabari village under Kalahati thana of the district. — Star photo by Enamul Haq.

Two killed, three injured in B'baria

BRAHMANBARIA, June 25: Two people were killed and three others injured in separate incidents in two thanas of the district recently, reports UNB.

The dead were identified as: Malam Miah (58) in Nabnagar thana and Sultan Bhuiyan (38) in Nasirnagar thana of the district, police said.

Witnesses and family sources said Malam Miah was killed on the spot and two of his associates named Kalluddin Miah (35) and Golam Azam (25) were injured following a clash with a rival group.

The clash was ensued over a demarcation line of an Irri plot at Laximpur in Nabnagar thana.

The injured were admitted to the Sadar hospital and the body was sent to same hospital for autopsy.

A case was filed with Nabnagar Police in this connection.

In the other incident Sultan Bhuiyan and his father-in-law were attacked by a group of people while they were returning home from a local Bazar.

Sultan, who was badly hurt was later rushed to Nasirnagar Hospital where he succumbed to injuries.

The attack was a sequel of previous enmity, family sources said.

A case was filed to Nasirnagar police station in this connection.

Mymensingh—Bhairab railway line

Frequent pilferage of engine oil

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, June 25: Pilferage of diesel from goods trains on the Bhairab—Mymensingh railway line has become rampant.

It is alleged pilferage of diesel from the engines of goods trains is being carried out everyday at a spot near Belwari village between Nandail and Atharabari railway stations on the Bhairab—Mymensingh railway line.

The organised gangs of miscreants in collaboration with some dishonest drivers of these trains take away diesel almost everyday. The value of diesel pilfered daily stands at about Taka 8,000.

The GRP, Bhairab with a view to stopping pilferage of diesel from the engines of goods trains on the Bhairab—Mymensingh line initiated drivers in the past and succeeded in apprehending 15 such diesel pilferers. But the pilferage of diesel from the goods trains have again become rampant.

BIWTA port lacks warehouse facility
The launch terminal of BIWTA at Bhairab riverport

lacks warehouse facilities for storing and preservation of transportable goods by launches and cargo vessels.

The pontoons provided for such important launch terminal are said to be in poor condition and can hardly provide accommodation for temporary storing of goods. The goods loaded and unloaded from launches and cargo vessels for transportation to different business premises and destinations are after damaged by sun and rain.

The terminal ghat in being leased out every year to private parties at reasonable rates. However the concerned authority is quite reluctant to ensure proper facilities for tax collection, it is alleged.

1 killed, 3 injured in road mishap

One rickshaw passenger was killed on the spot and three others including the rickshawpuller were injured in a road accident near Katabaria, about two kilometers away from Kishoreganj town on Kishoreganj—Mymensingh highway recently. The dead was identified as Nuruzzaman (28).

According to informed sources, the accident occurred when Kishoreganj bound truck Dhaka NA 5059 knocked down a rickshaw from behind. The injured passengers, Abdus Salam (48), Shaidul Islam (24) and driver Billal Miah (22) were admitted to Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital.

A case was filed with Kishoreganj Police Station in this connection. Police seized the truck. The driver of the truck however managed to flee.

3 drowned in boat capsized

Three persons including a child were drowned when a boat capsized in Menda Beel about seven kilometers away from Itna thana headquarters of the district recently. According to reports, the boat carrying about 55 passengers was head heading for Madan from Itna. When the boat reached Menda beel, a sudden storm capsized the boat causing death to three passengers.

Two of the victims were identified as Zulhas (2) and Hena Begum (22). Identity of

another woman could not be known. Other passengers of the boat swam to the shore.

Mighty Meghna waves turn furious

At least twenty five commercial shops and thirty five dwelling houses at Tin Patti and Tekghat of Bhairab riverport town of the district were devoured following mighty waves of the river Meghna on June 19 last.

The 132 KV electric tower at Tekghat is also in danger of the erosion of Meghna. Apart from this, the erosion of Meghna started afresh over the terminalghat, Chita Patti, Hindu Patti, Bash Patti, Tin Patti of the town for the last two days causing much concern to the dwellers of the town.

The chairman of the Bhairab Pourashava Monirul Haque Khaleque and Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) considering the gravity of the situation sought immediate steps from the concerned higher authorities with a view to saving Bhairab Riverport town from further scourge of the erosion and wave of the river.

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, June 25: Bangladesh Forest Department has taken up massive afforestation programme all over the country, official sources said.

The department has spent about Taka 25 crore under thana afforestation and nurseries development project during the last fiscal. Under this programme the Forest Department will produce 12 crore 5 lakh saplings of different trees (including wood and fruit bearing trees) in 469 thana nurseries in the country.

This programme was launched in October last. 75 per cent of the work has already been completed department sources said.

Meanwhile Mymensingh District Forest Department has taken up a programme for brining about 3500 acres of land under afforestation programme in the greater Mymensingh district in destroyed forest land. ADB provided Taka one crore for this programme.

Of them, 600 acres of land in Bhaluka and Rosulpur range under Mymensingh district, 750 acres of land in Dhurgapur range in Netrokona district, 1100 acres of land in Rungtia range and 1100 acres of land in Balijuri range under Sherpur district.

Besides over one crore saplings production working going on in 47 thana nurseries and 10 forest extension centre in Kishoreganj, Netrokona, Jamalpur, Sherpur and Mymensingh district.

The department will distribute 60 lakh of saplings at a very low price in the greater Mymensingh district to make the afforestation programme a success. Last year department distributed 5 lakh sapling from 10 forest extension centre.

Meanwhile the department will distribute 15 thousand saplings free of cost through 47 thana nurseries in 5 districts under greater Mymensingh district.

Training programme

A weeklong training programme on Production, management and extension of saplings in agro-forestry was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Prof M Ashraf Ali Khan in a function held at the conference room of BAU Extension Centre recently.

Underlining the importance of training programme on afforestation, the Vice-Chancellor in his inaugural address state that the national afforestation programme could be made effective in a planned manner only through acquisition of knowledge on selection of proper variety of trees and suitable space and timing for plantation.

The inaugural function was presided over by the Director of BAU Extension Centre Prof A Halm and was attended by the Director of BAU Research System Prof M Ahmed as the special guest.

Others who spoke on the occasion included Prof M Amir Hossain of GTI, the Addl Director of DAE Fazlul Haque, Deputy Director of DAE Wastuzaman and the coordinator of the training programme Rezaul Karim.

Organised under the joint auspices of BARC and BAUEC, the training programme was participated by a good number of primary school teachers, representatives of school managing committees and assistant thana education officers.

Buildings in dilapidated condition 80 pc primary schools can't accommodate pupils

From Our Correspondent

DINAJPUR, June 25: About eighty per cent government primary schools in 13 thanas of the district are facing difficulties to accommodate increasing number of students.

Most of the schools are in dilapidated condition and scarcity of teachers and tools have made the situation worse.

About 2 lakh students are now studying in 486 government primary schools and 146 non-government primary schools of the district. The number of sanctioned posts of teachers is 2,868, but hardly one-third of them are now on the pay-roll.

Besides, schools which have been damaged by floods, storm, cyclones and natural calamities during the last few years have not yet been repaired. A good number of schools are holding classes in feeble building which may collapse at any moment.

Buildings of New Town, Police Line, Pulhat, Khetripara,

Baluadanga and Barabandar government primary schools in Dinaipur town were handed over to the Facilities Department of the Ministry of Education but the contractors left them halfdone or not done at all for want of fund.

Some schools have no buildings at all and 8 schools in Sadar thana, 21 schools in Biral, 15 schools in Birganj and 13 schools in Kaharol thana are either kutcha or dilapidated.

About 8 schools in Chitribandar, 10 schools in Birganj and 16 schools in Khansama thana have no roofs at all, 23 schools in Ghoraghat thana are also in deplorable condition.

Fifty per cent students sit either on mats or on brick due to lack of benches. In some schools there are not a single chair for the teachers to sit on. Moreover, supply of necessary appliances including blackboards, chalk, dusters is too inadequate.

Public Library at Lalmonirhat yet to start functioning

LALMONIRHAT, June 25: The newly constructed local public library is yet to start functioning even after 11 months of its construction due to shortage of fund, reports UNB.

The construction work of the library, first of its kind in the district, has been completed in August, 1992 at a cost of Tk 41 lakh.

Meanwhile, four employees including an officer, were appointed to run the library and a large number of books were collected, local people said.

500 cattleheads lifted

A gang of cattle lifters, allegedly backed by some dishonest Indian traders, intensified its raid in some frontier villages of the district causing grave concern among the poor farmers.

Local people alleged more than 500 cattleheads were lifted from different villages of the border areas during the last two months.

The gang, armed with different types of weapons including pipe guns and cut rifles, lifted the cattleheads from Durgapur, Bhela Bari villages in Aditmari thana and Goral union in Kaliganj thana.

A group of the villagers in a written statement informed the local Deputy Commissioner about the frequent cattle liftings and alleged that the local Union Parishad Chairmen are well cognizant about the lifters.

They also submitted a list of 21 alleged cattle lifters to the Deputy Commissioner.

Taka 1.62cr sanctioned for construction of 53 schools in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAHA, June 23: Taka one crore sixty two lakh ninety three thousand was sanctioned for construction and repair of 53 government and non-government primary schools in Jhenidah district.

A source close Education Department disclosed that this programme includes construction of twenty government and thirty three non-government schools in Jhenidah Sadar, Kaligonj, Kotchandar, Mohe-shpur and Harinakundu thanas.

The source said Local Govt Engineering Department (LGED) will execute the works.

Taka eleven lakh eighty three was sanctioned for four schools in Jhenidah sadar thana, Taka thirty five lakh thirty thousand for twelve schools in Kaligonj thana, Taka twenty three lakh forty thousand for seven schools in Kotchandpur thana, Taka twenty eight lakh seventy thousand for nine schools in Mohepur thana and Taka twenty one lakh for five schools in Harinakundu thana the source said.

It may be mentioned here that the construction and repair works under the programme have already been started and about twenty thousand children will be provided primary education facilities in these schools.

VDP rally at Kotchandpur

Ansar and VDP rally was held at Kotchandpur officers club with Amiya Kumar Ghosh, TNO Kotchandpur in the Chair. Shah Alam, Asst Director

Ansar and VDP attended as the chief guest while circle Adjutant Jhenidah attended as the special guest in the rally.

Among others Abdul Mannan, thana agriculture officer, Mir Saifur Rahman, social service officer and Fazlul Karim took participation in the discussion.

One Killed, 16 hurt in road mishap

Jesmin Ara (12) of village Ekierpur in Kaligonj thana was run over by a bus at Raghunathpur on Jhenidah-Jessore road on recently.

Report says, the victim was crossing the road and a bus bearing No Jessore BA-1021 pushed her and tried to escape.

Jesmin died on the spot. The driver tried to save Jesmin, and lost his control over the steering and fell in a roadside ditch and 16 passengers were injured of them seven were admitted Kaligonj Hospital.

A case was lodged with Kaligonj police in this connection.

Daring dacoity committed

A daring dacoity was committed in the house of Jaral Rashid at village Kancherkole in Saikupa thana recently.

A group of armed dacoits entered house and tied up the eyes of house owners and looted cash taka and other belongings worth Taka about 75 thousand.