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Spl course for teachers

CHITTAGONG, Apr 8 : Government has introduced a special course in the syllabus of Open University to train the teachers to build a fit posterity to shoulder the helm of the country in future, reports UNB.

This was revealed (Thursday) by Industries Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan while inaugurating the centenary ceremony of the Fateyabad Ideal Multilateral High School under Hathazari thana here.

The very attractive presentation technique of a teacher would draw unmindful students to studies which was one of the main objectives of the syllabus of the "Open University", Zahiruddin said.

He appealed to the teaching staff to help establish the course properly with a view to build the mental and physical individuality of the students.

The minister announced to help establish a computer centre at the school, donate two computers and set-up an electronic reference library at the school.

He hoped that the steps would help teachers and students to cope with the teaching process through the electronic media.

Zahiruddin also announced a Gold Medal to be awarded annually after his grandfather A L Khan and two stipends for meritorious students of classes eight and nine after his father A K Khan, said a PID handout.

Syed Wahidul Alam, MP, Managing Director of Bangladesh Shipping Corporation S M Iqbal, member of the founding family and Baran Pal and Headmaster of the school AKM Fuzlul Huq Pasha were among others spoke on the occasion.

Three awarded 14 yrs RI for carrying arms

NARAIL, Apr 8 : The Special Tribunal Judge sentenced three people for 14 years rigorous imprisonment on charge of possessing illegal arms, reports UNB.

In a judgement delivered on Monday the judge also fined Taka 1,000 each in default to suffer another six months RI.

The convicts are: Mohammad Saif in Borhanuddin thana of Bhola district, Sadek Hossain in Taltali thana of Borguna district and Endud Hossain in Shibchar of Madaripur district.

The prosecution story in brief is that last year on April 22 Lohagara police arrested the convicts on suspicion from a restaurant at Lakshimpasha bus stand and recovered a country made gun and nine rounds of rifle bullets from their possession.

Later a case was filed and police submitted the charge-sheet against the convicts.

Kidnapped girl rescued

NARAIL, Apr 8 : Police have rescued teenaged girl who was abducted from her house at Jogaia village in Kalia thana, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip police raided a village in Moregonj thana, and nabbed the kidnapper, Shahidul with the girl named Topshi Rabia, 13.

Shahidul, a student of class ten, along with his gang went to Rabia's house at 10 pm on March 23 and called her out of the house. They took her away at daggers point in presence of her mother.

Later, on March 24 Shahidul forcibly married Rabia, daughter of Fazul Haque, at a local Kazi office in Khulna. He also allegedly raped her before registering marriage.

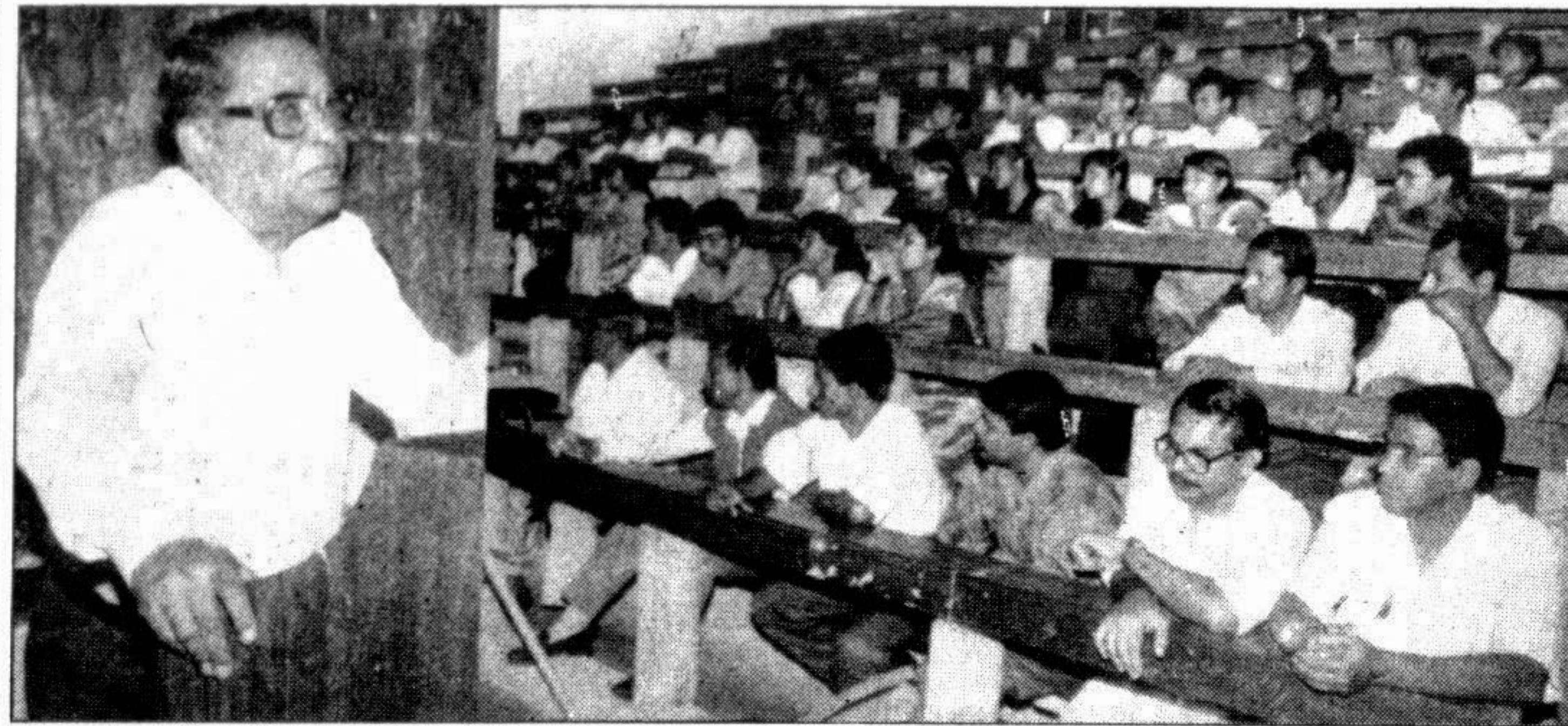
Gold chain found in hijacker's stomach

CHITTAGONG, Apr 8 : Port police Thursday received a gold chain from the stomach of one Mohammad Haroon who had snatched away ornament from a girl earlier, reports UNB.

According to police, Mohammad Haroon snatched away the chain from Sham-sunnahar, an SSC examinee, who was visiting the foreign ships at the Chittagong Port on Thursday last.

When the hijacker was fleeing away with the ornament he was caught red handed by the security forces and the people came there hearing the hue and cry of the girl.

But Haroon swallowed the chain instantly. He was interrogated for many hours but he did not confess his guilt. Finding no alternative police made an x-ray of his bowel the ornament was traced in his abdomen. Later, Haroon was admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where doctors administered some medicines, as a result of which the chain came out of Haroon's stomach.



Prof RI Chowdhury, VC, Chittagong University speaking at an inaugural session of seminar on "Hymenopteran parasitoids and their Biology" jointly sponsored by link project of the Department of Zoology of the varsity, Zoological Society of Bangladesh and the British Council, Dhaka held at the Science Gallery on April 2.

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Problems hampering edn of over 1 lakh pry students

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, Apr 8 : Over 1,15,000 students of about 360 government and non-government primary schools of the district are not getting proper education for various problems.

Dilapidated condition of schools, scarcity of furniture, playground and shortage of teachers and inadequate accommodation have been hampering education in these institutions.

Many school houses are in pitiable condition. Some schools are holding classes in buildings which may collapse at any moment.

During the rainy season, water leaks through the roofs of the buildings. Besides, only 50 per cent schools have buildings which the others are housed in tin-shed and thatched houses.

These schools have been facing difficulties to accommodate the increasing number of students. About 60 per cent of the schools have no sufficient benches, latrines and other necessary materials.

Sports facilities are absent in all most all the educational institutions.

Scarcity of pure drinking water persists due to non-availability of requisite number of tubewells.

A total of 38 posts of primary school teacher in the government primary schools have been lying vacant in the district. Of them 10 posts of Headmaster and 28 posts of

assistant-teacher.

The total number of government primary schools in the district is 257 while the number of registered non-government primary schools in the district is 75. There are 15 non-government primary schools in the district and the number of Ebteda Madrasa in the district is 5.

All those schools and madrasas are suffering for want of educational appliances.

Many of those non-registered and private schools houses have no roof, no shed, no surrounding wall. Suffering of both the teachers and students of those schools are also immense.

The number of population of the district is estimated to be around 10 lakh. At least 50 per cent of the children are yet outside the education arena. They do not take admission due to utter poverty of their guardians.

Teachers, students and guardians have urged the concerned authorities to take necessary steps to mitigate the sufferings of the students.

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There are 7234 tubewells in the district including 360 Tarapumps.

Out of which about 300 tubewells including 20 Tarapumps have gone out of order.

Following the severe drought during the current dry season underground water level has fallen to a great extent in the district.

Meanwhile, water-borne diseases have broken out in many areas of the district causing panic among the people.

Every year, over 15,000 people are attacked by diarrhoea in Chuadanga district, according to unofficial report.

Chuadanga pourashava supplies drinking water only to one-third areas under its jurisdiction. There is no arrangement to supply pure drinking water to Ward No-3 and in vast area of Ward No-2 of Chuadanga Pourashava.

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AL supporters protest killing during siege

SUNAMGANJ, Apr 8 : Awami League activists brought out a procession at the town on Thursday evening protesting the killing of its colleagues in Dhaka during a siege programme, reports UNB.

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