

## National

## District roundup

## BHOLA

## Womens' college inaugurated

Sept 29: One women college was inaugurated at the public library premises of Lalmoni thana of this district Wednesday, reports BSS.

Major (Retd) Hafiz Uddin MP inaugurated the college as chief guest and ABM Mohammad Ali, Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) was present as special guest on this occasion.

The admission of students began on the day.

## MADRIPUR

## 5.8 lakh bales of jute expected

Sept 29: About 5.80 lakh bales of jute will be produced in the 11 southern districts under Barisal Agriculture Extension Zone during current fiscal year, reports UNB.

Official sources said a total of 59,850 hectares of land was brought under jute cultivation programme in these districts.

A total of 74,994 kilograms of jute seeds were supplied to the farmers for successful implementation of the programme.

Of the total, 1.24 lakh bales in 12,800 hectares in Madaripur, 15,423 bales in 1,590 hectares in Barisal, 68,152 bales in 7,026 hectares in Sariapur, 1251 bales in 129 hectares in Pirojpur, 397 bales in 41 hectares in Jhalakati, 582 bales in 60 hectares in Patuakhali, 485 bales in 50 hectares in Barguna, 1940 bales in 200 hectares in Bhola, 2.03 lakh bales in 20,978 hectares in Faridpur, 63,661 bales in 6,563 hectares in Gopalganj and one lakh bales in 10,403 hectares in Rajbari, will be produced, the sources added.

## M'BAZAR

## Indiscriminate killing of frogs

Sept 29: Frogs, the natural predators, are being indiscriminately killed and sold in different parts of the district, reports UNB.

Government has imposed ban on catching and killing of frogs but a section of unscrupulous money-mongers without paying heed to it are carrying on the business before the nose of the law enforcing agency.

Environment experts said indiscriminate killing of the frogs causes imbalance in the nature.

## PATUAKHALI

## Two dacoities committed

Sept 29: Two separate dacoities were committed possibly by the same gang of Ruffians at village Guithamech of Naormala union, bound inmates of the house hands and feet, and looted cash and valuables worth about Taka sixty thousand. The neighbours awakened by the alarms rushed to the spot, surrounded the house but could not catch the bandits. They opened fires in the air and escaped.

In half an hour time the possibly same gang of dacoits ran to the Batakal village half a mile away and committed banditry in the house of one Pancham Ali Khan. They looted cash, gold ornaments and valuables worth about Taka fifty thousand.

## SATKHIRA

## One killed, two arrested

Sept 29: Police arrested two people for their alleged involvement in a dacoity case of Agrani Bank of Noornagar branch of Shyamnagar thana on Friday, reports BSS.

The accused were identified as Mostafa Kamal of Sankarpur village in Jessor and Moslem of Kalliganj thana in Satkhira district. They were sent to jail hajat and further investigation is going on.

Another report adds that one woman was allegedly violated and killed at Balabed village of Assasuti thana in the district last week.

The dead, identified as Fazila Khatun (30), wife of Liakat Ali was almost insane. She went to a shrimp farm and begged some food on Sept 3. The workers of the farm gave some food to her and later they allegedly violated and killed her.

Two days later police recovered the body of Fazila from the shrimp gher area and sent to the morgue for autopsy.

A case has been filed with the local police.

## BARISAL

## Development possible thru improving lot of common man

Sept 29: State Minister for Education Principal Md Eunus Khan said Monday that the overall development of the country was possible only by improving lot of common man of the country, reports BSS.

He said, education is essential for the masses for increased production in fields and factories.

Eunus was addressing a rally at Adarsa Madhyamik Bidyalaya of Ratnapur union under Agaljhara thana of Barisal district.

State Minister said, the present government has made primary education compulsory to ensure education for all by the year 2000. He said, 4032 schools will be nationalised in the country at a cost of Taka 487 crore.

Presided over by Md Maturi Rahman, the meeting was attended by senior officials.

Later, State Minister laid the foundation stone of the school and the college there.

## COX'S BAZAR

## Nepalese MPs visit Adinath Temple

Sept 29: The visiting 11-member Nepalese parliamentary delegation visited the Adinath temple here Monday, reports UNB.

The delegation, led by Speaker Damantha Dhungana, flew in here at about 2.30 pm and later ferried to the temple in Mohekhali.

The delegation members also enjoyed a cultural function at the Shilpakala Academy organised on the occasion and expected to leave here at about 8 am tomorrow (Tuesday).

## RAJSHAHI

## Tree plantation

Sept 29: The district administration has so far planted 10,000 various types of saplings in 70 unions of the district during the countrywide tree plantation programme, reports BSS.

An official source Sunday said that about one crore saplings will be planted in the district under social tree plantation programme with a view to maintain ecological balance in the region.

Reliable sources said, a



MYMENSINGH: Jute Minister A S M Hannan Shah leading a procession which was arranged by the local administration on the occasion of International Literacy Day. — Star photo

## 50 pc deep tubewells lying out of order

## Food deficit area needs irrigation facility

## From Our Correspondent

about 15 per cent cane are damaged. On the other hand, the production of cane remains 25 per cent less than the target every year for want of irrigating facilities, it is reported.

The farmers of the thana

## Minister's surprise visit to silo

total population of this thana is two lakh 13 thousand. In comparison with other districts the cultivation and production of paddy and sugarcane are not adequate.

About 40,000 people of the thana have no land. The quantity of food deficit here is 10,111 metric ton.

North Bengal Sugar Mills is situated at Lalpur. This is why growers are more eager to cultivate sugar-cane than paddy. But due lack of proper care

He expressed his satisfaction over the management of silo and instructed the authority to keep up-to-date information regarding food grains.

The Food Minister asked the officials of the silo for intensive plantation within the silo campus.

Local journalists of different dailies and news medias were also present at the function.

have urged the authorities concerned to give proper attention regarding the matter.

The concluding ceremony of a fortnight-long function in observance of the holy Shehr-e-Tunnabi was held at Natore Islamic Foundation auditorium with Dr Muhammad Shafiqullah, Chairman of Arabid and Islamic Studies Department of Rajshahi University in the chair.

Md Abu Bakar Shekali, MP attended the function as the chief guest.

Among others M Shahadat Hossain, District Information Officer, Md Hasibul Hassan, Senior Vice President, Tamudin Majlis Natore, and Sultan Ahmed, Assistant Director of Islamic Foundation Natore, addressed the function and took part in a discussion on Hazrat Mohammad (SM).

The food will be spent to construct religious and mass education institutions and roads.

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