# Telephone subscribers deprived of services

From Our Correspondent

DINAJPUR, July 24: The telephone subscribers of the district of Dinajpur have been facing untold sufferings due to the malpractice of the local staff of the Telephone Department, it is alleged by the local telephone subscribers

Some of the telephone operators have an understanding with a class of dishonest subscribers who get their internal and overseas phone connection easily, it is alleged.

On the other hand, the dishonest subscribers easily get it. They do not have to pay the charge even. One of this kind

of subscriber who did not want to be identified told that they to pay monthly payments to the operators and that is why they are given connections as early as possible. The subscribers also informed that he pay a nominal bill and monthly payments. The subscribers who pay

monthly payments use the phone frequently and keep the line engaged for a long time. The monthly payments also help them keep their telephone sets always in order.

The common subscribers complained that their sets remain dead for maximum time, Though the operators make it operative, it works for few

. The dishonest subscribers earn money through their phone as it work as a exchange.

Huda tells JCD meeting at Fatulla

# Concept of caretaker

Besides, a caretaker government cannot be more accountable and powerful than an elected one", he said.

lation ceremony of the new committee of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal Fatulla unit here.

Among others, local MP Sirajul Islam, Central JCD leader Shirin Sultana, JCD leader and senate member of Dhaka University AEFM Igbal, vice president of Narayanganj Law College Syeduzzaman Syed, newly elected general secretary of JCD Fatulia unit Lokman Hossain spoke on the occasion. Newly elected president of the committee Syed Mohammad Aksir was in the chair.

The minister said the people have elected the opposition members to parliament to raise their problems and issues in the House and get them solved. But the opposition members have been boycotting

sugarcane growers under

Dewangani Zeal Bangla Sugar

Mills zone of the district have

been facing various problems

The sugarcane growers

Some growers produce mo-

mainly produce different quali-

ties of sugarcane for supply to

lasses from sugarcane for want

of proper transport system for

supply of sugarcane to the

lakh areas of land have been

brought under sugarcane culti-

vation in the mills areas of

Dewanganj, Bakshiganj, Islam-

pur, Melandah, Madarganj,

Sarishabari and Jamalpur

Sadar thanas. Every year 3.5

lakh tons of sugarcane are

produced. But the farmers do

Sugarcane growers of these

CHUADANGA, July 24: The

cultivation of local varieties of

paddy has been decreasing in

Chuadanga, Meherpur and

Kushtia districts for the last

previously grew different local

varieties of paddy namely kele.

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dantly. After the harvest of the

varieties of paddy, the farmers

used to procure sufficient

straws which were used as

fodder and there was no

Owing to sharp fall in the

The production cost of

IRRI-boro is increasing day by

day with the increased price of

agricultural inputs. Farmers

alleged that the price of the

agri-inputes have now gone be-

yond the purchasing capacity

cultivation of local varieties of

paddy many problems includ-

ing scarcity of fodder have now

scarcity of fodder then.

These varieties grew abun-

The farmers of the district

not get fair price.

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been created

of the peasants.

It is learnt that about 1.5

for long time.

this mill.

parliament sessions for a caretaker government.

Huda said the opposition want BNP to bring a bill in the House for a caretaker government. "But as BNP does not believe in caretaker government, there is no ground on its part to raise the bill in parliament,' he said and observed that it is the job of the opposition themselves to bring the bill in the House if they want.

"But those who are boycotting the parliament have lost their rights to seek vote in future", he said.

The minister said BNP government has taken up several human development and poverty alleviation prograneeds of the people.

"We want to turn our whole population into human resources for attaining self reliance because only self reliance can guarantee the nation's freedom and sovereignty", he said.

self reliance for their petty interests. He urged the people to identify these quarters.

in the rural areas they sell

areas informed this corre-

ply sugarcane to the mills for

cultivation is lower than those

of other crops. But the growers

get more profit from sugarcane

by adopting a better process.

Experts say the soil and cli

mate of the mills areas are very

suitable for cultivation of sug-

arcane. They say if the growers

get financial and technological

assistance from the govern-

ment, sugarcane cultivation

the local varieties of paddy

both aus and aman could be

cultivated without using fertil-

izer and irrigation facilities

Moreover the production cost

is also very low. But the cultiva-

tion of IRRI-boro was impossi-

ble without using fertilizers

cost of IRRI-boro is very high

and many farmers of the re-

gion are unable to meet this

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For maintaining balance of

the production capacity of

land, the cultivation of local

varieties of Aus Aman paddy

are felt urgent now in the re-

Besides the local varieties of

Due to the use of fartilizers

have become more profitable.

IRRI-boro local experts said.

Other crops cannot be cul-

The per-acre production

and irrigation facilities.

might increase considerably.

Sugarcane is cultivated here

than from other crops.

Expenditure in sugarcane

men at lower prices.

better price.

### Power failure becomes regular feature in Faridpur

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, July 24: Frequent power failures in the district have become a regular feature for over two months causing immense suffering to the people at large and the HSC examinees in particular.

Everyday four or five tines the electricity goes off without any previous information to the consumers and the break continues for about one hour each

The HSC examinees scheduled to sit for the final examination on August I are the worst victims. They cannot read in the evening as electricity fails regularly just after dark severely taking upon their concentration.

Besides, the production in mills and factories are being greatly hampered owing to the absence of electricity for six or seven hours daily in total.

Patients in the hospitals and clinics are suffering much. Emergency operation cannot be performed due to power failure.

Anti-social elements are taking advantage of the dark-

Concerned authorities are urged to look into the matter and take steps to mitigate the sufferings by restoring regular power supply.

#### Crisis of Aman seeds in Rangpur

From Our Correspondent RANGPUR, July 24: Crisis of aman seed is persisting all over the greater Rangpur zone during the current season.

According to the information received from the remote places of the zone, hundreds of farmers everyday rush to the BADC's seed sale centres and elsewhere in search of amon seeds, but they are returning back in empty hands since all these centres are running without stocks of seeds.

In black markets BADC's amon seed of BR-II variety which is much popular among the farmers for its high yield, being sold at an exorbitant price at Taka 15 to Taka 20 per kg as against fixed government rate of Taka 11 per

During the current amon season BADC has distributed six hundred metric tonnes of amon-seed particularly BR-II variety to its dealers for selling among the farmers at Taka 11 per kelogram.

But the dealers had sold in blackmarkets almost the entire quantity of seed they lifted from the BADC godowns, it is alleged.

## Angry youths ransack doctor's

From Our Correspondent

spondent that one metric ton SYLHET, July 24: A group of molasses is produced from of agitated youths ransacked ten metric tons of sugarcane. the chamber of a physician at The farmers said due to Jallarpur area of Sylhet town their products to the middle recently accusing the physi-Later, the middlemen sup-

> HSC examinee from Madan Mohan College died in the Syl het MAG Osmany Medical College Hospital.

According to the allegation. death of the student followed wrong treatment by Professor Akhtar Hossain. The deceased son of AFM Murshed of Kyarpar area consulted Profes sor Akhtar on June 21. Since the very beginning Babu's condition deteriorated. Later he was admitted to the medicine ward of medical college hospital on July 2.

## development approach held at RU

July 24: A seminar on "a proposal to the United Nations on moral development approach; a new world order for peace was held recently in the Philosophy Department of Raishahi University. Prof. Anisur Rahman, Vice-Chancellor of Raishahi University attended the seminar as the chief guest

The key note paper on the seminar was presented by Dr. Abu Obaidul Haque, Director of the Bangladesh Institute for Advancement of Science and

The participants of the seminar termed this proposal as very urgent and timely and they appealed to the UN to consider this proposal for universal moral development programme in the greater interest and welfare of mankind for promoting the causes to establish peace, discipline and justice at individual, social and



KISHOREGANJ: The Karimganj Bazar-Nayakandi Road in Karimganj thana is in very poor condition. Water remains stagnant on the road following slight rainfall. The photo shows condition of the road after ten minutes of rainfall in the area recently. - Star photo

# Fish scarcity acute in Dinaipur district JI

From Our Correspondent

DINAJPUR, July 24: Acute scarcity of fish has been prevailing throughout the district of Dinajpur causing great hardship to fishermen community for the last few months.

The pisciculture in the district has been badly affected due to massive siltation in the rivers Punarvaba, Kanchan, Karatoa and Atrai and different beels, canals and other waterbodies, local people informed

Moreover, unplanned use of chemical fertilizers and insecticides to crop fields has affected the growth of different kinds of fishes hampering overall production. Meanwhile, the existence of

the professional fishermen is at a stake and finding to other alternative some of them have given up their ancestral profession for their very survival. Different kinds of fishes

were available in abundance in ponds, beels and rivers of the district in the past but now the situation has become quite opposite Besides, some dishonest

fishermen are catching fry by using current nets adversely affecting the growth of fish resources, local people alleged. They are alleged that mem-

non-government primary

schools in the district. Most of

these schools have been facing

accommodation problem due

to increasing number of en-

session.

rollments in every academic

Mentionable that the gov

ernment has been implement-

ing new programmes including

'food for education' to raise the

bers of the law enforcing agencies are remaining silent over the violation of the government restriction on catching fish fry under nine inches. Meanwhile, the price of

meat has shot, up due to scarcity of fish in the markets and local people are facing protein deficiency due to this. Influx of baggers in the dis-

trict has been creating immense inconveniences to the Hundreds of people who

became homeless by recurring flood, cyclone and river erosion tried to maintain their livelihood in the remote villages through manual labour. But finding no job opportunities they were compelled to rush to the town areas in search of food and shelter. Moreover, the situation de-

teriorated further due to stoppage of development work under food for works programme in the rural areas of the dis-

The homeless people are living in temporary thatched houses on footpaths and use open places for excrement polluting the environment. Local people alleged that many destitute people are engaged

in various anti-social activities. Travelling by trains without tickets on most railway routes has become a regular feature in western zone causing a huge loss to the exchequer, it is Inadequate ticket-checkers

on Parbatipur-Panchagarh, Parbatipur-Birol, Parbatipur-Kurigram, Kaunia-Hatibandha Parbatipur-Haldibari and Parbatipur-Samtahar routes is the only cause for the increase in the said malpractice, it is widely alleged. Moreover, vigilance team is

hardly seen on the running trains of those routes during the duty hours creating serious inconveniences to the bonafide passengers. The -ticket-collectors are very often manhandled by the

ticketless passengers, particularly the youth who travel in groups as so-called students. It is allegedly reported that ticket-checkers have been left at the mercy of the mastan, who have created a reign of

terror on these western railway routes. The local people have urged

the concerned authority to take necessary action without delay to stop the malpractice.

#### Primary schools in Satkhira part in the workshop. Abdul Matin Khondkar, district face various problems Deputy Commissioner, Tangail inaugurated the workshop. Shudangshu Shekhar Roy From Our Correspondent was main speaker and Aminul Islam Lablu presided over the SATKHIRA, July 24: Most country, and implementation that on the basis of underworkshop.

the programme Education for

of the government and nongovernment primary schools in But due to shortage of seven thanas of Satkhira district have been facing manifold teachers, furniture and necessary appliances many schools problems hampering the implementation of the universal cannot afford additional students. Most of the schools also primary education programme. According to officials, there lack adequate water supply are 713 government and 365 system, sanitary latrines and

> Moreover many schools damaged by cyclones, floods and other natural calamities are yet to be repaired. In some schools children are attending their classes in open spaces causing much inconveniences.

It is found that teachers in many schools do not attend their classroom duties regularly. Some guardians alleged

standing with the local education officers some teachers attend the school once in a week just to put their signature on the attendance registers. Most of the time they remain busy with their household or other

It is also alleged that in some government primary schools there are more teachers than the actual requirement while there are less than the actual need in some other schools.

Local leaders have urged the authorities to look into the matter and take immediate steps to remove the problems to ensure better education of the children of the district.

# number of students in the Number of quacks increase in Cox's Bazar district

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, July 24: The number of quacks is increasing in all the thanas of the Cox's Bazar district day by day. Quacks are in every village of Cox's Bazar Sadar thana, Ramu, Teknaf, Ukhia, Kutubdia Chokoria and Moheskhali thanas of the district

Over 40 per cent people of the district live below the poverty line. The problem of unemployment is becoming acute day by day

Being faced with unemployment problem, many young men of different areas of the district are seeking sources of income for their survival. Finding no other alternatives, a good number of jobless young men of the district have taken quackery as their profession.

A large number of graduates have become quacks. The number of HSC passed young men taking up quackery is also high. The main centre of business of the quacks are the local haats, and bazars of the district. They are also found in other places of the country for earning the livelihood.

Some government health workers are also found in this profession in the rural areas of the district. They informed that the poor people of the ru-

ral areas prefer this treatment as this is cheaper.

The people of the rural areas who are attacked with various diseases including the diarrhoea go to the quacks for necessary treatment. The health complexes set

up at every thana headquarters are beset with multifarious problems, patients are deprived of medical facalities at the health complexes. Some dishonest doctors and other staff of the health complexes take gratifications from the

poor patients for providing them with prescriptions and medical treatment. Being harassed by them, the helpless poor patients go to the quacks instead of going to the health complexes.

As the system of communication is precarious, the patients are generally reluctant to go the qualified doctors at thana headquarters and district town. The poor patients from the rural areas can not engage qualified doctors.

### Call to strengthen tree plantation programme PATUAKHALI, July 24:

Minister for Religious Affairs Muhammad Keramat Ali has called upon all to strengthen the tree plantation programme to ensure better environment and ecological balance and quicken economic upliftment. reports UNB.

He was addressing as chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of a three-day tree exhibition and fair at local PDSA Maidan organised by Patuakhali district forest office here Sat-

The forest office has also organised a discussion on the process of plantation and the quality of saplings. Local Shilpakala Academy has planned programme to organise cultural function on tree plantation. The local information office will hold documentary film show on this aspect.

The minister said, the contribution of tree in maintaining the balance of environment cannot be exaggerated. He said, it also expedites economic emancipation of the rural people.

# District roundup

**JAMALPUR** 

cultivation

Sherpur and Jamalpur dis-

tricts has been hampering

greatly due to prevailing

drought for the last two

According to Agriculture

Extension Department, over

30,000 acres of the standing

crops have been damaged in

the areas and harvest of

99,000 acres of land are also

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not available during the Bengali

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to lack of water cultivation of

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**BKB** ralises

Tk 7.46 crore

loan

July 24: Bangladesh Krishi

Bank (BKB) of Noakhali region

has realised outstanding agri

loan amounting to Tk 7.46

crore of the total disbursed

amount Tk 8.28 crore during

the fiscal 1993-94, reports

The bank authority said

maximum loan was realised

from the loanees through vig-

orous field drive made by the

bank staff that crossed the tar-

get amount of realisation of Tk

Noakhali Regional Manager

said the bank has decided to

disburse a total of Tk 16 crore

as agri-loan during the current

fiscal year. This amount will be

distributed on different sec-

tors including dairy, fishery,

hatchery, modern fishery and

Training

workshop

Kallyan Sangstha held a day-

long sangbadik proshikyan

karmashala (Jaurnalists' train-

ing workshop at district coun-

cil auditorium recently, re-

of different news media took

AM college

Students Union

polls held

Government College (AM Coll-

egel Students Union election

was held here peacefully

AKM Sajjad Hossain

Shaheed and Mafizur Noor

Khoka have been elected pres-

ident and General Secretary

posts have been begged by

Awami League backed Chhatra

League. The rest one post of a

With the cooperation of dis-

member was occupied by JSD.

trict administration college au-

thority took strict precaution-

ary measures for holding the

Private tuition

practice on rise

of private tuition practice by

the local teachers causing se-

rious affect to the students for

getting proper education in

their respective institutions

Local people alleged that

most of the school teachers in

the district headquarters are

engaged in private tuition and

earn a large amount of money

by teaching students in differ

proper attention in the classes

and inspire the students to en-

roll themselves for the private

"It is quite difficult to do

good results in the examina-

tion without private tutors or

coaching", alleged some

lies are the worst sufferers as

their parents are not able to

assist them by providing pri-

doctors in the district town

are carrying out their private

practices neglecting their

Meanwhile; most of the

Children of the poor fami-

coaching, they added.

The teachers do not give

July 24: The on rise trend

Of the total 16 posts, 15

recently, reports BSS.

respectively.

election

NARAIL

reports UNB.

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guardians.

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hospital duties.

July 24: Ananda Mohan

Thirty local correspondents

July 24: Tangail Sangbadik

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TANGAIL

ports BSS.

MYMENSINGH

jute due to lack of water.

MAIJDEE COURT

The water of river, canal

hot spell is prevailing here.

An expert said minimum 25

months, reports UNB.

threatened.

uncertainty.

July 24: Cultivation in

#### PABNA One killed, 40 Drought hampers

hurt in clash July 24: One person was killed and 40 others were injured in a clash between residents of two villages over playing of cards here recently.

police said, reports UNB. The clash between the residents of Sarisha village in Santhia thana and Bhitapara village of Bera thana continued for three hours till 7.30 pm disrupting traffic movement on Bogra-Nagarbari highway. Both the groups used lethal wea-

The dead was identified as Amjad Hossain (28) of Sarisha

Of the injured, 12 persons were admitted to Bera Health Complex and 4 to Shahjadpur Health complex. SYLHET

#### Armed youths hijack Tk 2 lakh July 24: Armed youths hi-

jacked about Tk 2 lakh from an employee of a multinational company at gun point in broad daylight in the town recently. police said, reports UNB.

Mohammad Ramzan, driver of Ciba-Geigy area office here. was injured seriously in the attack while going to Ambarkhana branch of Uttara Bank from his office by a rickshaw with the money in a medicine carton at 9:30 am.

Numbering about 10, the hijackers came in four motorbikes, swooped on Ramzan and snatched the carton, police

He was admitted to Sylhet M A G Osmani Medical College Hospital in critical condition, hospital sources said. He was struck with sharp weapons A case was filed with

Kotwali thana in this connec tion. None was arrested vet KISHOREGANJ

#### Tree plantation drive opens July 24: Deputy Minister for

Shipping Zahidul Haq inaugu

rated the tree plantation drive at Pakundia Ideal College in the district Tuesday, reports Addressing a gathering the

Deputy Minister said in maintaining ecological balance the role of tree is very significant The green tree emits oxygen the vital element for survival of human being and other living entity. It also absorbs poi sonous carbondioxide from the environment.

He called upon all to come forward to plant more trees for conservation of environment and ecological balance

Zahidul Haq also visited the ongoing construction work of the administrative building of the college to see the progress of the work.

Later, the Deputy Minister presided over a meeting of the officials, chairmen and members of the thana and discussed about the progress of various development activities of the thana.

#### CHAPAINAWABGANJ

#### Diarrhoeal diseases claim fifteen July 24: Diarrhoeal diseases

250 others in the district over the last fortnight, reports Doctors said at least 15 to 20 people attacked by diar

claimed 15 lives and attacked

rhoea, dysentery and other water borne diseases are being admitted to the hospital every day for treatment. Of the deceased six died in Nawabganj pourashava, four in

sadar and five in Bholahat and Shibganj thanas Scarcity of drinking water and consumption of adulterated food were said to be the reasons behind the outbreak of the diseases No medical teams have yet

been sent to the affected areas. Oral saline packets and neces sary medicines are also reportedly scarce in the areas.

## NARSINGDI

#### Motorcycle rider killed in road mishap

July 24: One honda rider was killed and 30 bus passengers were injured in an acci dent at Kunderpara in Shibpur thana on Dhaka-Sylhet high way, police said, reports UNB

According to witnesses, the accident took place when the Dhaka bound bus hit the honda from behind on July 1. The honda was completely damaged and the speeding bus turned turtle on the road

The deceased identified as Rafigullah, was local businessman. His body was sent to morgue for autopsy. The injured were admitted to the Sadar hospital.

A case was lodged with the police.

#### Some farmers of Chuadanga, Damurhuda and Jiban Nagar thanas of Chuadanga district told this correspondent that

#### The general subscribers do not get their connection after several reminders. The phone operators lame excuse for the non-availability of the connections, it is informed. The subscribers, in case of emergency, are not given connection after a lot of requests.

# govt unconstitutional

FATULLA (Narayanganj) July 24: Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda yesterday said the concept of caretaker government advocated by the opposition parties is unconstitutional and confusing, report BSS.

Huda said this at the instal-

Sugarcane growers face

various problems

From Our Correspondent

Sharp fall in cultivation of

local varieties of paddy

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, July 24: The hazardous road communication

mmes to fulfil the five basic

Huda said some vested quarters want to disrupt the development process towards

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# Seminar on moral

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY says a press release.

Technology Teaching (IASTT).

global level.

Prof. Ahad Ali Mondal Chairman of Philosophy Department of Rajshahi University presided over the seminar.