

National

District roundup

KISHOREGANJ

Posts of 258 primary school teacher remain vacant

Sept 13 : Some 258 posts of primary school teachers have been lying vacant for long hampering education in 13 thanas of the district, reports UNB.

According to District Primary Education office sources, 12 posts have been lying vacant in sadar, 24 in Karimganj, 28 in Pakundia, 8 in Hossainpur, 20 in Katiadi, 4 in Bajitpur, 11 in Kulai Char, 15 in Bhalbari, 29 in Aastagram, 9 in Nikli, 14 in Mitamun, 31 in Itna and 13 in Tarai thanas.

Besides posts of two Thana Education Officers, ten Assistant Thana Education Officers, one District Primary Education Officer, one Primary Education Officer, two Clerks cum Typists and one MLSS have also been lying vacant hampering official work seriously.

The District Primary Education office housed in a dilapidated building is in bad shape. Valuable records and documents cannot be maintained properly due to lack of accommodation and many of them have been damaged by insects.

SATKHIRA

Four people stabbed

Sept 13 : A gang of mastans stabbed and beat up four people including a father who opposed teasing of his daughter on Sunday, says UNB.

They were admitted to Kaliganj Hospital.

Police said a gang of muggers teased Jahanara Khatun, a student of class ten of Dhulipur High School while she was going to school.

Jahanara's father Ansar Ali Master along with his three other companions rebuked the mastans who became furious and attacked them with knives and rods. Ansar Master received serious stab injuries while his companions Mustafizur, Noor Islam and Sabu were severely beaten up.

COX'S BAZAR

3 killed in lightning

Sept 13 : Three people were killed and another was seriously injured in two separate incidents of lightning in the district on Saturday night, reports UNB.

Witnesses said, Mohammad Kalu (25) and Mohammad Hossain (27) were struck by thunderbolt while they were fishing in a canal at Nazirbari thana at about 7 pm.

Bashir Ahmed (30) died on the spot and Abdul Kashem was seriously injured as they were struck by lightning while they were working in a shrimp project at Mognama in Chokoria thana at about 9 pm on the day.

Abul Kashem was admitted to sadar hospital.

SIRAJGANJ

Ferry services disrupted

Sept 13 : Ferry service between Sirajganj and Bhupur was closed down Saturday following emergence of shoals near the ghat, BIWTC sources said, reports UNB.

Nearly 75 trucks were delayed for at least two hours at two ghats and were later directed to take the alternative route.

The trucks from northern districts took the Sirajganj-Nagarbari route while the trucks from Dhaka utilised the Aricha-Nagarbari service, the sources said.

MYMENSINGH

Seratunnabi function concludes

Sept 13 : The week-long Seratunnabi function concluded at the town hall premises recently, says BSS.

Jointly organised by the district administration and the Island Foundation, Mymensingh branch, the concluding function was attended by A K M Fazil Haque, MP and Alhaj Maulana Faizur Rahman Imam Baro Maaqid. It was presided over by A M Muttar Rahman, Deputy Commissioner and chairman of the celebration committee.

Alhaj Armanulah Choudhury MP, Anwarul Hussain Khan Choudhury MP, R K M Nazimuddoula, Deputy Director, Islami Foundation, Mymensingh, spoke on the occasion.

M'BAZAR

Increase in unregistered marriages

Sept 13 : The number of marriages without registration has increased in the rural areas of the district, reports UNB.

There is tendency among the bridegrooms to avoid registration of their marriages. This phenomenon is normally seen among the distressed people and marginal farmers.

Sources said that marriage without registration helps the bridegroom to divorce and remarry without any restriction.

The poor people, who live on hand to mouth avoid marriage registration due to excessive registration fees. Local people alleged that some unscrupulous marriage registrars of the district are taking fees without giving receipt.

The people of the rural areas urged the concerned authorities to make the marriage registration compulsory and easy.

NOAKHALI

Mosquito menace on rise

Sept 13 : Mosquito menace in the town has increased in an alarming proportion during the last one month causing untold suffering to local people, reports UNB.

Stagnant water in roadside ditches, derelict ponds and heaps of garbages have become the ideal breeding places for the mosquitoes.

Moreover, water-hyacinths all over the residential areas have become a serious threat to public health. Faulty drainage system has aggravated the situation further.

Garbages dumped in roadside are not cleaned and siltation of drains is causing water stagnation polluting the environment. As a result mosquito menace is on rise.

CHANDPUR

Int'l Literacy Day observed

Sept 13 : International Literacy Day was observed in Chandpur district under the auspices of the district administration and various socio-cultural organisations in befitting manner, reports BSS.

The programme of the day including discussion meetings, seminars, and rallies.

In the morning a colourful procession was brought out from the Chandpur Press Club premises which paraded through different streets of the town. Rabya Chowdhury, MP, led the procession, which was joined by thousands of school and college students, teachers and local people.

A seminar on the significance of the day was held at the Chandpur Press Club. Md Golam Kibria, Deputy Commissioner Chandpur presided over the seminar. Rabya Chowdhury, Principal Kazi Amin Ahmed, Principal Muttar Rahman, Dr Abdul Raheem, and Md Abul Kashem Ferdous were among those who took part in the discussion in the seminar.

JAMALPUR

Shortage of seeds hampers agricultural programme

Sept 13 : Post flood agricultural rehabilitation programme in the district is being hampered greatly due to lack of seeds and seedlings, reports UNB.

According to farmers, if seeds and seedlings are not supplied immediately, cultivation of the transplanted aman paddy on 27,000 acres of land will be affected.

Devastating floods, which hit the district thrice over the last two months, damaged standing crops including seed beds on 65 thousand acres of land.

About five lakh people of seven thanas were affected by the floods, official sources said. A large number of people rendered homeless on account of erosion of the river Jamuna and old Brahmaputra. But no steps have yet been taken to rehabilitate the homeless people.

The worst affected thanas are Dewanganj, Bakshiganj, Melandah, Islampur, Madarganj and Sharishabari where seedbeds were completely damaged.

After the first flash flood, farmers took all preparations for seed-beds, but these were either damaged or washed away by the second flash flood. As a result, most of the farmers in the district are now suffering from shortage of seeds and seedlings.



MYMENSINGH : Prof S M Farouk, VC of BAU and president of the varsity club speaking at the installation ceremony of the newly elected office-bearers of the club.

Stress on interest-free Islamic economic system

CHITTAGONG, Sept 13 : Speakers at a seminar on 'financial system: Islamic versus conventional' on Sunday stressed the need for spreading the knowledge about interest free Islamic economic system, particularly Islamic banking practice to enable the people to know about the subject, reports BSS.

The pointed out that Islamic banking system experimented in Bangladesh and other countries have proved to be successful and thus there is wide scope for its application in modern economic system.

The seminar held under the joint auspices of department of financial CU and the Islamic Economic Research Bureau of Dhaka at the medical complex

of the university was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof RI Chowdhury as the chief guest.

Prof Zahidul Huq, Chairman of the Finance Department of Chittagong University, presided over the seminar, while Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof Badul Alam, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Islamic Bank-Bangladesh Commodore (Rtd) Ataur Rahman, Prof AJM Nuruddin Chowdhury, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, Chittagong University, Prof Kazi Ahmad Nabi of the university and Azizul Huq, Executive Vice President of Islamic Bank, participated in the seminar.

They said, the zakat based interest free Islamic economic system could bring great relief.

Farmers selling crops in advance for crisis

KISHOREGANJ, Sept 13 : The farmers of the district are being compelled to sell their crops in advance to the money lenders at a nominal price due to their economic hardship, says UNB.

The farmers alleged that they do not even get fair prices of their harvested crops due to faulty marketing and loan systems. Taking advantage of the situation, the money lenders are doing brisk business by giving credit at a high interest rate against security of standing crops.

Another report says : About 104 non-government primary schools of the district have been facing manifold problems due to shortage of furniture including chairs, benches, blackboards and other necessary educational appliances.

Local leaders said if the government fails to accord recognition and necessary financial assistance immediately many such schools will die.

They called upon the government to look into the matter and help achieve the goal of universal primary education in the district.

Guardians complained that after long 12 years of normal functioning these schools are yet to get government recognition.

About 22,000 students have been studying in these schools. The teachers of these schools are not getting their salary regularly due to which many of them are planning to quite, informed sources said.

Students in these institutions are also facing problems due to shortage of furniture including chairs, benches, blackboards and other necessary educational appliances.

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Imam, UP chairman arrested

SATKHIRA, Sept 13 : An Imam of a mosque and a UP chairman were arrested from a village in Kalganj thana on Friday in connection with the suicide case of a poor teenaged girl, says UNB.

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Irregularities detected at PDB offices

CHITTAGONG, Sept 13 : The members of the parliamentary standing committee on Energy and Mineral Resources who visited greater Sylhet district on Thursday and Friday last detected a number of irregularities in metre-reading, billing system, supervision and harassment to customers by concerned employees of Power Development Board (PDB), according to official sources here, reports BSS.

The minister was addressing as the chief guest at the installation ceremony of the Central Students Union of Shahjalal Science and Technology University here.

The minister said, progress in science and technology a must for a nation to march forward he said the democratic government was attaching high importance to science and technological education to keep pace with the advancement of modern world.

The committee members will submit a joint report of their finding during their visit to different areas to the committee chairman. They will also recommend actions against PDB employees involved in irregularities.

The convicted persons are:

Union parishad chairman Saiful Munshi, MP Abdul Awal Meah MP, Imran Ahmed, MP and A Mukith Khan, MP visited Sylhet electric supply, Fenchuganj electric supply, Moulvibazar electric supply and Chhatak electric supply. During their visits they examined metre reading books, ledger, billing system and met with a number of consumers in different areas.

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