KISHOREGANJ, Dec 28: A total of 131 posts of primary school teachers have been lying vacant for quite a long time hampering education in 13

thanas of Kishoreganj district. According to district Primary Education Office source, out of the vacant posts, 74 are of headmasters and the rest 57 are of assistant teachers. Of the vacant posts, 10 headmasters and 2 assistant teachers are in Kishoreganj sadar thana, seven headmasters are in Karimganj. seven headmasters and 8 assistant teachers are in Pakundia.

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assistant teachers are in Hossainpur, six headmasters and six assistant teachers are in Katiadi, four headmasters and 12 assistant teachers are in Bajitpur, seven headmasters and one assistant teacher are in Kuliarchar, three headmasters and four assistant teachers are in Bhairab, one head master and four assistant teachers are in Austagram, three headmasters and four assistant teachers are in Nikli, five headmasters and four assistant teachers are in Mitamain, 12 headmasters and six assistant teachers are in Itna and six three headmasters and four headmasters and 2 assistant

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teachers are in Tarail thanas. There are 808 government primary schools in the district where 2.31,619 students are studying now.

Diarrhoea claims seven in Patuakhali

From Our Correspondent

PATUAKHALI, Dec 28: Diarrhoea has taken a serious turn in Kalapara thana of Patuakhali district.

Unofficial sources claimed seven lives and two hundred people have been attacked by the disease in the Kalapara

thana during last three weeks. The worst affected areas of the thana are: Mithaganje, Lalua, Dhalashwar and Latachapli unions...

The villagers of the affected areas alleged that due to the negligence of the workers of health department, the disease has been spreading fast. The medical teams are hardly found in the affected areas, they further alleged.

The scarcity of pure drinking water has been identified as the main reason for the outbreak of diarrhoea in Kalapara thana of the district.

Bidis sold without bandrolls

BARGUNA, Dec 28: The sale of bidis without bandroll in Barguna and Patuakhali districts has been causing heavy loss to the government revenue, says UNB.

Informed sources said, many bidi factories in this region which employed hundreds of workers are selling bidis without or with forged bandrolls. Consumption of bidis increased during the recent times due to rise in the prices of different brands of cigarettes.

According to existing law, Tk 12 must be paid as excise duty for 1000 bidi sticks in the form of bandrolls.

Besides, a section of own-ers of the bidi factories supply their products to the markets using forged bandrolls.

Moreover, the owners who collect the used bandrolls from the retail sellers, do not show the actual production of the factories in papers for evading government duty, it is also al-

To most people Bagerhat is

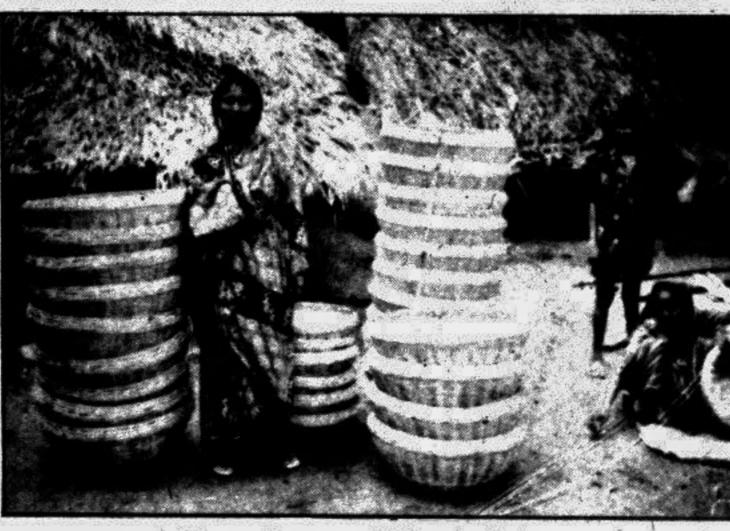
known for the ancient 60domed stone mosque and the tomb of its builder revered saint Khan Jahan Ali. Today it is equally known for its vibrant economic activities, particularly shrimp culture for worldwide export. The district is well connected by rivers and good new roads. The rural communities are busy in a variety of income generating activities such as pisciculture, poultry, cattle raising, social forestry and transportation.

BRDB's RD (Rural Development) 12 project, which is a major poverty alleviation programme for rural Bangladesh, has been making a significant contribution in encouraging the very poor to join the mainstream of economic uplift. Poor women, in particular, are in most cases deprived

addition to his own pond. This season he hopes to earn .Tk 45,000 by selling fries from the gher. Yasin Ali is now a solvent person and lives happily with his wife and a child.

An almost identical success has been achieved by Kazi Mumtazuddin who joined Rahimabad BSS along with Idris Ali and Yasin Ali in September 1990. He also specialised in shrimp hatchery and earned profits by investing Tk 14,000 that he took as loan from the society over a period of four terms. They have all been very regular in repaying their loans raising their creditworthiness. Kazi now owns 65 decimal of land and has built a tin-roofed house to live in. He and his wife and two children are now a happy fam-

Firoza Begum, 35, is now a



Firoza Begum with her baskets

of this opportunity, because a lack of organisation, skills and financial support. RD-12 meets all these requirements through the cooperative societies, skill development training and credit from a revolving fund. Many men and women of the district have set fine examples of becoming solvent and selfsupporting under this programme.

Chowdhury Idris Ali, 34, of Rahimabad Bittaheen Samabaya Samity) BSS in Bagerhat thana, was a very poor man and used to earn a living by working as a helper to fisherman in the river. After joining the cooperative (coop) society of his village in September 1990, he opted for training in pisciculture. With a loan of Tk 2,000 from the society he began cultivating fish in his small pond. This venture brought him a profit of Tk 4,000. From that point he never had to look

He said he had taken four loans worth Tk 14,000 and was now raising fish in two large leased ponds and fish fries in two small ponds of his own. This year, he said, he had already supplied over 75,000 fries to seventy members of seven other coop societies of the area. As a trained paratech, he regularly visited the ponds of these members and helped them in many matters, especially in decontaminating the water and fighting the common disease of the fish. This also brought him additional income to add to the profit from his own ventures.

Idris Ali was married nine months ago. He is now taking interest in community welfare. He donated 40,000 bricks for a local school. He has also helped to build the village mosque. Ali he had not only successfully fought back the poverty that was crushing him and his family, but has also gained recognition as a person who was concerned about the well-being of the community.

Another successful cooperator is Sheikh Yasin Ali, also a member of Rahimabad BSS Like Idris Ali, he joined the society in September 1990. With training and credit from, RD-12, he established himself in the shrimp hatchery business where he began to make some profit. To date he has taken four loans amounting to a total of Tk 14,000. He has leased for five years 52 decimal of land for shrimp gher in

successful manager of the Ronobijoypur Mahila Bittaheen Samabaya Samity (MBSS) in Bagerhat thana. She leads a team of 30 members of her society with friendly guidance from field organiser, Nurjahan Begum. A group of members and their children were making bamboo baskets in her courtyard. The baskets sellquickly in the town's market and the proceeds yield them good profit. Even after repayment of their loan instalments they earn an average of Tk 2.500 per month. Zohra Begum, 45 of the same society. has to date taken four loans amounting to Tk 17.500 and

has established a roadside

teastall, and raises poultry. Her-

son runs his own rickshaw.

Her daughter Kakoli is a sixth

grade student. With good

steady income from her busi-

nesses. Firoza, her husband

and their two children lead a

Alauddin Sheikh of Arpara

BSS. Zakia Begum of Paschim

Arpara MBSS, Sufia Begum,

Manager of Purba Baruipara

MBSS, Nahar Begum and

Rokeya Begum of Dakkhin

Mashidpur MBSS and Sufia

Begum, of Purba Chapatala

Mallikpara MBSS are equally

successful coop members in

Bagerhat thana area. All of

them received skills training

and made good use of loans

from their societies in building

Abu Sayeed Sheikh and

solvent life.

nesses. Many members prefer shrimp culture, Field Organisers Nurjahan Begum and Mita Roy take great pride in the achievements of the coop members.

up income generating busi-

The women members are more active than men. Of the total number of 120 coop societies of the thana, 103 are MBSS with 3,409 members and only 17 with 518 members are BSS. By August this year, the thana central coop association disbursed loans worth over two crores of taka. Of this, the lion's share — Tk 16,84,000 - was utilised by 5,597 women members. The rate of loan recovery here is 98 per cent.

Karuna Rani Goldar, 26, has a piece of advice for her fellow cooperators: 'Work hard with honesty in a planned way and success is yours'. She has truly earned her competence to tender this advice.

Before she joined the Faltita MBSS in Fakirhat thana of Bagerhat district many years ago, she was a miserable person. She did not even have a proper house for herself, her husband Samir Goldar and their two children. They were so poor that they often did not know where the next meal would come from. They wondered how they would ever pay back Tk 3,000 they had borrowed from neighbours just to survive from day to day.

Her membership of MBSS marked a turning point in her life. At first it gave her a sense of belonging to a group of equals who enjoyed the strength of being organised under the government-backed RD-12 project. Counselling by a well-educated and welltrained field organiser from the project's thana office gave her wisdom and self-confidence. Slowly her share money and compulsory savings began to accumulate.

By January 1990 Karuna took her first loan of Tk 2,000 from the society and started a small poultry of 25 birds. A year later she took a second loan of Tk 3,000 to establish a modest shop to sell sweetmeats made by herself. By May 1992, she set up a shrimp farm on a piece of leased land

MBBS members at Bagerhat at an inauguration of a tree plantation campaign.

with the help of a third loan of

Tk 4,000. Her regular repay-

ment of loans firmly estab-

lished her creditworthiness

and enterprise. Since then she

has taken two more loans of

very profitable shrimp farming

and buy a milch cow. Her aver-

ducting all operating expenses

eager to talk about her enter-

prises for the benefit of other

coop members. She was articu-

late and spoke about her ex-

pertise in sweet making and

shrimp culture. She attributed

her success to the training re-

ceived by her from RD-12. Her

own education (having read

upto class X) helped her in

learning fast from her training.

After 4 months Karuna was

is now about Tk 5,000.

age monthly income after de-

Tk 5,000 each to expand her

Karuna has made a future by planting 88 saplings around her house. She has also in-

stalled one tubewell and two sanitary latrines. Karuna wants all poor men and women in the villages to change their lot

in the cooperative way. Shiprarani Ghose, 30, of Bahirdia MBSS in Fakirhat thana, 4's another successful cooperator. Her reputation has travelled far and wide as a person who only four years ago was being crushed by abject poverty. By sheer determination and organised efforts she has transformed the life of herself and her family of seven members into one of solvency with a regular monthly income of about Tk 3,000. Backed by her education of upto tenth class and skills training provided by RD-12, she has been able to engage herself in into a total of Tk 18,000 main taining an excellent record of repayment. Her present monthly income is nearly Tk

Falujahan has been wise enough to plant 500 saplings around her house and has also installed a tubewell and a sanitary latrine. It's no surprise that her advice on poverty alleviation is sought by many members of the Fakirnat rural community. She says, she is happy to share her experience

with others. Krishna Rani Nandi, 27, is another successful member of Bahirdia MBSS. Mother of three children. Krishana and her day-labourer husband Sanat Kumar Nandi were poor and survived from one day to another with great difficulty. Her membership of the GOOD



Idris Ali hatching fish fries in his pond.

come generating ventures such as tailoring, cow reaving and growing plantations of papaya and betel leaf, making good use of four loans amounting toa total of Tk 18,000. She has also planted 41 saplings around her house and installed a sanitary latrine for the family. Shiprarani is now a respected member of the local commu-

Falujahan Begum, 40 a member of Jariamite Kumra MBSS in Fakirhat thana, was a mother of five children before she joined the society in December 1982. Her husband Husain Ali was a day labourer and his irregular earning of a

poor wage was hardly enough

for the family's survival. Her

schooling of upto fifth grade

allowed her to absorb the wis-

dom of informed counselling

by RD-12's field staff and with

desperate efforts she started

depositing her share money

and compulsory savings with

the society to qualify to borrow

from it for some gainful activ-

ity. At the same time she

started attending some skills

development courses. She

found her training in beekeep-

ing, poultry raising and rabbit

farming most attractive and

soon with support from loans

from the society she started

running quite profitably a

modest poultry farm, a rabbit

farm, a beekeeping box and

four rickshaw vans. She has so

far taken six loans amounting

society and the RD-12's skills training gave her confidence and with loans from the soci ety she concentrated on growing African catfish in a pond and soon found it prof itable. She has so far taken three loans amounting to Tk 10,000 and besides piscicul ture, has been rearing milch cows and growing betel leaf on two plots of leased land. With a good steady income she and her family are now leading a fairly comfortable life. She makes sure that her children go to school.

Jamuna Rani Nath, 46, of Zaria Kahardanga MBSS Rokeya Begum, 40, and Rashida Begum, 35, of Khazura Jahaghata MBSS, have become well-known in Fakirhat thana as equally successful coop members under RD-12 s poverty alleviation programme. They, have all been assisted by confidence building through organisation, skills training and credit.

Each of them chose her own IGAs and showed the managerial ability to earn good profits. The profits have been used to repay the loans and reinvest in expanding their businesses.

They are all thankful to the guidance and support received constantly from RD-12's Field Organisers. Like most other successful members they make sure that their children are immunised against the deadly diseases and received good education. Another com mon feature is that all of them have planted a large number of timber trees around their houses as future insurance against poverty. Mohammad Manzur Qadir

Thana Rural Development Officer of Fakirhat, proudly presents the case studies of these successful members as examples for other coop mem bers to emulate. He says the initial hesitation and much of the social taboos about women venturing into activities out side their doorsteps are over mainly because of the exam ples set by these successful members. Now more and more members, he says, are showing their readiness to ac cept the challenge and oppor tunity provided by the RD-12's programme for poverty alleviation.

Source: Ideas and Actions: A Newsletter for RD-2 Project

দরপত্র আহ্বানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

অধিদপ্তরের অনুমোদিত, আর্থিক যোগ্যতা অনুসারে বৈদ্যুতিক হইতে ২৯১১ নং বাংলাদেশ ফরমে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। নিম্নসাক্ষরকারী/নির্বাহী গণপূর্ত বিভাগ, বগুড়া/জয়পুরহাট কর্তক স্ব স্ব কার্যালয়ে ০৮-০১-৯৫ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত দরপত্র গৃহীত হইবে এবং ঐ দিনই বেলা ১২-৩০ ঘটিকায় আগ্রহী দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে যেদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকিতে ইচ্ছা করেন) খোলা হইবে।

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মোঃ জাহাঙ্গীর আলম डिज्रम्म-३८३१७-२२/১२ **9-2060**

নিৰ্বাহী প্ৰকৌশলী গণপূর্ত বিভাগ, সিরাজগঞ্জ रकाम मर १ २२२১

সওজ সংক্ষিপ্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

(২য় আহবান)

ঃ ৪৯/সভজ ফেরবিঃ খুলনা/৯৪-৯৫ইং। ১। সরপত্র বিজ্ঞান্তি নং ২। কাজের নাম

৩। প্ৰাৰূপিত বায় ৪। বায়নার টাকা ৫। ঠিকাদারের যোগতো শ্রেণী (সওজ) অধিদপ্তরাধীন তালিকাভক্ত ঠিকাদারবন্দ

ঃ কার্যাদেশ জারীর ভারিখ হইতে ২১ (একুশ) দিন ৬ বিজ সম্পাদনের অনুমোদিত সময় ৭) দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী কর্মকর্তা তত্তাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, ফেরী সার্কেল, সড়ক ভবন, বয়রা, খলনা। নির্বাহী

৮। দরপত্র প্রান্তির স্থামসমূহ প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, ফেরী উপবিভাগ, ররেলী গেট, খুলনা। ৯। দরপত্র বিজয়ের সর্বশেষ ভারিৎ ঃ ০৩-০১-৯৫ইখ ২০-০৯-১৪০১বাংলা।

১০। দরপত্র গ্রহণের সর্বশেষ ঃ ০৪-০১-৯৫ই৫/২১-০৯-১৪০১ বাং ১২-৩০ মিঃ পর্যন্ত তারিখ ও সময় ১১। নরপত্র খোলার ভারিখ ও সময় ঃ ৩৪-০১-৯৫ইখ ২১-০৯-১৪০১বাং ১২-৪৫ মিঃ।

কাজের বিবরণ ১। ১৯৯৪-৯৫ইং অর্থ বৎসরে সেওজ। ফেরী বিভাপ, খুলনার অধীন

বটিয়াঘাটা কেরী ঘাটের স্তীলকেরী এস নং ২১ "ইয়াসমীন" ফেরীতে ১,৩৪,৭১৫/-ব্যবহারের জন্য এমএস প্রেটের ২/দুই/টি ডালা ভৈরী ও সরবরাহের কাজ। খাডঃ ১৬৮-সভক, সেতৃ ও খেয়া। क्रिका २ ४ ४ ८ । -

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Sugarcane on 25 acres of land burnt to ashes

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA. Dec 28: Sugarcane on 25 acres of land

was burnt to ashes in a mysterious fire incident at Shaha bganj cane farm of Gobindaganj thana under Rangpur Sugar Mills Limited on December 24 evening. The fire originated between the area of 5th block from unknown source and soon the flame engulfed vast tract of area damaging sugarcane on 25 acres of land.

On failing to bring the fire under control local labourer called for Fire Brigade in Gaibandha. The fire however was bought under control after fighting for long two hours.

This mysterious fire broke out thrice last year around the same spot in which sugarcane on 60 acres of land were damaged completely



BRAHMANBARIA: A voluntary blood donation camp was organised by the district Unnayan Parishad recently. — Star photo

Chinese envoy visits BARD Dec 28: Ambassador of the

People's Republic of China to Bangladesh Zhang Xujiang and Mrs Zhang, alongwith a team of seventeen officials of the embassy visited the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD). Comilla on December 15, 1994. They met the senior faculty members of BARD in a session where Dr Salehuddin Ahmed. Director General, gave a brief introduction about BARD's activities. They were apprised about the achievements, exist ing programmes and future plan of the Academy, says a press release. The Ambassador praised

BARD for its significant role played for the rural development of Bangladesh. They visited the physical facilities of BARD including the library Later on they also visited Mainamati Museum. Archaeological sites and a Village Co-operative Society