

## National

## Best degree college

**FARIDPUR.** Feb 7: Government Sarada Sundari Mahila College has been adjudged as the best degree college of the country this year. Reports BSS.

This decision of the government has been conveyed by the education ministry to the college authority Saturday on the basis of the performances of the college during the recent past.

For the last five years the students of this college have been making good results in the public examinations both, in the HSC and degree levels. The award for the best college would be handed over at a function in February 15 in Dhaka.

## School boy poisoned to death

**COMILLA.** Feb 7: A school child was allegedly poisoned to death following a dispute between the two families at Talagram village in Parura thana, reports UNB.

The victim identified as Sumantha (10) son of Shambhu Nandi and a student of class five of Talagram Primary School was called in and given some fried rice to eat by Rani Bala Datta (45) wife of Hirala Datta alias Kala on January 17. He was playing near Rani Bala's house, the arch enemy of their family.

After taking the fried rice Sumantha became seriously ill and was rushed to Barura Hospital where he died.

A case was registered with the police. Police arrested Rani Bala and Hirala Datta. Later Rani Bala was granted bail.

## Two canals to be reexcavated in Chandpur

**CHANDPUR.** Feb 7: A meeting of the Chandpur district canal excavation implementation committee was held here Sunday with Shipping Minister MK Anwar in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting decided to re-excavate two canals in Chandpur in the current fiscal year and allotted 475 metric tons of wheat for the purpose. The approved canals are Jhamjhama canal and Kamta canal. After reexcavation of those canals vast areas under Chandpur sadar, Haziganj and Faridgonj thanas will come under irrigation network.

The meeting was informed that about 500 metric tons of wheat had been spent to re-excavate eight canals in Chandpur district during the last fiscal year. It was also informed that 380 metric tons of wheat had been spent to re-excavate six canals in the district in the previous year.

Alamgir Haidar Khan MP, M A Matin MP, Alam Khan MP and the officials concerned were present in the meeting.

Earlier, the shipping minister addressed a meeting attended by the leaders and workers of BNP and its front organisation in Chandpur.

## Because he married second time

**PABNA.** Feb 7: An angry son beat his father to death on Wednesday at village Ganeshpur in Sathia thana for taking second wife, police said, reports BSS.

Father of 12 children 55 year-old Rajab Ali without the consent of the family members married for the second time at the nearby Uttar Vitarday.

When the news of the second marriage came to light his elder son, Rezaul, 23 got furious and attacked his father with a lethal weapon while he was saying his Magreb prayer. He died on the spot.

On information Police Super visited the spot. A case was lodged in this connection. Rezaul was absconding.

Another report from Natore adds: A middle-aged man was beaten to death in village Shengah of sadar thana on Friday.

Local people said that a gang of miscreants attacked the victim Abdus Samad, 40 with lethal weapons and beat him to death while he was his on way home.

## Social worker dead

Social worker Kazi Anwarul Islam (80), died at his College Road residence in Sathia recently, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, two sons, four daughters and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

Retired as Deputy Police Super, Islam devoted his life in helping the poor and meritorious students of his district. He was the Vice-President of Anjuman-e-Mofidul Islam, Sathia branch, for a long time.



TRIP TO VISIT DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES: James Gustave Speth, UNDP Administrator and Emi Watanabe, Resident Representative, UNDP during their visit to Manikganj on Sunday. The trip has been organised by the United Nations Joint Consultative Group on Policies (UN-JCGP).

Photo by AKM Mohsin

## Cotton production fails to achieve target

From Our Correspondent

**SIRAJGANJ.** Feb 7: Cotton production in Northern Zone has failed to achieve target for mismanagement in seed distribution and low price of cotton at mill gate during the current season.

It is gathered that there is a bright prospect of cotton production in the northern zone of the country. Normal production of cotton may save foreign currency of the country.

Infrastructural and technical problems create hindrances in smooth functioning of the field staffs of Cotton Development Board causing short production of cotton in

## Huge property gutted

**PATUAKHALI.** Feb 7: A devastating fire raged through Kaliy Bandar area last week causing huge damages to goods and properties, reports UNB.

The fire, originating from a stove, broke out at 12 noon and burnt down at least 8 shops of the Bandar, incurring a loss of Taka nearly 30 lakh, local people and affected shopkeepers said.

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