

Seminar on moral development approach held
CHITTAGONG UNIVER-
SITY, June 25: A seminar on "a Proposal to the United Nations on moral development approach: a new world order for peace" was held on June 18 in the Sociology Department of Chittagong University, says a CU press release.

Prof Rafiqul Islam Chaudhury, Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University attended the seminar as the chief guest. The key note paper on "a Proposal to the United Nations on moral development approach: a new world order for peace" was presented by Dr Abu Obaidul Huque, Professor and Director of the Bangladesh Institute for Advancement of Science and Technology Teaching (IASTTT). The participants of the seminar termed this proposal as very urgent and timely and they appealed to the UN and its all member states to consider this proposal for universal moral development programme in the greater interest and welfare of mankind for promoting the causes to establish durable peace, discipline and justice at individual, social and global level.

Prof A F Imam Ali, Chairman of Sociology Department of Chittagong University presided over the seminar.

23 months in jail without trial
From Our Correspondent
SYLHET, June 25: After being in jail for 23 months without any trial, a young man was released on bail Tuesday.

Saber Hossain, 30 of village Chandshirgam of Gournadi thana of Barisal district had been serving as the Assistant Manager of Kushiara Weaving Factory, Sylhet. While on leave, he was arrested in Dhaka by the police of Gulshan thana with a GD on July 14, 1992. He was later sent to the Sylhet central jail. A case was lodged against him on charge of misappropriation of Taka 2 lakh 48 thousand from the factory's account.

Advocate Mesbahuddin Chowdhury on behalf of the Human Rights and Legal Aid Society, Sylhet pleaded for him in the court, and was granted bail by the sadar thana magistrate.

Two sisters killed as house collapses
From Our Correspondent
MOULVI BAZAR, June 25: Two sisters were killed when a house collapsed as a cyclonic storm hit village Lathitila in Goalbari union of Kulara thana recently.

The victims were identified as Runa Begum, 10, and Hena Begum, 7, daughters of Azmal Ali. Mother of the victims was injured and is now under treatment at Moulvibazar sadar hospital.

The cyclonic storm that hit the village also damaged at least ten houses and a large number of trees.

Another report says: A 45-year old man identified as Abdul Mukhtar committed suicide in village Patanushar in Kamalganj thana of the district recently.



JAMALPUR: Jalal Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner of the district speaking at a programme on social mobilisation organised by Integrated Non-formal Education Programme (INFEP) held at Melandah Government High School auditorium recently.

Fish output declines in Jhenidah, Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent
JHENIDAH, June 25: Fish production target may not be achieved in Baluhar government baor in Jhenidah due to mismanagement it is alleged. According to reports, Baluhar baor is one of the biggest baor out of the six baors in Khulna Division. Sixty per cent of the money from the sale of the total production is deposited in government account and rest of the 40 per cent is received by the Matsojibi Samabaya Samity.

Last year the production target was fixed at one hundred ninety metric tons by the fisheries department of the area. The fish production crossed the target at 200 metric tons. That was nine metric tons of fish produced in surplus.

Just after joining of new manager at Baluhar baor, sixty metric tons of fish was sold. However, the amount collected from the sale was not deposited in government account. The whole lot of the money was defaulted by the manager, it was alleged. After publishing news items on the issue in some national and local dailies the manager himself tried to convince the members of Matsojibi Samabaya Samity. However, they did not listen to him instead they protested mishandling of the money.

Our Correspondent from Kishoreganj adds: Fishermen in all 13 thanas of the district are facing manifold problems including scarcity of fund and fishing materials.

According to the reports, a large number of fishermen in different areas of the district are unable to procure fishing appliances like boats, nets etc due to absence of necessary capital. As a result they are compelled to borrow money from the local Mahajans (money lenders) at high rate of interest.

Besides, due to massive siltation in the beels, haors, rivers and ponds fish production has declined to a great extent.

On the other hand, about 4000 ponds in different parts of the Kishoreganj district have been lying uncultivated due to lack of proper initiative and Maintenance. If these ponds are brought under pisciculture schemes in a proper way about one lakh tons of fish worth of about taka 20 crore may be produced annually says an expert.

According to the sources of district Fisheries Department, the annual demand for fish in 36,922.482 metric tons but the average annual output is only 15,713.656 metric tons due to which the district is facing shortage of 21,208.826 metric tons of fish annually.

Meanwhile, about 65,000 professional fishermen depend on fishing to earn their livelihood and due to non-availability of fishing materials, necessary loans, absence of training facilities.

Fish cultivators informed that if the concerned authorities take appropriate steps to re-excavate the silted ponds, introduce scientific process of fish cultivation, arrange training on pisciculture and extend adequate loans to the rural people of the district they can raise fish production in the district.

Poor farmers in Chuadanga are virtually starving

From Our Correspondent
CHUADANGA, June 25: Economic condition of the rural inhabitants of the district is being crippled due to crop loss and decline in production during the last few years.

Due to scarcity of seeds, fertiliser, irrigation facilities the marginal farmers who constitute about 85 per cent of population here were unable to cultivate crops for want of agricultural inputs and bank loans.

The total population of the districts is about nine lakh and only five per cent engaged in business and other services while the rest of the 95 per cent depends on agriculture. Poor farmers were forced to sell their produce at nominal prices to money lenders.

Recent unofficial survey reveals that over 65 per cent of the villagers live below poverty line and have to sell their hard earned produce at a nominal price to the local money lenders just to maintain their livelihood.

Taking advantage of the situation the local money lenders are doing brisk business by granting loan at high rate of interest. The sources added that the landless villagers who are deprived of the daily work are almost starving.

They are even compelled to sell out their domestic animals and utensils only for their survival. Fifty per cent of them have already sold out their domestic animals.

The condition of sugarcane growers is even worse as they have been incurring heavy losses for the last few years, failing to sell their produce on time. The only sugar mill of the district fail to crush the entire sugarcane produced by the farmers on time. So, every year sugarcane on hundreds of acres of land are dried up.

Sharp decline in fish production has put hundreds of fishermen out of work. Most of the water bodies of the district have been silted up.

The villagers are selling their poultry birds and other property to meet their daily requirement. The price of land has also declined for want of purchasers.

To solve the unemployment problem of the district huge quantities of wheat were sanctioned against uplift projects under the Food for Works Programme this year. But massive irregularities and misappropriation have hampered the scheme. As a result, the poor people of rural areas of the district have been disappointed.

5 feared drowned in boat capsized

From Our Correspondent
MANIKGANJ, June 25: At least five people feared drowned when a mechanised boat capsized in the mid-stream of the river Padma in the early hours Tuesday, reports UNB.

According to police, the boat carrying some 25 passengers was on way to char Samazet ghat from Mawya ghat.

One awarded 10 years RI
JHENIDAH, June 25: A man was awarded ten years rigorous imprisonment with a fine of Tk 10,000 on charges of terrorist activities says UNB.

According to prosecution, Moslemuddin of Mumunshia village in Sadar thana along with his accomplices have been engaged in terrorist activities including toll collection, hijacking and other crimes for a long time. They used to take part in clashes with fire arms causing panic in the area. Several cases were lodged against them with the police.

The villagers caught him red-handed while committing crimes on October 9, '93 and handed over to the police.

50 pc farmers in Majdee Court have no bullocks
MAJDEE COURT (Noakhali), June 25: Acute shortage of draft animals has been posing a threat to cultivation in all six thanas of the district, reports UNB.

According to a report, about 40 to 50 per cent cultivators have no bullocks for tilling their land. During the sowing season most of them cultivate their land on share basis or by hiring bullocks involving excessive expenditures.

On the other hand, the farmers are found using their milch cows to till their land for which milk production has been eventually reduced in the district.

Most of the farmers cannot afford to purchase bullocks due to its high prices. As a result, many marginal farmers have already sold out their land to the joddars at throw away prices.

Besides, the farmers alleged that they are not getting short term loan from the banks to purchase the bullocks. Finding no other way out, they are to go to the money lenders to borrow money at a high rate of interest.

They said they are to sell their crops in advance to the money lenders at throw away prices to get loan.

Moreover, cattle diseases especially Khura and Golafula take a heavy toll of cattle every year due to lack of essential drugs at the livestock hospitals.

According to an estimate about 50 per cent bullocks have been attacked during this year in 1000 villages under 82 unions of the district.

Besides, many farmers cannot treat their cattle due to high prices of medicines in the local market.

Chilli growers in Madaripur face various problems

From Our Correspondent
MADARIPUR, June 25: Chilli growers of the district have been facing much difficulties due to scarcity of high yielding seeds and price hike of inputs.

According to informed sources, the district is famous of chilli cultivation. Every year about 5,000 acres of land are brought under chilli cultivation in the district. The surplus production of chilli is supplied to different parts of the country.

A grower has to spend Taka 5000 for cultivating chilli on one acre of land but the production is decreasing day by day due to shortage of capital and other necessary ingredients.

Moreover, every year the chilli cultivation is badly affected by natural calamities including flood, drought and heavy downpour.

On the other hand, the farmers are not getting fair price of their produce due to absence of market mechanism and government patronisation.

An agricultural official said the country can earn a huge amount of foreign currency by exporting chilli abroad.

School boy strangulated to death
June 25: A school boy was strangulated to death at a village in Mithapukur thana last week, police said here recently, report UNB.

Maznu Mia (13), a student of class seven, was found dead at a field 50 yards from his house at Rasulpur village. Maznu's elder brother Mosleuddin identified the body and informed the police.

Police suspected past enmity might be the cause behind the killing. A case has been filed in this connection.



HABIGANJ: The city mayor of Manila (Philippines) presenting a key of the city to Shahid Chowdhury, Chairman of Habiganj Pourashava in a simple function held in Manila recently. Shahid Chowdhury was on a 15-day educational tour to Philippines.

'Thwart conspiracy against parliamentary democracy'

COMILLA, June 25: Leaders of BNP urged the democratic and nationalist forces to unite and thwart any conspiracy now being hatched against the parliamentary democracy of the country, reports BSS.

The leaders at the extended meeting of Comilla District BNP (North) said, some political parties who killed democracy in the past have resorted to destabilise the democratic government and mislead the nation.

They termed the opposition's demand for caretaker government as unconstitutional and against the main spirit of parliamentary democracy saying "they are trying to jeopardise democracy and development through making artificial political crises in the country," an official handout said.

BNP Standing Committee Member and Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharrif Hossain and Shipping Minister M K Anwar spoke at the meeting while Fisheries and Livestock Minister and BNP Joint Secretary General Abdullah Al Noaman was the main speaker.

With Comilla District (North) President Monjurul Hasan Munshi in the chair, the meeting was held at Daudkandi and also addressed, by A T M Alamgir MP, Mohammad Sha-

District roundup

FARIDPUR
Four unnatural deaths
June 25: Four people died in separate incidents in the district in the last two days, police and hospital sources said, reports UNB.

Of them, three people, including a woman allegedly committed suicide in Boalmari thana another old man was killed in road mishap in Kotwali thana.

Apirul (20) of Baniari and Maloti (18) of Baniapara villages in Boalmari thana allegedly committed suicide by taking poison while Moslem Uddin (60) of Gunabaha village of the same thana killed himself by hanging from a tree on Monday.

However, one Saleha Begum (21) of village Ghospur in Boalmari thana took an attempt to commit suicide by taking poison on Monday. She was rushed to the Boalmari Health Complex where she was improving.

On Tuesday, an unidentified old man, aged about 60, was killed when an inter-district bus ran over him near Karimpur Bridge under Kotwali thana.

BRAHMANBARIA
Two killed in road mishap
June 25: Two people were killed when a bus rammed into a house in Nandanpur on Sylhet-Brahmanbaria road in sadar thana recently, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the Brahmanbaria bound empty bus following a break failure entered the house by breaking the wall injuring Jahanara Begum (30) and her son (1) grievously.

They were rushed to the Sadar hospital where they succumbed after a few minutes. Both the driver and helper of the bus managed to escape.

A case has been filed with the police.

SATKHIRA
Housewives commit suicide
June 25: Two housewives committed suicide by taking poison at Kaliganj and Satkhira thana of the district recently, reports UNB.

The victims were identified as Kadbanu Bibi (35) wife of Abdullah, village head of Sitapalpur in Kaliganj and Rashida Khatun, wife of Mahid of Fajfajlahpur in Satkhira sadar.

Kadbanu took her own life taking pesticide after her husband took second wife while Rashida did the same following a family feud, family sources said.

NOWABGANJ
Tree plantation programme inaugurated
June 25: State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan inaugurated the national tree plantation programme '94 at Nowabganj by planting a sapling at sholiah, reports BSS.

The state minister called upon the people to participate in the massive tree plantation programme of the government for ecological balance and for the preservation of environment of the country.

Later, the state minister witnessed the final match of the Harjan Ali Matabbar Football Tournament at Singhura and distributed prizes among the winners.

RANGPUR
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C'NAWABGANJ
Non-govt schools, madrasahs face problems
June 25: Non-government secondary schools and madrasahs of the district are beset with various problems hampering smooth education, reports UNB.

Most of the institutions have been facing shortage of teachers, benches, accommodation, inadequate library facilities and science laboratories.

There are 176 schools and madrasahs in five thanas of the district of which 102 are high, 26 junior high schools and 48 dakhil madrasahs. Of them, 19 and 3 are for girls respectively.

Over 50,000 students including 17,270 females are prosecuting their studies in these institutions. At least 1807 teachers have been engaged to teach the students. Of the institutions, 120 have no pucca buildings. The kutcha school houses are mostly situated in Barendra and char areas and there are no science laboratories in 72 institutions.

JAMALPUR
Rally of newsmen held
June 25: A rally of local journalists was held at Medical road of the town on Saturday to protest the arrest and harassment of the journalists of the daily Janakantha, reports UNB.

The rally demanded of the government to shift the case before the Press Council for its settlement.

Preside over by Lavlu Ansar, editor of the Weekly Jamalpur, it was addressed, among others, by M A Jallil of National Journalists Association, Hafiz Raihan of Sanbadik Samity of the district, Jahangir Alam of Gramin Journalists Association, Khandaker Al Amin of Banglar Bari and Chhoton Dhor of Dainik Lal Sobuj.

They also demanded to withdraw the cancellation order of the declaration of Weekly Jamalpur without further delay.

Some 51 leaders and workers of different social-cultural organisations in separate statements also decried the government steps against the journalists of the daily Janakantha.

SHERPUR
Rickshaws cause traffic jam
June 25: The increasing number of rickshaws has been creating traffic jam in the town causing untold suffering to the town dwellers, reports UNB.

At least 4,000 rickshaws are plying on the narrow 22 miles of pucca roads within 10 square miles of the pourashava areas.

The commercial area of the town remain blocked most of the time causing hindrance to the movement of other vehicles. The people while moving on the roads of the main town have to remain stranded from place to place due to jam by the rickshaws.

Besides, without having any rickshaw stand, the rickshaw-pullers park their vehicles here and there in haphazard way. The school going children are the worst sufferers.

The rickshaws from outlying unions of Sherpur pourashava make entry into the town aggravating the situation.

Moreover, many rickshaw-pullers are plying the rickshaws on the road without any licence. They frequently violate the traffic rules and ignore the signal causing fatal road mishaps.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Chest protector
4 Nimbus
8 Oodles
12 One in a row?
13 On
14 Ms. Lollobrigida
15 Candle count
16 Stoic philosopher
17 Crazy
18 Jagger's group
21 Year, to Juan
22 Emulate Betsy Ross
23 Benny Goodman's style
26 Prom wear
27 Ewe said it
30 Rid of rind
31 Aries
32 Future roses
33 Clumsy craft
34 Cornetist Beiderbecke
35 Man of morals?

36 Outdo
37 "Butterflies — Free"
38 Elvis hit
45 Loosen
46 Dick and Jane's dog
47 Triumphed
48 Distort
49 Acquired metaphor
50 — out a living
51 Compared to
52 Linemen
53 Bishopric

DOWN

1 Sow's mister
2 Villainous ensign
3 Composer Jacques
4 Dangerous frat
5 "— clock scholar"
6 "Cheers" alumna
7 America's only native marsupial
8 Shining
9 Celebrity
10 Never again?
11 New Mexican art colony
19 Kent coworker
20 John Ritter's dad
23 Hot tub
24 Tolstoy title start
25 Annoy
26 Campaign-promise subject
27 Clear the table
28 Commotion
29 Cleo's killer
31 Counter-stroke
32 Milwaukee product
34 "Humburg"
35 Sharp mountain ridges
36 Emmett Kelly, e.g.
37 — as Methuselah
38 Equitable
39 Egyptian cross
40 Thought
41 Fairy-tale preposition
42 Buys with plastic
43 Coal byproduct
44 Footballer's sore spot

Solution time: 23 mins.

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UPA ODA EVADE
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ARA AREAS
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Yesterday's answer 10-23

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CRYPTOQUIP
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Y P H R D O X H A J B
J C C X B H Q W H J Y D O C W B B
G W B H A R W Q H P X C T Y T L R Q.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: GARDENER, CAUGHT READING DETECTIVE NOVELS, POUTED: 'I LOVE THE PLOTS.'

Today's Cryptoquip clue: O equals C

The Cryptoquip 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.