

## National

## District roundup

## MYMENSINGH

People urged to help implement 'Education for All' programme

Sep 17: Jute Minister A S M Hannan Shah called upon the people of all walks of life to come forward and help remove illiteracy from the society, reports BSS.

He was speaking at a discussion organised by the district administration on the occasion of the International Literacy Day at the local town hall recently.

Presided over by Professor Salahuddin, Principal T T College, Mymensingh the discussion was addressed among others by Anwar Hussain Khan Choudhury MP, A F M Matru Rahman, Deputy Commissioner Mymensingh, Professor Lutfar Rahman Khan, Alhaj Iman Ali, DPEO.

The Jute Minister also said that the teachers can play a very important role to help make "Education for All" programme a success.

The discussion was followed by a cultural function which was attended by Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder, Minister in Charge of Local Government and Rural Development.

Earlier, a colourful procession of officers, teachers and students led by Jute Minister was brought out. The processions paraded the main streets of the town. A K M Fazlul Haque MP, Anwar Hussain Khan Chowdhury MP, Nurjahan Yesmine MP and Deputy Commissioner participated the procession.

## FARIDPUR

25,413 patients get free treatment

Sep 17: The annual general meeting of Dr Zahed Memorial Shishu Hospital was held recently at the hospital premises, reports BSS.

In an annual report submitted by the secretary of the hospital committee Shahjahan Molla informed the meeting that 1814 patients received indoor treatment from July 1992 to June 1993. During the same period 15052 patients received outdoor services, 2739 children and mothers were given immunisation vaccines. Besides, the mobile unit of the hospital treated 5808 children and mothers in the remote areas on this district.

The meeting also approved the budget of Taka 35,80,618 for the year 1993-94. The meeting was presided over by Abul Bashar Mia, president of the hospital committee.

## PATUAKHALI

1.50 lakh children get admission to pry schools

Sep 17: More than one lakh fifty thousand children have been admitted to the primary schools all over the district during the session, reports BSS.

The total number of children in the school going age group in the district is about one lakh ninety-five thousand, district education office said.

The sources said that about thirty seven thousand children have been admitted to schools in Patuakhali sadar thana, thirty six thousand in Bauphal thana, thirty two thousand in Golachipa thana, twenty two thousand in Kolapara thana, thirteen thousand in Mirzaganj thana and eleven thousand in Dakhina thana.

## BRAHMANBARIA

Housewife killed in train mishap

Sep 17: A housewife was killed and her minor son was seriously injured when they were run over by a speeding train at Sadar railway station on Sunday morning, reports BSS.

The dead was identified as Murshida Begum (35), wife of Amir Hussain of Methikanda.

Witnesses said Murshida Begum and her three year old son slipped from the Bhairab-bound running train when she tried to board it with the child in her lap. They were rushed to Sadar hospital where Murshida Begum succumbed. The condition of her child was stated to be critical.

A case has been filed with the local police in this connection.

Another report from Moulvibazar adds: A boy was crushed under the wheels of a speeding coaster at Mukambazar in Sadar thana on Dhaka-Sylhet highway on Wednesday.

The dead was identified as Jamsed (14) of Ramchandrapur village of Sadar thana.

The coaster hit the little boy while he was crossing the road. Jamsed died on the spot.

## KUSHTIA

Islamic varsity reopens on Sept 19

Sep 17: Islamic University will reopen on September 19, says a Press release of the university, reports BSS.

The decision for the reopening of the university was taken by the Syndicate at a meeting held on Tuesday. Students' access to the hostels will, however, be allowed from Sept 18, after police checking.

All sorts of political activities on the campus will remain suspended for one month. A large contingent of police will remain posted on the campus to maintain law and order.

## HABIGANJ

500 current nets seized, 50 cases filed

Sep 17: About 500 current nets were seized from different parts of the district and over 50 cases were filed with different thanas in this connection in the last month, reports BSS.

According to official sources, 30 current nets were seized from Sadar, 70 in Madhabpur, 20 in Bahubal, 51 in Ajmirganj, 25 in Baniajchong, 125 in Nabiganj and 175 in Lakai thanas.

Meanwhile, 23 cases were filed in Sadar, 9 in Ajmirganj, 14 in Baniajchong, 4 in Nabiganj, 6 in Lakai and Tk 2500 was realised as fine from Ajmirganj, Tk 2100 from Baniajchong and Tk 2800 from Sadar thanas during the month.

District fishery official launched an operation against catching of fish fry by current nets in the district.

Another report says: Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda donated Taka 5,000 for development of Habiganj Press Club on September 7.

The minister announced the donation from his personal fund at a meeting with the local journalists and leaders of the Human Rights Implementation Committee at the local Circuit House.

Chowdhury Abdul Hye, ex-MP and president of Human Rights Committee of the district unit presided over the meeting.

## RANGPUR

Housewife stabbed to death

Sep 17: A young housewife was stabbed to death allegedly by her husband at Kamalatnna village in Kotwali thana on Friday, reports BSS.

Police said Abdul of the same village killed his second wife Shapna (25) following a family feud.

Abdul, the alleged murderer, went into hiding soon after the killing, family sources said.

The body of Shapna was sent to Sadar Hospital for autopsy and a case was filed with the police.

Another message adds: A gang of dacoits stormed three houses and looted cash and valuables leaving two inmates injured by bullet at Joyramanga in Gongachara thana on Monday night.

Police said the gang of bandits attacked the houses of Abdul Jabbar, Mostafiz and Asir Uddin on the same night and looted cash and cows.

The looters also fired several rounds of gun shots when they were resisted by the house owners leaving two of them injured. The injured Asir Uddin (30) and Abdul Motaleb were rushed to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

They, however, made their good escape but left behind some of the looted cows.

A case was filed with the local police in this connection.

## KHULNA

Anti-crime confce held

Sep 17: An anti-crime conference was held at the office of the Khulna Metropolitan Police Commissioner's office recently, reports BSS.

Rafiqul Islam Khan Metropolitan Police Commissioner presided over the conference. It was attended by police officials of Khulna metropolitan areas.

The meeting discussed the law and order situation within the metropolitan area.

The Police Commissioner in his speech asked the officials of his area to complete investigation of all pending cases within fifteen days. The meeting directed the concerned officials to be more vigilant to curb crimes and criminal activities. The KMP Commissioner asked the police officials to seek cooperation of the members of the public to curb criminal activities within the KMP areas.



Prof Abdul Karim, former VC of Chittagong University, speaking at 'Samajik Utshob-93' held at the varsity recently. — CU photo

## Jute growers deprived of fair price

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Sep 17: The local jute growers have been facing losses as the product is being sold at a nominal price at different markets of the district.

No purchasing centre has yet been opened in the district either by the government or by any private agency threatening further decline in the prices. The middlemen taking advantage of the situation are depriving the jute growers of fair price.

In their utter helplessness, the growers are selling their produce to the local middlemen at lower prices.

Jute is being sold at Taka 140 to Taka 180 per mound in Kendua, Nandina, Islampur, Dewanganj, Bakshiganj, Melai-dhara, Baijuri, Sarishabari, Mahmudpur bazaars while few in Jamalpur.

According to an official of Agricultural Extension Department at the district, the production cost of jute this year has stood at Taka 280 to Taka 320 per mound including lease amount of the land, labour cost and costs of other inputs. Thus growers have sustained a loss of Taka 120 to Taka 140 per mound, he added.

The authorities should come forward immediately to check jute smuggling to protect national interest.

Woman killed in

rival groups clash

One woman was killed and two other persons were seriously injured when two rival groups clashed over a plot of land at village Campapur in Jamalpur thana recently.

675 unnatural deaths in 8 months

DINAJPUR, Sep 17: Some 675 people met unnatural deaths in 13 thanas of the district during the last 8 months, reports BSS.

According to informed sources, the causes behind the deaths were suicide, killing, road accident and electrocution.

Of them the highest number of 68 deaths was recorded in Sadar thana and among them 43 died by taking poison, 11 in road accidents, two in fire incidents, one was electrocuted and 9 others in other incidents.

Another report adds: One unidentified Muslim young man was shot dead by Indian BSF near the Birail thana border outpost on Friday night.

According to witnesses, the man was shot dead in no-man's-land of Ramchandrapur border outpost at Bhandara.

## Work on power plant in progress

The construction of Taka 404 crore Sylhet 90 mw combined cycle power plant is in rapid progress, a Power Development Board (PDB) Press release said here, reports BSS.

The foreign exchange component of Taka 290 crore has been provided by Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), Japan.

The site development work on the plant is being carried out by the Dredger Directorate of Water Development Board (WDB).

The plant to be completed on turn-key basis is being set up over 25 acres at Fenchuganj, 22 km off from Sylhet town.

In the 90 mw plant, there will be three generating units with the capacity of 30 mw each. Two of them will be gas-turbine while the rest will be steam turbine. Natural gas will be used as fuel in the plant.

The PDB Chairman Kazl Golam Rahman and other high officials of the organisation recently visited the plant site to supervise the progress of the construction work. During the visit they were informed that the first consignment of civil works materials has arrived from abroad and test piling work at the site has started, the Press release added.

An additional 50 mw power will be transmitted to the national grid line when the project will be completed by October 1995.

'Goal of market economy is to increase productivity'

RAJENDRAPUR (Gazipur), Sep 17: Finance Minister M Salfur Rahman today said the goal of the open market economy is to increase productivity in the economic sector through the promotion of efficiency, reports BSS.

Addressing a three-day symposium on 'Poverty Eradication in South Asia', he said to eradicate poverty from the society, there is no alternative to increase production which would generate more employment opportunity and ensure more economic growth.

He said the government is aware of the limitations of the open market economy. We are determined so that the benefits of the free economy might not be enjoyed by the rich section alone creating imbalance in the society, he said adding that social justice and harmony of development are the prime objectives of the government.

Rahman said the objective of the government is not to give up the responsibilities to the private sector. The state would formulate the economic policies and monitor private sector activities to maintain the social balance and uplift the economic conditions of the poor section.

The chief guest gave away the prizes among the best participants.

## Tk 1.4cr for post-flood agri rehabilitation

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Sep 17: The government has allocated Taka 1 crore 3 lakh 98 thousand for post-flood agricultural rehabilitation scheme in Moulvibazar district.

According to district Agricultural Extension Department (AED) sources under this scheme, seeds, saplings and fertilizers worth Taka 4 lakh 66 thousand has already been distributed among the flood affected farmers free of cost for aman cultivation.

Roads and Highways Department has sanctioned Taka 11.90 crore for the development of different portion of roads and highways in Moulvibazar district.

According to R&I sources, a total of 26 culverts and 6 bridges will be constructed and 30 kilometres of different roads and highways will be reconstructed under this programme. Of this, 20 culverts and 4 bridges will be built.

## Work on Tk 1.40 cr bus terminal in progress

RAJBARI, Sep 17: The construction work on Rajbari central bus terminal is nearing completion and is expected to be opened at the end of this year, reports BSS.

The bus terminal is one of the biggest terminals of the country that has been constructed at a cost of Taka 1.40 crore.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum visited the under-construction bus terminal on Wednesday, said a PID handout.

The terminal will have a capacity for movement and parking of 250 buses at a time, the State Minister was informed. It will also extend facilities of banking, restaurants, toilets, supply of pure drinking water, waiting rooms and other necessary arrangement for the passengers.

Jahanara Begum expressed her hope that after opening the terminal a new era would be added to road communication between Rajbari and other parts of the country.

BSS adds: State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum said that the government has plan to set up a private college at Rajbari.

She said that on the basis of application, the government will actively consider to introduce honours course in the Rajbari Government College.

The State Minister said this

while addressing a students rally at the Rajbari Government College premises on Wednesday. Organised by the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, the rally was addressed among others by senior vice president of central committee of JCD Muniruzzaman Munir and former student leader Zahiruddin Swapan.

Referring to the laudable role of Chhatra Dal workers during the anti-autocratic movement Prof Jahanara Begum said at the time they had to face many oppression, but never came back from the desired goal. She said, some opposition political parties took part in the pre-arranged general election held under the autocratic ruler.

She said BNP never does politics of hollow slogans but politics of development. The State Minister gave assurance for solving the existing problems of the college.

## ICTVTR diploma awarding ceremony Sept 21

The Islamic Centre for Technical and Vocational Training and Research (ICTVTR) will hold the seventh congregation ceremony to the ICTVTR graduate at 10:30 am on September 21 at the centre at Board Bazar Gazipur.

## Diarrhoea kills four, attacks 400 in thana under Barisal dist

BARISAL, Sep 17: Diarrhoea has claimed four lives and attacked 400 people in Gournati thana under Barisal district during the last few days, reports BSS.

Almost all the villages of seven unions of the thana have been attacked with the disease. Reports of diarrhoea cases are numerous from Barthi and Thandupur union. Khodja (75), Manoja (2), Aklima (10), Khodja (3) of Baghamara village under Barthi union died of the disease. The disease is spreading in new areas of the thana.

Another report says: Shishu Maushumi competition of Barisal district was held at the public library premises Friday.

Mahbubul Alam presided over the function held in this connection organised by the Shishu Academy. The function was attended by Mamta Uddin, Deputy Commissioner, Barisal, as chief guest.

A total of 108 children from ten thanas of the district participated in this competition this year.

The items of competition were