District roundup

FARIDPUR

Uphold spirit of liberation'

Nov 2: Chairman of Muktijoddha Sanghati Parishad Showkat Ali MP Sunday called for upholding the spirit of the liberation war of 1971, says

He was speaking as chief guest at the conference of the district unit of the parishad held at the local Shilpakala auditorium.

Showkat Ali urged the authorities to stop repression of the freedom fighters and demanded release of Hemayet Uddin Auranga MP.

"There is no effort on part of the governments that came after the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in upholding the spirit of the liberation war", he observed,

Presided over by SM Solaiman, the meeting was also addressed among others by Alhaj Firozar Rahman, SM Nurunnabi, Bipul Ghosh, Hasibul Hasan Lablu and Shahriyar Rumi.

M'BAZAR

13 injured in JCD, JSD clash

Nov 2: At least 13 people were injured, two critically, in a clash between activists o Jativatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and JSD (Inu) at Choumuna area in the town Sunday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the clash between the rival student organisations erupted when a procession of JCD was passing by the meeting of JSD held at about 6.30 pm in the area.

Of the injured, Dipak (18) of JCD and Uzzal (20) of JSD were rushed to Sadar Hospital.

Later, JSD leader at a press conference blamed JCD activists for the clash. JCD also accused JSD for the incident.

SIRAJGANJ

Reckless bus driving on

Nov 2: Bus journey in the district has become hazardous due to reckless driving, overloading, exorbitant bus fare and deplorable condition of roads, says UNB.

Passengers allege that most of the drivers are illiterate and have no knowledge on traffic rules. Frequent accidents on the highways are occurring due to their ignorance of traffic rules.

Moreover, the roads have developed cracks and ditches at many points hindering the movement of vehicles and pedestrians.

BARGUNA

Bullock shortage hits cultivation

Nov 2: Cultivation in the district is being hampered greatly due to acute shortage of bullock, local farmers said, reports

According to a statistics, 40 per cent farmers hire bullock for tilling their lands. For a single tilling they have to pay Taka 80 to 100 per bigha during the sowing season. On the other hand, only 20 per cent farmers have farming inputs.

According to the farmers, indiscriminate slaughtering of bullocks, heavy toll of cattlehead due to malnutrition and various diseases are the main reasons behind this shortage.

Scarcity of fish in the market accelerated the rampant slaughtering of the cattlehead and some greedy cobblers are also engaged in killing the cows by food poisoning to collect the skins, they added.

Indiscriminate slaughtering of calves is another reason behind the bullock shortage. The cattlehead are being slaughtered every day in hats and bazars although there is a government ban to observe three days as meatless a week.

SAVAR

One arrested

Nov 2: Police arrested a woman from Courtpara area here Saturday after her father had alleged that she had been killed by neighbours, says UNB.

She was identified as Parvin Bibi (22), daughter of Salam Mridha of South Deshpara in Dashmina thana of Patuakhali.

Salam Mridha filed a case with Dashmina thana complaining that her daughter was killed by her neighbour Baalai Chandra Sheel and four others following previous enmity.

Acting on a tip, police arrested Parvin who was living with her newly-married husband Md Hanti at Courtpara area. Salam had secretly arranged her marriage with Hantf.

TANGAIL

Digital phones installed

Nov 2: Telecommunications department has recently installed digital telephone facili ties in Tangail-Kagmari microwave station, reports BSS.

The station was so long working under analogue system and the exchanges had 960 channels. With the introduction of modern technology the subscribers would get better services. The channels have also been increased to 1800.

RAJBARI

Training course on crop diversification concludes

Nov 2: A two-day training course for different bank officials was concluded on Oct 26 here at the thana parishad auditorium to make the 'Crop Diversification Programme' a success, reports UNB.

The training course organised by the Agriculture Extension Department was participated by 25 officials from different banks including Bangladesh Krishi Bank.

The main objective of the training was how to expedite credit facilities to the small and marginal farmers on easy terms in times of their need to increase the production of pulse, potato and others crop side by side with the traditional crops to gear up the agro-economy.

Different commercial banks have sanctioned Tk 1.73 crore loan for the programme in the district in the current season.

It may be mentioned that the government has undertaken the Crop Diversification Programme to meet the demand for the balanced diet with the financial assistance from Canada and the Netherlands.

BARISAL

Science, technology week '93 ends

Nov 2: The district level national science and technology week-'93 concluded at the premises of the Government Brojomohon University College, Barisal Thursday, reports BSS.

Dr Abdul Karim Mollah, Professor and head of the department of medicine Sher-e-Bangla Medical College took part in a seminar on 'the discases of liver and its remedy on this concluding day of the week.

Altogether 135 students from 14 science clubs and five colleges displayed scientific equipments. 160 students took part in extempore speech and debate in two groups.

Professor Bakher Ali Mian, Professor S M Fazlul Hug. Professor Alhaj Shamsuddin Khan and Professor Syed Aminul Hug presided over different functions held in this week.

CHITTAGONG

'Follow teachings of holy Quran''

Nov 2: The Minister for Religious Affairs 'M Keramat Ali on Sunday called upon the Muslims to strictly follow the teachings of the holy Quran and Sunnah for achieving success in this world and the world after, reports UNB.

The minister was addressing as chief guest at a function at Jamiatul Al-Falah Mosque complex organised by the Allama Rumi Society to celebrate the first founding anniversary of the society.

Paying rich tributes to the memory of Hazrat Allama Rumi the minister said Hazrat Rumi was a great man with uncommon imagination and larsightedness and firm faith in Allah and his Prophet (SM). He said that we could be immensely benefited by following the teachings and ideals of Hazrat Allama Rumi.

FENI

Tk 25,000 for school uplift

Nov 2: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has granted



MYMENSINGH: Professor Dr. Shah Mohammad Farouk, VC, BAU speaking as chief guest at the inaugural function of a three-day-long workshop on "BAU Research Progress 1992-93" held recently at the Shipacharya Zainul Abedin auditorium under the joint auspices of BAU Research System and Committee for Advanced Studies and Research. - Star photo

Diarrhoea kills 121, attacks 1921 more in one month

MOULVIBAZAR, Nov 2: Diarrhoea claimed 50 lives and attacked more than 1000 people in two thanas of the district during last one month, reports

According to unofficial sources, 39 people died in Sreemangal and 11 died in Kamalganj thanas during the

Consumption of adulterated food and taking of impure water were said to be main reasons behind the outbreak of the dis-

Local people alleged that shortage of emergency medicine and medical facilities in the hospitals and health complexes have aggravated the situation.

They also alleged that field

workers are seldom found in the affected areas. Another report adds: An old woman was crushed under the wheels of a speeding microbus

near Motalbazar on Nabiganj-Sherpur road last week. The woman, identified as Amina Begum was knocked down by a Sherpur bound bus coming from Sylhet while she was crossing the road. She died

on the spot. A case has been filed with the local police. The driver, however, managed to flee with the vehicle.

Food for edn programme starts

Food for Education Programme has been started in the 17 government primary schools of Prijimpasha union in Kulaura thana, official sources

The Thana Nirbahi Officer

NATORE, Nov 2: The number

of child and female labourers is

on rise in different parts of the

district due to abject poverty for

At least 20,000 children un-

der 12 years of age have been

engaged in different odd jobs

instead of going to school to

Poverty stricken parents en-

courage their kids to work to

help their respective families.

The children used to work as

cowboys, rickshaw-pullers,

hawkers, day labourers, hotel

boys and domestic servants

causing sharp school dropout in

district is landless and ignorant

about the impact of education.

Hence they dislike to impart

education to their children

which is a matter of money ex-

During crop harvesting sea-

son a large number of farm

labourers go to distant places

along with their kids in search

of work where they expect to get

Besides, the number of fe-

male labourers is increasing

rapidly due to rise in number of

divorces, widows and unmar-

Majority of the farmers in the

earn their livelihood.

the remote areas.

penditure to them.

more wages.

quite a long time, reports UNB.

inaugurated the programme re-400 others in the district in cently amid a large gathering of the cross section of people. Wheat is being distributed among the families of the poor students to help prosecute their

Another report adds that Banglar Mukh, a socio-cultural organisation of Sadar thana won the championship trophy of Sreemangal Invitation Gold Cup Football final tournament recently by defeating Hobiganj Khalowar Kalyan Samity by a solitary goal.

studies.

Azizur Rahman MP distributed prizes among the win-

Science exhibition concludes

A three-day long Science and Technology Exhibition was concluded here on Friday at the local college premises.

Principal of the college Prof ANA Mahbub Ahmed inaugurated the exhibition in presence of a large number of teachers, students and members of the science clubs. Science clubs of many

schools and colleges took part in the exhibition on the concluding day. Prizes were distributed among the winners of the best

stall, best scientific innovators and the winners of extempore speech competition. Another report adds: A new college has been set up in the town after the name of late

saint Syed Shah Mustafa. Gaibandha Another report from

Gaibandha says: Diarrhoea

claimed 65 lives and attacked

the last week, unofficial sources said. Official sources confirmed

30 deaths due to what they said attack by intestinal dis-The affected thanas are

Sadar, Sundargani, Sadullapur Saghata and parts of Fulchhari, Palashbari and Gobindaganj. District Civil Surgeon office

said 94 medical teams were working in the affected areas. Leaders of local Awami League and Communist Party visited the affected areas and distributed some oral saline packets among the affected

Consumption of adulterated food and taking of impure water were the reasons behind the outbreak of the disease.

Rangpur

A Rangpur report adds: Diarrhoea has claimed 6 lives and attacked at least 521 people in sadar and Pirgacha thana during the last week till Monday, official sources here

The affected villages are, Shahabgonj, Kukrul, Karanirhat and Chock Kashobpur in Rangpur sadar and Boro Darga in Pirgacha thana.

The Civil Surgeon confirmed the death, saying "some 83 medical teams are working in the affected areas to combat the disease."

Local people believe, adulterated food stuff, pure drink-ing water and sanitation problems are causing spread of the diseases in the district.

Jubo Dal at, stabbed

Selim, a Jubo Dal worker, was shot at and his friend Aslam, another Jubo Dal worker received stab injuries when a rival group of persons attacked them at Chashara level crossing on Dhaka-Narayanganj road here Sunday afternoon, reports BSS

According to police sources the two Jubo Dal workers came under attack while they were moving towards Dhaka along with two other persons in a car.

A group of three persons equipped with arms intercepted the car by a hand signal at the level crossing. One of the persons fired a pipe gun shot at Selim, 25, a worker of Fatullah thana unit of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, from the window panes and stabbed Aslam, 24, inside the car, police

The attackers immediately ran away through Dhaka-Narayanganj rail road and disappeared.

Honour for poets

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, Nov 2: Ten poets of Chuadanga were awarded medals by local Monorashi School at a function held here at the local Shahitto Parisad recently.

The function was presided over by Poet Rezaul Hoque. Abdul Hoque Deputy Commissioner of Chuadanga was present on the occasion as

the chief guest. Among others who spoke on the occasion were Mokbular Rahman, Eunush Ali, Advocate, Mrs Abdul Hoque and Sardar

Ali Hossain. The recipients of models were Poet Rezaul Hoque, Poet Banwari Lal Bangla, Poet Poresh Kanti Shah, Poet Kazi Ashfaq, Poet Iqbal Atahar Taj Poet Golam Kabir Mukul Poetess Maleka Hoque Makhon, Poet Abdul Mabud Malik, Poet Kazal Makmud and Poet

One commits suicide

Zahidul Islam Zahid.

SATKHIRA, Nov 2: A teenaged girl allegedly committed suicide by taking poison at Patkhalghat village in Tala thana last week, says UNB.

The girl was identified as Sabita Rani (19), daughter of Nripen Sarker of the village.

Villagers said Sabita, who appeared in this year's SSC examination under Jessore Board could not come out successful. She committed suicide as

she could not tolerate pinching of her family members and relations, it was alleged.

Ten dacoities in a single night From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH. Nov 2: Ten dacoities were committed at Palashtali village of Bhaluka Thana in a single night recently. A gang of armed robbers stormed houses of 17 families and looted valuables worth about Taka three lakh including According to local sources, a

gang of armed robber numbering nearly 30 to 35 stormed Palash village and committed dacoities and also beat the owners of the houses. Dacoities were held in the

houses of Matiur Rahman, Ma-

ilbur Rahman, Nurul Islam, Mizanur Rahman, Makbul Hussain Mondol, Abdul, Aziz, Maffzuddin Sarker, Shamsuddin and Hussain Ali. Having received the information Police Super AT

Ahmedul Haque Chowdhury

rushed to the spots and visited the houses where dacoities were committed. It may be mentioned here that two dacoities were also committed in the same village

Bhaluka police station.

only a few days back. The local elites demanded exemplary punishment to the A case has been registered in

Intensive research in agri-sector stressed

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Nov 2: Professor Dr Shah Mohammad Farouk Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) stressed the need for conducting Multidisciplinary Research Project in the agricultural field for the

greater interest of the country. Professor Farouk was delivering his speech at the inaugural function of a three-day workshop on "Bangladesh Agricultural University Research Progress 1992-93" jointly, organised by BAU Research System (BAURES) and the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research (CASR) held at the Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Auditorium.

Presided over by Professor Dr Monowar Ahmad, Director of BAURES, the session was attended by Dr MSU Chowdhury, Executive Vice-Chairman, BARC as the special guest. Professor Dr Mosharraf Hossain, Co-ordinator, CASR delivered address of welcome while Professor Dr' Abdulla Al Mamun, Associate Director of BAURES offered vote of thanks in the session.

Dr M S U Chowdhury said that the research work should be carried out under integrated system instead of isolated research. He also laid apical emphasis to start biotechnological research in Bangladesh.

Civic amenities at Narail absent

NARAIL, Nov 2: People of the district town have been suffering a lot due to narrow roads, lack of rickshaw stands, good drainage system, insufficient street light and poor drinking water, reports UNB.

At present over 70,000 people are residing in the pourashava area without these civic amenities.

Narrow road cause traffic am. Lack of rickshaw stands and insufficient street light are also causing inconvenience to the town dwellers and make normal traffic movement at night difficult.

There is no proper drainage facility in the town. The existing drains at Rupgonj Bazar and its adjoining areas which remain filled up with garbages are in pitable condition. Slight rainfall cause flood in the area. Poor drinking water is one of

the burning problems of the town dwellers. Local people have been suffering from various intestinal diseases. The water supply is so inadequate that people have to dug holes at tappoints for getting water. Iron content in the water in this locality is quite high.

It is alleged that night soils are not cleared even once a month which emits bad odours polluting the environment.

Accommodation problem is also acute and market place is not sufficient to accommodate buyers and sellers. There is no park for the children and adults for recreation.

People of the district demand early solution of the problems. Another report says: Despite repeated request to the

Municipal authorities to remove the pye-dogs from the 'town, they are still loose in large numbers and has become a constant irritation for the town dwellers.

Local people complained that the stray dogs with shaby skin are seen roaming here and there in the town creating inconveniences to the pedestri-

The number of pye-dogs rose in such an alarming state that one can hardly avoid their contact while walking on the streets, dwellers said.

. The school children are the worst sufferers as the dogs are always on their way to schools. Simetimes the dogs attempt to bite the children, they alleged. Being afraid of the dogs, the minor children do not want to attend schools, the guardians

Besides, rush of the dogs at the meat, fish and molasses markets causes a lot of trouble to both the buyers and sellers. The meat shops are seen surrounded by these pye-dogs. The town dwellers urged the

municipal authority to take immediate steps to remove these pye-dogs from the town for the greater interest of the town people.

Exhibition of obscene films through VCR and VCP is going on for the last couple of months in the district causing moral degradation of the

Some elderly people alleged these films are being shown daily after sundown in some important areas of the town vitiating the atmosphere.

Clash by groups leaves one hundred injured

HABIGANJ, Nov 2: At least sources said. one hundred persons including women and children were wounded, ten of them seriously in a clash between Richi and Sultan Man adpur villagers as a sequel to previous enmity here at local Brindaban Govt College, Habigani premises recently. Police witnesses said.

The seriously injured persons were admitted to Habigani Sadar Hospital.

Witnesses said, chase and counter-chase continued for about four hours in the area. Both the groups used dangerous weapons. Several rounds of shots were also fired, bombs and crackers also exploded during the clash.

Police rushed to the spot and lobbed several rounds of teargas shells to control the situation. Two persons named, Shahid and Atikul were arrested on the

Another report says: Abdul Mannan, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Habiganj convicted a persons and sentenced him to suffer life term imprisonment also to pay a fine of Taka two thousand in default

to suffer RI for another one year

on Charge of murder, court

The learned judge delivered the above verdict in SC No. 67/93 under 302 BPC in the open court recently. The convicted person was Si-

taram Chowhan of Gilani tea

garden under Chunerughat

The prosecution case in brief was that, in March last year, hot words were exchanged between the accused Sitaram Chowhan and Ratha Sawthal inside the godown of Gilani tea garden over a petty matter. At once stage accused Sitaram

He was killed on the spot. In this connection — Fulendra Sawthal, brother of the deceased filed a case against accused Sitaram Chowhan and another Soba Chowhan with

Chowhan hit Ratha Sawthal.

Chunerughat police station. The police after investigation submitted charge sheet against

The learned judge after examining 14 witnesses evidences found accused Sitaram Chowhan guilty for murdering Ratha Sawthal and awarded him the

aforesaid punishment. Soba Chowhan was found not guilty and was acquitted.

Most hotels, restaurants prepare, sell unhygienic food items

NATORE, Nov 2: Most of the hotels and restaurants in all the six thanas of the district have been preparing and selling adulterated and unhygienic food threatening the public health for quite a long time, re-

ports UNB. Local people alleged that the hotels prepare and store food items in most unhygienic condition. The hotel owners do not use pure edible oil while preparing the food and are selling the stale food items for days together.

Impure water from different waterbodies is being used in these hotels while preparing food. The utensils are not washed properly, they added.

Most of the food ftems are being kept open in front of the restaurants to draw the attention of the customers. Besides, adulterated foods including sugar, ata and rice are used for preparing food in these hotels.

tels many people have been suffering from stomach ailments. The worst sufferers are the rural people who come to the district and thana headquarters for various purposes. The municipal authorities inspite of repeated appeal failed

After taking food in these ho-

to take any action so far against the owners of these hotels and restaurants in its area. Some customers alleged the hotel owners are carrying out their illegal business with the cooperation of some dishonest officials of the municipality. Moreover, anti-social activi-

ties are also carried out in most of the residential hotels vitiating the atmosphere of the town, local people complained. Though there is a provision

for punishment for violating health and sanitation rules nothing has yet been done to check the menace.

Taka 25,000 from her own fund to Shaheed Major Salahuddin Momtaz (Bir Uttam) High School for its development activities, reports UNB. Whip of Parliament Mahbubul Alam Tara formally han-

ded over the cheque to Chairman of the school managing committee Ruhul Amin at a function held at the school premises on October 15.

35,000 children, female labourers in odd jobs to earn bread

> ried women in the rural and ur- where she died on October 24. These female workers numbering 15,000 are used to engage in husking paddy, earth digging work, bidi binding, brick breaking to eke out their

Having failed to manage any jobs in their locality, the unmarried girls, whose parents are unable to meet demand for dowry, are pouring in the district and thana headquarters to earn their livelihood.

Finding no other alternative, many of them engaged in flesh trade giving rise to anti-social activities. After the sunset they gather in cinema hall premises and bus stands to allure the

customers, local people alleged. They urged the concerned authority to look into the matter and take necessary steps for early rehabilitation of these

Another report says. A young girl allegedly committed suicide at Zanglee village in Sadar thana of the district by taking poison, police said on Monday. The victim Bulbuli Khatun (25), daughter of Sadar Uddin following a family feud took poi-

son on October 19. She was

rushed to the Sadar Hospital

The body was sent to morgue for autopsy and a case was filed with the police.

Another report adds: District Railway authorities collected Taka 80.88 lakh as revenue from different sources during 1992-93 fiscal year. Official sources said of the total amount, Taka 71.84 lakh

from goods transportation and the rest Taka 34,570 from other Another report says that Women Handball League, organised by District Women

Sports Association was held

was collected from tickets of the

passengers, Taka 2,77 lakh

from parcel booking, 4.92 lakh

here recently. Four teams from Rani Bhabani Govt College, Natore Girls' High School, Nababidhan Girls' school and Banalata Girls High School took part in the competition.

Rani Bhabani College got the

championship trophy while Nababidhan Girls School got the runners up trophy. Deputy Commissioner of the district distributed prizes among the winners as chief



JHENIDAH: The butchers seen here slaughtering animals in an unhygienic condition in the - Star photo absence of any slaughter house.

workers shot NARAYANGANJ, Nov 2: