Tk 5cr for construction

of 155 pry schools

District roundup

Anniversary of Dr Milon's death observed

niversary 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 mahfit and discussion to mark the day at local MBA office, an official handout said Saturday.

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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 Oikya Parishad 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 abven in a meet-

rabia 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 parishad submitted a memorandum to the DC, and 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 dis-trict 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 a cost of about Taka

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in Patuakhan district PWCs being constructed in Boga of uphal thana, Golkhali and rizma of Galachipa thanas i in Mohipur of Kalapara

iti-storied building on 47 cimal of land with office and nic in the ground floor and idential facilities in the first

Informed source said that the number of FWCs will be raised to 51 with the construc-tion 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 ntenced to ten years rigorous

sentenced to ten years rigorous mprisonment each for violating a minor girl, court sources said here recently, reports UNB.

The court also fined the accused Mojat Ali and Idris Ali Taka one 1,000 each.

According to the prosecution story, the two accused violated the girl Fulbala (8) daughter of Sharbeshwar of Aldadpur in Nawabganj thana on October 23, 1990 injuring her grievously.

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

JAMALPUR

Cub-scout training

camp y 30: Four-day long cub-and boyscout annual ng camp of zilia school uded at institution

SIRAJGANJ

Two groups of BCL cash, 5 injured

Nov 30: Pive students were injured in a clash between two factions of the Belkucht College unit of Chhatra League (M-I) Sunday afternoon, reports UNB. Injured Alhaj, Swapan, Siraj,

after first aid from Belkuchi

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 Govern-ment College Tangail, held a discussion meeting on the life

discussion meeting on the life and contribution of philan-thropist Ranada Prasad Shaha on the occasion of his 98th birth anniversary, says BSS. Among others, Professor Be-gum Sham Sunnaher, Professor Md Kamruzzaman and Umme Salma Khan Bimu spoke on the occasion.

occasion.

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

Dr Salma Banu, Principal of

the coilege presided over the function. The meeting was rounded off with a cultural

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 mastard, 27,555 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

recruiting agent from

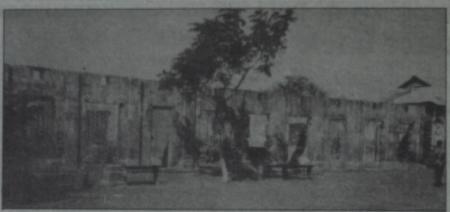
Ashraf filed a case with the sadar thana against the fake recruiting agent. Later, police arrested him in connection with fraudulent act.

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

NATORE

One commits suicide

Nov 30: A young man of vil-lage Thakur Lakkhikol under Sadar thana of the district committed suicide by hanging himself a week ago, police said,



GAIBANDHA: The shed of Chapadaha Govt. Primary School under sadar thana was blown away by the tornado in April of 1992 and it has not yet been repaired.

Another 444 Rohingya refugees go

Local UNHCR along with Bangladesh officials saw the refugees off at Rongikhali, Noy-apara-2 and Jummapara transit

back home

SYLHET, Nov 30: A programme has been taken up by the Government for construction of 155 primary schools in four districts of the greater Sylhet region during the current financial year. A total of about Taka five crore five lakh would be spent for the implementation of the programme. An official source informed this correspondent that the programme is being financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Monipuris, maker of quality, cheap handloom products facing crisis

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 attuation.

attuation.

Availability of foreign clothes at cheaper rates has reduced the demand of the products of Monipuri handloom factories

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 Monipuri 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

aman crop A vast tract of land with

Pest attack on

of the fields have turned yellow-ish and the pest are causing

havoc to the adjoining fields.
Farmers of the areas alleged that high price of spray ma-chine and prices of insecticides have shot up in the markets which are beyond the purchas-ing capacity of the marginal

sion Department at Moulvibazar said, adequate measures were

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 excrept financial

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

Moulvibazar pourasava is financing this scheme from its

Work of these two projects is expected to be completed by current financial year.

2 dacoits arrested Kulaura thana police ar-rested two notorious dacoits from Danapur village under Ku-laura 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 rounded them up.

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 dacotts

Two dacoits caught while fleeing

sadar (hana on Monday while they were decamping with cash and valuables worth Taka 50,000 from a passenger boat, reports UNB.

passengers.
Several passengers were injured in the attack. Mokbul Hossain (32), who received stabinjuries, 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.

pot and extinguished the fire. It said the fire had originated rom a stationery shop and tulckly enguifed the adjoining

Anniversary of birth observed

The 37th birth anniversary

The discussion meeting was resided over by a local poet faumitra Deb. Among others shakera Ahmed, Parhana Mo-tamud Tanni, Debobrate Das, tilhil Ahmed and Farjana Rah-

were wanted by police in con-nection with several cases lodged in Kulaura and Bar-alekha thana.

Tk 5 lakh worth of goods gutted

Speakers at the discussion meeting paid rich tributes to the ate poet for his immense con-ribution for Bangla literature. The discussion meeting was

organised a day-long exhibition on potato made food at the Sonargaon Training and Development Centre auditorium recently in observance of Thana Field Day. — Star photo Govt decides to increase educational facilities

NARAYANGANJ: Agriculture Extension Department

Police recover huge arms, ammunition from hostel

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 Am-apara in Bhairab thana have

Inousands of residents of Amlapara in Bhairab thana have been facing difficulties due to absence of an over-bridge between Amlapara and south Kamaipur 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 Amlapara.

Teachers of non-dovernment

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

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

mostly available in the markets of border belt areas. Indian pesticides like, thiodin, thionel, hengidel, vi-ladol etc. which are harmful to animal, crops, fish and frog.

According to a report effect of a particular variety of insec-ticide 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-ity.

Gang of dacoits arrested

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

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

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 current 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.

