

District roundup

MYMENSINGH

T-aman cultivation programme

Oct 29: A total about five lakh hectares of land has been brought under intensive transplanted aman cultivation in the greater Mymensingh district during the current season, says BSS.

Of the total, three lakh and thirty thousand hectares of land have been brought under High Yielding Variety and the rest under local variety.

Six hundred and forty seven demonstration plots have been set up by the agriculture extension department in these areas consisting of Mymensingh, Jamalpur, Sherpur, Netrakona and Kishoreganj districts.

The department supplied seeds and fertilizers to the farmers.

NAOAGON

Food for uplift schemes undertaken

Oct 29: A total of 471 development projects have been undertaken with an allocation of 840 metric tons of wheat at eleven thanas and pourashada of the district under test relief programme, reports BSS.

The projects have been approved at a meeting of district test relief coordination committee held here recently with State Minister for Land Md Kabir Hossain in the chair.

The work of the projects included reconstruction of roads and embankments, afforestation.

The State Minister asked the concerned officials to frequently supervise execution of the projects to ensure its optimum utilisation. He said any corruption in implementing the projects aimed at the benefit of the masses will be dealt with iron hand.

RAJBARI

Training course of crop diversification

Oct 29: A two-day training course of the officials of nationalised banks to make the crop diversification programme a success, was concluded at the local thana parishad auditorium Tuesday, reports UNB.

The objective of the training course is to acquaint the bank officials with cultivation of non-traditional crops like pulses, oil seeds and potatoes along with the traditional crops so that they can provide loan in time.

To invigorate the rural economy, the Agriculture Extension Department is introducing crop diversification programme. Canada and the Netherlands governments are giving financial assistance for the programme.

TANGAIL

Signature campaign

Oct 29: Tangail press club held a discussion meeting on the Gana Shikshata (signature) campaign Monday at the club premises, reports BSS.

Organised by the Sangbadik Ganashikshata Forum, the function was attended by Abdullah Al Muti Sharfuddin, a renowned scientist who is also the director of the Gana-shikshata Abhijan Dhaka.

In his speech, Sharfuddin said that, "The journalists had a tremendous responsibility to the society to make each and every man self-conscious."

Unless one has the literacy or knows nothing about education how can he become conscious of himself or the society. He said that the innocent people of the country should be given education. Zahurul Islam Khan, Prof Md Kamruzzaman, Wahiduzzaman Khan Mati and Nishat Jahan Rana also spoke on the occasion.

CHITTAGONG

Course on journalism

Oct 29: A four-day foundation course on journalism began at the Zila Parishad hall here recently under the joint auspices of Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB), Rotary Club, and Rotaract Club of Chittagong, says BSS.

Rotarian LK Siddiqui, MP inaugurated the course as the chief guest at a simple function. Rotarian Abdul Ahad presided over the function.

Course Director Zawadur Rahman, course coordinator Jasim Uddin Chowdhury, Rotaract President Md Shehbaz, Rotaract Ali Reza, Rotarian Amiruzzaman Bhuiyan spoke at the function. Thirty youths are taking part in the course.

JESSORE

AED to set up demonstration plots

Oct 29: Agriculture Extension Department (AED) Jessore region has undertaken a comprehensive programme for the establishment of 2430 demonstration plots for 21 crops during the 1993-94 rabi season under agriculture support service programme, reports BSS.

The department would supply High Yielding Varieties (HYV) of seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and irrigation equipments to the farmers free of cost. The region covers Jessore, Jhenedah, Magura, Narail, Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Kushtia, Chuadanga and Meherpur districts.

These crops includes boro, wheat, maize, kowin, ground nut, mustard, sunflower, soybean, onion, potato, sweet potato, cauliflower, cabbage, tomato, carrot, watermelon and sugarcane.

Agriculture extension officials including block supervisors will supervise and monitor the cultivation, use of fertilizers and irrigation and would provide the cultivators with technical know.

SIRAJGANJ

One drowned, 4 commit suicide

Oct 29: A man drowned in a pond and four others committed suicide in separate incidents in three thanas of the district Tuesday, police said, reports UNB.

Buddhu (20), son of Newab Ali of Kutirchar village in Kamarkhand thana, killed himself by taking pesticide as he was chided by friends for not getting married even after his younger brother's marriage.

Babu (12), son of Azhar Ali of Kuralia village in Sadar thana, died as he took poison after a feud with his father in the morning.

Anisur Rahman (22), son of Ibrahim of Kutipara village allegedly committed suicide also by taking poison to get rid of stomach pain.

Bani Bibi (60), wife of Saded Ali, committed suicide following a family feud.

Ashraf Ali (12) of Chandidashgathi in Sadar thana drowned while taking bath in a pond.

COMILLA

Dacoits loot Tk 1.5 lakh from bus passengers

Oct 29: Valuables worth about Taka 1.50 lakh were looted and ten passengers sustained injuries in a bus dacoity near a petrol pump on Comilla bypass on Dhaka-Chittagong Trunk road, says UNB.

According to the witnesses, the Lakshimpur bound bus while stopped at the petrol station for refueling at 8 pm on Oct 16 some six to seven dacoits in the guise of passengers boarded the bus.

When the bus started for the destination the dacoits took control of the vehicle and looted the belongings of the passengers at arms point. Ten people were beaten up mercilessly when they tried to resist the dacoits.

The passengers lodged a case with the Kotwali police.

JAMALPUR

R&H to repair flood affected highways

Oct 29: Road and Highway division has undertaken construction and repair of flood affected roads and culverts in Jamalpur and Sherpur districts on an urgent basis at a cost of Taka ten lakh, reports BSS.

Official sources said, Taka two lakh would be spent on roads in Jamalpur district and the rest on those in Sherpur district.

The source said that the schemes would be completed very soon.

Sadar thana unit of the Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) has joined with government and other agencies in three plantation programme.

During this season the BRDB planted six thousand and five hundred saplings, an official source said.

The programme was inaugurated by Manwar Fakir Deputy Director of the organisation at a function held at the office premises recently.

The organisation has involved three hundred and forty-three kishak samabaya samities in tree plantation programme.



SIRAJGANJ: An erosion affected area of village Shohagpur in Belkuchi thana of the district.

— Star photo

Thousands becoming homeless as erosion of Jamuna continues

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 29: Erosion of the mighty river Jamuna has been rendering thousands of people homeless in every year.

More than 300 families were rendered homeless during last four days in Belkuchi thana.

The worst affected thanas are: Kazipur, Sirajganj sadar, Belkuchi, Chowhali and Shahzadpur in Sirajganj district.

It is gathered that with rise and fall in water level of the Jamuna erosion takes a serious turn and vast tracts of croplands and homesteads are washed away rendering thousands of people landless and homeless every year. This year also erosion has taken place from mid-July and supposed to be continued till mid-November.

The villages, Takani, Natuarpara, Borotkani, Meghal, Khudandi, Subgacha, Chhattadanga and Char Girish in Kazipur, thana, Messa, Ranigora, Ghurka, Chowdhurypara, Mirpur, Railway and ferry ghat, Chhattantali and

Saidabad in sadar thana, Ranipura, Belkuchi, Mulkandi, Rajapur, Maktampur, Baira, Khidramatia, Shohagpur and Meghulla in Belkuchi thana, Bettil, Enaytupur, Raitpara, Muradpur, Salfana, Omarpur and Naohata in Chowhali thana and Rupshi, Jalapur, Kairuzi and Makra in Shahzadpur thana are worst affected by erosion.

More than 20 thousand people of the said villages are rendered homeless during last few years. The homeless people have taken shelter on both sides of the Brahmaputra Flood Control Embankment from Kazipur to Bherakola threatening the existence of the embankment.

Maintenance work of the embankment is hampered due to unplanned and illegal construction of the slums on both sides.

Devastating erosion have also washed away schools, mosques, temples, hats and bazars of the area.

The government have been spending crores of Taka but the situation is yet to be controlled. During the current fiscal year, Taka 80 lakh was allotted to arrest erosion in Belkuchi by constructing two mini-groyens and dumping of 35,000 cft of c.c. boulders. For unusual delay and non-completion of the work the project failed to serve the purpose.

Knowledgeable sources have opined a planned and timely step to arrest erosion in Sirajganj district. Different personalities and various organizations in Sirajganj district have condoled the sad demise of renowned journalist S. M. Ali.

Belkuchi Press Club in a meeting on October 19, with Professor Ashif Chowdhury in the chair expressed deep shock. The others who sent condolence messages include zila Press Club, district unit of Bangladesh Sangbadik Samity, district and Belkuchi units of Bangladesh Awami League, district NAP, Gonotantri Party,

CPB, JSD (Inu), Editor of weekly Samajug, Shahzadpur and Ullapara Press Club and Aminul Islam Chowdhury, former General Secretary of Bangladesh Sangbadik Samity.

Political leaders and the professionals have termed the sudden death of S. M. Ali as painful and conveyed their sympathy to the bereaved family of the founder editor and publisher of The Daily Star.

Inaugurating stone plate of the newly constructed academic building of Shohagpur Pilot Girls' High School was unveiled on October 21 by Shaheedullah Khan MP of Sirajganj-5 (Belkuchi-Kamarkhand) constituency.

The Facilities Department of the Education Ministry constructed the building at the cost of Taka seven lakh.

On the occasion, a meeting with Headmaster Md Sukur Mahmood in the chair was addressed by Principal Alauddin Mia, Saidur Rahman, Alhaj Mafiz Uddin Khan, TNO Samar Chandra Sinha.

Bamboo production declining

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Oct 29: Bamboo production is declining very fast due to lack of proper maintenance, nursing of bamboo clusters and absence of planned plantation programme.

According to reports, the district was once very famous for bamboo production. There were thousands of clusters on vast tracts land. Acute scarcity of bamboo has been prevailing in these areas and consequently prices of bamboo have increased several times.

On the other hand, no efforts has been taken to save the bamboo clusters from decaying in these areas. The owners of the clusters lack production method. The bamboos are lifted at random and sold in the markets. Tender bamboo plants are not left for future growth.

Production of bamboo is not increasing according to the growing needs of the people. This has also created an adverse affect on both day labourers and bamboo based cottage industry.

Meanwhile, repair and construction works of kutcha houses in the rural areas are being hampered badly for want of bamboo and traditional cot-

From Our Correspondent

It may be stated that 90 per cent of the houses in the rural areas are kutcha and bamboo is basically used for the construction of these houses. The price of a bamboo is now between Taka 60 and 85. As a result, 75 per cent of the villagers are unable to buy it at an exorbitant price.

The sufferings of those who depend on bamboo based industry for their livelihood are uncountable. Many of them are sitting idle for want of work while others have been compelled to leave the profession due to poor return from their products.

Fertilizer price higher

Chemical fertilizers are being sold at exorbitant prices than the price fixed by the government in all the 13 thanas of Kishoreganj district.

According to farmers, one bag of urea is being sold between Taka 280 and Taka 310 as against government rate of Taka 230. Prices of other fertilizers are high in the local markets. They alleged that they

were harassed by the fertilizer dealers when they refuse to pay higher price.

When asked some fertilizer dealers they had to pay tolls to mastans and dishonest officials of Zia Fertilizer Factory and under compelling situation they are to sell fertilizer at enhanced rate.

Meanwhile, at a high level meeting of Agriculture Ministry Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia directed the concerned officials to take punitive action against those dishonest traders who are involved in selling fertilizers at high prices.

The farmers urged the authorities to look into the matter and ensure fair prices of the much needed fertilizers to help boost agricultural output in the district.

Hats, bazars in pitiable condition

The hats and bazars in 13 thanas of the district are in pitiable condition causing immense sufferings to both customers and sellers.

Lack of proper maintenance by the authorities concerned is the main reason behind the gradual deterioration of the condition of hats and bazars.

Ctg traders for withdrawal of signboard taxes

CHITTAGONG, Oct 29: Federation of Shop Owners Association has demanded withdrawal of signboard taxes recently imposed by the Chittagong City Corporation, reports UNB.

The Federation also put forward seven other demands at a press conference at a local hotel Tuesday noon.

The association has further demanded that the city Mayor should apologise for his alleged misbehaviour with the federation leaders and decided not to invite him to any of their functions till he apologises for his conduct.

Their other demands are: repealing of single meter system, declaring Chittagong as the economic capital of the country, ensuring proper security for shopkeepers from the hands of terrorists and extortionists, providing soft loans, stopping harassment of the shopkeepers by Labour and VAT officials and setting up of task forces check-

posts at border and entry points to the city to curb smuggling.

Federation leaders said the Mayor has no right to impose new taxes without consent of the citizens as he is a nominated Mayor.

BSS adds: Fisheries and Livestocks Minister Abdullah Al-Noman has stressed the need for extensive research and development of indigenous systems of medicines.

Noman pointed out that there was wide scope for spread of unani and ayurvedic medical systems as the ingredients for them are abundantly available in the country.

Speaking as chief guest at a function marking the fifth anniversary of death of Hekim Maulana Ismail, Helaly at zila parishad hall here the minister called upon the hekims and ayurveds to avail the opportunities extended by the government in this respect. The government, he added, is also in-

terested to see development and spread of the two indigenous systems of medicines.

The function presided over by Ismail Helaly Smriti Parishad President Dr Shabbir Ahmad was also addressed by Chairman of Bangladesh Unani-Ayurvedic Board Chairman Principal Hafez Azizul Islam, Chittagong Chamber President S M Abul Kalam, Bangladesh Unani Oushad Shila Samity President Muhammad Yusuf Harun, Bangladesh Homeopathic-Unani Ayurvedic Federation Convener Khodad Ahmad, Principal A A Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, former MP Feroz Ahmad Chowdhury and journalist Helal Humayun.

Paying tributes to late Maulana Helaly for his life long devotion to unani medical system and his literary works in Urdu language, they called upon the hekims and ayurveds to follow his ideals and work for development of the two indigenous systems of medicines.

Diarrhoea kills 48 in three districts

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 29: Diarrhoea claimed seven lives, including that of four children, and affected 500 people in three thanas of the district in last 24 hours, unofficial sources said, reports UNB.

But official sources confirmed only one death and said 100 people were affected in the three thanas.

The dead were identified as Niranjn (26) of Rishipara, Abdus Salam (30) of Telkupi, Ruma (3) and an unidentified 11-year-old boy of Ghurka, Ferdous (14), Monirul Alam (25) and Abdul Latif (5) of Sonamukhi village.

Civil Surgeon's office sources said 127 medical teams were working in nine thanas of the district.

According to unofficial counts, at least 26 people died of diarrhoea during last 15 days in the district.

The UNB Pabna Correspondent, quoting official sources, reported that 38 people died and 1,239 people were attacked by diarrhoea in last 72 hours in four thanas of the district.

The thanawise breakup was as follows: Sujanagar-18, Sathia-5, Vangura-11 and

Faridpur-4. Civil Surgeon's office sources said 90 medical teams were working in the affected areas.

A report from Bogra adds: Three more people died of diarrhoea on Monday in Dhunat thana of the district, raising the death toll to 343 during last three weeks.

Diarrhoea broke out in Dhunat last month and it has now been spreading fast to other thanas of the district.

Some 400 more people were attacked by the disease in 24 hours ending Monday evening, raising the number of people attacked to 5,400.

The worst affected thanas are: Dhunat, Sherpur, Shibganj, Sonatala, Sariakandi, Adamdighi, Nandigram, Kahaloo and Dujpechhia.

Specimen of bacteria sent to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital for tests revealed that the germ causing the disease is not that of cholera, but a new strain with cholera-like symptoms.

Medical officials in the worst-hit Dhunat thanas said there are severe scarcity of medicine in the area hampering the treatment of the epidemic.

Five killed by lightning

PABNA, Oct 29: Thunderbolt struck a mechanised ferry boat in the river Pabna on Saturday, killing three passengers, including a woman, and injuring another, reports UNB.

The dead were identified as Mojam Sheikh (34) of Raninagar village in Sujanagar thana, Dabiruddin Mandol (55) of Daripaerhat in Bera thana

and Julekha Bibi of Char Basudevpur in Sadar thana.

The injured woman, Dulari Begum (45), was brought to the Sadar Hospital with serious injuries.

Hospital sources said lightning flashed on the boat near Basudevpur in sadar thana at 12:30 pm while coming from Kumarkhali.

RHD Notice Inviting Sealed Quotation

It is circulated for general information of all concerned that sealed quotations are hereby invited from reputed persons/firms for leasing out the collection of Tolls from the permissible vehicular traffic for crossing the Meghna Bridge on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway under Dhaka Constn. Road Division-III (Narshingdi Road Division) for the period from 10.01 AM of 10.12.1993 up to 10.00 AM of 9.12.1994 (For 12 (Twelve) Month).

- 1. Quotation Notice No : 08/Narshingdi Road Division of 1993-94.
2. Description of Lease : The collection of tolls for crossing the Meghna Bridge on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway under Dhaka Constn. Road Division-III (Narshingdi Road Division) for the period from 10.01 AM of 10.12.1993 up to 10.00 AM of 9.12.1994 (For 12 (Twelve) Month).
3. Name of offices of availability of quotation documents : Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Dhaka (Narshingdi/Manikgonj/Munshigonj/Planning & Design Division, Dhaka Zone/Planning Division (RB), Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka and Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Bhitkandi/Narayanganj/Narshingdi/Shibpur Road Sub-Division.
4. Name of officer to receive & open of quotation bids : Superintending Engineer (RHD), Dhaka Road Circle/Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (RHD), Narshingdi Road Division and Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Narshingdi/Shibpur Road Sub-Division.
5. Last date & time of receipt of quotation : Up to 12.30 PM on 4.11.93
6. Last date & time for opening of bids : At 12.45 PM on 4.11.93
7. Earnest money : Tk 6.00 lacs (Taka Six lacs) only in favour of Executive Engineer (RHD), Dhaka Constn. Road Division-III (Narshingdi Road Division) in Bank Draft/ Pay Order from any schedule Bank/Protrakhya Sanchay Patra/5-years Bangladesh Sanchay Patra/Bonus Sanchay Patra etc. it to be submitted alongwith the quotation.
8. Value of the quotation : Tk 200/- (Taka Two hundred) only (Non-refundable)
9. Govt approved realisation tool charges for single journey: i) Bus/Truck/Tank-Lorry (Empty or loaded) Tk 40/- ii) Coaster/Minibus (Empty or loaded) Tk 20/- iii) Microbus/Pickup/Car/Jeep (Empty or loaded) Tk 10/-
10. Other conditions : As per schedule.
11. Last date & time of selling the quotation documents : During office hours up to 3.11.93

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা বগুড়া ডাকনামাল চিঠার ট্রেসিং ইনস্টিটিউটের জন্য ১৯৯৩-৯৪ইং আর্থিক বছরে নিম্নে বর্ণিত বিভিন্ন প্রকার মালমাল সরবরাহ, চতুর্থ শ্রেণীর কর্মচারীদের পিতৃতান্ত্রিক সরবরাহ ও পাইলটের জন্য বৃত্ত প্রকাশক/পুস্তক বাবদার/চিঠাদার/সরবরাহকারীদের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্রাদান সর্বত্র ক্রমে অথবা যে কোন একটি ক্রমে স্বাক্ষরপত্র করিতে পারিবেন।

Table with 4 columns: ক্রমিক নং, সরবরাহ কার্যের সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ, আনুমানিক ব্যয়, অধিক জামা-নুস্তের টাকা, সিডিটলের দ্বারা আবেদনযোগ্য।

শর্তাবলীসহ দরপত্রের সিডিটল ১৫-১১-৯৩ইং হইতে ৩০-১১-৯৩ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নিম্নোক্তকারী দরপত্র হিসাব পাণা হইতে নম নমুনা করা করা যাইবে।

দরপত্র নিম্নোক্তকারী অফিস কক্ষে রক্ষিত টেডার বাবে ০৪-১২-৯৩ইং রোজ পনিবার বেলা ১১ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত বেলা যাইবে এবং ট্রেসিং বেলা ১১-৩০ ঘটিকা দরপত্রাদানের সময়ে বেলা কেই উপস্থিত থাকেন। টেডার বাবে বেলা হইবে। ডাকনামাল দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইবে তবে নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যেই পৌঁছাইতে হইবে। বিস্তারিত বিবরণের জন্য নিম্নোক্তকারী সইত যোগাযোগ করা যাইতে পারে।

কোন প্রকার কারণ দর্শালে হাড়াই যে কোন বা সকল টেডার পূর্ণ বা আংশিক গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করিবার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষের সংরক্ষিত থাকিবে।

ই-ইউনিয়ন অধ্যক্ষ ডাকনামাল চিঠার ট্রেসিং ইনস্টিটিউট, বগুড়া।