

**Tk 16cr loan given
30,000 women
rehabilitated
in Barisal**

BARISAL, Apr 16: An amount of Tk 16 crore has been distributed among the destitute people of the district under Poverty Alleviation Programme (PAP) during the current financial year, reports UNB.

According to official sources, more than 30,000 destitutes so far have been rehabilitated in the district under the programme.

The poverty alleviation scheme undertaken jointly by the government and Canadian International Development Association (CIDA) has been giving the fund to the poor men and women to attain self-sufficiency in maintaining their livelihood by adopting various vocations including cottage industries, cow fattening, pisciculture, small trading and poultry farming.

Under the scheme poor people are being enlisted so they can be absorbed in income-generation activities to lead a decent life.

**Poor rice supply
in Satkhira**

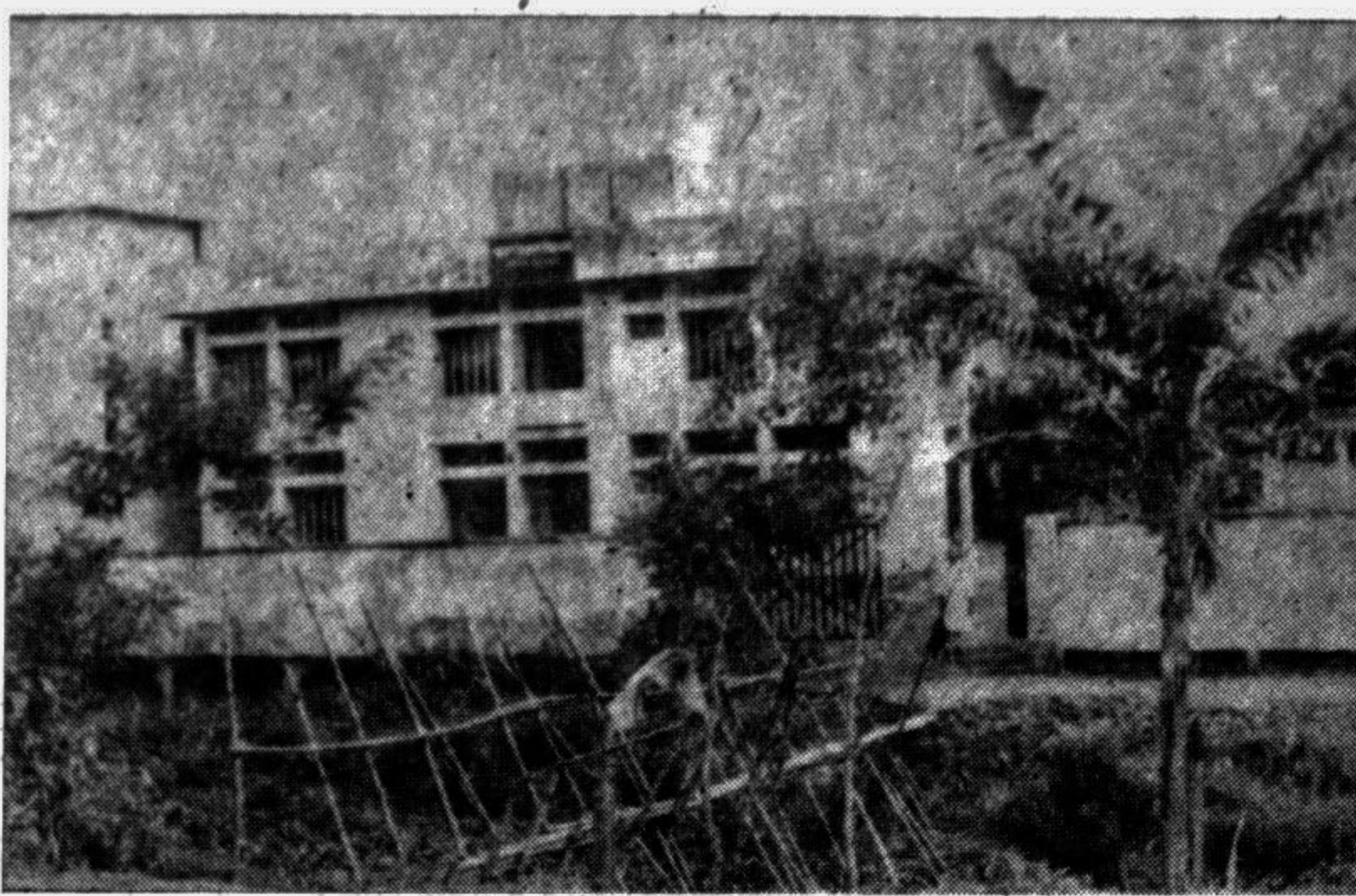
SATKHIRA, Apr 16: The price of rice is increasing in the district day by day as its supply is inadequate to meet the demand, reports UNB.

According to consumers, per kg coarse rice is being sold between Tk 13 and 14, medium quality rice between Tk 14 and 16, and fine quality rice between Tk 16 and 18.

Local traders said the supply is not sufficient to meet the requirement of the people adding that government supply of rice under Open Market Sale is too meagre in the district. As a result, a large number of people go back frustrated without any rice or afa after waiting for hours together at the government sale centres.

They said failing to purchase rice at the government centres the consumers rush to the market and due to prevailing short supply the price is going up day by day. They further said until the government increases supply in the government sale centres the upward trend of price, will continue.

The consumers urged the government to increase allotment of rice and afa in the district to combat its price hike in the market.



NOAKHALI The approach road of the Thana Livestock Development Centre (TLDC) of Chakhal thana is blocked by presence of a canal just in front of it. Thus the centre which was established in 1989 at a cost of Tk 35 lakh is facing difficulty in providing its essential services to local livestock.

**5 held for alleged robbery
case in Rangamati**

RANGAMATI, Apr 16: The Kotwali police rounded up five persons on April 10 for their alleged involvement in a theft case committed at a local T&T rest house on the night of March 27.

The accused are, Asadullah, Selim, Joyal, Binoy and Asim Biswas. Police has taken them on five days' remand for interrogation suspecting their involvement in some other cases. Kotwali police sources said.

**Cluster village projects
in CHT uncertain**

From Our Correspondent

KHAGRACHHARI, Apr 16: The cluster village projects in Chittagong Hill Tracts region have become uncertain due to dilly-dallying in land acquisition, delay in construction of training centres and complacency in appointing the trainers and other employees.

The projects were taken up in 1992 at a cost of Taka 5.7 crore to improve the socio-economic condition of the cluster villages inmates, officials said.

The projects including weaving, carpentry, sewing,

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involvement in some other cases. Kotwali police sources said. While arresting them, Sub-Inspector of Kotwali thana Nazmul Islam also recovered one television set and mattress of sofa-set stolen from the T&T rest house.

Kotwali police said, quoting the FIR lodged by Divisional

Engineer of T&T Department, Rangamati that by breaking the door lock of the rest house, a group of thieves stole away the belongings of the Divisional Engineer midnight of March 27.

Meanwhile, concerned over the alarming increase in theft and robbery cases in the town, the Superintendent of Police, Rangamati hill district urged the heads of all departments in the district headquarters to step up security measures of their department with their own security personnel in an emergency meeting held in his office on April 5 chaired by SP, Nurul Anwar.

Citing two theft cases committed at the local Agrani Bank branch in Bonarupa in the town recently, the Police-Super assured the meeting to strengthen the police patrol in the town.

Managers of the branches of all banks operating in Rangamati, executives of the bazar management committees, police officials posted in district and thana headquarters and the local journalists were present in the meeting.

The historic Mujibnagar Day

From Md Quamrul Arefin

CHUADANGA: Today is April 17 — the Mujibnagar Day. On this historic day in 1971 the first provisional government of Bangladesh was formed with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as President at Baidyanathola in Meherpur during the Liberation War.

The former name of "Mujibnagar" was "Baidyanathola". Afterwards it was renamed as "Mujibnagar" on April 10, 1971.

The final decision was taken on April 10, 1971 at Mujibnagar to form a Provisional Government for Bangladesh and accordingly a six-member Cabinet was formed on April 13, 1971 at Mujibnagar with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as President and Syed Nazrul Islam as Vice-President. The other members of the Cabinet were Tajuddin Ahmed, Khandakar Mostak Ahmed, Captain Monsur Ali and AHM Quamruzzaman. Md Ataul Gani Osman was made the Chief of Bangladesh Army.

In absence of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Syed Nazrul Islam took oath as the Acting President of the country while Tajuddin Ahmed took oath as Prime Minister, Khandakar Mostak Ahmed as Foreign and Law Minister, AHM Quamruzzaman as Home, Relief and Rehabilitation Minister and Captain Monsur Ali as Finance Minister.

"Mujibnagar" is situated near the Indian border 10 miles west from Meherpur district headquarters.

How oath was taken

The oath taking ceremony of the first Provisional Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh was held at a very simple ceremony. Strong security was maintained before the oath taking ceremony in apprehension of any air raid by the occupied Pakistani Airforce.

At that time diplomats and the foreign journalists stationed in Calcutta were present at Calcutta Press-Club on April 17, 1971 in the morning. Earlier arrangements were made through the West Bengal Government in this regard and accordingly the foreign diplomats and the journalists accompanied the Bangladesh Government spokesman's car but none of them knew where they were being taken.

When the guests reached near "Mujibnagar" at about 10 o'clock in the morning on

April 17, 1971, they found that hundreds of people were waiting with deep eagerness and a large number of people were sitting on the branches of the surrounding mango trees. The armed Freedom Fighters were on guard in the entire area.

Shortly after they reached "Mujibnagar" the guests found posters reading news of the oath taking ceremony.

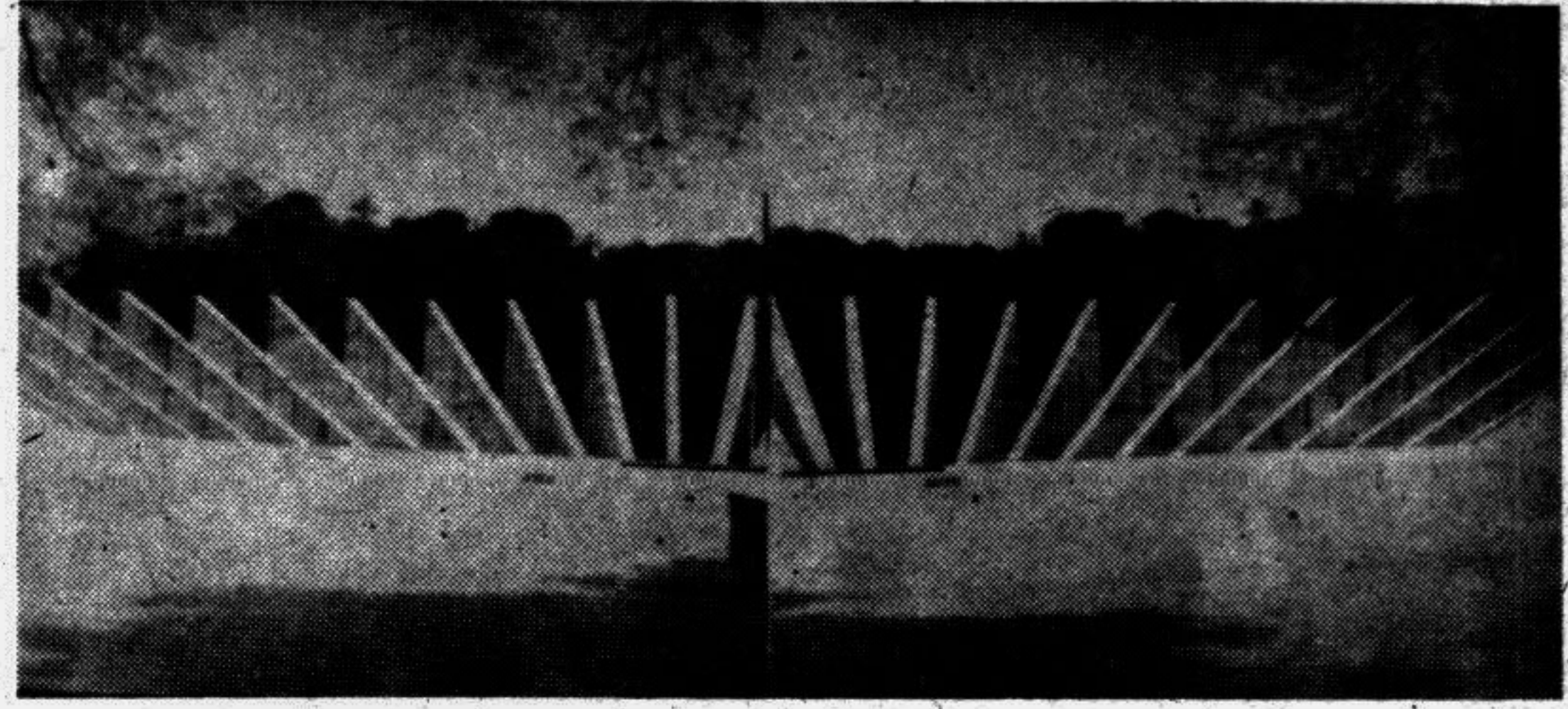
About 6,000 people were waiting around the stage. They

AHM Quamruzzaman and Captain Monsur Ali.

Here once again declaration of liberation of the new nation was read out by Professor Eusuf Ali, a member of the then Legislative Assembly announcing the names of the members of the new cabinet of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Finally the long awaited moment arrived. The ministers took oath. The first government of the new born nation

to learn where was Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The present position of Mujibnagar
Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman intended to construct a monument at Mujibnagar and also ordered the Public Works Department to do so. But his intention was not fulfilled. During the reign of Ershad a monument was constructed there at Mujibnagar at a cost of Taka about two crore. Beside, a primary school, a



The monument at the Baidyanathola, Mujibnagar

were all waiting for the very historic moment.

It was at 11:50 in the morning Bangladesh time. The leaders started to reach the stage on jeeps, one by one. The people who were present there started chanting slogans "Joy Bangla", "Joy Bangla". The Freedom Fighters received them by saluting.

The Acting President took his seat followed by other leaders, Tajuddin Ahmed, Khandakar Mostak Ahmed,

"The People's Republic of Bangladesh" Government began functioning.

After taking oath as the Prime Minister, Tajuddin Ahmed, explained the necessity of the outcome of the new nation — Bangladesh and appealed to the foreign diplomats and the journalists to work for them.

The journalists at the Mujibnagar asked hundreds of questions to the members of the new Cabinet. Many wanted

border outpost, rest house and a picnic corner in the area next to the monument are located.

The 20X14 feet stage, on which the oath taking ceremony was held, is situated at the centre of the monument using red ceramic bricks. There are 23 triangular shape pillars in the monument.

The Mujibnagar area is well covered by the mango groves. The area covers 37 acres of land.



The newly formed cabinet ministers at Mujibnagar

Introduction of a new concept

From Our Correspondent

ORT Centre opened in Jessore to provide medical treatment and training to prevent diarrhoeal disease at home.

JESSORE, Apr 16: An ORT (Oral Rehydration Therapy) centre was formally opened at Obhainagar thana health complex in the district by AG (Director-General), Health, Professor A K Shamsuddin Siddique as chief guest in a simple ceremony on April 9, with the aim of educating people about preventive and curative measures against diarrhoeal disease.

He addressed a gathering arranged by health department at local health complex auditorium on the occasion. Presided over by civil surgeon Jessore, Dr Md Anjad Hussain, it was addressed among others by Director, Health, Khulna Division, Dr SK Alimuzzaman, PD (Project Director) CDD (Control of Diarrhoeal Disease) Dr S M Asif Nasim, national medical consultant, WHO (World Health Organisation) Dr Salehuddin, Rotarian Enamul Haque, Rajghat chairman, Health Inspector, Sadar Ali, Deputy civil surgeon, Jessore, Dr Jahangir Alam who conducted the meeting.

Dr Asif Nasim detailed on preparation, method of applications and utility of ORS (Oral Rehydration Saline) to control diarrhoea. He said, ORT centre was a milestone achieved in research saving children from this disease. He said that most children aged between six months and two years die of diarrhoea. He stressed upon giving food to children right from six months of age in addition to breast. This would pre-

vent them from diarrhoea by compensating malnutrition. He was confident that success of ORT centre would eradicate this disease from soil of Bangladesh in the process like smallpox, malaria and kalaazar.

Professor Shamsuddin Siddique underscored need for

thousand children fall victim to diarrhoea every year in our country. It is alarming and awful.

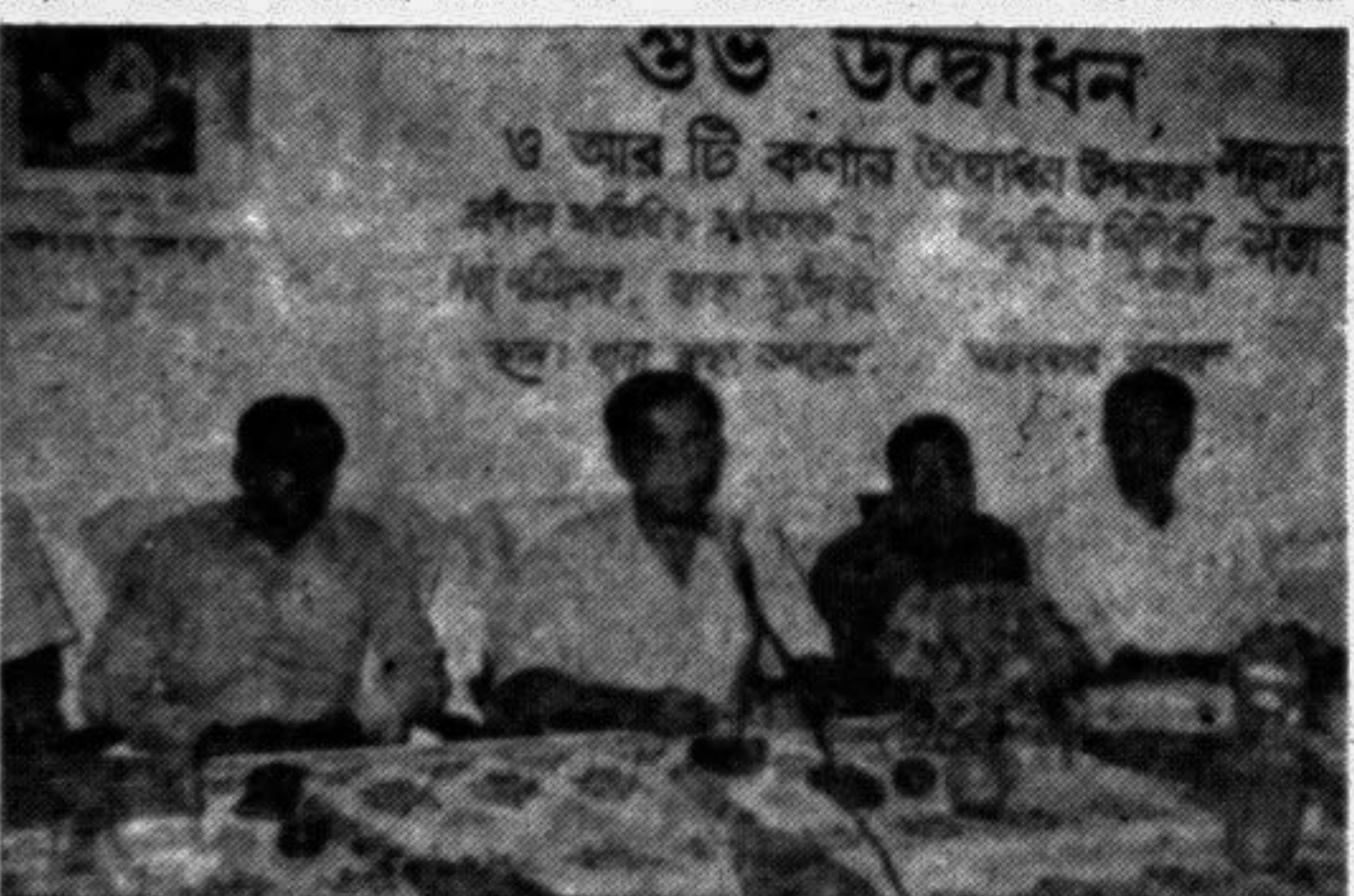
He further said that this figure is one-third of total death of children of this age group due to death from diseases every year. He informed

ORT centre would justify its importance by achieving desired goals.

Civil surgeon Jessore, Dr Md Anjad Hussain assured that poor and unprivileged group of masses would begin to utilize services of ORT. He hoped, it would continue to lead the country in the arena of controlling diarrhoea diseases. Obhainagar thana health and family planning officer Dr Daud Ali Mir told Daily Star that one lakh eight thousand eight hundred thirty three people, mostly children were attacked by diarrhoea disease from 1991 to 1994.

A total of three lakh seven thousand fifty three packets of ORS were supplied from this thana complex during the period under.

Nowapara under Obhainagar thana is industrial area in southwest zones of Bangladesh. Day-labourers dominate the population living in slums and unhygienic condition. All these generate this diseases, said a source. When contacted, Thana Nirbahi Officer, Obhainagar told this correspondent that population of this thana as per last census report is two lakh twenty seven thousand four hundred. In fact, vast bulk of it reside at and around Nowapara for earning livelihood. Hence it is densely populated, but do not have housing, water supply and sanitation facilities, lack of which is threatening public health, he remarked.



Professor A K Shamsuddin Siddique addressing a meeting at local health complex auditorium after opening the ORT-centre. He is flanked by Dr Alimuzzaman, Director, Health, Khulna Division (R), Dr Md Anjad Hussain (L), Civil Surgeon, Jessore. — Star photo

knowledge about action and use of ORS at every house in rural Bangladesh, said that it had no alternative to combat diarrhoea effectively. He continued, ORT centre was a new concept to provide medical treatment and training to prevent disease at home. Dubbing it as fatal disease particularly for children below five years of age, he said that two lakh fifty

that ORT centre was an attempt to reduce child mortality rate drastically by implementing policy of health for all by 2000. This set-up of ORT centre was first of its kind outside Dhaka city. Whole of Bangladesh would soon be brought under its coverage in a couple of months time, he hoped. Professor Siddique expressed hope that Obhainagar



The Director General, Health, Professor A K Shamsuddin Siddique is feeding ORT at the Obhainagar ORT-Centre in Jessore. — Star photo



The Obhainagar Thana Health Complex building in Jessore. — Star photo

**Govt. of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)
Road Division, Nawabganj**

Notice Inviting (RHD) Tenders

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| 1. Tender Notice No. | 13-NJRD of 1994-95 Eng. |
| 2. Name of work | Repairing & seal coat work at different KM's of different roads under (RHD), Road Division, Nawabganj during the year 1994-95. (In 4 (Four) groups). As per group list. |
| 3. Chargeable head | -do- |
| 4. Estimated cost | -do- |
| 5. Earnest money | -do- |
| 6. Time allowed for completion of work | -do- |
| 7. Eligibility of bidder | -do- |
| 8. Last date for selling tender documents | 3-5-95 Eng/20-1-1402 Beng during office hours. |
| 9. Last date and time for receiving tenders | 4-5-95 Eng/21-1-1402 Beng up to 12-30 PM. |
| 10. Date & time for opening tenders | 8-5-95 Eng/25-1-1402 Beng at 11-00 PM. |
| 11. Name of office where tenders will be opened | Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Nawabganj. |
| 12. Name of offices where tenders will be received | a) Addl. Chief Engineer (RHD), Rajshahi Zone, Rajshahi.
b) Superintending Engineer (RHD), Road Circle, Rajshahi.
c) Superintending Engineer (RHD), Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (Roads & Bridges), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.
d) Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Nawabganj/Rajshahi/Naogaon. |
| 13. Name of offices where tender documents will be sold | a) Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Nawabganj/Rajshahi/Naogaon.
b) Executive Engineer (RHD), Planning Division (Roads & Bridges), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.
c) Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Banani, Dhaka.
d) Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Road Sub-Division, Nawabganj/ Shiganj. |

N.B: Bidding contractors must submit "VAT" registration certificate/application certificate along with tender otherwise tender, shall be informal.

2. Work order will be issued after receiving necessary fund. If no work order is issued, no claim whatsoever will be entertained.

Showing Group No., Name of road, works & location, head of accounts, estimated cost, earnest money, time allowed for completion of the works, eligibility of contractors of Tender Notice No. 13-NJRD of 1994-95 of Nawabganj Road Division.

Gr. No.	Name of road, works & with location	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Chargeable head	Time allowed	Eligibility of bidder
I (One)	Seal coat work at 21st, 22nd (P), 23rd, 25th (P) & 26th KM of Nawabganj-Uttoramollick-Gomostapur Road under (RHD), Road Division, Nawabganj during 1994-95.	Tk 9,69,668/-	Tk 19,394/-	168-RBF	30 (Thirty) days	"A" to "D" General Category (RHD)
II (Two)	Seal coat work at 9th & 10th KM of Nawabganj-Kansat-Sonamsjid Road under (RHD), Road Division, Nawabganj during 1994-95.	Tk 6,68,910/-	Tk 13,379/-	-do-	25 (Twenty five) days	-do-
III (Three)	Repairing & seal coat work at 1st, 2nd & 3rd KM of Nawabganj-Kansat-Sonamsjid Road under (RHD), Road Division, Nawabganj during 1994-95.	Tk 12,71,964/-	Tk 25,440/-	-do-	35 (Thirty five) days	-do-
IV (Four)	Repairing & seal coat work at 7th, 8th (P) & 9th (P), 16th & 17th KM of Nawabganj-Uttoramollick-Gomostapur Road under (RHD), Road Division, Nawabganj during 1994-95.	Tk 11,75,856/-	Tk 23,518/-	-do-	-do-	-do-

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