and Taka one crore 15 lakh 20

thousands for 36 schools in

The construction of 84 other

schools is nearing completion

under another development

programme in the greater Sylhet

region. Eighty five per cent work

on the project had already been

completed. Of these, 78 are

under the Revenue Programme

and the rest eight under the

Of these, the construction of

General Education Programme.

28 schools in the different

thanas of Sylhet district would

cost Taka one crore 22 lakh, 17

schools in different thanas of

Habiganj district at a total ex-

penditure of Taka 35 lakh 50

thousand, 23 schools in differ-

ent thanas in Sunamganj dis-

trict at a total expenditure of

Taka 66 lakh and 16 schools in

different thanas of Moulvibazar

district at a total expenditure of

Taka 52 lakh 82 thousand, the

source added.

Habigani district.

District roundup

Rajshahi

Anniversary of Dr Milon's death observed

Nov 30: The third death anniversary of Shaheed Dr Milon. a martyr of anti autocracy movement was observed here Saturday with paying due respect to the soul of the martyred, reports BSS.

Rajshahi unit of BMA organised a milad mahfil and discussion to mark the day at local MBA office, an official handout said Saturday.

Chaired by Prof Kaiser Rahman, President, BMA, Rajshahi, the discussion was addressed among others by Prof Abdul Kader, Prof Anwarul Islam, Dr Kaja Nurunnabi Chowdhury and Dr Wasim Hossain.

The speakers in the discussion underscored the need for consolidating the hard earned democracy in the country at any cost to materalise the dreams of the martyrs of the anti autocratic movement. They demanded trial of the killers of Dr Milon.

PABNA

Businessmen call a half day strike

Nov 30: The district Businessmen's Otkya Partshad called a day-long hartal in the town on December 1 to press its 6-point demand, including dissolution of the present body of Pabna Chamber of Commerce and Industry, reports UNB.

The call was given in a meeting of the parishad held at its office Sunday with its President Abdus Sattar Biswas in the chair. MA Kafi Sarkar, Abdur Rais Khan and Rezaul Hossain Mintu were among others who spoke in the meeting.

They said present chamber committee does not represent real businessmen of the district.

Their other demands include refund of Taka two lakh allegedly defalcated by present President of the Chamber Abul Ahsan. The money was allotted during the Ershad regime for construction of public toilet in Pabna municipal Market.

Earlier, the partshad submitted a memorandum to the DC. and a probe committee was also formed by the FBCCI, but nothing positive was done

PATUAKHALI

Five family welfare centres. to be built

Nov 30: Construction work of five Family Welfare Centres (FWC) in greater Patuakhali district is expected to be completed by June next year, reports UNB

Official sources said, four FWCs are being constructed in Patuakhali and one in Barguna district at a cost of about Taka one crore.

In Patuakhali district FWCs are being constructed in Boga of Bauphal thana. Golkhali and Kharizma of Galachipa thanas and in Mohipur of Kalapara

Taka 19 lakh has been allocated for construction of each FWC. Each centre will have multi-storied building on 47 decimal of land with office and clinic in the ground floor and residential facilities in the first

Informed source said that the number of FWCs will be raised to 51 with the construction of four new centres out of

the total 62 unions. DINAJPUR

Two to suffer 10 years RI for violating minor girl

Nov 30: Two people were sentenced to ten years rigorous imprisonment each for violating a minor girl, court sources said

here recently, reports UNB. The court also fined the ac-

Taka one 1,000 each. According to the prosecution story, the two accused violated the girl Fulbala (8) daughter of Sharbeshwar of Aldadpur in

The Additional District and Sessions Judge after examining the witnesses and records delivered the judgement recently.

JAMALPUR

Cub-scout training camp

Nov 30: Four-day long cubscout and boyscout annual training camp of zilla school

concluded at institution premises recently, reports BSS. Deputy Commissioner Jalai Ahmed formally inaugurated the training camp as chief guest. Sixty four cubs and scouts participated the course.

SIRAJGANJ

Two groups of BCL cash, 5 injured

Nov 30: Five students were injured in a clash between two factions of the Belkuchi College unit of Chhatra League (M-I) Sunday afternoon, reports UNB. Injured Alhai, Swapan, Sirai,

Masru and Sajal were released after, first aid from Belkuchi Hospital.

The clash between Alhaj and Swapan groups of BCL ensued following a dispute over declaration of panel in the college student union election.

TANGAIL

Contribution of Ranada Prasad recalled

Nov 30: Kumudini Government College Tangail, held a discussion meeting on the life and contribution of philanthropist Ranada Prasad Shaha on the occasion of his 98th birth anniversary, says BSS.

Among others, Professor Begum Sham Sunnaher, Professor Md Kamruzzaman and Umme Salma Khan Bimu spoke on the occasion.

The speakers paid rich tributes to the humanitarian quality of R P Shaha.

Dr Salma Banu, Principal of the college presided over the function. The meeting was rounded off with a cultural function.

C'NAWABGANJ

Demonstration plots for modern methods of cultivation

Nov 30: District Agriculture Extension Department (AED) has taken up a comprehensive rabi cultivation programme in the current season, reports UNB.

About 80,000 hectares of land will be brought under the cultivation programme.

Of the total, 16,600 hectares of land will be brought under boro, 11,000 hectares under wheat, 1,400 hectares under potato, 6,900 hectares under mastard, 40,420 hectares under pulses and the rest 3,500 hectares of land under winter vegetable cultivation, officials

Agriculture Extension Department has set up some demonstration plots in five thanas to acquaint the farmers with the modern methods of cultivation, officials added.

With the successful implementation of the programme it is expected that at least 46,500 metric tons of boro, 20,900 metric tons of wheat, 15,400 metric tons of potato, 4,761 metric tons of mastard, 27,555 metric tons of pluses and 66,500 metric tons of vegetable will be produced.

SATKHIRA

One arrested on charge of fraudulent

Nov 30: Police arrested one person working in an alleged fake recruiting agent from Kukrail village in sadar thana Saturday night, says UNB.

Police said the swindler, Masud, extorted about Taka one lakh from one Ashraf of the village to recruit him in Singapore. but failed to give him employ-

Ashraf filed a case with the sadar thana against the fake recruiting agent. Later, police arrested him in connection with fraudulent act.

Another UNB report says: A group of miscreants set on fire the Mahbub Primary School of Raghunathpur under Kaligani thana, destroying papers, furniture and other valuables worth about Tk two lakh.

A case was registered with local police. None, however, was arrested so far.

NATORE

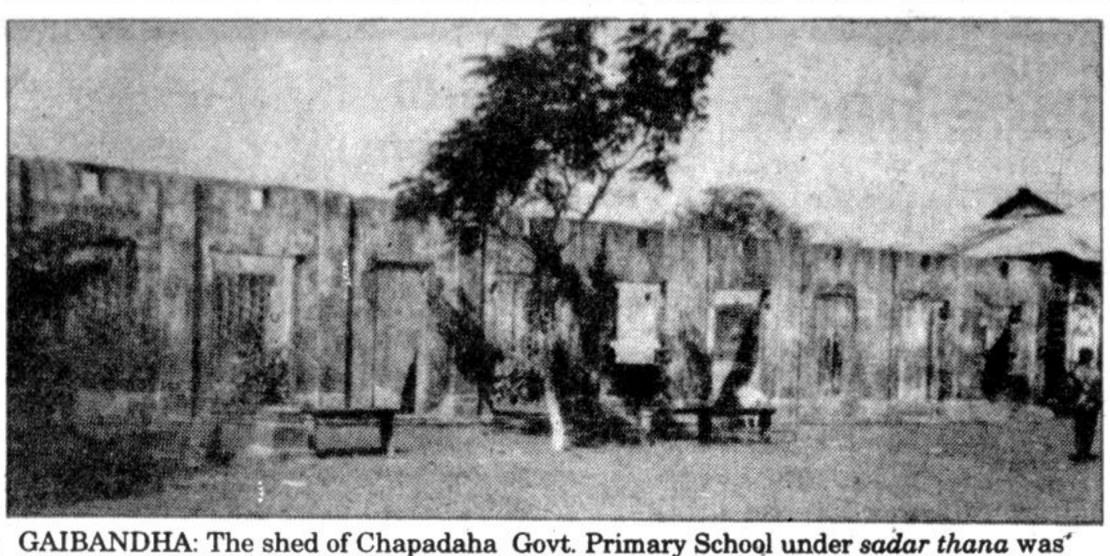
One commits suicide

Nov 30: A young man of village Thakur Lakkhikol under Sadar thana of the district committed suicide by hanging himself a week ago, police said, says UNB.

The victim was identified as Kamruzzaman (36), son of Md Abor Ali. Kamruzzaman hanged himself against a tree near to his residence.

However, reason behind his suicide could not be known immediately

Another report said: On Saturday, a group of miscreants snatched Taka 4,000 from the office assistant of Gramin Bank idris Ali on his way to office at Lalpur thana and hurt him with sharp weapons. He was admitted to local Health Complex.



blown away by the tornado in April of 1992 and it has not yet been repaired.

— Star photo

Another 444 Rohingya refugees go back home

Nov 30: Some 444 Rohingva refugees were voluntarily repatriated to Myanmar through three transit camps at Teknaf here Saturday.

Official sources told BSS here, with this 109th batch left the country. The total number of repatriated persons now stood at 50,052.

Local UNHCR along with Bangladesh officials saw the refugees off at Rongikhali, Noyapara-2 and Jummapara transit camps while they were crossing the border.

Monipuris, maker of quality, cheap handloom products facing crisis

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Nov 30: The handloom industry of Monipuri community in Kamalganj thana of the district have been facing acute crisis following high price of yarn, weaving materials, non availability of capital and lack of marketing facilities.

According to informed sources, about 20 thousand people are dependent on weaving to earn their livelihood but for want of capital and exorbitant price of yarn they are unable to cope with the present situation.

Availability of foreign clothes at cheaper rates has reduced the demand of the products of Monipuri handloom factories in the local markets.

The products like, bedsheet, napkins, sarees, lungis and wrappers are in great demand outside the district and these products are comparatively cheaper. A group of Mompuri weavers told The Daily Star that unless some positive steps were taken by the authorities to supply adequate yarn and other materials to the Monipuri weavers directly, the present condition of the weavers would not improve and they would have no alternative but to close down their business.

Pest attack on aman crop

A vast tract of land with standing aman crops have been severally attacked by pest in Kamalgoni thana of Moulvibazar district.

The affected unions of the thana are: Alinagar, Patan Ushar, Munshibazar and

Rahimpur. It is learnt the crops on most rounded them up.

of the fields have turned vellowish and the pest are causing havoc to the adjoining fields. Farmers of the areas alleged

that high price of spray machine and prices of insecticides have shot up in the markets which are beyond the purchasing capacity of the marginal However, Agriculture Exten-

sion Department at Moulvibazar said, adequate measures were taken to combat the menace.

Tk 69.49 lakh for road development

A total of Taka 69 lakh 49 thousand has been sanctioned for development of 13 roads at Moulvibazar district town. "The Municipalities Development Assistance Fund" is financing the project during current financial

On the other hand, Taka 12 lakh 88 thousand has been snactioned for construction of 17 culverts on different roads of the town and construction of six shades at west market areas of the town.

Moulvibazar pourasava is financing this scheme from its own fund. Work of these two projects is

current financial year 2 dacoits arrested

expected to be completed by

Kulaura thana police arrested two notorious dacoits from Danapur village under Kulaura thana of the district re-

Acting on a secret informa tion, a police party led by Sub-

inspector Md Shajan Miah raided Danapur village and

The arrested criminals are Shafique Uddin Sheikh of Panidhar village under Baralekha PS and Anwar Uddin alias Modhu of 'Muchhebal' village under Baralekha PS of the district.

The arrested two dacoits

Two dacoits caught while fleeing

NARSHINGDI, Nov. 30: Two alleged dacoits were caught by the villagers of Karimpur in sadar thana on Monday while they were decamping with cash and valuables worth Taka 50,000 from a passenger boat, reports UNB.

The accused Momen Mahbub and Zulhash Miah were handed over to the local police.

Witnesses said a gang of 12 dacoits swooped on a Narsingdibound boat in Meghna river near Udingdia and robbed the passengers.

Several passengers were injured in the attack. Mokbul Hossain (32), who received stab injuries, was admitted to a local hospital in serious condition.

The passengers of the boat followed the dacoits as they left the scene and caught two of them with the help of local people.

A case was filed with Sadar

were wanted by police in connection with several cases lodged in Kulaura and Baralekha thana.

Tk 5 lakh worth of goods gutted

gutted three commercial establishments recently at Sreemongal town of the district destroyfive lakh.

The fire service rushed to the spot and extinguished the fire. It said the fire had originated from a stationery shop and quickly engulfed the adjoining

Anniversary of

The 37th birth anniversary of poet Rudra Mohammed Shahidullah was observed here recently by Moulvibazar Sangskritik Sangsad with due

The sangsad organised a discussion meeting followed by recitation function at its office

Speakers at the discussion

Shakera Ahmed, Farhana Mohamud Tanni, Debobrate Das Jillul Ahmed and Farjana Rahman Nipa participated in the discussion. The discussion was followed by self-composed poetry recitation by some local

A devastating fire completely ing property worth about Taka

birth observed

fervour.

premises.

meeting paid rich tributes to the late poet for his immense contribution for Bangla literature. The discussion meeting was presided over by a local poet Saumitra Deb. Among others



Tk 5cr for construction

of 155 pry schools

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, Nov 30: A pro-

gramme has been taken up by

the Government for construc-

four districts of the greater Syl-

het region during the current

A total of about Taka five

An official source informed

this correspondent that the

programme is being financed by

the Asian Development Bank

An amount of Taka three

The source further informed

lakh 20 thousand would be

that, of the total amount Taka

one crore 96 lakh 5 thousand

would be spent for 60 schools

Taka one crore 79 lakh 20

thousand for 56 schools in

Sunamgani, Taka nine lakh 60

thousand for three schools in

three thanas of Moulvibazar.

in nine thanas of Sylhet district,

spent for each of the schools,

crore five lakh would be spent

for the implementation of the

financial year.

programme.

(ADB).

tion of 155 primary schools in

Sonargaon Training and Development Centre auditorium recently in observance of Thana Field Day. - Star photo

Govt decides to increase educational facilities

GHORASAL (Narsingdi), Nov 30: State Minister for Planning Dr Adbul Moyeen Khan on Friday said, the present government has given top priority to education sector for eradicating illiteracy from the society, re-

ports BSS. The government has decided to increase the educational facilities by establishing new buildings for schools and

The state minister was speaking at the foundation laying ceremony of the newly constructed science building of Ghorasal Pilot High School here. Facilities Department of the Ministry of Education has taken up the project to build up the building at a cost of Taka eight lakh.

Dr Khan said, present gov-

repairing old ones, he added.

erament is pledged bound to ensure education for all by the year 2000. A nation cannot achieve prosperity and progress without proper education of the common people, he added.

He said, on completion of the

science building a long-felt de-

mand of the locality will be ful-

filled. The students of the school will be benefitted from the building by getting a suitable environment and facilities. The state minister called upon students, teachers and guardians to put in their best

effort for maintaining a conge nial atmosphere in academic Presided over by Polash thana BNP President, the function was also addressed by

school teachers, local leaders

and social workers.

Police recover huge arms, ammunition from hostel

CHITTAGONG, Nov 30s Raozan police arrested six persons and recovered a substantial amount of arms and ammunition from a hostel of Bangladesh Institute of Technology (BIT) at Pahartali, under

Raozan police station on Friday. The drive was made when a group of armed persons stormed the institute, 25 km off here, in the early hours Friday and created a reign of terror by indiscriminate firing at around the campus in a bid to occupy some rooms of a dormitory, Officer-in-Charge of the Raozan police told BSS over telephone here Friday night.

The arrested persons, three of whom were identified as student, were taken to Kotwali police station on Friday on

charges of storming the campus, kidnapping of one student of the institute earlier, police

The recovered arms and

ammunition were two rifles. four different kinds of guns, one Chinese axe, four daggers, 100 rounds of gun shots, five rounds of rifle and 40 rounds of rifle bullets. Besides, one walkie-talkie all these were recovered from KK Hostel of the institute.

The situation in and around the campus is now calm and quiet but heavy contingent of reserved police are patrolling on the campus, police added.

The academic council of the BIT held two rounds of meetings and discussed the prevailing situation.

Over-bridge near Bhairab rly station needed

KISHOREGANJ, Nov 30 Thousands of residents of Amlapara in Bhairab thana have been facing difficulties due to absence of an over-bridge between Amlapara and south Kamalpur in the western side of

Bhairab Railway station. The people of the area come to the railway station through Dhaka-Sylhet highway. The approach road to railway station remains blocked most of the time by trains going out and coming in resulting in hindrance to the movement of the

people as well as the traffic. Accidents occur frequently while crossing the railway line. The school going children are the worst sufferers.

The residents of Amlapara and other parts of the town go to PDB office, sub-registry and telephone exchange office at Amlapara. But they have to undergo immense troubles for want of a road link with Amla-Teachers of non-government

primary schools brought out a procession in Kishoregani town to press home their 4-point demands recently. Later they handed over a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner and district primary education offi-

at a conference of the learners at village Atgram of Sylhet district.

Earlier, the teachers held a meeting at the District Primary Teachers Association office with Aftabuddin Golap in the chair.

It was addressed among others by, Emdadul Haque, Jalaluddin, Syed Sadrul-ula-Saju, Manik Chowdhury, Shamsul Alam, Zillur Rahman, Sarker Mohammadullah and Abu Zahed.

Smuggled Indian pesticides sold

Smuggled Indian insecticides are being sold in the markets of the district affecting the crops in Mymensingh, Sherpur, Jamalpur. Netrakona Kishoregani districts. These smuggled insecticides are

From Our Correspondent mostly available in the markets of border belt areas.

Indian pesticides like.

We were illiterate. Now we can read and write and want to learn more." This is the expression of some people

who recently have learnt to read and write. An officer of Practical Education Programme (standing) is speaking

thiodin, thionel, hengidel, viladol etc. which are harmful to animal, crops, fish and frog. According to a report effect of a particular variety of insecticide is so strong that it kills insects which help in increasing

fertility of soil. The agricultural

experts said extensive use of

such Indian banned insecticides

has been destroying soil fertil-When contacted, some pesticide traders informed that they were selling Indian pesticides through relevant authority on the basis of monthly notifica-

arrested Eight members of a gang of the inter-district dacoits, including a member of union

parishad, were held by Bhairab

Gang of dacoits

police near Dariakandi recently. Police also seized a microbus bearing No Dhaka Cha-02-0144 and recovered one pipegun, two rounds of ammunitions and knives from their possessions.

According to reports, acting on a secret information, police led by S I Nahajuddin and S I Naresh Chandra Karmaker of Bhairab police station chased a microbus on Kishoreganj-Bhairab road and succeeded in halting the bus near Dariakandi. Police later arrested the dacoits.

The alleged dacoits are Akhter Mia, Hossain Ali, Satter. Straj, Quddus, Biplob, Nasir and Rashid. Akhter Mia is a member of Aganagar Union Parishad in Bhairab thana of the district and Satter, a convict was sentenced to life imprisonment in absentia. The dacoits were preparing themselves to commit dacoity on the Kishoreganj-Bhairab highway, police

All the dacoits were produced before the count the next day and were later remanded to the police.

Two separate cases were registered with Bhairab police station in this connection.

Boat passengers robbed of Tk 26,000

A group of dacoits robbed Taka 26,000 from a number of boat passengers in the Nali river under Bajitpur thana of the district recently.

According to the police, an engine driven boat carrying about 20 passengers, most of them farmers, were going from Austagram to Sararchar Bazar under Bafitpur thana. When the beat reached near Aynergot village a gang of dacofts attacked the boat and looted Taka 26,000 in each from the pas-

sengers. A case was registered with Bajitpur police station.

BJMC fails to achieve jute purchase target

KHULNA, Nov 30: The jute mills under BJMC in Khulna zone could not fulfil their target of buying jute during the cur-

rent season, reports UNB. A BJMC source said, the target of jute purchasing has been set at 45,05,364 maunds for 5100 weaving mills. But only 45 per cent of the target has been achieved till now although the season is offing.

The sources said, the main

reason for the failure is the low price fixed by BJMC then the market price. Moreover, the jute growers are reluctant to sell their produce to the mills due to irregular payment and administrative complexity. The BJMC at a meeting in

September fixed the price of jute of various quality from Taka 270 to Taka 200 per maund which is Taka 20-30 less than the market price.

cused Mojat Ali and Idris Ali Nawabgani thana on October 23. 1990 injuring her