

Notes from Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Aug 5: About sixty thousand in seven thanas of the district have been suffering from the skin diseases and blindness. Children between the age group of five and nine years are the worst sufferers.

According to the local doctors, vitamin deficiency, malnutrition and lack of medicare facilities are the main cause of the diseases.

The health officials opined that motivation about primary health care and use of green vegetables and small fish are needed to meet the vitamin deficiency.

Life term for dacoity

Alaudin Sardar, District and Session Judge Satkhira found Moktar Ali Mollah, Mahim, Rajab, Majid, Jalil Mollah, Akbar Ali and Nazrul Islam guilty for committing dacoity and murder and sentenced them to suffer life term imprisonment and to pay fine of Tk 5000 each in default RI for one year recently.

The prosecution story in brief is that the said accused armed with deadly weapons entered into houses of Samir Kumar and Mahbubur Rahman both of village Sathati under Kaligonj thana on March 15, 1988 and while decamping with valuables worth about Tk 72,000, one Abdul Bari (24) of the same village resisted the dacoits.

The dacoits hit him with the axe on his head and he died on the spot. A case was lodged with Kaligonj thana and after the investigation police submitted charge-sheet against them. The learned judge tried the case and after examining the witnesses, found them guilty and awarded above punishment. Mr. Golam Muhammad PP conducted the case on behalf of the state.

Law, order situation

The overall law and order situation of the district has been deteriorated during the recent days.

Local elite said, dacoity, theft, hijacking, killing and other crimes are increasing day by day causing grave concern among the local peace loving people.

Recently, four members of an outlawed Purba Bangla Sarbhabara Party shot dead by the members of another outlawed Biplobi Communist Party at Ataria village under Tala police station of the district.

The victims are identified as Nazrul, Haroon, Salam and Habib who are belonging to the members of the Purba Bangla Sarbhabara Party led by the victim Nazrul.

It is reported that the members of the outlawed Biplobi Communist Party led by Barun opened fire on them for taking influence in the area in broad day light. As a result they died on the spot. One Pranab Kumar, a school teacher and Nasiruddin of the same thana were also killed by the miscreants a few month ago.

Eye camp held

A weeklong eye camp under the joint auspices of Rotary and Rotaract Club Satkhira, Rotary Club of Rama and Inner Wheel Club of Rama, Dhaka was held at Satkhira Auditorium recently.

The eye camp was inaugurated by Dr M R Khan renovated child specialist home and abroad.

A total of 800 eye patients have been enrolled for Cataract operation and treatment. Of them 40 patients were operated upon and 760 patients were given prescription and medicines.

One dies by snake bite

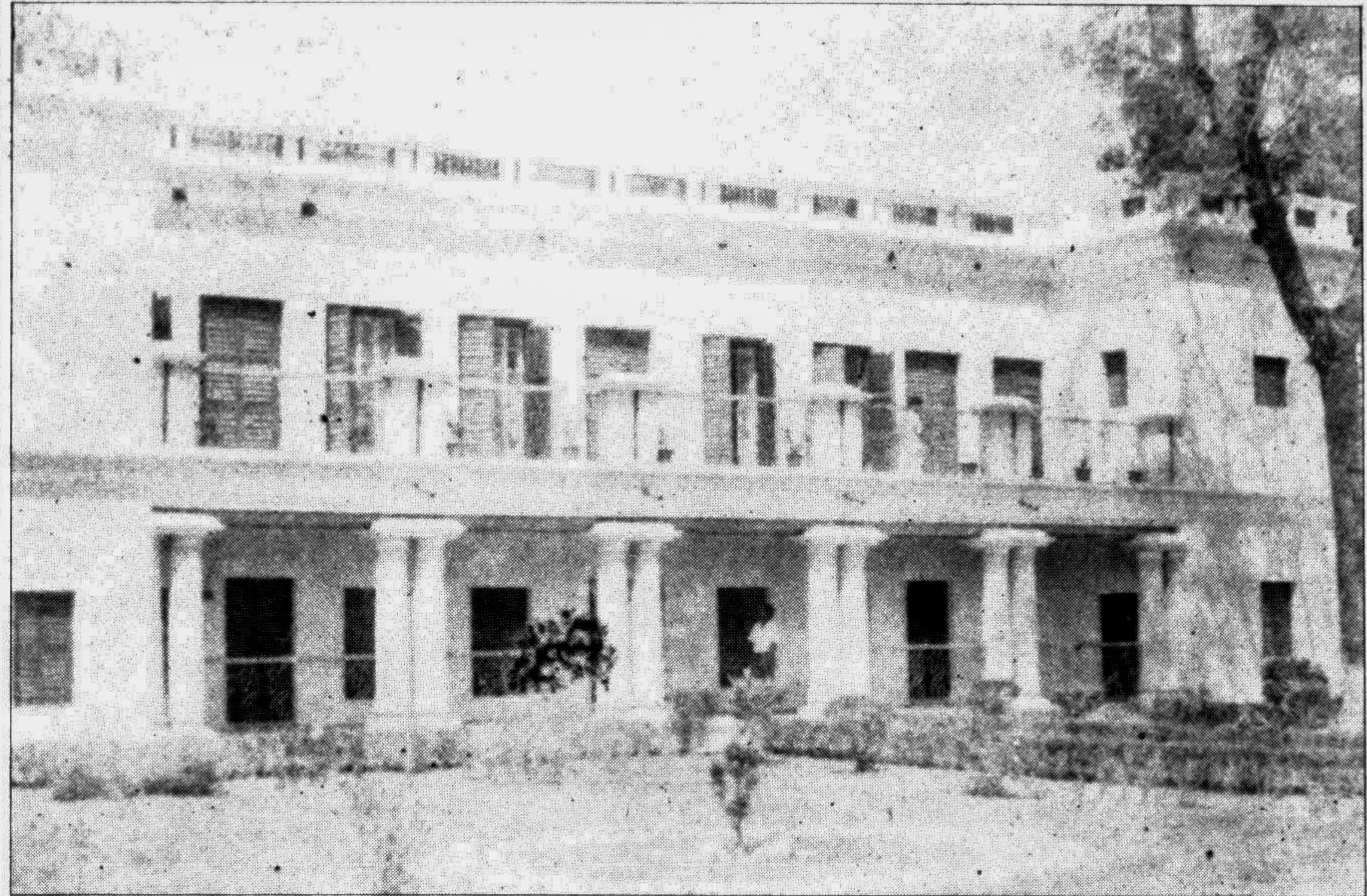
One snake charmer Golam Rasul (40) died by snake bite recently.

It is reported that Golam Rasul while selling medicine and tabiz showing snake's play at Kaligonj bus stand on the day of occurrence and at one stage a poisonous snake bite his right hand. Later he left the place and returned to his native home where he expired.

Wheat sanctioned for development projects in Barisal

BARISAL, Aug 5: Government has sanctioned 71,52,125 kilograms of wheat for the implementation of various development projects in Barisal district during the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to district relief and rehabilitation office sources of the total 20,87,000 kilograms of wheat will be used for the development works under Food-for-Works Programme. 5,28,000 kilograms under test relief programme and 45,37,125 kilograms will be distributed among 12,099 destitute families under Vulnerable Group Development (VGD) programme.



SIRAJGANJ: View of Poet Tagore's Kuthibari at Shahzadpur.

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New college at Begumganj Thana

MAJDEE Court, Aug 5: A new non-government college has been established at Nadia Para village in Begumganj Thana in Noakhali district recently, reports UNB.

This is the 4th private college established in the thana.

The admission to the college will begin from the current session. It will introduce arts, science and commerce section, it is learnt.

An executive committee for the college has been formed with ABM Harun-ur Rashid Basher, a renowned social worker of the locality as its convenor. The college authorities has appointed Amanullah, the retired Principal of Government Women College as the principal of the college.

Another report says: A gang of armed dacoits raided two houses of a village in Sadar thana in Noakhali district and looted cash and valuables last week.

The robbers entered the house of one Ali Azzam of village Monpur and a gunpoint looted goods and valuables after seizing the key from the owners wife. The raid was conducted at the dead of night when it was raining heavily.

Afterwards, they raided the house of Rajania in the same village and decamped with assets and cash.

Two killed, 10 seriously hurt in robbery incidents

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GAIBANDHA, Aug 5: Two persons were killed and ten others received injuries in two separate robbery incidents at Fulchhari and Palashbari thanas during the last two weeks.

In the first incident, a gang of dacoits armed with deadly weapons raided the house of one, Abdul Jalil Sarker, 90, of village Kanchipara under Fulchhari Thana at dead of night recently. The miscreants took away valuables including one SBBI gun. Later they tortured the house-owner in which the victim received critical injuries who was later admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

In the second incident on July 15 a gang of armed dacoits raided the house of one, Majid Master of village Komarpur under Palashbari Thana.

The miscreants beat the inmates of the house and looted away valuables worth about Tk 90 thousand. On hearing the hue and cry, local people encircled the gang in which the miscreants open fired several rounds of gun shots. During the firing a member of the miscreants was shot dead who was later identified as Fazaluddin, 35.

During the incident five others received injuries. One Shamim Kazi was admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital in critical condition. Two separate cases were filed with respective thanas.

Over 2 lakh acres of khas land grabbed

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SIRAJGANJ, Aug 5: A total of 2,59,369 acres of khas land in 16 northern districts have allegedly been grabbed by the vested and influential quarters. Thus the landless families have been deprived of their rights.

It is gathered from a reliable source connected with the revenue department that out of 2,59,369 acres of land in 16 northern districts, only 52,214 acres of land have been leased out officially of which a small portion is owned by the landless farmers.

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The new HYV fish produced in Jhenidah

JHENIDAH, Aug 5: A new high-yielding variety (HYV) fish "Mylopharyngodon Cifer" locally known as "Black Carp" has successfully been produced in the district's central hatchery complex at Courtchandpur, reports UNB.

Scientific Officer of the hatchery A K M Aminul Haque conducted the research on the new fish and produced some 300,000 fry for marketing on commercial basis.

The new hy-bred fish, which is expected to be grown up upto 70 kgs in weight, has been brought from China.

4,578 acres out of 26,920 acres in Kurigram, 4,626 acres out of 12,962 acres in Lalmonirhat, 4,412 acres out of 9,432 acres in Nilphamari.

It is further gathered that the influential quarters in collaboration with a section of unscrupulous employees of the revenue department have been grabbing the khas lands due to administrative complexity of leasing.

Knowledgeable sources have opined immediate steps to distribute the khas land among the landless farmers to ensure the 'poverty removing' scheme of the government.

Hannan Shah said youth community must come forward to solve the national problems so that they can prepare themselves to face all kinds of challenges in the future.

Mirza Abbas MP, President, Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal and former Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation addressed the conference as chief guest.

Abbas said 600 unemployed youths have been provided with self employment training in Kapasia thana and 6,000 others will be provided with the same.

At a press conference at the office of the local journalists association, Fazal Sikdar of village Shovarampur in Sadar thana said, his son Naem, 2, and daughter Rumi, 4, died as a result of taking Panamol that damaged their kidneys.

The drug were prescribed for the children who had been suffering from viral fever by a village quack and purchased from a local shop.

The children had been shifted to Dhaka Shishu Hospital when their condition deteriorated but later died after being operated upon.

Local MP Advocate Mosharraf Hossain was also present at the press conference.

Fazal Sikdar said, he had deposited six bottles of Panamol syrup to the Dhaka Shishu Hospital authorities.

The drug administration in a recent order, cancelled the manufacturing licence of MS Panacea Pharmaceutical of 68/G, Hazar Afzaluddin Road, Rayer Bazar, Dhaka for production of Panamol syrup with immediate effect.

Fazal Sikdar, a mason, was in tears as he narrated the story of death of his two children. "My wife has gone mad at their deaths. We demand that the authorities take appropriate action against the manufacturers of poisonous Panamol syrup."

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Addressing a public gathering

Implement uplift project timely'

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AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh): Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Shah Mohammad Faruk presented a casket of veterinary science faculty of the Bangladesh Agriculture University to Professor Md Mozammel Haque, outgoing dean at a reception accorded to him recently.

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Newly constructed school buildings inaugurated

ing at Mashihata the state minister said, the present government has laid emphasis on primary education and women education to achieve the cherished goal of national development.

He was addressing at the conference room of the deputy commissioner's office.

Facilities Department constructed the primary school bhaban at a cost of Taka 15 lakh 36 thousand and the bhaban of the high school at taka eight lakhs.

He also handed over the cheques of government grant each of taka two thousand to the authorities of 21 mosques at a simple ceremony held at the conference room of the deputy commissioner's office.

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