

Notes From Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 2: The District Anti-Corruption Bureau has filed a case against an ex-member of Taljunga union in Tarail thana on charge of misappropriation of CI sheets and woods of a government primary school recently.

According to the Bureau office, Hajipur government primary school in Tarail thana was razed to the ground by cyclonic storm in 1986. As per decision of the Managing Committee woods and CI sheets of the damaged school were deposited to Mahbubur Rahman, a member of Taljunga Union Parishad and also a member of the Managing Committee. Later, the UP member embezzled all the materials.

Drama staged

A Bengali drama 'Jalanta Barud' written by Ranjan Debnath was staged at Karimganj thana auditorium under the auspices of Ashi Natyangan recently. Among those who acted in different roles of the drama were Golam Rabbani Panu, Rahmat Ali, Kabir, Renu, Abul Kashem Bhuiyan, Dipu, Milon, Uttam Kumar Sarkar, Sirajuddin, Habibur Rahman, Nure Alam Siddique, Abul Kashem, Aftab Hossain Chenu, Sanjoy Sarkar, Safuddin Bhuiyan and Kanan. The drama was directed by Aftab Hossain Chenu.

Cattlehead lifted

Three cattlehead were lifted from the house of one Nizamuddin of village South Nansree in Karimganj thana recently. The cattle-lifters entered the cowshed at night and took away three cows worth about Taka 28,000. A case was registered with Karimganj police station in this connection.

One commits suicide

One Badal (25) of village Satarpur in Karimganj thana committed suicide by taking poison due to family troubles and died on way to the hospital. A UD case was registered with Karimganj Police Station in this regard and the body was sent to the Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital for post-mortem.

Daring dacoity

A daring dacoity was committed recently at night at the house of Hasen Ali at Panchrukhi village in Nandail thana. A gang of dacoits equipped with deadly weapons and fire arms entered the house of Hasen Ali and decamped with cash and other valuables worth about Taka 15,000 from the house.

A case was registered with Nandail police in this connection and police arrested are Nazimuddin in this regard.

Local people said theft, burglary and dacoity are of ten committed in the area but there is no police vigilance for their protection.

JSD (Inu) meet held

A workers meeting of JSD (Inu) of Kishoreganj district unit was held at its office recently. The meeting was presided over by Nazrul Islam Noru and addressed among others by Khokon, Mopirul Haque and Salahuddin Ahmed.

Training course for farmers

A three day long training course of the 210 farmers of Bhairab thana was held recently at the premises of the thana Complex under the sponsorship of the thana Agriculture Extension Department.

The aims of the training course were to make aware of the farmers on the role of vegetables to meet vitamin deficiency protection of crops from the attack of pests, methods of nurturing trees, use and preparation of natural manures, role of seeds in producing quality crops etc.

263 tubewells installed in Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent KISHOREGANJ, Aug 2: The Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) installed 263 new tubewells in 11 thanas of Kishoreganj district during the last financial year, official source said.

According to district Public Health Engineering Department source, out of the total tubewells, 71 were installed in Bhairab thana, 53 in Katadi, 38 in Austagram, 24 in Itna, 21 each in Karimganj and Mitmain, 12 in Pakundia, 9 in Nikli, 7 each in Kuliarchar and Tarail and 4 in Kishoreganj sadar.

Besides, the department also installed 40 Tara tubewells and re-installed 527 chokedup hand pumped shallow tubewells in the district during the same period.

Fenchuganj power plant to go into operation from Nov '95

HABIGANJ, Aug 2: The under-construction 90 megawatt combined cycle power plant at Fenchuganj in Sylhet will go into operation by November next year, reports UNB.

The gas-fired power plant is under implementation with the financial and technical assistance of Japan at a cost of Tk 404.24 crore including the project aid component of Tk 283.68 crore.

The construction work of the plant is going on full swing and about 48 per cent work of the project has so far been completed, says a PID handout Tuesday.

This was stated by Energy and Mineral Resources Secretary M Faizur Razzak while visiting Shahjibazar 96-megawatt power plant in Habiganj Tuesday.

Manager of the plant informed the Secretary that the plant is now producing only 25 megawatt electricity due to its age-old production machinery which needs overhauling and rehabilitation.

Steps are underway to produce more electricity from the plant through undertaking its necessary overhauling and rehabilitation, the Energy Secretary said.

"Opposition parties hindering uplift process"

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 2: Deputy Minister for Shipping ABM Zahidul Haq said that the opposition parties are hindering the ongoing development process through calling frequent hartals, reports UNB.

He was addressing a public meeting at Charafaradi Taltoli school ground of Pakundia thana in the district on Sunday.

The Deputy Minister said, opposition parties do not want the well-being of the people rather they are out to snatch the power in an undemocratic way.

Calling the hartal on the inaugural day of SAARC Council of Foreign Ministers' meeting prove that they do not want welfare of the people of the region, he added.

He said Awami League is trying to unseat the government through raising the issue of unconstitutional caretaker government. He called upon the people to be aware of the activities of the evil forces.

Later Zahidul Haq visited different development projects of the area, said an official handout.

Irregular power supply, industries worst affected in Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent CUADANGA, Aug 2: There has been no development of power supply in Chuadanga district. The erratic power supply in the district has been continuing for the last four months.

Power disruption has become a regular phenomenon throughout Chuadanga district especially in Chuadanga town causing untold sufferings to the consumers.

Almost every day power supply is disrupted for at least one to two hours.

The frequency of power failure reaches its peak in the noon and evening affecting production in local industries and mills.

In the meantime production in mills and factories have declined abnormally and have incurred losses worth more than Taka 10 crore in the last four months.

One sentenced to life-term imprisonment

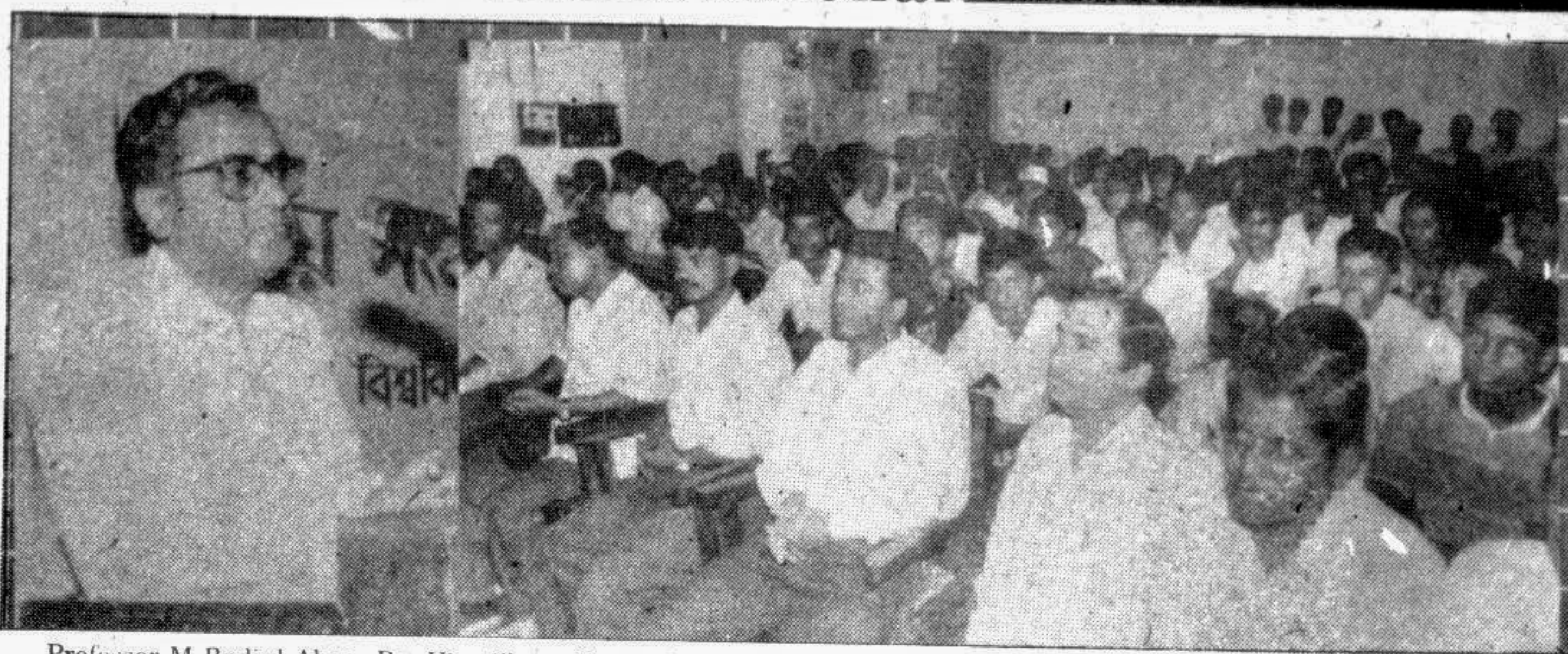
From Our Correspondent SYLHET, Aug 2: One person has been sentenced to suffer life-term imprisonment and two others to suffer imprisonment for seven years each on charge of kidnapping a minor boy.

Sunil Chandra Paul, Additional District and Sessions Judge, First Court, Sylhet passed the judgement, recently.

The prosecution case in brief is that, in November 5, 1992 Koyor Ahmed, son of one Sirajul Haque of village Quampur in Kanaighat thana of Sylhet was kidnapped from his maternal grandfather's house from village Manikpur of the same thana.

The court after examining the witnesses and the records of the case passed the judgement.

The prosecution was conducted by APP Fakhruddin Ahmed while the Defence was pleaded by Advocate Mahmud Hossain.



Professor M Badiul Alam, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University is seen addressing a farewell meeting of the outgoing students of HSC class held recently at Chittagong University College. — CU photo

Tk 50cr development projects in progress in Barisal district

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Aug 2: Development works worth more than Tk 50 crore are being implemented in Barisal district during the current financial year.

This was disclosed by Majibar Rahman Sarwar, MP, when he was talking to the local newsmen at the Barisal Press Club last week.

These development works include: construction works of divisional headquarter including the residential quarters of divisional commissioner and DIG with an allocation of Tk 12 crore 8 lakh, more than Tk two crore has been sanctioned for establishment of a dairy farm, Tk 5 crore 75 lakh has been sanctioned for construction of Barisal-Bhola-Laxmipur highway, Tk four crore has been allocated for construction of six roads and two bridges, Tk two crore has been allocated for feasibility test for constructing a bridge over Sugandha river at Doarika Shikarpur, Tk one crore 80 lakh has been sanctioned for construction of culverts,

bridges and roads at Charkaua and its adjoining areas. Tk eight crore has been sanctioned for development of Barisal Air Port and Tk two crore for site selection and development for setting up of a 10 kw medium wave radio station at Rupatali on the outskirts of Barisal town. Tk one crore was allocated for construction of residential quarters for the officials of Judicial Department, Tk five crore 30 lakh for Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College and Hospital, Tk 12 lakh for government B M University College and women's college hostels and about Tk 1.25 crore has been sanctioned for development of eleven high schools, a madrasa and a college under development schemes programmes.

Majibar Rahman Sarwar, MP, also informed that Tk eight crore has been allocated for development of Barisal Air Port during this financial year, where Tk 11 crore 40 lakh was allocated in last financial year. This airport is ready for

operation of STOL services. A Vocational Training Centre (VTC) will be set up in Barisal with an expenditure of Tk 1.50 crore, he added.

More development schemes will be implemented step by step which include construction of divisional stadium including extension of galleries of existing stadium and development of jail and range police headquarter.

He urged the local journalists, businessmen, elites and the people from all walks of life to extend co-operation to make these development programmes a successful.

Another report adds: Khulna Forest Extension Division at Barisal has undertaken extension programmes to plant more than 25 lakh saplings of different decorative and fruit bearing trees in five southern districts of Barisal, Patuakhali, Pirojpur, Khulna and Bagerhat during this year.

This programme will be implemented which includes planting of various kind of

saplings along the different thana link roads, regional highways, flood protection embankments and in the different office premises.

To make these programmes successful a divisional level seminar was held here recently where M A Rashid, Divisional Commissioner, Barisal stressed on the need for afforestation all over the country and make these programmes successful. Among others Ahsan Habib Kamal, Administrator, Barisal Pourasava and Deputy Commissioners of different districts under Barisal Division addressed.

Khulna Forest Extension Division at Barisal is implementing the programme planting saplings of decorative and fruit bearing trees along six km roads in the town area and on 50 km long road of R & H department and 170 km thana link roads. Besides, about 16 lakh saplings are also being distributed to the people, the sources said.

Corruption case filed against union chairman

From Our Correspondent KISHOREGANJ, Aug 2: A case was filed by the district Anti-Corruption Bureau against the chairman of Gobaria-Abdullapur union in Kuliarchar thana of the district on the charge of misappropriation of wheat meant for a project under Food for Works Programme.

According to the district Bureau office, 87,989 metric tons of wheat were sanctioned for the reconstruction of the road running from Luxmipur Bazar to Agarpur bus stand and a project committee was formed with Salahuddin Khan, Chairman of Gobaria-Abdullapur union as its chairman.

The project chairman reportedly lifted 51 metric tons of wheat in four instalments and misappropriated 13,729 metric tons by submitting false masterrolls. The price of the misappropriated wheat was estimated to cost Taka 1,57,814.

Mass marriage of 31 orphan girls

FARIDPUR, Aug 2: A mass marriage of 31 orphan girls was held at Amirabad in Sadarpur thana on Friday, reports UNB.

The marriage ceremony, first of its kind in the region, was financed by Saudi Arabian based NGO, International Islamic Relief Organisation (IIRO). It was organised by Al-Murtada Al-Islami, another NGO.

District roundup

KHULNA

Mongla Port earns Tk 14.1 cr in last fiscal yr

Aug 2: The Mongla Port authority has earned net profit of Tk 14,19,67,000 in the last fiscal year which is less than about Tk five crore against the previous year, reports UNB.

The port authority earned Tk 19,49,74,000 as net profit in 1992-93 financial year.

They also earned Tk 49.15 crore revenue and spent Tk 34.95 crore in the last fiscal year while they earned Tk 53.55 crore revenue and spent Tk 34.05 crore in 1992-93 fiscal, official sources said.

A total of 312 ships anchored with import goods and 306 ships left the port in the last fiscal. About 14,63,418 metric tons of goods were imported through the port while 4,67,401 metric tons of goods were exported in the same period.

The imported goods include, 8.59 lakh metric tons of cement, 2.44 lakh metric tons of foodgrains and 1.94 lakh metric tons of salt.

The exported goods include, 2.43 lakh metric tons of jute goods, 1.82 lakh metric tons of jute and 1.65 lakh metric tons of shrimp, the sources added.

FARIDPUR

Identities of Sarbahara Party members revealed

Aug 2: The identities of the five alleged outlawed Sarbahara partymen, arrested on July 23 while returning to Jhenidah after attending a party meeting, were revealed by the police on Monday, says UNB.

Among the arrested, Shamsuddin Ahmed, 38, alias Shams-us-zoha Tapan, was identified as the leader of the Zoha group.

Earlier, Zoha introduced himself as Zakir Hossain Rana of Berail village in Magura district. After investigation however, it was found false.

Meanwhile, Kotwali police sent photographs of the other four arrested people to Jhenidah, Jessore, Chuadanga and Kushtia district police for verification and identification.

Superintendent of Police of Jhenidah confirmed the identity of Zoha, against whom, he said, several criminal cases were pending in different districts since long.

The other arrested people were identified as Nazim Ahmed alias Jungu Quayum of Shaikhkhali village in Narail district, Mukul Mahmud alias Shahidul Islam of Pipalita village in Jhalakathi district, Badrul Alam alias Milon of Thakata village in Pirojpur district and Atar Ali Biswas of Goloknagar village in Jhenidah district.

COMILLA

Tk 50,000 allocated to celebrate Eid-e-Miladunnabi

Aug 2: Some Tk 50,000 have been sanctioned by the pourashava authorities to celebrate the holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi to be held on August 22, reports UNB.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the celebration committee presided by Kamaluddin Chowdhury, Chairman of the pourashava.

The meeting also chalk out an elaborate programme to celebrate the day in a befitting manner.

A sub-committee was also formed for proper management of the programme.

Moulana Ali Hossain, Superintendent, Comilla Alia Madrasa was present on the occasion.

RAJSHAHI

Illegal weights, measures seized during mobile court campaigns

Aug 2: A total of 121 mobile court campaigns and 47 police raids were conducted against users of illegal weights and measures for implementing metric system in different places of the division during the last fiscal, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institution, Rajshahi, and Police administration of different districts jointly conducted the raids.

Some 1599 cases were registered, but among those, 1382 cases were settled by realising fines amounting Tk 1.05 lakh while 217 cases remained under trial.

A total of 106 maunds and 95 kg of old bathkara, 1658 illegal gallon vessels, 4050 wooden scales, 76 brads, 19 packets of biscuits, 45 packets of semai, 14 bags of cement were seized during the operation, said a PID handout.

NETRAKONA

Rickshaws, vans donated among poor people

Aug 2: Islamic Foundation, Netrakona district unit distributed three rickshaws and two rickshaw vans among five poor men recently, reports BSS.

Islamic Foundation office source said these rickshaws and vans were distributed from the fund of Jakat board to rehabilitate unemployed and distress persons.

Deputy Commissioner, Netrakona Dewan Afseruddin handed over the rickshaws and rickshaw vans at a simple ceremony held at Islamic Foundation office here.

Deputy Director of Islamic Foundation, Netrakona Abdul Hye Bhuiyan presided over the function which was attended by district level officials and local elite.

Another report adds: A total of 6,07,240 hectares of land have been brought under aman cultivation in greater Mymensingh agricultural region during the current season.

The five districts are Netrakona, Kishoreganj, Sherpur, Jamalpur and Mymensingh.

District agricultural extension office source said of the total 3,68,240 hectares have been brought under high yielding variety and the rest under local variety.

The source said 1,06,000 hectares have been brought under aman cultivation in Netrakona, 70,790 hectares in Kishoreganj, 77,600 hectares in Sherpur, 78,750 hectares in Jamalpur and 2,73,500 hectares in Mymensingh districts.

SIRAJGANJ

Beheaded body recovered

Aug 2: Police recovered a beheaded body from a jute field in Kamarkhand thana Monday, reports UNB.

Family sources said three people on Sunday night took the victim Sarwar Hossain, 28, out of his residence in Sadar thana and slaughtered him to death in the jute field.

The body was sent to Sadar thana for autopsy.

Sarwar had long been wanted by police in murder and several other criminal cases, police said.

Computer workshop concludes at CU

A week-long Computer Workshop under the Faculty of Science, Chittagong University concluded recently. A ceremony on the occasion was held at the Science Faculty building under the chairmanship of Professor M A Saleh, Dean of the Faculty of Science. The function was attended by the teachers of the Science Faculty and the participants of the Computer Workshop. Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University, Professor R I Choudhury attended the function as the chief guest.

Professor Nurul Islam, Course Director of the workshop was also present on the occasion, says a CU press release.

Professor Nurul Islam in his address told the gathering that this sort of short certificate courses is computer workshop would help in achieving the academic excellence.



SYLHET: Renowned eye specialist Dr Mobarak Ali speaking as chief guest at a workshop on eye care held at the Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College recently. — Star photo

Problems grip Birol thana town

From Our Correspondent

DINAJPUR, Aug 2: Birol thana town under the district of Dinajpur is gripped with numerous problems.

Inhabitants of Birol town are deprived of civic amenities. There is no proper drainage system in the town. The drains remain dumped with filth and garbage. As a result, water remains stagnant in many areas emitting bad odour while low-lying areas of bazar go under water after a slight rainfall.

The market of the thana town is in a very bad shape. The existing shops and shis are inadequate. The shopkeepers are facing many problems for want of space and adequate number of sheds. They carry on their business on approaching roads to the market causing much difficulties to both consumers and traders. There is no shed in the kutchi bazar.

Roads in the town are narrow and unfit for movement of both, vehicles and pedestrians. Due to lack of proper care and maintenance numerous breaches and potholes have developed in many places. Even after a slight rainfall, these roads become muddy and slippery.

There are two high schools, two colleges, five primary schools in the town but most of the institutions do not have adequate number of chairs, benches, tables, laboratory equipment, sports appliances and also teachers. The Boys High School building is in very poor shape which may collapse at any time. The high school established in 1964 has also earned a great reputation in

the area but it is yet to be nationalised.

Frequent power failure and voltage fluctuations have become a regular feature in the market areas. Very often entire town along with the busy shopping centres plunge into darkness due to sudden power shut down.

Shortage of houses poses a serious problem to the people. Absence of recreational facilities make children frustrated as they are unable to spend leisure time.

According to the sources, open and silted drains, derelict ponds and garbages dumped on roadsides help in breeding of mosquitoes.

Production at Khulna Newsprint Mills falls

KHULNA, Aug 2: Khulna Newsprint Mills produced 47,423 metric tons of newsprint in the last fiscal year which is less than 2,000 metric tons of the previous year, reports UNB.

The mills produced 49,131 metric tons of newsprint in 1992-93 financial year.

The mill also exported 774 metric tons of newsprint to India and Nepal and sold out 47,097 metric tons of newsprint to the local markets in the last financial year.

Another report adds: Khulna Customs House collected Tk 257 crore as revenue in the last fiscal year which was more than Tk 20 crore of its target.



Professor R I Choudhury, Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University gave away certificates to the participants of a week-long computer course organised by the Faculty of Science of the university. — CU photo