

## SI crushed under wheel in Raozan

CHITTAGONG, Feb 27: Abul Hossain, 28, Sub-Inspector of Raozan thana was killed when a speeding microbus knocked down the motor cycle he was riding in front of the Dampara Police Line here this evening, reports BSS.

According to Double Mooring police, the victim who received serious head injuries, rushed to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

Police could not seize the microbus.

A case was filed with the Double Mooring police.

## Notes from Satkhira

From Our Correspondent SATKHIRA, Feb 27: One Molna (6) of village Alipur under sadar thana was killed in a tragic road accident occurred at Alipur on Satkhira-Kaligonj Road recently.

Witnesses said, the victim while crossing the road, a Satkhira bound minibus from Kaligonj, No Khulna BA 652 knocked her down and she died on the spot.

A case was lodged with the Satkhira police in this connection.

### Eye camp ends

A week-long eye camp concluded here at Shyamnagar auditorium recently.

The B N S B Khulna organised the eye camp in cooperation with Shyamnagar Thana Parishad.

Earlier, the eye camp was inaugurated by Mujibur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner Satkhira in a simple ceremony. It was presided over by TNO Mustafizur Rahman.

A total of 36 cataract patients was operated upon and more than 700 others given necessary treatment including medicine and spectacles free of cost.

### Red Crescent executives

The election and general meeting of Satkhira Red Crescent Society was held at local auditorium with Abdul Muttalib in the chair recently.

Mujibur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner, Satkhira and Anisur Rahman police super were present as chief and special guests respectively. Advocate S M Haidar, Kamrul Islam, Syed Iftekhar Ali and Abul Hasan spoke on the occasion.

Following are the office-bearers of the newly elected committee. Vice Chairman: Abdul Muttalib, Secretary: Syed Iftekhar Ali. Members: Prof Pabitra Mohon Das, S M Ruhul Amin, Asaduzzaman Khan, Advocate Mostafa Lutfulah and Advocate Samsul Haq(1)

### Jubo League executives

The biennial conference of the Awami Jubo League, Satkhira district unit was held at Shahid Abdur Razzak Park recently.

Momin Ullah Mohon presided over the function while Khan Tipu Sultan MP Presidium Member of Awami Jubo League was present as chief guest. Syed Kamal Bakht and Monsur Ahmed MP President and General Secretary Satkhira district AL respectively spoke on the occasion.

### Free Friday clinic inaugurated

Free Friday clinic under the auspices of Rotary Club, Satkhira inaugurated here at Alipur UP premises recently.

Mujibur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner, Satkhira inaugurated the clinic as chief guest while Anisur Rahman police super was present as special guest at the function.

Dr Shushanta Ghosh after examining the patient, will deliver prescription in every Friday of the week.

### Lions Club meet held

A meeting of Satkhira Central Lions Club was held at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner, Satkhira with Mujibur Rahman, DC Satkhira in the chair recently.

It was also addressed among others by Advocate S M Haidar, Advocate Samsul Haq (1) Abdul Muttalib, Advocate M A Gaffar and Badshah Akbar Ali Mollah. In the meeting 7 prominent business men of the district joined the lions club.

### Anti-smuggling meet held

The anti-smuggling meeting of Kaligonj thana was held at the thana auditorium recently.

Syed Mustafizur Rahman TNO Kaligonj thana presided over the function while Monsur Ahmed MP attended the function as chief guest.

Rabiul Islam, OC Kaligonj PS Hemayet Hossain, Abdul Gani, Prof Abdul Khaleq, Principal Golam Rabbani and others spoke on the occasion.



NARAYANGANJ: The artists of local Sangskritik Jote rendering songs at the Diamond Hall premises on the occasion of Amar Ekushey. — Star photo

## Glowing tributes paid to martyrs of Ekushey

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Feb 27: The people of the river port town observed 'Ekushey February' with due solemnity.

Various political parties, socio-cultural and juvenile organisations drew up programmes to celebrate the occasion. The programmes include 'provath ferri' placing of floral wreaths at the local Central Shaheed Minar.

Special prayers were offered at all places of worships for the salvation of the departed souls of the martyrs of the Language Movement.

Local Sangskritik Jote organised a day-long programme at Diamond Hall premises to mark the day. The programme included discussion meeting, recitation, presentation of patriotic songs and staged a drama. Members of the Jote also painted the main roads of the town.

Leo Club of Narayanganj city arranged a discussion meeting on the significance of the day at local Labour Welfare Centre in the afternoon.

Region Chairman Lions Dist 315-A Bangladesh Ln Advocate Shawkath Ali was the chief guest while Khaled Hossain, Lecturer of Bangla Department, Jahangirnagar University attended as the special guest.

Presided over by Leo Azharul Alam, President, Leo Club of Narayanganj city, the discussion meeting was addressed, among others, by Monirul Islam, Darpan Kabir, Mahabubur Rahman and others. The Papyrus, Krantee Khe-laghar Ashar, Udichee Shilpee Gosty, Unmash, Kathan, Shap-la, Ranasus, Shrutee Prati-dhane and Provatee Shahitya Parishad celebrated the occasion in a befitting manner. The BSS from Mymensingh

reports: Speakers at a discussion here on the historic Language Movement have paid glowing tributes to the memory of the heroic sons of the soil who made supreme sacrifices for the cause of the mother tongue.

They said, Rafique, Sha-fique, Salam, Barkat, Jabbar and many others had showed us the path towards independence through sacrifices of their life 42 years ago during the historic Language Movement.

The discussion was organised by 'Momenshahi Smarani Parishad' at the Mymensingh Press Club on February 20 with its President Muhammad Salehuzzaman Khan in the chair.

Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University Prof Dr Shah Muhammad Faruque was the chief guest while Principal of Government Anandamohan University College Muhammad Shamsul Islam and Editor of Dainik Jahan Habibur Rahman Sheikh were the special guests.

Prof Azizul Haq Choudhury, Prof Abdul Kadir Khan and Satyaranjan Majumder took part in the discussion on a paper titled 'the new generation under the spirit of Ekushey' written by Prof Prodiip Kumar Biswas.

It was followed by a poetry recitation programme for the children. 'Ekusher Kabita' written by Al-Mahmood was selected for recitation. Prof Pronab Choudhury, Alkunia Al Sabur and Prof Abdur Rashid Mia were members of the panel of judges in the recitation session.

Parishad General Secretary A B M Mahbubul Alam gave vote of thanks. A press release of the

Chittagong university says: In observance of the Immortal Ekushey February, elaborate programmes were chalked out by the University Administration. In the early hours of February 21, the Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, deans of faculties, provosts of halls, CUCSU, placed floral wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar of Chittagong University.

A discussion meeting on Amar Ekushey was held at the Central Shaheed Minar of the university with Professor R I Choudhury, Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University in the chair.

In his presidential speech the Vice-Chancellor dwelt on the different aspects of the Language Movement of '52. He paid rich tributes to the martyrs of the Language Movement.

Professor M Badiul Alam in his speech discussed in details the emergence of nationalism. He prayed for the salvation of the departed soul of the martyrs of Language Movement.

Among others who spoke on the occasions were Professor Sultan Ahmed, Dean, Faculty of Science, Abdur Rashid, Registrar and Professor Kazi Ahmed Nabi, Professor Abul Quasem Choudhury, Professor Md Fazlee Hussain and Professor Shah Mohammad Shafulquillah and Hikmat Ali.

In the afternoon, a discussion meeting and a milad mahfil were held at Chittagong University Club. The function was presided over by Aslam Bhuiyan, President of the Chittagong University Club.

The milad mahfil was conducted by the Pesh Imam of the University Central Mosque. It was followed by an Iftar party.

## Plying of launches troublesome

KISHOREGANJ, Feb 27: Plying of cargo vessels and passenger launches from Bhairab to Sachna in Sunamganj district has become risky over the last few years due to absence of guiding marks in the rivers, reports UNB.

As the rivers swell during the rainy season, Sarengs (drivers) are to face a lot of troubles in plying launches and cargo vessels in hours and rivers as they can not detect boulders usually placed at different points as guiding mark.

While plying over this riverine route the vessels often get stranded at different points of

the shallow haors causing much hindrance to the movement of both passengers and merchandise.

It may be mentioned here that a large number of vessels ply during the whole rainy season by placing gravels and boulders at different points on way towards their destinations, including Chhatak and Sunamganj.

The owners of these vessels have urged the concerned authorities to set up a number of iron poles at different points marking the course of the river for safer journey.

Another report says: The hats and bazars in almost all

the thanas of the district are in pitiable condition, causing immense sufferings to the people for quite a long time.

Lack of proper maintenance and negligence by the authorities concerned is the main reason behind it, it is alleged.

Most of the markets came into being at local initiatives, but these have not been expanded proportionately according to the growing population.

Local people alleged that not a single market has drainage facilities.

They urged the authorities to redress people's sufferings immediately.



RAJSHAH: Prof Nuruddin of the Department of Journalism, University of Dhaka exchanging views with the newsmen at RU Press Club on February 20. — Star photo

## Allegations of corruptions have no basis: Huda

NAWABGANJ, Feb 27: Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda today said that the present government had been implementing a wide range of programmes with a view to strengthening the economy and educating the 12 crore people, reports BSS.

He called upon all sections of the people to strengthen the hands of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to successfully implement these development programmes.

Addressing as the chief guest a public meeting organised in connection with a canal reexcavation programme under Churnai Union here, the Information Minister said that a particular section was spreading propaganda against the popular government to confuse the people.

Refuting allegations of the opposition, the minister said that in the real sense, the opposition party was trying to cover up their own corruptions committed during their rule by referring to the reports of the 'Lal Sabu' newspaper.

He said that the reported allegations had no basis and there was no authenticity in it.

## No govt high school in 3 thanas of a dist

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, Feb 27: Most of the high schools in Gopalganj district have been facing shortage of accommodation teachers, furniture and fund.

According to records there are 120 high schools in five thanas of the district and surprisingly only three are government managed schools which are located at two thanas leaving the rest of the three thanas without any government high schools.

There are 35 non-government high schools in Gopalganj sadar thana 31 in Kasiani thana, 24 in Mukshudpur thana, 24 in Kotajipara thana, and six in Tungpara thana.

Most of these non-government high schools can hardly serve their purpose due to numerous problems. These schools were established at local initiative which have not yet received government recognition though they have fulfilled the requirements. Some of these schools have been functioning amidst chronic financial hardship in absence of financial help from the government. Such a situation may force some of the institutions to face closure.

Accommodation crisis also prevails in these schools. The students are attend classes in small rooms, while many students are to remain standing for lack of furniture or proper space.

Reports also say that many school buildings were either partially or totally damaged during natural calamities but

have not repaired causing inconvenience to students who are forced to attend classes under open sky.

Shortages of teachers and their irregular duties have also been reported for quite some time.

Financial shortage is noticed to be the biggest problem of all institutions. Teachers are not receiving their salaries regularly. None of the schools except few are provided with supply of pure drinking water for want of tubewells.

Students enrolled in primary, secondary schools colleges belonging to rich society usually employ school teachers as house tutors for intensive studies and good result in the examinations.

Some of the people expressed that private tuition practice has become an extra professional business of most of the teachers of the district, particularly teachers of science and commerce groups who receive a large number of students for coaching in batches. Some guardians also alleged that teachers put little effort in teaching the students during school hours. As a result, the general students who cannot afford to pay for the private tutors find it difficult to understand their lessons taught in the classes.

Education in Gopalganj has been facing a serious set back due to the above mentioned problems. Elite like to draw attention of the concerned authority to take immediate steps to solve the problems.



Prof M Badiul Alam, VC of Chittagong University placing wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar of the varsity on the occasion of Ekushey February. — CU photo

## Proper steps needed to improve town life

JAMALPUR, Feb 27: Normal life at the town has become hazardous due to air pollution

and mosquito menace as the Pourashava authorities failed to take proper steps in this regard, reports UNB.

Town residents alleged that most of the roads in the town were cut during installation of gas lines which are yet to be repaired and the air of the town becomes grey with dust when the vehicles ply on these roads. It has become difficult to get rid of the dust even keeping the doors and windows of the houses close for 24 hours.

The Pourashava authorities failed to repair the roads although it reportedly received Taka 17 lakh from the concerned authorities.

Meanwhile, mosquito menace has assumed an alarming proportion in the town. It is impossible to work during the night due to mosquito bite. Students are the worst sufferers.

The drains filled with filth and garbage, derelict ponds and ditches with water by acinths and the stagnant water are the ideal breeding centres of mosquitoes.

## District roundup

### MANIKGANJ

### Power failure frequent

Feb 27: Frequent power failure and load shedding in the district town and seven thanas have been causing great inconvenience to the dwellers and business community, reports UNB.

Owners of the mills and factories complained that they were sustaining huge financial losses as production declined abnormally due to shortage of power. Consequently prices of the products are going upward affecting the low income group of the people.

Dwellers also alleged that household electric and electronic gadgets are being damaged due to voltage fluctuation. Besides, the town areas plunge into darkness most of the time after sundown giving rise to anti-social activities.

Local people have urged the authorities to take immediate measures in this regard.

### MAGURA

### Tk 37.5 lakh for construction of 2 culverts

Feb 27: Roads and Highways Department has sanctioned over Taka 37.50 lakh for construction of two box culverts during the current financial year, reports UNB.

According to official sources, of the total, Taka 18.76,290 has been sanctioned for one box culvert on Magura-Jessore via Arpara road and the rest of Taka 18.74,458 for another box culvert on the same area under Annual Development Programme.

The sources also said the construction works have already been started and are expected to be completed within next June. After completion of the box culverts road communication in the area will be improved to a great extent.

### GAZIPUR

### Publication ceremony held

Feb 27: The publication ceremony of 'Bhaool Rajbangsha O Sannyasir Mamla' written by young journalist Ataur Rahman of Dainik Janata was held recently in the local press club auditorium, says BSS.

The book is a compilation of facts about the case against Bhaool Raja Mejkumar and his life.

Bhaool Ratna Nurul Islam, Prof M A Bari, Prof Z H Molla, Prof Mukul Kumar Mallik and local journalists Lutfar Rahman and Fariduddin Pasha discussed on the book.

The function was presided over by journalist Mizanur Rahman while the Deputy Commissioner of Gazipur district Mostafizur Rahman attended it as the chief guest.

### MYMENSINGH

### Scarcity of water supply

Feb 27: Inadequate supply of water to certain heavily populated areas in Mymensingh town has been causing much hardship to the residents particularly during the month of holy Ramadan, reports BSS.

Some of the areas hit by poor supply of water are Shankipara, Gulkibari, College Road and Town Hall. The residents of these areas complained that scarcity of water has made their everyday life simply miserable. The plight of the people fasting during the month of Ramadan is all the more so following insufficient supply of water.

The affected people have appealed to the municipal as well as to the public health engineering authorities to take proper and prompt measures to improve the supply position and alleviate their sufferings.

### FENI

### 3 dacoits held with arms, ammunition

Feb 27: Police arrested three alleged dacoits with arms and ammunition from Feni Pali Biddut office area early Tuesday, reports UNB.

The arrested are Jewel, 22, of South Ukilpara, Shahid, 22, of Panchgachhia and Nurul Karim Dulal, 25, of Rampur of the district.

The recovered arms include one country made revolver, two rounds of bullet and knives.

The arrested have link with the incidents of road piracy and hijacking on Feni bypass and in the town, police said

### KUSHIA

### Demands for dowry money hinder marriages

Feb 27: Excessive demand for dowry are blocking the wedding of more than 25,000 nubile girls in the district, say UNB.

Poor peasant parents, even under financial constraints, are unable to arrange marriage for their daughters due to demand for large amount of dowry money, according to a recent report.

The report said, price hike of the agricultural inputs, recurrent flood, cyclone and other natural calamities and imposition of various taxes by the successive governments have intensified their economic hardship.

The Anti-dowry Act, introduced to support the marriage institution and against the existing dowry system, has its little effectiveness.

It was never seen that the act applied anywhere in the district, the report added.

Another report says: The BDR jawans arrested two Indian nationals and seized nine cattleheads from their possession from Chilmari area in Daulatpur thana on Wednesday.

Acting on a tip off, BDR men raided the area and nabbed Sentu, 18, and Tozam Malitha of West Bengal with the cattleheads.

### SIRAJGANJ

### Attack on Jubo Dal leader protested

Feb 27: The Sirajganj unit of Jubo Dal held a rally at the local Shaheed Minar Monday to protest the attack on its leader Abu Hanif by some miscreants, reports UNB.

Condemning the attack, Jubo Dal leaders demanded immediate arrest and trial of the culprits.

Presided over by its president Ershadur Rahman Niru, the rally was addressed, among others, by its secretary Munshi Kamal Uddin and other local leaders.

Abu Hanif, secretary of the Kamarkhand unit of Jubo Dal, was severely stabbed by a group of miscreants, allegedly led by notorious dacoit Bukhlu.

### BARISAL

### Construction of roads progressing fast

Feb 27: Construction of six growth centre connecting roads measuring 37 kilometres has been progressing fast in six thanas of Barisal district during the current season, reports BSS.

According to Local Government Engineering Department office sources, government has sanctioned 1,485 metric tons of wheat for the construction of these roads. Of the total three kilometres will be constructed in Agailjhara thana, two kilometres in Babugonj, 12 kilometres in Bakergonj, more than eight kilometres in Barisal sadar, about four kilometres in Hizla and about six kilometres in Mehendigonj thanas.

### NAOAGANJ

### 138 uplift projects undertaken

Feb 27: A total of 138 projects have been undertaken in eleven thanas and one pourashaba of the district during the current dry season under food for work programme, an official press release said here recently, reports BSS.

Under the programme, rural roads, embankment are being constructed and reconstructed while derelict roads are being reexcavated and different grounds are being developed.

A total of 2153 tonnes of wheat have been allocated for these projects.

Reexcavation works of two canals in the district are progressing with an allocation of 142 metric tons of wheat.

Meanwhile 573 tonnes of wheat have been distributed among 3,060 distressed women in the district during the first six months of the current fiscal year under Vulnerable Group Development (VGD) programme.

Under the programme, each of the 3,060 distressed women is being provided with 31.25 kilograms of wheat per month to make them self-reliant.