

Statue worth Tk one crore recovered

RAJSHAHI, Aug 8: The BDR personnel seized one statue of 'bheem' worth Taka one crore by searching a house of one Anowar Hossain of Chhayer village under Tanore thana of the district Sunday, reports BSS.

The statue was deposited to the customs office, an official handout said.

Woman dies in road accident

KUSHTIA, Aug 8: A woman was killed and six people were injured in three separate road accidents on Kushtia-Jhenidah highway today, reports UNB.

Witnesses said Minati Nandi, 50, wife of Kanchal Nandi of Tribbn in Shaikupa thana of the district, died on the spot when a Jhenidah-bound truck knocked her from behind at Sheikhpara bus stand on Kushtia-Jhenidah highway in the morning.

In another accident, four people were injured when a bus hit a microbus from behind at Garagonj on Kushtia-Jhenidah highway.

Besides, two students of the Islamic University were injured while getting down from a bus in front of the university gate.

Two arrested with ganja, another held with arms

JHENIDAH, Aug 8: Jhenidah police arrested two persons and recovered huge quantities of 'ganja' from their possessions recently, police sources said.

According to reports, acting on a secret information, police raided Natun Hatkhola area of the town in midnight and nabbed two ganja addicts, Mokam Ali and Moksed Ali and recovered 2,200 grams of ganja from them.

Police sources said, the house owner namely Showkat Ali managed to flee-sneaking police presence. A case was lodged with Jhenidah thana in this connection.

Another report says, the people of village Dhola in Kaliganj thana of the district handed over an armed miscreant with a part of a pipe gun, one sword and a bullet recently, it is learnt.

According to sources, some armed miscreants were residing at the house of Matiar Mia of village Dhola. Some people of the locality raided the house risking their lives and caught Sohrab Ali with the arms in the night. They later handed over him to police.

It may be noted here that arrested Sohrab Ali is a driver of Mobarakganj sugar mills in Kaliganj thana of the district. A case was lodged with Kaliganj thana in this connection and the arrested was sent to jail.

PDB realises Tk 25.35 lakh outstanding bill from Barisal Div

BARISAL, Aug 8: Barisal Power Development Board (PDB) realised a sum of Tk. 25.35 lakh on account of outstanding electricity bills in six districts under Barisal Division during the 1994-95 fiscal year, official sources said, reports BSS.

According to the sources, PDB also led mobile teams on 120 working days in the year and snapped 3,753 illegal electricity connections in the districts of Barisal, Jhalakathi, Bhola, Pirojpur, Patuakhali and Barguna.

Besides, a first class magistrate realised Tk 8,78,320 as fine from the illegal users.

A total of 856 cases were filed in the districts of which 394 were settled and 16 persons were sent to jails for illegal use of electricity.

BKB disburses Tk 11.81 cr agri loan in Noakhali region

MAJDI COURT (Noakhali), Aug 8: Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB), Noakhali region, disbursed a sum of Tk 11.81 crore as agricultural loan through its 17 branches during the last fiscal year, reports UNB.

The Bank also realised a sum of Tk 8.47 crore during the same period.

The bank sources said that 2957 certificate cases for non-payment of Tk 7.54 crore outstanding loan remained pending. It said vigorous drive has been made for realisation of the loan.

Regional Manager of BKB said the loan amount to be disbursed among the farmers will be increased during the current fiscal year.



SYLHET: Habibur Rahman, Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet speaking at the inaugural function of the weeklong Tree Fair at the Alia Madrashah maidan recently. — Star photo

Jute production likely to suffer set back, say experts

KUSHTIA, Aug 8: Jute production target in Kushtia and some neighbouring districts is not likely to be achieved this year due to prolonged drought suffered during sowing period. Less rainfall also caused damage to the crop. Most of the jute growing districts of the country also suffered similar damage causing blow to the country's jute output this year.

Although jute has started being utilised in country's Paper Mills for producing pulp and as a result its demand and utility has grown but due to erratic rainfall and lack of irrigation in time of need it has left a tremendous impact in the country's jute export capacity.

In Kushtia district jute cultivation target was fixed on 10 thousand 6 hundred 30 hectares of land according to official source. Of these 10519 hectare for Tossa jute and 120 hectare for low quality jute.

But 3000 hectare land could not be brought under jute cultivation and only 7628 hectare land has been utilised.

Of these 850 hectare in sadar out of 1110 hectare target, 1350 hectare in Kishoreganj out of 2010 hectare, 723 hectare in Khoksa out of 920 hectare, 790 hectare in Mirpur out of 1070 hectare 555 hectare in

Bheramara out of target 1510 hectare 3360 hectare in Daulatpur out of target of 4010 hectare.

Target of production in the district was fixed at 7600 sales but that target will not be achieved and in the same manner overall target may not be achieved due to severe drought during the early season. This will contribute substantially to the shortfall of the jute production in whole of the country.

It may be mentioned that Jute is known as 'Golden Fibre of Bengal'. Cultivated on nearly 15 lakh acres of land throughout the country jute is a major cash crop. About Tk 1300 crore is earned on an average annually from the export of jute goods and raw jute. The contribution to the public exchequer in the shape of tax, duty, and revenue totals Tk 70 crore while Power Development Board gets another Tk 100 crore from jute sector. The banks, meanwhile, earn an estimated Tk 150 crore from jute related transaction which means rolling of Tk 1500 crore annually.

Informed circle said the objective of the new industrial policy remained unfulfilled in spite of government's transfer of a section of jute industry to private sector. Besides, external factors like fall in demand in the international market and unfair terms of trade, increase in wages and other benefits, power fluctuation and heavy debt servicing were some of the factors responsible for continued loss in the jute sector, the source believed.

Jute sector employs about three crore people in one way or the other right from its cultivation. The World Bank, meanwhile, studied the problem of jute and jute industry and made a set of recommendations. A national task force undertook a similar indepth study and submitted a report.

Meanwhile, the government has been trying to tackle the situation by planning purchases of raw jute and suspending repayments of debts on accounts of losses in the short run and stressing research to improve quality and cut cost and market promotion in the long run.

Observers said the 19-clause prescription which aimed at revitalising the jute sector by easing burden of interest and improving liquidity position of the industry, intensifying research programmes and market promotion drives would go a long way towards solving industry's problems and help reassert its position of eminence in world's export markets.

BKB disburses Tk 96 cr agri loan in Barisal region

BARISAL, Aug 8: Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Barisal region, disbursed Tk 96.85 crore among 1,49,300 farmers as agriculture loan during the last 1994-95 fiscal year, says BSS.

The districts covered by this programme are: Barisal, Jhalakathi, Bhola, Pirojpur, Patuakhali, Barguna, Farijpur, Madaripur, Rajbari, Gopalganj and Shariatpur.

According to an official source, of the total, Tk 65.75 crore was crops loan and the rest were non-crop loan.

The loan was disbursed for the cultivation of aus, aman, boro, wheat, banana, potato, vegetables, mustard, for purchasing agricultural and irrigation equipment, for beef fattening, pisciculture, for setting up dairy farms, poultry farms, and Women Entrepreneurship Development Programme (WEVP).

The target of disbursement was fixed at Tk 103.46 crore for the year. The achievement was 96 per cent, the source added.

Of the total, Tk 9.16 crore was disbursed in Barisal district, Tk 9.28 crore in Bhola, Tk 11.18 crore in Pirojpur, Tk 5.48 crore in Jhalakathi, Tk 10.55 crore in Patuakhali, Tk 9.53 crore in Barguna, Tk 13.84 crore in Farijpur, Tk 6 crore in Gopalganj, Tk 6.28 crore in Madaripur, Tk 6.82 crore in Shariatpur and Tk 8.63 crore in Rajbari districts.

The bank has realised Tk 65.69 crore from the farmers through 191 branches of the bank.

4 lakh farmers to get trainings on improved methods of crop output

BHOLA, Aug 8: Agriculture Extension Department has taken up an extensive programme in the 11 agriculture regions of the country to provide training to the farmers and agriculture related people with the latest technologies, reports UNB.

Official sources here said under the programme, about 4 lakh farmers will be imparted training on improved methods of crop production, irrigation, fertilizer management such as use of farmyard manure, green manure, compost and cowdung.

Integrated pest management and conservation of soil fertility will also be included in the training programme.

Fertilizer and insecticides businessmen will be brought under the programme to help them to handle, preserve and transport of fertilizers in a better way.

The Agriculture Department has allocated Tk 1.58 crore for the programme in the 11 regions of the country. The regions are: Barisal, Jessore, Dhaka, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Chittagong, Sylhet, Dinajpur, Comilla, Bandarban and Pabna.

5 jailed for attempting to kill one

JHENIDAH, Aug 8: Five persons were awarded jail terms for attempt to kill Monjer Ali of village Hradanga in sadar thana of the district. Mohammed Abdul Khalek, Assistant District Judge of Jhenidah awarded the said punishment recently.

The case in brief was that the five accused tried to kill the victim, Monjer Ali in a corn field at village Hradanga on 26.11.92. In this regard, a case was filed with Jhenidah thana.

After the hearing, the Additional District Judge awarded accused Abdur Razzak and Yusuf Ali to suffer 5 years and 3 years jail terms respectively. Accused Abdul Aziz, Sohrab Hossain and Munsef Ali each were awarded two years.

In Natore district MINEP gaining popularity

NATORE, Aug 8: An extensive mass education programme is going on in full swing at Gurudaspur thana of Natore district.

With a view to ensure education for all within the year 2000, Islamic Foundation, Natore (IF.N) introduced the mass education programme, in 1993, under the mosque-based Integrated Non-formal Education Programme (MINEP) which has by now gained confidence of the people of Dharabarisa village of the thana.

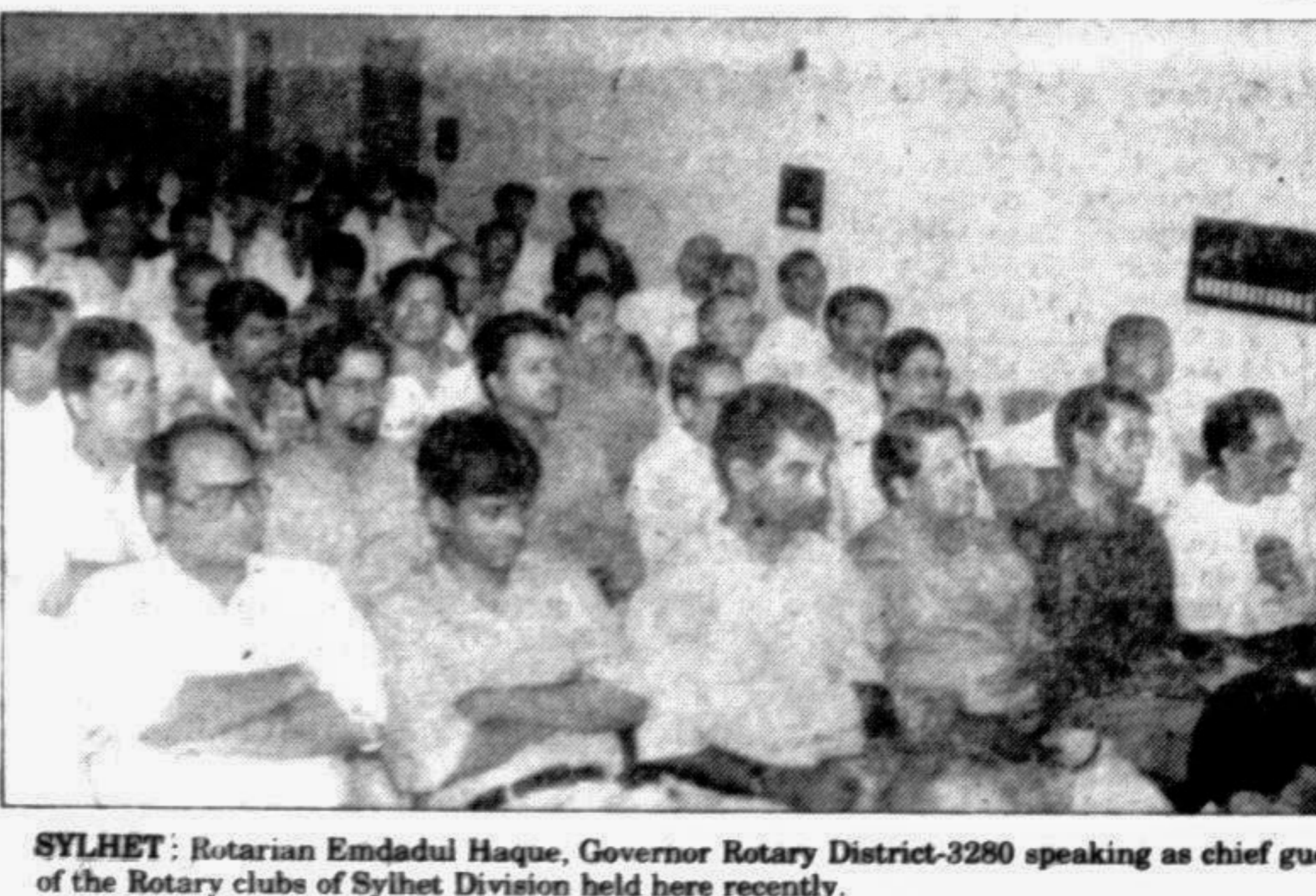
According to official sources, at least 550 children and adults are taking primary and religious education through 18 non-formal schools set up at the village. Students of different ages ranging from 5 to 35 years are being facilitated with free educational materials supplied by IF.N authority for smooth continuation of the programme.

The sources added that three libraries have been set up at the thana. IF.N has also appointed 21 imams for educating the people in these schools. The appointed imams are given proper training prior to their appointment.

Generally, Bengali, Mathematics and Arabic are



JHENIDAH: Police in a sudden raid seized 581 bottles of smuggled Phensidyl syrup from a Dhaka bound coach. Five Star Paribahan and arrested its driver and helper recently. — Star photo



SYLHET: Rotarian Emdadul Haque, Governor Rotary District-3280 speaking as chief guest at the Inter-City meeting of the Rotary clubs of Sylhet Division held here recently. — Star photo

Earning and learning at the same time

From Delwar Kabir

A NGO running Non-Formal Education programmes in Jhenidah district under government's Mass education programme. Thirty centres have been set up giving lessons in basic education and 900 students-both children and adults have already benefited from the programme. More students are being enrolled for the education programmes in the centres.

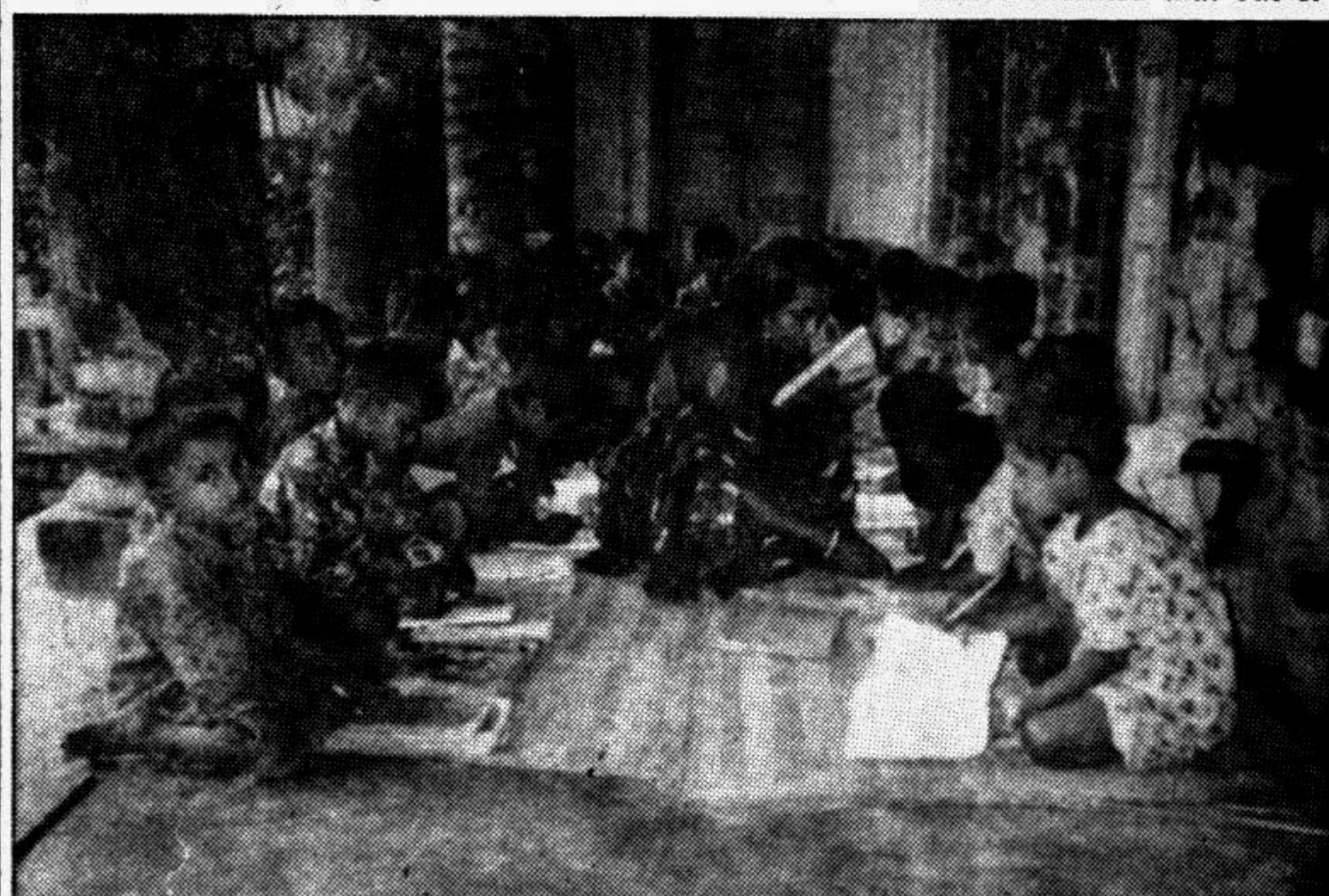
JHENIDAH, Aug 8: The Non-Formal Education implemented by Dhaka Ahsania Mission is running smoothly in Saikupa thana of the district.

According to Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) sources, they have already completed imparting lessons in 15 pre-primary centres and 15 adult education centres where 900 learners have been benefited with basic education under Non-Formal Education (NFE). This programme is running as part Mass Education Programme, sources said. In addition another 450 students are taking lessons in more 15 basic primary schools in the thana.

Talking to Reza Latif, Assistant Area Coordinator (AAC), Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) it was learnt that they have been running their activities in one village in Saikupa pourashava, seven villages in Manoaharpur government. When this correspondent visited a basic school at village Bijulia it was found 25 learners out of total 30 were present. Phoolmati Khatun, 11, a student of the "Banaphool" school informed that she lost her father a few years back. Since then her mother has been working as a maid servant who inspired her to go to school. Another student of the same schools, Nasreen said that her father, Mashair Rahman a small trader was not in a position to send her to school. But she is taking lessons in Banaphool school regularly as her parents were inspired about Nasreen's education by the NGO workers. Tafikul, 11, another learner of the school informed that his father could not send him to school. Rather his father wanted him to work with him in the farm land. But ignoring his former father's wish he alongwith other learners started

Another school run by DAM, Barnamaia was also visited by this correspondent. Here 30 students are enlisted. Khaleda Afroza, the teacher of Barnamaia informed that a student, Ahmed, age 11 is a rickshaw-puller and earns about Taka 20 a day. After attending two hours of class, Ahmed pulls van and hands over the money to his mother which partly helps to meet their family expenditures.

Polash, another NFE school run by DAM is situated at village Fajelpur. Anjum Ara Khatun the teacher of the school informed that out of



JHENIDAH: Students are taking lessons in a NFE school at village Sadhuhati in Saikupa thana. — Star photo

three villages in Dhalaharachandra union and three villages in Hakimpur union.

AAC added that their programme was started here in September 1993 under mass education programme of the union.

attending school and made good results. Tafikul also informed that none of his colleagues earlier went to any school.

Darin Afroz Baby, a teacher of Banophool school informed that most of the students in her class can recite poems, sing, even most of the students learned to

her 30 pupils, six have been running their families working as day labourers, selling nut, milk etc.

Papia Khatun alias Popy age 10, a student said that after completion of her class from 7 am to 9 am she works as a maid servant for which she is provided with three meals a day. Her mother is also a maid servant. Popy informed.

Reza Latif, Assistant Area Coordinator, DAM also informed that they are running environmental activities at village Debtala in Saikupa thana.

DAM has installed 50 sanitary latrines out of targeted 250, planted 300 saplings, two tubewells, and given training to 50 persons for making improved oven. Further, they have allocated fund to establish a nursery in the village.

AAC also informed that their education programme is likely to be completed by August this year.

While visiting the basic education centres of DAM it was observed that most of the learners are polite and smiling. All seemed to be very conscious about education.

Valuable worth Tk 3 lakh looted

PATUAKHALI, Aug 8: Valuables worth Tk 3 lakh were looted in a dacoity in a house near Government Girls' High School in the town police said, reports UNB.

According to witnesses a gang of armed dacoits entered the house of late Al-Hajj Md Moazzem Hossain on August 2 through the window by cutting its iron grills, at about 3 am.

They beat the inmates indiscriminately and decamped with cash, gold ornaments, clothes and other valuables worth about Tk 3 lakh.

A case was filed with the police. Police investigation is on.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয় (সওজ)
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সওজ-এর অব্যবহৃত ভূমি স্বল্প মেয়াদী নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, সুনামগঞ্জ সড়ক বিভাগের অধীনস্থ সিটেট-সুনামগঞ্জ ও পোষিখালী-হাটকৈ সড়কের উত্তর পার্শ্ব অব্যবহৃত পতিত ভূমি ও জলাশয় গ্রুপ নং-১ (এক) হইতে ১৫ (পনেরা) পর্যন্ত গুণু মাট কৃষি কাজ ও মৎস্য চাষের জন্য প্রকাশ্যে নিলামের মাধ্যমে ১৪০২ বালসা সাইলের জন্য (এক কন্সের মেয়াদী) সম্পূর্ণ অস্থায়ীভাবে কতিপয় শর্তাবলী সাপেক্ষে সর্বোচ্চ নিলামদাতার নিকট ইজারা সেওয়া হইবে। উক্ত গ্রুপসমূহের নিলাম ডাক গ্রুপ তালিকা মোতাবেক আগামী ১৪-৮-৯৫ইং তারিখে কোলা ১১.০০ ঘটিকা হইতে সুনামগঞ্জ সড়ক বিভাগীয় অফিস প্রাঙ্গণে অনুষ্ঠিত হইবে।

উক্ত নিলাম ডাক অনুষ্ঠানে অর্থী ব্যক্তিগণ, মৎস্যজীবী ও কৃষিকর্মী সমিতির নিকট হইতে প্রতি গ্রুপের জন্য আলাদাভাবে টাকা ১০০/- (টাকা এক হাজারা) মাত্র ফেব্রুয়ারী জামানত হিসাবে নগদ প্রদানপূর্বক নিলাম ডাকে যথাসময়ে অংশগ্রহণ করিবার জন্য নিলাম আহবান করা হইল।

উক্তগ্রুপ যে, সর্বোচ্চ নিলাম ডাককারী ডাক শেষ হইবার সঙ্গে সঙ্গেই ডাকের সমুদয় টাকা ডাক পরিচালনাকারী কর্তৃকর্তার নিকট নগদ প্রদান করিবেন এবং অমুকৃত টাকার রশিদ গ্রহণ করিবেন। কার্যতঃ জামানতের টাকা ব্যতীত কনাসহ নিলাম ডাক ব্যক্তিগণ হইবে এবং এই দিনে সর্বশেষে পুনরায় উক্ত গ্রুপের জমাদানে ব্যর্থকারী গ্রুপের ডাক অনুষ্ঠিত হইবে এবং ব্যর্থ ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান পুনঃ অনুষ্ঠিত ডাকে অংশগ্রহণ করিতে পারিবে না।

নিলাম ডাকে অংশগ্রহণ করিতে ইচ্ছুক ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহ প্রয়োজনে গ্রুপ তালিকা ও বিশেষ শর্তাবলী অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে অত্র কার্যালয় হইতে সংগ্রহ করিতে ও দেখিতে পারিবেন।

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