

## National

## District roundup

## TANGAIL

Doctors urged to serve people

Sept 20 : The installation ceremony of the Tangail branch of the Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB) was held here on Friday, reports BSS.

Dr Abdul Rabi, Civil Surgeon Tangail presided over the function. Deputy Minister, Health and Family Planning, Sirajul Haque attended the function as chief guest.

In his speech the deputy minister asked the doctors to hold high the professional dignity of the physicians. 'Your job is to serve the people which is more noble than many of the noblest job in other sectors.'

The president and secretary of the association also addressed the function.

## JAMALPUR

Farmers to get Tk 14 cr loan

Sept 20 : The nationalised banks including Bangladesh Krishi Bank sanctioned Taka 14 crore as agri-loan for the small and marginal farmers of greater Jamalpur district in the current financial year, reports BSS.

According to official sources, the loan is being disbursed at the first phase among the farmers of 12 thanas of Sherpur and Jamalpur districts.

The loan will be disbursed among the 25,000 farmers of the districts to boost crop, live-stock and fisheries output.

The sources said the loan will be disbursed through 67 branches of BKB, Sonali Bank, Janata Bank and Agrant Bank till June next year.

## PATUAKHALI

Int'l Literacy Day observed

Sept 20 : International Literacy Day was observed all over the district in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

A colourful procession was brought out in the morning at this town. The procession was joined by the students of schools and colleges, local political leaders and workers and elite of the town. A discussion meeting was also held in this connection at the local pourashava auditorium.

Minister for Religious Affairs, Keramat Ali attended the meeting as chief guest. It was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner of Patuakhali Eyheen Molla. It was addressed among others by Sultan Ahmed, Chairman of the Pourashava, Professor Abdul Awal Biswas, Prof Azizur Rahman, Nargis Ara Haque and Delwar Hossain Superintendent of Police.

## MAULVIBAZAR

Death condoled

From Our Correspondent Sept 20 : A meeting to condole the death of a journalist, social worker Nikunj Bharti Goswami was held at local Shilpa Kala Academy premises recently.

The condolence meeting was presided over by Mustak Ahmed Mom and it was addressed among others by Prof Karunamoy Roy, Prof Habibur Rahman Abu, Prof Rajat Kanti Goswami, Syed Munir Danial and Asif Kumar Das.

The speakers of the meeting recalled the contribution of the late news man.

Late Goswami was born in Kalapur village under Moulvibazar district in 1913.

## MYMENSINGH

Help implement socio-economic programmes

Sept 20 : State Minister for Establishment Barrister Md Amtul Haque on Saturday called upon the nationalist forces to motivate the rural people and social organisations in implementing the socio-economic development programmes of the government, reports BSS.

He was addressing a rally of the leaders and workers of Jatiyatabadi Sanchayeb Dal.

The state minister said, some vested groups were making propaganda about the ongoing development activities. He said, they did not want a happy and prosperous Bangladesh and as they wanted to misguide the people.

The state minister urged the workers to put in their best efforts to create a properly educated society so that they might no more be deprived by the vested quarters. Corruption and terrorism should also be rooted out through united endeavours, he asserted.

Among others, local MP Ahsanullah Chowdhury spoke on the occasion.

## MADRIPUR

Two commit suicide

Sept 20 : Two people allegedly committed suicide in Rajbari thana of the district during the last week, family sources said, reports BSS.

The dead were identified as Mayarani (40) wife of Gonesh Chowdhury of Amgram union in the thana and Swapna Kumar Baroi (18) son of Horendra Nath Baroi of Kadambari union of the same thana.

Mayarani allegedly committed suicide as a sequel to family feud while Swapna Kumar took his life by taking poison following his failure in love.

Two cases had been filed with the police.

## RAJBARI

JCD wins govt college students union election

Sept 20 : Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal swept the election of Rajbari Government College Students Union held on Saturday in a peacefully atmosphere, according to a press release, reports BSS.

The JCD won 19 posts including the Vice President and Assistant General Secretary out of a total of 25 posts.

A K M Sirajul Alam Chowdhury was elected V P and Shah Md Alamgir Hossain AGS Nazrul Islam Shimul of Chhatra Maitri was elected General Secretary.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahan Ara Begum congratulated the newly elected office-bearers of the Rajbari Government College Students Union.

She also expressed her gratefulness to the students of the college for electing JCD candidates.

RAJSHAHI

People urged to make edn plans a success

Sept 20 : Rajshahi City Mayor Mitzanur Rahman Minu has called upon the voluntary organisations to put in their efforts side by side government's initiatives to eradicate the curse of illiteracy from the country, reports BSS.

Addressing the seventh founding anniversary of Muktangan Illiteracy Eradication Centre here on Saturday, the Mayor said, the prosperity of the country depended upon increasing the literacy rate of the masses.

The Mayor lauded the role of the institution in spreading education and sought cooperation of the affluent sections for building such institutions.

Explaining different programmes undertaken by the government to ensure education for all by the year 2000, the Mayor called upon the people to make the programmes a success.

## CHUADANGA

Aman farming hampered for want of rain

From Our Correspondent

Sept 20 : Transplanted aman paddy cultivation during the current season is severely hampering in all the four thanas of Chuadanga district for want sufficient rainfall.

The rainfall in the district is inadequate. As a result the transplanted aman paddy, cultivators of the district have been facing problems.

The shallow tubewell owners of the district have with drawn their shallow tubewell engines from the fields with a heavy rainfall like other years.

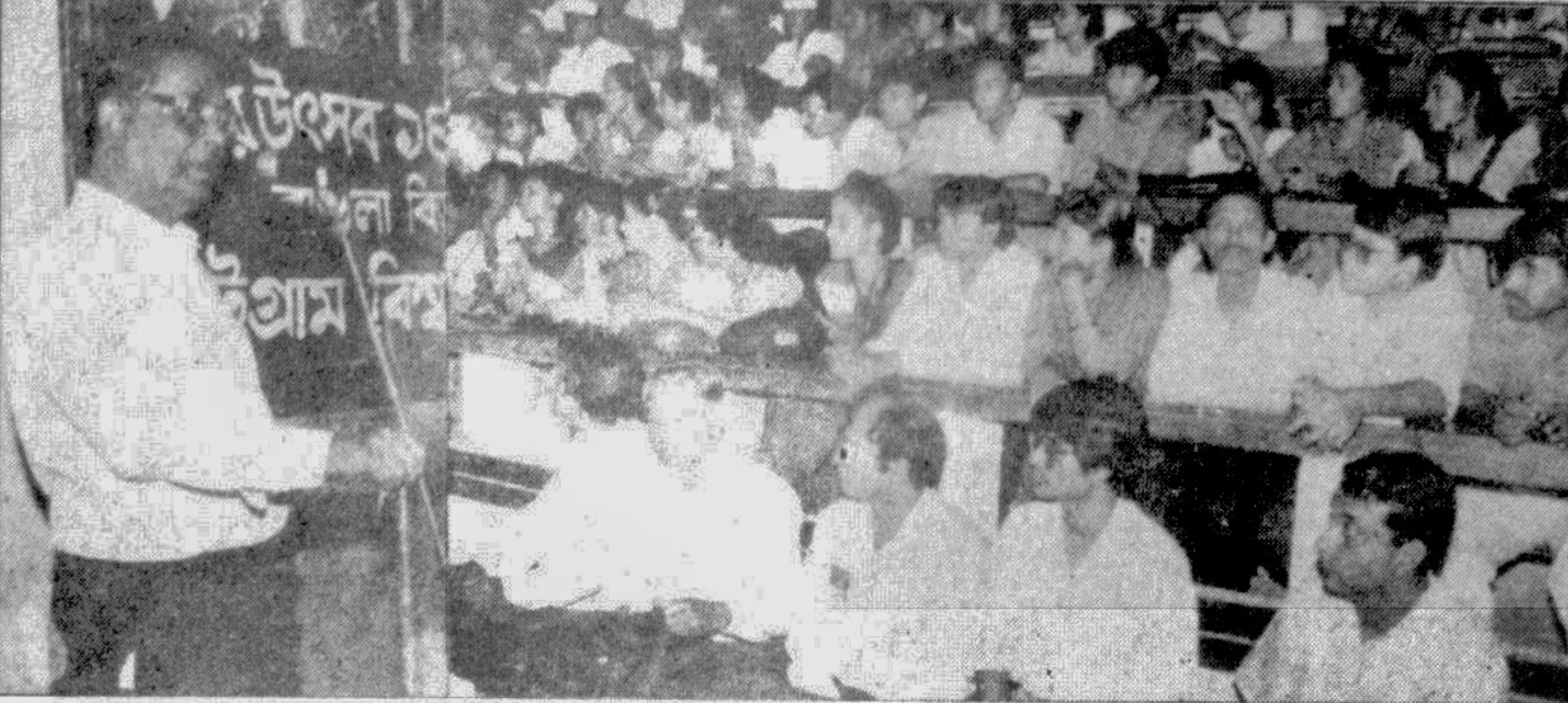
It may be noted here that every year it rains sufficiently with the advent of Ashar month.

During the current transplanted aman paddy cultivation season about 80000 acres of land have been brought under cultivation in the district.

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Prof RI Chowdhury, VC, Chittagong University speaking at a farewell function accorded to the outgoing students of Bengali Department of the university recently. — CU photo

## One to die for acid throw

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Sept 20 : One Majibur Rahman to die and Moklesh Mia to suffer life-term for throwing acid. Moklesh also pay a fine of Taka 5,000 in default to suffer one more year.

The four other accused persons were acquitted of the charge. The accused persons are Sufia Khaton, Abdul Karim, Hussain Mia and Rahis Mia.

The above judgement was delivered by the District and Sessions Judge, Nazmunn Ara Sultan of Brahmanbaria recently.

The prosecution story in brief is that the accused persons threw acid is on Hama Begum (22), Mamta Begum (15) Daughter of Abdul Khaleque and two years old son Shabbir Hussain of Hanifa Begum of village Rupsadi under Banchharampur thana of the

district when they were sleeping in their home on the night of May 24, 1992.

The faces, eyes and some portion of the body of the victims were burnt.

Accused Majibur Rahman wanted to marry Mamta Begum. Being failure, they threw acid on them.

A case was filed with the Banchharampur thana.

Police after investigation submitted chargesheet against six persons.

The judge after examining the records and witnesses, delivered the judgement.

Property worth about Taka 8 lakh was gutted when a devastating fire broke out at Chhanda Bazaar under Sadar thana of the district on September 18.

Eight shops were burnt to ashes. The shops includes

laundry, clothes shops and jute shops. The fire service vehicle from Zila Sadar reached to the spot and brought the fire under the control after two hours.

The fire originated from electric short circuit.

Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal has won in the student union election of Brahmanbaria Government College held on September 18.

Abu Shamim Md Arif, Md Matul Hussain and Md Apple Mahmud Khan were elected Vice President, General Secretary and Assistant General Secretary respectively.

Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JOD), Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), Chhatra Moitri, Chhatra Union and Sangrami Chhatra Samaj took part in the election while Islami Chhatra Shibir boycott the election.

## Hundreds suffering from virus fever

From Our Correspondent

NARAIL, Sept 20 : The virus fever that broke out in an alarming proportion in the district attacked hundreds of people in rural and urban areas during the last 15 days, reports UNB.

According to the physicians, the symptoms of virus fever are high temperature, pain and headache.

The badly affected areas are Pahardanga, Baisona and Baraipara in Kalna thana and Lakki Pasha, Joypur and Sheerbor in Lohagara thana of the district.

There is no curative medicine for this fever, doctors said: women and children are the worst sufferers of the disease.

Local people have urged the Health Minister and local MP to look into the matter and take necessary scheme to modernise the hospital.

Another report adds: The project of ground nut cultivation

in the district is bright as lucrative, farmers and agri-experts said.

Farmers of the river-belt areas of Lohagara and Kalia thanas where soil is sandy have achieved encouraging yield of the crop with the cooperation of the local Agriculture Extension Department.

The yield was 60 maund per acre valued at Taka 10,000 while the cost of production was Taka 100 only. Sandy soil is suitable for cultivation of ground nut and it can be grown in both Kharif and Rabi seasons.

It takes 130 days to harvest the crop, the farmers said. Encouraged by the high yield, the farmers of these areas have decided to go for extensive cultivation of this cash crop.



SYLHET : AFM Kamal, Chairman, local pourashava speaking as chief guest at the 'Dr A Rasul Cyclone Education Stipend' and certificate giving function arranged by the central cyclone group — Star photo

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Sept 20 : About 65,000 fishermen in 13 thanas of Kishoreganj district are not in a position to carry on their ancestral occupation due to non-availability of fishing appliances and necessary capital.

The fish production in the district is on decline for last five years following price hike of fishing appliances including nets and boats. The situation has aggravated due to past floods that have completely shattered the economic condition of the fishermen. The flood ravaged fishermen were not properly rehabilitated to run their trade afresh. Some fishermen are also being deprived of government allocation extended to fishermen co-operative societies due to nepotism of local influential quarters.

Previous boats and boats were the main source of fish production but it is declining very fast because of massive siltation, unplanned irrigation and reckless fishing by the non-professionals considerably affecting the production in the boats and boats.

Meanwhile, a large number of fishermen have left their profession and has taken other jobs. It may be mentioned here that genuine fishermen previously used to get boats, boats and jalmahals on lease but now-a-days a section of fake fishermen in collusion with the vested quarters are taking lease of water bodies.

A fishing boat along with a net in local market is being sold at Taka 1.5 lakh which is beyond the purchasing capacity of the fishermen. The abnormal prices of fishing net, boat and other appliances persisting in the district have crippled the professional fish-

ermen.

reversal in the fisherman co-operative societies. On the other hand, bank loan facilities are not adequate to help boost pisciculture in the district.

Reports from Itna, Mitamain, Nikli, Aastagram, Bhairob, Kullarchar and Bajpur thanas say that fishermen were totally frustrated due to fund constraints and lack of government patronisation.

Non-professional fishermen make monopoly business in connivance with the local influential persons while the genuine fishermen are being deprived of minimum facilities.

## Power failure frequent

Frequent power failure and load shedding have become a regular feature at Kishoreganj town and its adjoining areas causing much inconvenience to the town dwellers and loss to the businessmen and industrialists.

Despite government provi-

sion, the local fishermen are not being supplied with yarn at a fair price due to alleged cor-

ruption in the fisherman co-

operative societies.

sources, hardly a day or night

passes without power disruption.

Almost every night electricity supply fails for hours to

gether plunging the town into

darkness almost after every

rainy sundown giving rise to an-

titocial activities.

Many of their electric and

electronic household gad-

gets have been rendered

inoperative due to volt-

age fluctuation which is also a

regular feature.

Inadequate street lights

have also affected the town life.

Owners of mills and factories

alleged that with the de-

crease of production due to

frequent power failure, they are sus-

taining huge economic loss.

Besides, prices of several

products have shot up ad-

versely affecting the con-

sumers.

Local people said despite

repeated appeals, Power

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