

SYLHET: Syed Mohibuddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor of Shahjalal University speaking as chief guest recently at the publication ceremony of 'Satyear Mukhomukhi', a book written by Aftab Chowdhury. - Star photo

# Only for ladies!



RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY: A 'khancha bazar' only for ladies. All kinds of vegetable like papaya, banana, pumpkin are available here. It starts in the early morning and continues upto 9.00 pm everyday. It is situated in front of Begum Rokeya and Taposy Rabeya hall of the - Star photo by Tareq Chowdhury campus.

#### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

**Bangladesh Ordnance Factories** Gazipur Cantonment, Gazipur

#### **Tender Notice**

1. Sealed tenders in prescribed forms are invited from bonafide manufacturers/agents/importers/suppliers for supply of Sodium Hydroxide to BOF as mentioned below:

. SI No	Tender No. & Date	Name of Item	Qty
a	BOF/15/LP/C/Pur dt 29-11-94.	Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH)	6,000 Kg

2. Tender shall be dropped in the tender box kept in the purchase office of this Factories on 28 December, 1994 up to 11-45 A.M. and will be opened on the same day at 12 Noon in presence of participants or their representatives (if any).

3. Tender forms with specifications and terms & conditions will be available in the purchase office of this Factories on cash payment of Tk 100/- (non-refundable) per set on all working days between 8-30 A.M. and 12-30 PM up to 27 December, 1994 Schedule will not be sold on the opening day.

4. Commandant Bangladesh Ordnance Factories reserves the right to reject any or all of the tenders without showing any reason thereof.

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**Manager Material** for Commandant



#### বিজেএমসি বিজ্ঞাপন দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মহাব্যবস্থাপক, ইউএমসি জুট মিলস, নরসিংদী কর্তক অত মিলের জুট কাটিং কেল নারায়ণগঞ্জ এলাকা হইতে মিল ঘাট পর্যন্ত পরিবহণের জন্য অর্থিক যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন টিকাদার/ব্যক্তিবর্গের নিকট হইতে দীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা হাইভেছে

টেন্ডার আগামী ২৭-১২-৯৪ইং তারিখ সকাল ১১-৩০ ঘটিকার য়থাক্রমে মহাব্যবস্থাপক পেরিকল্পন। বিজেএমসি, আদম্জী মতিঝিল, ঢাকা, বাবস্থাপক (প্রশাসন), বিজেএমসি, ঢাকা অঞ্চল, করিম চেম্বার, ১১, মতিঝিল, ঢাকা ও অত্র মিলের উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক ।প্রশাসন। নরসিংদী এর দপ্তরে রক্ষিত টেভার বাক্সে ক্রমা দিতে হইবে এবং একই দিনে দুপুর ১২-০০ ঘটিকার সময় উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাভাদের সমূবে যেদি কেই উপস্থিত থাকে। খোলা इदैरन

কাজের বিস্তারিত বিবরণ ও শর্তাবলী সংবলিত দরপত্র সিভিউল প্রতিসেট ৩০০/ - (তিন শত) টাকা (অফেরডযোগ্য) হিসাবে ২৬-১২-৯৪ইং তারিখের মধ্যে যথাক্রমে মহাব্যবস্থাপক অর্থ: বিজেএমসি, ঢাকা অঞ্চল, করিম চেম্বার, ১৯, মতিঝিল, ঢাকা, উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক (হিঃ ও অর্থ), ইউএমসি জুট মিলস, মরসিংদী-এর দফতর হইতে সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে।

আগ্রহী দরপত্রদাভাগণকে দরপত্রের সাথে আর্নেস্টমানি হিসাবে -২৫,০০০/*- পেছিল* হাজার৷ টাকার· পে*-অ*র্ডার/ডিমান্ড ডাফট মারকতে ইউনাইটেড জুট মিলদ লিঃ-এর অনুকলে অবশাই জমা লিতে হইবে। অন্যথায় দরপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য বলিয়া বিবেচিত হইবে না। ভবে মিলের নিকট প্রাপ্ত বিল হইতে অর্নেস্টমানির টাকা কর্তন করিতে চাহিলে সেক্ষেত্রে অবশ্যই হিসাব ও অর্থ বিভাগীয় প্রধানের প্রভ্যায়নসহ আবেদনপত্র টেভারেই সহিত সাধিল করিতে হইবে

কর্তপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন সরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা দরপত্র বাতিল করার কমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন

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### Liberation War: Sylhet freed today

# The enemy was totally trapped

SYLHET. Dec 14: Sylhet. the north-eastern district of the country was freed from the clutches of the enemy forces on this day December 15 1971. The holy town of the great saint Hajrat Shahjalal was seen overwhelmed with the repeated slogans by the thousands of joyous people and Freedom Fighters who entered the town following fall of the Pak army and its collaborator

ened its attack on the enemy forces, both on the ground and in the air after the India's recognition of Bangladesh in December. By this time, that is since the beginning of the month of November, the Freedom Fighters launched their guerilla attack through out the country. The allied forces also extended their help in almost all the areas resulting in a number of major wins of the Freedom Fighters.

. The Muktibahini and Allied forces, achieved great success in different important points causing serious losses to the enemy forces. They became worried with the fall of some important bases at different sectors. In such a situation, the Pak Army launched air attacks. Avoiding the air strikes a big contingent of the Muktibahini and Indian Army reached at the Khadimnagar area, about The Indian Army strength- five miles from the Sylhet town on December 13. By this time, two other contingents of the Muktibahini captured Jalalpur and Lamakazi, in southwestern side of the town. It almost crippled the Pak Army as there was no scope to move for them. Only the northern side was then open. But it was also quite unfortunate for them that, this open area was also full of hillocks and next to which was the In-



The officials of the Indian Army, DC of Sylhet and Dewan Farid Gazi at the function arranged after reconstructing the Keane Bridge which was damaged by the retreating Pakistani Army on the eve of the Victory Day.



Dewan Farid Gazi, the then MNA and Civilian Advisor of the northeastern region-I in the Liberation War, addressing at a huge public meeting at the registry office premises in Sylhet on December 17, 1971.

From Iqbal Siddiquee



The muktibahini or Freedom Fighters at Chiknagul of Sylhet pose for a picture with the local people just before their attack on the enemy forces in Sylhet town.

dian border. Due to this, the occupation forces did not have my scope to retreat that way. The whole situation forced

the well equipped Pak Army totally trapped.

In the afternoon on the December 13, two Freedom Fighters, Anwar Hossain Gora and Kuti Miah started moving towards the Sylhet town on an open jeep. They fixed a loudspeaker on top of the vehicle asking the Pak Army to surrender. They were repeatedly calling them to surrender without any bloodshed. This vehicle was being followed by another jeep with Dewan Farid Gazi, the then MNA and Civilian Advisor to the north-eastern region (I) in the Liberation War and Colonel Beach of the Indian Army on board. But all in vain. The Freedom Fighters on that day had to go back disappointed, as the Pak Army refused to surrender and tried to resist them near the Sylhet Government College.

On the previous day, the war leaders assembled in a meeting at Darbast on Sylhet Tamabil road to settle the ways and means of freeing Sylhet town. Colnel Bagchi of Indian Army, Colonel CR Dutta of Muktibahini and Dewan Farid Gazi reached at a consensus' that, the town would be freed on pressure and without bloodshed.

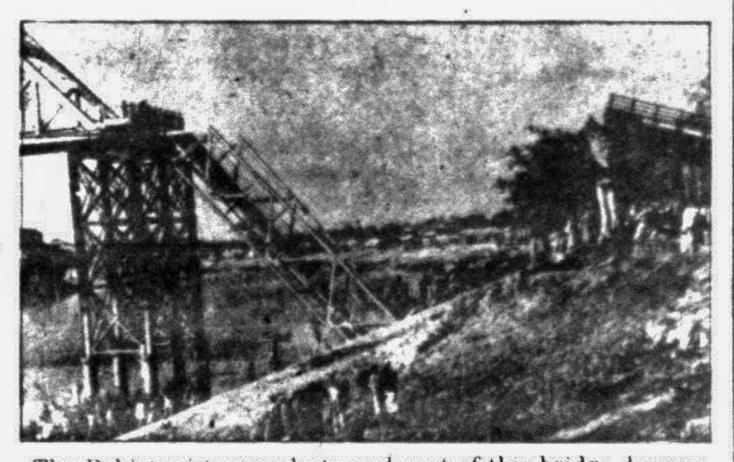
None of the leaders wanted to cause any kind of damage to the Baripur Oil Project, the Transmission building of Radio at Titagarh and Government College which are located at the entry points of the town on Sylhet-Tamabil Road.

According to the prepared part of the Keane bridge with a plan, the Freedom Fighters dinamight out of grudge, while and the Indian Army began to move towards the town under the leadership of Dewan Farid Gazi, Colonel CR Dutta and Colonel Bagechi. By this time, there were information that, the occupation forces had retreated from their previous position in the Government College. It was later found they had taken shelter at the main base at Salutiker alongwith their belonging.

The Freedom Fighters and Allied forces entered the town without any resistance and resistance. In the meantime, another big contingent of Freedom fighters of "Z" force under the leadership of Ziaur Rahman reached the Government Cattle Firm at Alurtal area, in the suburb of the town. The Pak Army became crippled this time. But they damaged'a

fleeing from the main town on December 19. The bridge over the river Surma connected two parts of Sylhet town. It was then also the main entry point to the town. The blasts of di namites shook the whole town The Freedom Fighters began entering into the town since the night of December 14 in groups from different direc

Thousands of jubilant supporters in number were seen on the streets in the midnight even. The whole town was humming with slogans and shoutings of different joyous slogans. The town at last, was declared free of occupation forces on the next day on De cember 15. However, the Pak army officially surrendered after one day.



The Pakistani troops destroyed part of this bridge, known as the Keane Bridge, while retreating on December 13 from Sylhet town, one of the enemy's main base.

#### Ideal villages 7 seriously injured in armed clash

From Our Correspondent KHULNA, Dec 14: At least seven persons were injured. two of them seriously, in a violent armed clash between two rival groups of youngmen at Natur Bazar recently. The wounded persons Manu 19. and Salam, 20, were admitted to sadar hospital in a precari-

Two awarded

10 yrs RI

were sentenced to 10 years

Rigorous Imprisonment each

for murdering a man at Char-

fassion thana, court sources

According to the prosecu-

tion story, on March 3, this

year, a gang of dacoits led by

Abu Majhi and Abdul Aziz

raided the house of Kalachand

Mistri. They stabbed Kalachand

to death when he tried to re-

sist them.

said recently, reports UNB.

BHOLA. Dec 14; Two people

The clash, reportedly took place centering eve-teasing.

ous condition.

constructed From Our Correspondent NATORE. Dec 14: At least 20 ideal villages have been built throughout the district for the rehabilitation of dis-

tressed people in Natore district, official sources said. The Relief and Rehabilitation Department allocated 70 metric tons of wheat for levelling the places. The department also supplied 3000 pieces of tin for making the roof of the house in these



Literacy campaign launched by a Non-Government Organisation, Nijera Shikhi in Tarash thana of Sirajganj district. The photo shows an enthusiastic participant in a -Star photo regular class.

## Law & order situation in Sirajganj deteriorates

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 14: At least 37 incidents of murder and suicide have occurred in last five months due to deteriorating law and order in the district, police and local people said, reports UNB.

The worst affected thanas are Shahjadpur, Kazipur and Sadar. The Talgasi cattle market of Shahjadpur is the citadel of gamblers and hijack-

On December 4 the hijack ers after food poisoning to 10 carrie traders of the market looted Tk 5 lakh from their

possession creating panic in

Besides, incidents of theft and burglary are rampant in the residential and commercial areas of Kazipur and sadar thanas. At least 50 incidents of dacoity os theft have taken place in these thanas in the last five months, the sources

More than 500 people were wounded by the terrorists in these thanas during the same period. Local leaders alleged that the mastans and hoodlums are seen moving freely after committing several crimes

# Girl students show great enthusiasm in 'semi-stipend' project

From HB Khan

KURIGRAM. Dec 14: As elsewhere in the country. Kurigram too, is enjoying school attendance of the girls which has attained a new dimension in recent days.

The girl students are showing great enthusiasm to the introduction and distribution of the semi-stipends to them, sponsored by the government and other donor agencies.

The percentage of female education was only 10 which was lagging for behind then the male by a margin of seven per cent in Kurigram district. Now the gap is rapidly closing because of the introduction of the semi-stipends, commonly called "upa - britti".

The girls semi-stipend programme was launched by Prime Minister Khaleda Zia on June 18, this year. She declared that all girl students studying in classes six, seven, eight, nine and ten would get free-education facility. In addition, the girl students would receive benefit of semistipends

In addition, girl students of class nine would receive a sum of Tk 250.00 for purchasing books and other educational

accessories. The married girls and those who are not regular in respect of attendance, would not deserve the facility.

Girl students of schools and madrashas outside poura area only would come within the purview of the programme. Janata, Agrani, and Rupali

. In Kurigram district, there is only one branch of Rupali Bank. Seven thanas, namely Kurigram Sadar, Nageswari, Fulbari, Bhurungamari, Chilmari, Rwmari and Rajibpur are the command areas of the branch of the bank. Except Kurigram sadar and Chilmari

Class six: Tk 25.00 per month from January '94

Class seven: Tk 30.00 per month from January '95 Class eight: Tk 35.00 per month from January '95 Class nine: Tk 60.00 per month from January '94 Class ten: Tk 60.00 per month from January '95

banks would implement the disbursement of the semistipends, by opening individual savings accounts as mentioned. The NORAD, IDA, ADB and the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh would finance for the programme.

The total budget for the four above projects was fixed at Tk 650 crore. A total of 21 lakh 70 thousand girl students would receive direct benefit's from the projects.

Rupali Bank took up he responsibility of disbursement of girls semi-stipend in 53 thanas, under ADB assistance. out of which, seven thanas are in Kurfgram district.

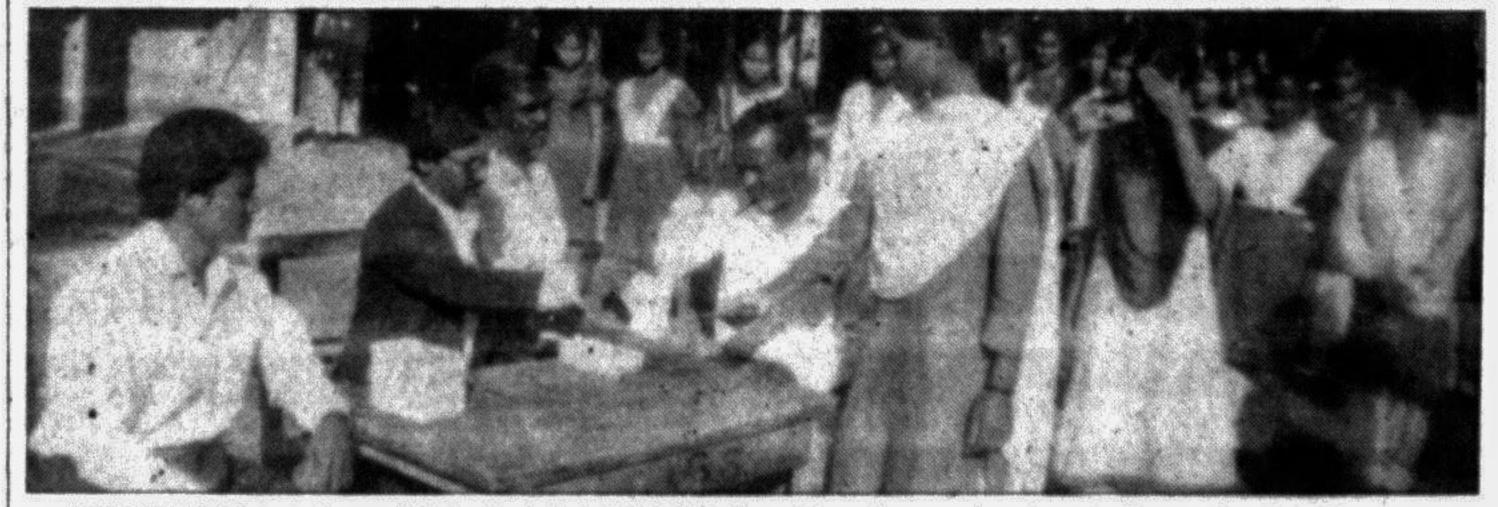
thana, the rest of the thanas are separated geographically by the river Dharla and Dud Kumor in the north, and Brahmaputra and Jamuna in the south. Apart from that, some of the schools and madrashas are located at a distance of 55 miles from Kurigram branch.

Some are located in the remotest corner where no vehicle can ply. The situation for Rupali Bank, Kurigram branch, in respect of the disbursement of semi-stipends looks quite difficult. In such difficult circumstances, particularly because the bank officials are supposed to visit the institutions with cheques, signature cards, list, ledgers and money

for direct disbursement hand to hand. For Kurigram district total allocated amount is Taka 21,56,338 for the period from January to June 1994. When enquired why the

disbursement of semi-stipends could not be started through Rupali Bank, Kurigram branch until September 15,1994, the Manager, Mostafa Tofavel Hos sain informed this Correspon dent that the process was de layed due to lack of proper co. ordination among the concerned bodies, difficult com munications system, particu larly in the river areas and shortage of man-power in the branch. The manager further said that he joined the branch on the September 17, 1994. held a meeting with the District Education Officer and a number of head masters on the September 19, 1994, and started disbursement of semi stipends from the following

By this time, the disburse ment has been completed to the extend of 98 per cent. He asserted that to him there was no such word like "impossi ble." He looked very confident about the project and informed that he had great zeal about the project.



KURIGRAM: Girl students of Kathalbari Girls High School receiving cheques of semi-stipend being distributed by Rupali Bank branch in Kurigram -Star photo