

CU Chancellor's Gold Medal to be given Feb 6

CHITTAGONG, Jan 29: The Chancellor's Gold Medal will be awarded at the first convocation of Chittagong University to be held on February 6, reports BSS.

The following students will receive Chancellor's Gold medal: Nizam Uddin Mahmud Selim — MA final year, History, Mahbub Ullah and Mahfuzul Hoque Chowdhury, MA final year, Political Science, Sociology, A N M Meskat Uddin, first year B Com (Pass), Golam Sarwar — MA final year, English, Md Rezaul Karim, third year Honours, Islamic History and Culture, Md Nurul Alam, MSc, final year — Chemistry, Mizanul Karim, third year Honours — English, Md Rezaul Karim, MA final year — Islamic History and Culture, Mohammad Nizam Uddin Khan, MA final year — Economics, Md Nurul Hoque, MCom final year — Accounting, Mohammad Jahangir Abu (Dastagir), MA final year — English, Ahmed Kabir, third year Honours — Economics, Roll No 3, Comilla Victoria Government College, Babu Goutam Biswas, MSc, final year, Zoology, A K M Shah Alam, MSc final year — Zoology and Rangan Banerjee, second year Honours — Chemistry.

Boycott BNP, AL, JP in city corps polls: Nizami

CHITTAGONG, Jan 29: Jamaat leader Maulana Matur Rahman Nizami today called upon the people of the port city to boycott Awami League, Jatiya Party and BNP in the January 30 elections and cast their votes in favour of the Jamaat nominees, reports UNB.

He alleged that the three parties, who ruled the country in last 22 years, had totally failed to fulfil the aspirations of the people.

Nizami said that they were all of the similar character and urged the people to select new leadership, abandoning those three parties.

Regional confce of Thana Health, Family Planning Officers

RAJSHAHI, Jan 29: State Minister for Land Md Kabir Hossain yesterday called upon the physicians to render their services with missionary zeal for achieving health for all by the year 2000, reports BSS.

He was addressing as chief guest a regional conference of Thana Health and Family Planning Officers of greater Rajshahi and Pabna districts at divisional medical subdepot here.

The State Minister said, the thana health and family planning officers had a vital role for implementation of government's health programmes to the rural areas of the country.

Road accidents increasing alarmingly in N-dists

SIRAJGANJ, Jan 29: Road accidents have increased alarmingly in the 16 northern districts during last six months.

A total of 277 persons was killed and more than 1000 persons were injured in separate road accidents.

Rush driving, overloading, carelessness of pedestrians, mechanical troubles, overtaking, influx of fake driving licenses, violation of traffic rules, and non-implementation of Motor Vehicles Act are the main causes of road accidents.

During last six months from July to December '93, a total of 277 persons was killed and more than 1000 sustained injuries in separate accidents caused by buses, minibuses, trucks, microbuses and private cars.

District-wari break up shows that during last six months 27 persons in Sirajganj, 29 persons in Pabna, two persons in Chapainawabganj, four in Rajshahi, 20 in Natore, nine in Naogaon, one in Lalmonirhat, five in Kurigram, four in Nilphamari, two in Panchagarh, 10 in Thakurgaon, 18 in Dinajpur, 15 in Rangpur, 16 in Gaibandha, 15 in Jaipurhat and 99 persons were killed in Bogra districts.

From Our Correspondent

In most of the cases, the victims do not get any compensation from the vehicle owners. The cases lodged with the police stations are allegedly managed locally.

In the absence of proper punishment, the accidental incidents of vehicular traffic have been increasing creating panic among the helpless passengers of 16 northern districts.

Another reports says: The Annual General Meeting of Bangladesh Society for Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR), Belkuchi thana unit was held on January 21 at the auditorium of thana administration with Advocate Fazlul Haque Bulbul in the chair.

Advocate Fazlul Haque Bulbul and Professor Ashit Chowdhury were elected president and general secretary respectively through an unanimous decision for the term 1994-96.

The 15-member executive committee of Belkuchi BSEHR will take over the charges on February 4 next.

The body of a newly born baby was found in a bush of village Chala under Belkuchi thana on January 22. The body was covered by a polythene bag.

When local people saw the body, half of it was eaten by animals.

Local police was informed about the matter.

A UNB report says: Two people were killed and another was seriously injured when a truck rammed into a rickshaw due to dense fog on the New Bogra Road in the town recently.

The victims were identified as rickshawpuller Bimol Chandra Das (22) and Nepal Chandra Das (20), one of the two passengers.

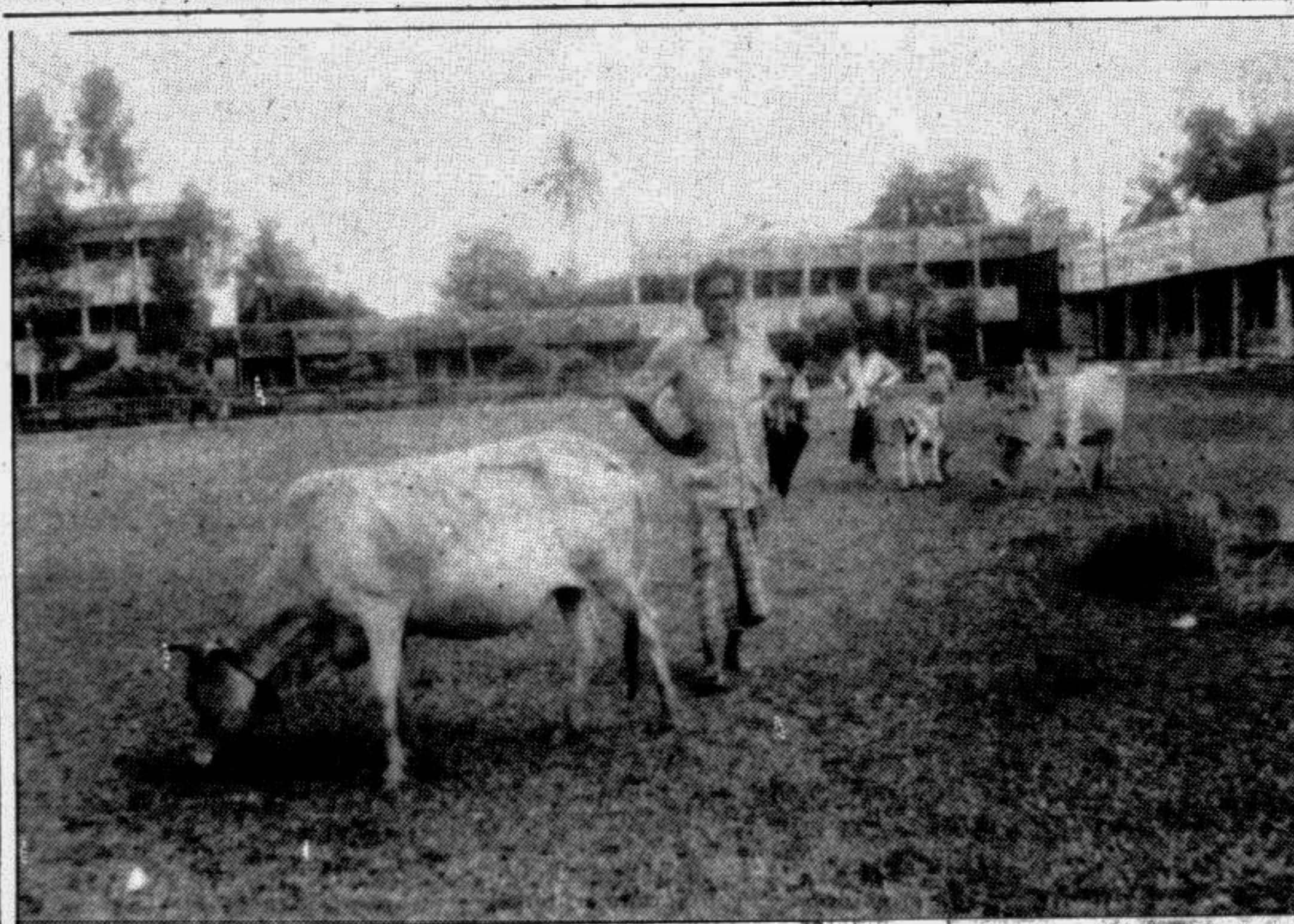
The other passenger Anil Chandra Das (22) of Dolon in Ullapara thana admitted to the Sirajganj General Hospital. The passengers were local fishermen.

The driver of the 'killer' truck, however, fled the scene. A case has been lodged with the Sirajganj police.

Meanwhile, the District Sports Association Chess Competition began at the hall room of Bapji Electronics at the town on Tuesday.

Principal Shafi Ahmed formally inaugurated the tournament with Mujibar Rahman, president of the DSA in the chair.

On the first day, 39 competitors — six from subjunior, 17 from junior and 16 players from senior groups — took part in the competition, the association sources said.



GOPALGANJ: Cattle are grazing in the field of Bangabandhu College here. Some persons broke the boundary wall of the college for their interest. — Star photo

Indian goods flood market

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Jan 29: Smuggled Indian goods have flooded the markets in Kishoreganj district.

It is learnt that smuggled Indian goods including printed sarees, cotton yarn, dyes, chemicals, razor blades, toothpaste, pulses, onion, jira, sugar, cut pieces, crackers, cosmetics and salt have flooded the markets in Kishoreganj district.

All sorts of Indian goods are now available even in the markets of the remote villages in thirteen thanas of the district. The smuggled goods available here are mainly carried by trains, buses and trucks.

Bhairab Railway station and Meghna ferryghat are the main unloading centres. A section of women are found to carry sarees, blouse prices and sugar bag in the trains. The goods are also kept in the toilets and water tanks of the trains, when the trains reaches near the unloading centres, the carriers throw the packets of goods from the trains which are collected by their selected people.

A part from this, a large number of women of different areas engaged in flying business are collecting Indian sarees and other goods from the bordering areas of Brahmanbaria and Comilla districts for supplying them to different places including rural markets.

The women smugglers move from Kishoreganj to Bhairab, Brahmanbaria, Akhaura and Comilla by train and buses for collecting Indian sarees and other items. Smuggling of Indian sarees has surpassed the previous records.

The smuggled goods specially cosmetics, tooth paste and blades are sold openly in the markets without any restriction. When contacted some shopkeepers told this correspondent that colgate toothpaste and super max razor blades are imported. The smuggled items of same brand are exhibited with the imported items in the showcases.

However, import of super max blades has been banned recently by the government on prayer of a local manufacturer. Due to availability of smuggled cotton yarn and sarees, local cotton mills and handloom factories face setback causing adverse affect on home economy. Besides, a section of smuggler was smuggling medicines from India. The production of which is banned in Bangladesh.

A section of smugglers backed by a powerful circle was involved in smuggling. A big margin of profit attracts them to smuggling. The illegal practices

needs to be resisted immediately to boost up the economy of the country.

Another report says: Mushroom growth of hotels and restaurants at the town and its adjoining areas are becoming a threat to the public health in general. Stale and adulterated foodstuffs are sold in these hotels and restaurants, it is alleged.

The dishonest traders are devoid of public health hazards. They are almost engaged with such stale, dirty and adulterated foods are causing serious health hazards in these areas.

The responsibility of examining the adulterated foods lies with the sanitary inspectors but he rarely visits the hotels and restaurants for checking the foods ready for sale to the public.

As a result, the people of these areas are suffering from various diseases like dysentery, hepatitis and other peptic ailments.

The attention of the concerned authorities is drawn to take immediate steps to eradicate this social menace.

Meanwhile, the sale of note books is going on unabated in all the 13 thanas of the district.

Note books are being sold at the most of bookshops at the district town and thana markets despite government ban on it. It may be mentioned here that the government has imposed ban on publishing and selling note books upto class eight. But some unscrupulous traders are publishing substandard note books with fake name and addresses. This note books are full of errors and distortion of facts and it misguide the students.

Some guardians complained that these note books are being sold at an exorbitant price in different markets of the district. It is reported that the owners bookstall do not sell text books without notes.

The students and guardians have urged the concerned authorities to take necessary steps regarding the matter.

Inhabitants of Amlapara have been facing difficulties due to the absence of a bridge between Amlapara and South Kamalpur, adjacent to Bhairab Railway station.

Local people specially the passengers of this area come to this railway station facing manifold problems.

cause against Magistrate and Asstt Commissioner of Bhola D C Office Mahabubur Rahman for failing to appear before the court.

Then learned Sessions Judge Abdur Razzak taken cognizance under section 485 (A) cr. PC against Mahabubur Rahman and asked to show cause within 28-9-94.

According to court sources, Mahabubur Rahman recorded a confessional statement in a murder case of Nesarabad thana. But the Magistrate did not turn up to the court after several Summons notices. Lastly a Summons was issued through the Secretary, Ministry of Establishment.

Copy of this order was sent to the magistrate and concern authorities.

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Prof M Badiul Alam, pro-VC of Chittagong University is distributing prize at the prize distribution ceremony of the university school recently.

IRRI-boro production may fall this yr

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Jan 29: IRRI-boro production in all the seven thanas of the district is likely to fall mainly due to price hike of fertilizers and diesel crisis.

The production fall may be 45 per cent this year due to price hike of fertilizer and diesel crisis, some farmers informed.

It is learnt, that prices at urea, TSP, zinc, ammonia, sulphate have risen exorbitantly. As a result, the poor farmers are unable to use required quantity of fertilizers in the fields. Thus the production is likely to be decreased.

According to an official source, a massive programme was taken up to cultivate IRRI-boro crops on about seven lakh acres of land in the all seven thanas of the district during the current season and productions target was fixed at 6.50 lakh metric tons. But there is slim chance of achieving the target of production.

Indian fertilizers and pesticides are being smuggled into the country in huge quantity. As such, the markets at border areas of Jamalpur, Sherpur and Mymensingh districts have become flooded with Indian fertilizers and pesticides.

It is learnt that country made urea (per 50 kg bag) sells at Taka 275.00 while its government fixed price at Taka 203.50. The TSP, zinc are being sold at higher prices in the markets.

When contacted, a dealer told this correspondent that the fertilizer factories at 'Jamuna', Ashuganj failed to supply fertilizers as per requirements.

It is reported that small dealers could not supply of fertilizer from Jamuna Fertilizer Factories. It is alleged that some brokers are buying fertilizer from factories and are selling in the black market.

Meanwhile, frequent disruption of power supply in six thanas under Jamalpur district is causing heavy loss to industrial and agricultural sectors.

Bangladesh Power Development Board (PDB) maintains supply through Jamalpur distribution centre to Bakshiganj, Dewanganj, Islampur, Sarishabari, Melandah, and Sadar thanas. In all these, places many new industrial units have sprung up depending on electricity. Most of these units are incurring loss for erratic power failure.

Power supply remains suspended for about 40 to 50 hours in a week.

The power disruption has brought about total closure of many power pumps, paddy husking mills and other industries.

Agricultural production in Melandah, Islampur, Dewanganj and Sadar thanas have become hard-hit due to continued power suspension.

When contacted PDB office at Melandah could not tell anything positive

PDB engineers face corruption charges

PIROUJPUR, Jan. 29: A case has been filed with the senior special judge court of the district against three engineers and metre reader of Power Development Board for misusing of power, corruption and misappropriation, reports UNB.

The accused people are: Executive Engineer Sayed Ahsanul Kaiser, Asstt Engineer Altaf Hossain, Sub-Asstt Engineer Mostafizur Rahman and metre reader Zashimuddin. Noted doctor of the city A K M Rahimuddin Bhuiyan filed the case recently.

After taking the initial statement the learned Judge Abdur Razzak ordered inquiry into the matter and to submit the report duly for hearing of the case.

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cause against Magistrate and Asstt Commissioner of Bhola D C Office Mahabubur Rahman for failing to appear before the court.

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Stress on preventive health care system

SIRAJDIKHAN (Munshiganj), Jan. 29: Deputy Leader of the Parliament Professor AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury stressed the need for developing the preventive health care system through creating mass awareness, reports UNB.

The deputy leader was addressing at the inaugural function of Kafiluddin Chowdhury Free Medical Camp at Imamganj-Basail here on Friday according to an official handout.

Prof Chowdhury said, "there are some diseases which re-

quire no medicine for cure." He said those diseases could be prevented if people have knowledge about primary health care.

Paying tributes to Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman Prof Chowdhury said Ziaur Rahman at first took initiative to develop the health sector. He said, most of the hospitals and research institutes were established during the period of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman for providing better medical facilities to the people of the country. He said, EPI and BCG programmes were undertaken during that period. Prof Chowdhury also said the present government had given priority to the health sector.

The deputy leader said that most of the people of the country were deprived of hygienic latrines and pure water. He pleaded for making available sufficient quantity of safe water to prevent disease. He said, "people can make a hygienic latrine at the cost of Taka 35 only."

Later Prof Chowdhury opened the free medical camp and offered treatment to the patients and distributed free medicine, the handout added. He said, the hampering movement of vehicles and navigation.

Two killed, another hurt in road mishap

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, Jan 29: Two persons were killed and another has injured seriously in a road mishap on Sylhet-Tamabil road Monday morning.

According to reports, at about 10:30 AM a speeding truck while on its way to Tamabil starting from Sylhet met the accident at Sirup tea garden. The vehicle (No. Dhaka NA-2444) fell into a roadside gulch crushing three persons who were engaged in the road construction works there.

District roundup

MALJDEE COURT

495 mt wheat for canal digging

Jan 29: At least 495 metric tons of wheat have been sanctioned under two canal digging programme in two thanas of the district, reports UNB.

District Relief Office sources said 220 metric tons of wheat were sanctioned for excavation of Kata Bania canal in Sadar thana and 275 metric tons for digging of Thanarhat Ullapara canal in Begumganj thana.

The programme will be implemented within the next three months, the source added.

Another report adds: A total of 97 uplift projects has been taken up under the Food for Works Programme in six thanas of the district in the current financial year.

Official sources said 1549 metric tons of wheat will be utilised for the implementation of the projects.

Thanawise wheat allotment for the projects are as follows: Begumganj thana 411 metric tons for 34 projects, Sadar thana 385 metric tons for 25 projects, Senbag thana 179 metric tons for 9 projects, Comanyganj thana 156 metric tons for 11 projects, Hatia thana 252 metric tons for 12 projects and Chakhal thana 166 metric ton for 6 projects.

The projects included reconstruction of roads in rural areas, earth filling of ditches and playgrounds of schools and madrasas.

C'NAWABGANJ

Improper use of shallow tubewell engines

Jan 29: The shallow tubewell engines are being used in five thanas of the district indiscriminately for commercial purposes hampering the irrigation seriously, reports UNB.

According to Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation, more than 80 per cent of shallow tubewell engines, specified for only irrigation purposes, are being used in country-made boats and husking mills at large.

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The engines were supplied to the farmers only for irrigation to boost agricultural production. The use of the same strictly prohibited for other purposes, said an official.

NARAYANGANJ

Cultural practice can flourish civilisation

Jan 29: Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury said, cultural practice is an imperative need to flourish civilisation, reports UNB.

The minister was addressing the installation ceremony of the newly elected executive committee of District Shilpakala Academy at Ali Ahmad Poura Milanayan Tuesday.

"Quality and standard culture, art and literature reflect national development and riches," he said.

Matin Chowdhury also said, practice of healthy art and culture help lead serene life. He directed the members of the new committee of the local Shilpakala Academy to put in their best to raise the height of art and culture of the country.

Among others, advocate Abul Kalam MP and Ataur Rahman Khan MP spoke on the occasion, says an official handout. The installation ceremony was rounded off with a colourful cultural function.

DAUDKANDI

Need for effective training stressed

Jan 29: Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain underlined the need for effective training and continuous practices to augment the standard of games and sports of our athletes and sportsmen, reports BSS.

"Games and sports are the effective mediums of highlighting any country's image and position in the world arena", Dr Mosharraf said inaugurating the annual sports competition of Daudkandi Ideal High School here.

President of the school management committee Nasiruddin Ahmed and Headmaster Abdur Rezaq also spoke.

BARISAL

Free medicare treatment

Jan 29: The free Friday clinic has provided treatment to 29,966 poor and destitute patients in the Aswini Kumar town hall since its inception on July 1991, reports BSS.

It was organized by Barisal Jam-e-Baitul Mukarram Islamic pathagar. The patients were given medicine free of cost.

The organisers also distributed old clothes among the poor and destitute patients.

Notice Inviting Tender

1. Tender Notice No : 53/EE/CWD/93-94/Dt.15.1.94 AD. & 02.10.1400 Bangla.
2. Name of Work : Supply of Spare parts for repairing the Fadroma Roller & J. M. Road Roller of (RHD) Feni Road Division, during the year 1993-94. Ch. To : (RHD) Feni Road Division, Feni.
3. Estimated Amount : As per schedule rate.
4. Earnest Money : 2% of estimated amount.
5. Time Allowed : 20 (Twenty) days from the date of issue of work order.
6. Eligibility of Contractor : (A) "A" to "C" general category. Contractor of RHD, "D" category contractor of Ctg. (RHD) Workshop Circle, Chittagong & "E" category Contractor of this Division. (B) Actual agent of Manufacturer.
7. Name of office of availability of tender documents : (A) Executive Engineer, (RHD), Ctg. Workshop Division, Dewanhat, Chittagong. (B) Executive Engineer, (RHD), Procurement & Storage (Mech.) Division, Dewanhat, Chittagong. (C) Executive Engineer, (RHD), Rangamati Workshop Division, Badbedi, Rangamati, C.H.T. (D) Sub-Divisional Engineer, (RHD), Workshop Sub-Division, Dewanhat, Chittagong.
8. Name of office to receive the tender documents : (A) Superintending Engineer, (RHD), Ctg. Workshop Circle, Chandgaon, Chittagong. (B) Executive Engineer, (RHD), Ctg. Workshop Division, Dewanhat, Chittagong. 06.2.94 AD. & 24.10.1400 Bangla, at 12-00 Noon. 06.2.94 AD. & 24.10.1400 Bangla at 12-30 PM.
9. Last date & time of receipt of tender
10. Date & time of opening of tender

M G Sarwar Bhuiyan
Executive Engineer, (RHD)
Ctg. Workshop Division
Dewanhat, Chittagong.

TENDER NOTICE

1. Tender Notice Number : 33/1993-94.
2. Name of Work : Replacement of stop log by const. of vertical lift gate and repairing of Flushing sluice No 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 15, 16 & 17 in Polder No 55/1 under SRP in PS Galachipa, Dist. Patuakhali, during 1993-94.
3. Estimated Cost : The approx cost of estimate — Group No 1- Replacement of stop log gate by const of V/Lift gate F/S No 1, 2 Tk 6,44,487/- Group No 2 -do- F/S No 4, 5 Tk 7,38,735/- Group No 3 -do- F/S No 6, 7 Tk 9,21,530/- Group No 4 -do- F/S No 15, 16, 17 Tk 10,30,653/-
4. Earnest Money : 2% (Two and half per cent) of the estimated cost of the tender or group as normal earnest money and 1% (one per cent) of the estimated cost as token earnest money to be submitted by the F.D. holder with the tender of Group as mentioned in the tender.
5. Date & time of receiving and opening of the tenders : Tender will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Superintendent Engineer, Dhaka O&M Circle, WDB, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, O & M Divn-II, WDB, Dhaka/Barisal/Barguna and Sub-Divisional Engineer, Jhalakathi O & M Sub-Division, WDB, Jhalakathi from 5-2-94 to 7-2-94 up to 12.00 Noon and the same date will be opened by the respective officers on 7-2-94 at 12.30 PM in presence of the intending tenderers.
6. Nature of contractor : "B & C" Class contractors of BWDB enlisted during 1993-94.
7. Name and address of the office where tender documents and all other information will be available : The office of the undersigned as well as from the office of the Executive Engineer, Barisal/Barguna and Sub-Divisional Engineer, Jhalakathi O & M Sub-Division/Manager, Rupali Bank/Patuakhali, Manager, Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Motiheel C/A Dhaka up to 6-2-94. Md Nurul Huda Chowdhury, Executive Engineer, Patuakhali O & M Division, WDB, Patuakhali.
8. Name and address of the advertiser : Md Nurul Huda Chowdhury
Executive Engineer
Patuakhali O & M Division
WDB, Patuakhali.