

District roundup

JESSORE
Tk 1.62 crore uplift plan undertaken

Nov 24: Water Development Board, Jessore division, will implement four projects under food for works programme during the current fiscal year with an allocation of 2500 metric tons of wheat worth about Taka 1.62 crore, reports BSS.

These schemes are re-excavation of a nine km canal under Kalidaskhali-Arpara flood control and drainage project in Salikha thana with 300 mt of wheat, re-excavation of 10 km portion of Betua river in Sarsa thana with the involvement of 1000 mt of wheat, re-excavation of a 6.8 km canal under Singla nebugati beel drainage scheme in Abhaynagar thana with 200 mts of wheat and re-sectioning of 20 km flood control embankment under Chenchuri Beel drainage scheme in Kalia and Narail thanas with the utilisation of 1000 mts of wheat.

Works of all these schemes have started by this time and the progress is 20 per cent on an average.

When completed, a vast tract of land of these thanas will get irrigation facilities for the production of additional quantities of foodgrains annually. Besides the area will be saved from saline water menace.

NATORE
Schools face accommodation, fund crisis

Nov 24: Most of the high schools in six thanas and two pourashavas of the district have been facing numerous problems including shortage of teachers, educational appliances, accommodation and fund, says UNB.

About one lakh students of three government and 112 non-government high schools, and 19 junior high schools in the district have been taking their lessons under a lot of problems.

Many of the schools lack adequate classrooms and furniture which compelled them to take lessons amid great difficulties. Due to want of science laboratories and libraries most of the schools could not provide practical lessons to the science students. Want of equipment also hampers the education of the students.

Some 200 posts of teachers are lying vacant in different schools of the district affecting the normal teaching.

Many school building are in dilapidated conditions. Scarcity of drinking water is also reported from many schools.

Local leaders urged the authorities to take immediate measures to solve these problems for better education of the rural students.

KUSHIYA
Tk 75,000 robbed

Nov 24: Dacoits looted cash and valuables worth about Taka 75,000 from the house of a food officer in Daulatpur thana on Sunday, reports UNB.

Police said a gang of armed dacoits stormed the house of officer-in-charge of local food godown by breaking open the door and looted gold ornaments and cash.

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

In another incident a theft was committed in the house of Haji Mozammel Haq of Bilgathura village in the same thana on Sunday night.

Thieves entered the house by breaking the lock and took away 10 tolas of gold worth about Taka 60,000. A case has been filed with the police.

COMILLA
One awarded 7 yrs RI for robbery

Nov 24: A man has been awarded seven years rigorous imprisonment with a fine of Taka 2,000, in default, to suffer one year more for committing dacoity, says UNB.

The case, in brief, was that about 10 to 12 dacoits raided the house of Subedar Makbul Hussain of Kalagan in Chandina thana, beat the inmates and looted cash, ornaments and other valuables worth Taka 20,000 on January 27, 1992.

A case was filed and police, after investigation, submitted charge-sheet against three people.

The court after examining the witnesses and records jailed Rakibuddin Bhuiyan alias Tuheben for seven years and acquitted Abdul Matin and Raquul Islam in a recent judgement.

The prosecution was conducted by Advocate Sharafat Ali while advocates Abu Taher Sarker and Abdul Jalil appeared for the defence.

PABNA
15 commit suicide in 90 days

Nov 24: At least 15 people, including nine women, allegedly committed suicide in the last three months in Sadar thana, police sources said, reports UNB.

The victims were identified as Lucky (17) of Shalgaria, Sujon (13) of Radhanagar, Rafique (22) of Nayamoti, Latif Mollah (30) of Hamidpur, Shirin Khatun (25) of Vurempara, Rubi Khatun (20) of Ataikula, Shefali (30) of Chorghospor, Monjil Mia (27) of Varara, Rupali (15) of Arifpur, Nurunnahar (22) of Mahendrapur, Abdus Samad (30) of Naldah, Mayna Khatun (3) of Bakshipur and Sabina Yasmin (18) of Shalgaria.

Hospital sources said poverty, failure in love affairs, family feud, torture and unhappy family life were the main reasons behind the suicide.

Village elders said the tendency to commit suicide in the district is increasing day by day.

NOAKHALI
Tk 40 crore road reconstruction programme

Nov 24: Reconstruction of four important roads in Noakhali and Laksmipur districts has started with the financial assistance from Asian Development Bank, reports UNB.

According to official sources, Sonapur-Khasherhat road, Khasherhat-Charbata road, Hatija-Jahajmara road of Noakhali district and Laksmipur-Alexander road of Laksmipur district, measuring about 95 Km long will be repaired under the post cyclone rehabilitation programme.

A total of Taka 40 crore will be spent for the implementation of the programme. The work will start from the next month and is expected to be completed by the end of the next year.

With the implementation of the programme, road communication in rural areas of both the district will be improved to a great extent.

SIRAJGANJ
50 JCD activists join BCL

Nov 24: About 50 JCD activists led by former VP of Tenglahata RIM Degree College Students' Union Asrafur Kabir joined Awami League backed Chhatra League in Kazipur thana on Monday, says UNB.

They decided to join BCL after the recent JCD factional clash. The clash ensued when both the factions — one led by Palash and other by Asrafur Kabir — announced two separate panels for the coming elections of Tenglahata RIM Degree College Students' Union to be held on December 6.

Supporters of both the factions brought out separate processions on the campus, chased and attacked each other with hockey sticks which left four injured, including Asrafur Kabir.

After the clash the faction led by Asrafur Kabir joined the Chhatra League (M I) at a simple ceremony in presence of AL Kazipur unit president Abdul Hannan Talukder, said an AL press release.

Injured Asrafur Kabir (25), Anwar Hussain (24), Bablu (22) and Jahangir (20) were released after first aid, witnesses said.

Meanwhile, two factions of JCD activists ransacked Kazipur BNP office Monday when local BNP leaders turned down their proposal to observe the "protest day" on the alleged attack by Chhatra League on JCD last year.

On November 21, last year, Chhatra League activists attacked JCD leader Rabiul Karim Hasan and chopped his led, JCD sources said.

HABIGANJ
One killed, another hurt in road mishap

Nov 24: A youngman was killed and another wounded in a road mishap near Monica cinema hall on Habiganj-Shayestaganj road on Monday morning, reports UNB.

Police said a Habiganj bound bus coming from Madhabpur hit a rickshaw near the cinema hall at 7 am killing rickshaw passenger Alauddin (25) of Sultanshi village in Sadar thana on the spot.

Rickshawpuller, Jalal Mia (32) was rushed to the Sadar hospital in a serious condition.

The driver of the bus managed to flee with his vehicle. A case has been filed with the local police.



SIRAJGANJ: Shahidullah Khan, MP, is addressing a meeting after inaugurating the newly-constructed building of Shohagpur Girls High School under Belkuchi thana recently.

5000 acres of land remain fallow for siltation

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Nov 24: About five thousand acres of cultivable land have turned into desert due to heavy siltation at Gaibandha sadar, Fulchhari, Shaghata and Sunderganj thanas.

Huge quantity of sands are accumulated on the upper surface of land after breaching the flood control embankments at different points. The deposited layer of sand will be one to three feet thick. As a result, fertile lands have now become almost unfit for the cultivation of crops consequently a large number of marginal farmers have turned into destitutes.

According to the assessment of Agriculture Department, due to siltation, the district is unable to produce crops worth about Tk five hundred crore.

During the past years, flood control embankments at various points along the river Teesta and Brahmaputra were washed away by the surging water. The water with sand from the river bed flooded the

crop land through the breaches of embankments which ultimately were deposited and damaged the fertility of arable crop land.

During this season, more areas went under the sand layer due to wide spread erosion of the river Brahmaputra at Rasoolpur under sadar thanas in which about 15-kilometre long embankment areas were eroded away by the river.

Poor peasants, who once survived on growing crops on these vast tract of land, have now been forced to beg on the streets.

Sugarcane crushing starts

Rangpur Sugar Mills Ltd went into production recently. The cane crushing was formally inaugurated by age old cane cultivator Mowlana Rastuddin and senior labour Lokman Biswas. Earlier on this occasion, a public gathering was held at the mills compound where Taher Ahmed, General Manager, Md Ali, President

Labour Union, Emdadul Haq and Moslemuddin addressed the gathering. General Manager called upon all to render co-operation to bring the industry a profitable one.

This year recovery rate of sugar was fixed at 8.40 per cent. Production target of sugar was fixed at 12,050 metric tons by crushing 1,43,450 metric tons of cane.

Diarrhoeal disease has claimed another 11 lives at Mallbari area under sadar thana last one week and 150 more have been attacked with the disease. The victims were identified as Nasiruddin (50), Mokbul Hossain Akanda (32), Jamiruddin Tarafder (30), Halima Begum (55), Liton (8), Moslema (6), Rabeya (2), Mofijun Bewya (65), Azena (40), Nasim (5), and Kalam (13).

Eight persons died at Baxir Khamer village. According to local people, contaminated drinking water and food poisoning are the main reasons of spread of the disease.

National policy soon for handicapped

COMILLA, Nov 24: A five-day orientation workshop aimed at providing training to parents, social workers and teachers opened here on Sunday with call for larger involvement of the people in upholding the rights of the mentally retarded, reports BSS.

The opening session of the workshop under the auspices of the Society for the Care and Education of Mentally Retarded, Bangladesh (SCEMRB) was addressed by Deputy Commissioner Kabetur Rahman as chief guest and inaugurated by SCEMRB President D P Barua, District Education Officer Mohammad Abdul Mannan was special guest.

The workshop is providing training to about 50 teachers, parents and social workers from SCEMRB's regional catchment area comprising its five branches in Comilla, Feni, Chittagong, Sylhet and Nangolkot rural project as part of its motivational and awareness programme.

In his inaugural speech, SCEMRB President D P Barua said, the rights of education of the handicapped including the mentally retarded have been incorporated within the framework of national strategy for

universal education for all citizens by 2000 AD.

He said, a national policy for the handicapped is expected to be announced shortly while the government has already declared formation of a trust for their rehabilitation.

Referring to SCEMRB's role in promoting the cause of the mentally retarded through its 24 branches, he said the first national institute for them has been set up in Dhaka a few years ago with financial support from the government for their education and training as well as development of multi-disciplinary professional research.

Chief guest, Kabetur Rahman assured support for the cause of the mentally retarded in the district of Comilla. Secretary General of SCEMRB J I Mamun, Shafigur Rahim, Chairman, Catchment Area Programme, Ashraf Ali Chowdhury, President, SCEMRB Comilla branch and Saher Banu Salam, SCEMRB NEC members spoke at the inaugural session.

Maitri Chowdhury, Senior Guide Teacher of SCEMRB, Ramuzuddin Ahmed and Sheikh Mahbub Ali, both counsellors of SCEMRB presented papers on various aspects of mental retardation.



Customers at a stall of the six-day-long industrial fair '93 in Chittagong.

Bumper aman production expected

PATUAKHALI, Nov 24: Bumper aman production is expected in Bhola district, it is learnt from the official sources, reports UNB.

According to Agriculture Extension Department, about 3.20 lakh metric tons of cleaned rice are expected this year in the district.

The sources said against the target of 1.58 lakh hectares of land, a total 1,54,956 hectares were brought under aman cultivation.

Owing to bumper production, officials expected that at least 3.20 lakh metric tons of aman will be produced this year against the target of 3.04 lakh metric tons.

It may be mentioned that last year's aman production of this area also exceeded its target.

They urged the concerned authorities to start purchasing of aman crops as per government announcement by easing the sale procedures to ensure fair prices of their produce.

Engine driver arrested for stealing oil

DINAJPUR, Nov 24: A railway engine driver was arrested by the Parbatipur Railway police for his involvement with the stealing of diesel oil at Chirirbandar station, reports UNB.

Railway police arrested the driver, Kapil Das, while he was stealing about half a drum diesel oil from the railway engine near the godown of Chirirbandar station. Police also recovered some railway spare parts from his possession on November 10.

Stipend giving ceremony

The Old Students' Association of Carmichael College, Rangpur like other occasions, will distribute books and stipends among the students of the college at the institute's premises today (Thursday) at 10 am, says a press release.

The present and former students of the college have been requested to attend the function.

Stress on anti-crime activities

KHULNA, Nov 24: The monthly meeting of the Khulna district law and order committee was held recently at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner, reports BSS.

Presided over by the Deputy Commissioner Khulna, Kazi Reazul Haq, the meeting was attended by Salahuddin Yusuf, MP, and Harun-al-Rashid, MP, both advisers to the district law and order committee.

Superintendent, Khulna and Deputy Director NSI, Khulna and concerned officials of police and district administration also attended the meeting. The meeting reviewed the law and order situation prevailing in the district. It took a number of important resolutions towards further improving the law and order situation.

While participating in the discussion Salahuddin Yusuf, MP, and Harun-al-Rashid, MP, stressed the need for more vigilance against crime and criminal activities in the rural areas.

52 killed in 9 months

More than 52 people were killed and 329 others injured in 548 fire incidents during the last 9 months in 16 districts of Khulna and Barisal divisions.

According to official sources here, property worth about Tk 2.62 crore was also gutted during the period, January to September, when 43 small and large industries and 78 houses were charred.

The district-wise break up of fire incidents were as follows: 103 in Khulna, 13 in Bagerhat, 62 in Satkhira, 37 in Barisal, 24 in Bhola, 12 in Jhalakathi, 19 in Pirojpur, 58 in Jessore, 10 in Magura, 29 in Narail, 30 in Jhenidah, 76 in Chuadanga and 78 in Meherpur.

Highest fire incidents took place in the month of February, while lowest in month of August.

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Bangladesh Railway
Western Zone, Rajshahi

International Tender Notice

No: Sale-9318 Dated: 21/11/1993

The Controller of Stores/Western Zone, Bangladesh Railway, Rajshahi invites quotations for sale of used unserviceable steel materials comprising of following articles on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS":

Tender No	SI No	Particulars of Materials to be sold	Quantity
SALE-9330	1.	Iron & Steel Scrap comprising of Axle & Wheel	375.75 M Ton
SALE-9341	2.	Surplus Diesel loco spares parts.	181 itmes

2.00: ELIGIBILITY OF TENDERERS:

- Any foreign importer having requisite permission from their respective Govt to import above scrap steel materials.
- Bangladeshi Exporters having export registration.
- Any Govt body, Sector Corporation or Private party of Bangladesh having melting furnace and Re-rolling mills of sufficient capacity for melting the tendered quantity within 90 (Ninety) days from the date of taking delivery of the materials.

3.00: The tender should be submitted in triplicate one original and two other identical copies in a sealed cover superscribing "tender for sale of used unserviceable steel materials."

4.00: Tender documents can be obtained between 9.00 hrs to 12.30 hrs on all working days except Fridays and Holidays with effect from 09-12-1993 from the Office of Controller of Stores/Western Zone, Bangladesh Railway, Rajshahi, Controller of Stores/East/CRB/Chittagong and Asstt. Controller of Stores/Bangladesh Railway, Kamalapur, Dhaka on cash payment of Tk 750.00 (Taka Seven hundred fifty) only, plus postal charges Tk 30.00 (Taka Thirty) only, if required to be despatched to out stations, in advance, which amount will not be refunded under any circumstances.

5.00: The tender should be addressed to the Controller of Stores/Western Zone, Bangladesh Railway, Rajshahi & must reach or be dropped in the tender boxes placed in the Office of the Controller of Stores/Western Zone, Bangladesh Railway, Rajshahi or Controller of Stores/East, Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong and Asstt. Controller of Stores, Bangladesh Railway, Kamalapur, Dhaka by 12.00 hrs on 29-12-1993 and will be opened at the same place & on the same date at 12.30 hrs in presence of such tenderers or their representatives who may desire to be present.

6.00: Tenders received after the date and time specified in paragraph five (5) above shall be rejected.

7.00: Tender documents will not be sold on the date fixed for opening of the tender.

8.00: If the dropping & opening date, as mentioned in this tender notice fall on a GAZETTED HOLIDAY, or is declared as a GEZETTED HOLIDAY, the tender will be dropped & opened on the immediate following working date.

9.00: Other detailed informations will be available in the tender documents.

10.00: Interested tenderers who have not yet deposited the value of the scrap materials awarded to them (or will be awarded to them till selling time of this tender) within the instructed time are not be eligible for purchasing the tender documents.

HPRD No 173-22/11
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Controller of Stores/West
Bangladesh Railway, Rajshahi

UN member states urged to work for moral development

FENI, Nov 24: Speakers at a seminar on Monday urged all UN member countries to come forward to consider moral development in the greater interest of mankind, reports UNB.

Addressing a seminar on "A Proposal to the United Nations on Moral Development Approach: A new World Order for Peace" the speakers urged the member countries of the UN to promote the cause for establishing peace, discipline at individual, social and global level.

Organised by the Teachers' Council and Students' Union of Feni Teachers Training College the seminar was held at its auditorium.

Dr Obaidul Haque, Director of the Bangladesh Institute for Advancement of Science and Technology Teaching (IASTT) presented the key-note paper while Haray Tam Bhank, Prof Idris Ali, Prof Mohammad Monir, Mir Hossain and Nari Gopal Karmakar took part at discussion.