

District roundup

RAJSHAH

Production of silk declines

June 17: Silk production has been declining in the district for the last five years due to various reasons including shortage of capital, inconsistency in policy, labour unrest and weak management system, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Sericulture Board sources said during current season 3.89 lakh kgs of cocoon have been produced which was 5.05 lakh kg during the year 1992-93.

Besides, raw silk or yarn production has also been declining for the reduction in production of cocoon. The production of yarn was 0.21 lakh kg till April of this year which was 0.28 lakh kg during the 1992-93, the source added.

Earlier, to ensure the supply of yarn, government reduced yarn imported tax from 30 per cent to 7 and a half per cent. But it could not improve production. Moreover, the imported yarn captured the market as it is being sold at a lower price than that of country made one.

About 4.57 lakh metre silk cloth have been produced during the last year, the sources added. On the other hand, about 25 per cent of 10,000 private sector looms have been stopped during the last five years due to decline in production of silk and cocoon.

COMILLA

Daring dacoity, Tk 1.50 lakh looted

June 17: Valuables worth about Tk 1.50 lakh were looted in a daring dacoity at a residence in the town on May 7, reports UNB.

Police said, a gang of dacoits entered the residence of Hosne Ara Begum, daughter of Advocate Nazrul Islam at dead of night by cutting the window grills. They tied the inmates at gun point decamped with the booty.

A case was registered with the police. Another report says: An auto-rickshaw-passenger was killed and another two people were injured in an accident on Comilla-Kamal road on May 6. Witnesses said, the vehicle met the accident when it collided with a bus heading towards Comilla.

FENI

Two meet unnatural deaths

June 17: Two people including a housewife met unnatural deaths on the same day at Dagonbhuyan thana in the district, reports UNB.

The dead were identified as Jharna Begum (22) of Abulnabi village and Abdul Haq of Kartmullahpur village. The incidents occurred on May 30.

According to neighbours, Jharna was strangled to death by her in-laws who later poured poison into her mouth to prove that she committed suicide.

Abdul Haq was found dead mysteriously at his house. Local people suspected that he was killed by poisoning.

MAGURA

Two commit suicide

June 17: A young man and his teen-aged girl friend allegedly committed suicide together by taking poison in sadar thana, hospital sources said, reports UNB.

They are: Nargis Begum (15), daughter of Eradat Hossain of village Batikabara in Magura sadar and Golam Hossain (22) son of Abdul Makek of village Madhalpur of the same thana.

According to villagers, Nargis and Golam had an affair for a long time. The guardians imposed a tight restriction on them when they came to know the matter.

Finding no other way out both the paramours took poison to commit suicide at a time on June 6. They were rushed to sadar hospital where they succumbed on the following day.

SIRAJGANJ

30 injured in clash

June 17: Some 30 people were injured in a clash over the grazing of cattle between the villagers of Nukali and Alokdia in Shahjampur thana recently, reports UNB.

Several hundred trucks and buses were halted in traffic jam on the Bogra-Nagarbari highway during the hour-long clash.

Police said six of the injured were admitted to Putasia Health Complex.

Shahjampur police intervened and brought the situation under control. None was arrested. A case was lodged.

NETRAKONA

Eye disease breaks out

June 17: Conjunctivitis, a contagious eye-disease has broken out in an epidemic form in almost every part of the district, reports UNB.

Most affected thanas are: Atpara, Madan, Kendua and sadar thanas. Symptoms of the disease included eyeball-swelling, fluid discharge from the effected eye, sensation of foreign elements inside the eyes inflammation and turning the eyeballs red.

It is reported that Chlorophyll ointment which is usually prescribed by doctors for this type of disease is not working.

SHERPUR

Target of jute output may not be achieved

June 17: The target production of jute in the district could not be achieved this year due to shortage of inputs, farmers said, reports UNB.

Agriculture Extension Office said about 20,000 acres of land was earmarked for jute cultivation during the current season but only 17,250 acres of land could be brought under the cultivation.

According to farmers a good number of them could not prepare land for the cultivation of jute due to short supply of seeds and lack of irrigation facilities.

BSF men interfere in bridge construction

LALMONIRHAT, June 17: Construction of a bridge at Dahgram-Angorapota enclave was suspended due to interference by the Indian border guards on Wednesday, says UNB.

According to villagers, armed BSF men crossed 40 yards into the Bangladesh territory and compelled the workers to stop the construction of the bridge, which is nearing completion.

Chairman and two UP members of Patgram Union met the BSF officials and apprised them of Wednesday's incident.

However, the Indian side reportedly turned down their request to allow them to resume construction. The Chairman also informed the nearest BDR camp of the situation.

Till late Thursday night, the dispute could not be settled.

Three arrested on charge of kidnapping

NARAYANGANJ, June 17: Police in a drive arrested three people early from different areas of the town for allegedly kidnapping a teenaged boy from Nimtoli, reports UNB.

Bimal, Hanif and Kala were accused of kidnapping Gopal Chandra Sutradhar 16 on June 7. They picked him up into a microbus from in front of a hotel.

The suspected kidnappers demanded Tk five lakh in ransom from Gopal's father, Sri Krishna Sutradhar. They phoned Khokon Sutradhar, uncle of the victim, for the money on June 9.

Krishna informed the Anti-Terrorism Committee, a non-government organisation, and police of the incident.

Khokon Sutradhar informed police that the gang had already taken Tk two lakh from him by threatening to kidnap his nephew.

Shoals emerge in rivers in southern districts

KHULNA, June 17: River traffic in 14 routes of the southern region of the country is being hampered as numerous shoals have emerged in nine rivers affecting commercial activities adversely, reports UNB.

Boatmen said a large number of shoals have emerged in different parts of the Kopotaksha, Bhadra, Bhairab, Nabaganga, Madhumati, Chitra, Kumar, Begbati and Fatki rivers.

They also said water level in the rivers has also fallen sharply due to adverse effect of the Farakka.

On the other hand, salinity of the river water has been increasing intensifying the problems of the farmers.

According to experts if immediate steps are not taken to increase the flow of river water by adopting alternative arrangements the entire region will face gradual desertification.

They also stressed the need for regular dredging in the river-beds to remove the silts to help keep navigation possible.



Jean Pierre Arrocau, Counsellor of French Embassy in Bangladesh is seen speaking as guest of honour on the occasion of introduction of optional French language course in Chittagong University held recently. — CU photo

Price of mangoes increase as output falls by 50 pc

From Our Correspondent

Narayanganj throng to the districts to buy mangoes.

Bangladeshi mangoes have also high demand at abroad for making juice, jelly and sauce.

In the seventies, Bangladesh was the fourth biggest mango producing country of the world but now

its position is 10th, it is learnt.

According to experts, Bangladesh can regain the previous position by boosting up production by means of modern technology which will fetch a lot of foreign exchange besides meeting the local demand at considerable process.

KUSHTIA, June 17: Mango, one of the main seasonal and favourite fruits of our country is now dear.

The price of different varieties of mangoes available in the local markets are more than double in comparison with those during last year.

The prices of mangoes have shot up this year due to the sharp fall in production and rising demand in home and abroad.

Huge quantity of mangoes are produced including the quality ones in greater Kushtia district. But the production has fallen by 50 per cent during the last 15 years for want of pragmatic policy and patronisation.

A large number of mango trees are destroyed every year for use as fuel. The huge use of these trees in brickfields has aggravated the situation. Finding no other alternative, the poverty ridden people of the villages sell the trees to earn the livelihood.

It is learnt that the production in other main mango producing areas like greater Rajshahi, Dinajpur and Rangpur districts has also fallen abnormally.

According to reports, the total mango production in our country was three lakh tons in 1985 and it came down to 1.80 lakh tons in 1991.

A total of 45,000 hectares of land is now under mango cultivation. The per hectare production is now four tons which was 6.60 tons in the year 1985.

The quality mangoes are produced in the northern zone of country including greater Kushtia district. The quality mangoes are known as langra, khirsapati, himsagar, bombai, fazli, and dudsagar.

About 5,000 people are engaged in mango production in Greater Kushtia while in Greater Rajshahi, Rangpur and Dinajpur more than 50,000 people are also engaged in the same profession.

Numerous traders and brokers from different parts of the country including Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and

Host of problems grip Chuadanga pourashava

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA June 17: The inhabitants of Chuadanga Pourashava have been battered by a host of problems which include deplorable condition of roads, inadequate street lights, absence of proper drainage system, shortage of accommodation, lack of proper sanitary arrangements, mosquito menace, erratic power supply and absence of recreational facilities.

The town is expanding with the increase of population but the pourashava authorities accordingly fails to provide necessary civic amenities to the town dwellers. Most of the roads in the pourashava are narrow and uneven. Numerous cracks and path-holes have developed at many points of the roads. After a slight rainfall the roads become muddy and slippery. Rainwater remains stagnant causing difficulties to pedestrians and vehicular movement. Moreover, the road side ditches filled with filth and garbage are not cleaned regularly which have gradually turned into mosquito breeding centres.

Absence of drainage system is another problem for the town dwellers. During the rainy season water accumulates on the roads causing much inconvenience to the people. Most of the street lights of the Pourashava areas have no bulbs. As a result, some area of the town plunge into darkness giving advantage to the anti-social activities.

Acute shortage of accommodation also pose another problem. Construction of new houses are not in proportion with the increasing number of

people. The condition of ordinary hotels and restaurants are also pitiable.

There are no recreational facilities for the children or for the elderly people of Chuadanga town excepting two cinema halls with a very limited scope for amusement.

The necessity of a big modern park is keenly felt. There is no toilet or urinal in the town area. People respond to the nature's call beside roads and office buildings thus polluting the environment.

There is poor arrangements for cleaning garbage regularly. Mosquito menace has assumed an alarming proportion creating untold sufferings to all section of people.

PHED sinks 948 tube-wells in Barisal div

BARISAL, June 17: The Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) has sunk in 948 tubewells in six southern district of Barisal division at a cost of Tk 1,8116,000/- under the financial assistances from Saudi Arabia, reports BSS.

According to an official source, 352 are deep tubewells and 548 shallow tubewells.

Taka 1,51,36,000/- were spent on sinking 352 deep tubewells while Tk 29,80,000/- for 569 shallow tubewells.

Besides, PHED in collaboration with the UNICEF has been sinking 11287 deep and 703 shallow tubewells in these divisions of Barisal, Patuakhali and Faridpur.

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3. Participants are to put a tick (✓) mark in the box which they think is the correct answer to the question. A person may send as many entries in his/her own name and address.

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5. Participants must ensure the following: All entries must reach the office of The Daily Star on or before the closing date marked on the entry form. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "STAR QUIZ". Entries may be hand delivered or sent by post to: The Daily Star, House No. 11, Road No. 3, Dhanmandi Residential Area, Dhaka-1205.

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Quiz 6.

Entries close on 24-06-94

Read the instructions carefully. Then tick (✓) the answer which you think is correct.

- Who is the oldest player to have scored in the WC finals? Pele ☐ Vava ☐ R. Milla ☐
- Which African team first won a game in the WC finals? Egypt ☐ Morocco ☐ Tunisia ☐
- Who was the last winning captain to lift the World Cup in his own club stadium? Meazza ☐ Moore ☐ Passarella ☐
- How many players did Brazil use to win the 1962 World Cup? 12 ☐ 14 ☐ 16 ☐
- Who was the top scorer in the 1966 World Cup? Eusebio ☐ Charlton ☐ Hurst ☐
- In 1990 which Czech player scored one penalty and missed another in his team's game against the USA? Bilek ☐ Skuhravy ☐ Luhovy ☐
- Which ex-Brazilian star managed Peru in 1970? Mauro ☐ Didi ☐ Zozimo ☐
- In the 1990 World Cup, which of these teams reached the quarter-final stage without winning a match? Argentina ☐ Ireland ☐ Yugoslavia ☐
- Which one of these players has scored in 4 successive W Cups? G. Muller ☐ Pele ☐ Cubillas ☐
- How many goals did Polish striker Lato score in the 1974 WC? 3 ☐ 5 ☐ 7 ☐

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 — Use, founder of Taoism

4 Encounter

8 Emulates Simon?

12 Polar employee

13 Advantage

14 Verifiable

15 In the wings

17 Streamlet

18 Bridge coup

19 Watch-crystal rim

20 Ordeal

22 Current event?

24 Actress Lamarr

25 Wood preservative

29 Honest politician

30 Egg-beating tool

31 Navigation hindrance

32 Spend-thrifts

34 Curly haired

35 Two-master

36 Bean or Welles

37 Part of the foot

40 Wheels of fortune?

42 In a foreign country

46 Micro-wave —

47 Kennedy matriarch

48 Bribe

49 Mr. Roddenberry

50 Italy's silhouette

51 Tabby's counter-part

DOWN

1 Author

16 Do in

19 Register

20 Spring occurrence

21 Singer

22 Extra

23 More, to Mies van der Rohe

25 Masticate

26 Lateral branch

27 Matador's foe

28 One of the von Furstenbergs

30 Envelop

33 Power of Hollywood

34 St. Louis attraction

36 Beginning

37 Trudge heavily

38 Apiarist's structure

39 So be it

40 In which case

42 Ball

43 Egg — young

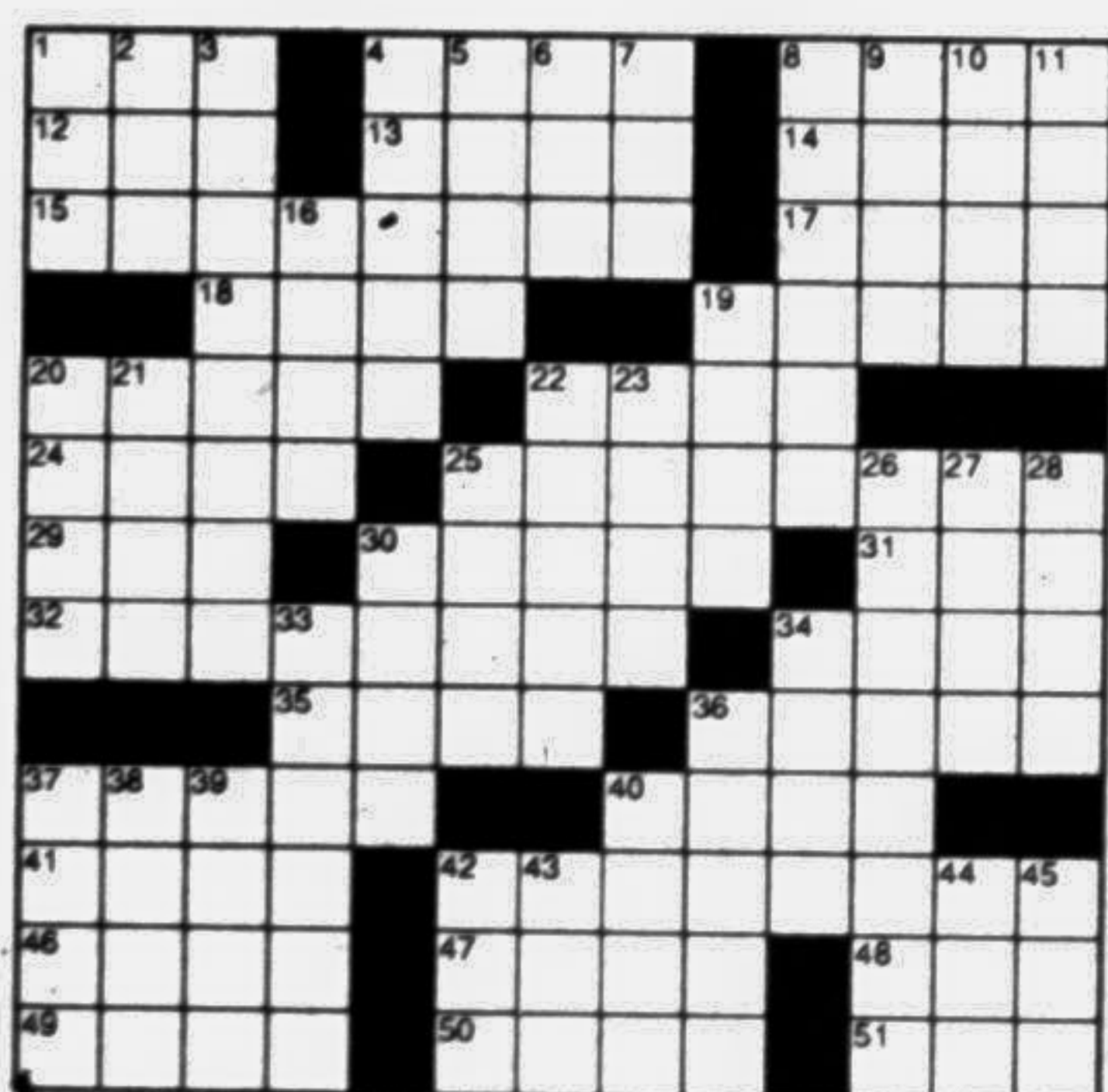
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Solution time: 26 mins.

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STIR ONA ASTO
ASTERN HINT
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CLYDE NIP IOU
LEOS GYM HAIL
EMU WOO WALLA
MARCHMUSIC
SHOP ANKLES
FREE ECU LARA
AIDS ROC EVIL
SOFT SEE SANE

Yesterday's answer



CRYPTOQUIP

EWRE LIEGGS DNLWIWPF
VWME GSU NFWTGKDL

V G N S U O Y M E Y
K P R M W D Y O P F U

Yesterday's Cryptquip: ATTRACTIVE WOMAN WEARING A LOW-CUT DRESS GAVE HIM THE COLD SHOULDER.

Today's Cryptquip clue: R equals G

The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.