

Gopalganj TB clinic beset with multifarious problems

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, Sept 18: The number of tuberculosis (TB) patients is increasing alarmingly in the four thanas of Gopalganj district during the last few years. On the other hand the only TB clinic at the district headquarters has been facing multifarious problems causing much sufferings to the patients.

The TB clinic was established at the then sub-divisional headquarters of Gopalganj in 1964. More than fifteen lakh inhabitants of the Gopalganj district are to depend on the clinic for the treatment of tuberculosis but the TB patients are deprived of proper treatment as the clinic lacks necessary drugs, pathological laboratory, necessary instruments including X-ray machine, ambulance, etc.

The clinic sources informed The Daily Star that normally every day twenty to twenty-five and every year about eight thousand to nine thousand TB patients come to the clinic for treatment. But a few of them get outdoor treatment without any medicine.

There are 13 staff members including one Medical Officer and one consultant in the TB clinic.

Though there is a X-ray machine in the TB clinic, but it has been out of order for the last twelve to fourteen years. And the patients are advised to have their X-ray done from private clinics. It is also alleged that the patients are to have their pathological examination from the private laboratories as the TB clinic pathological laboratory has no instruments and medicines to carryout the tests.

The TB clinic has no ambulance to carry fatally ill patients. There is no separate ward in the Modernised Hospital attached to the TB clinic for treatment of patients suffering from tuberculosis and other contagious diseases.

According to the sources, the overall environment of the TB clinic is not all hygienic. Toilets and urinals remain dirty as they are not cleaned regularly.

Price hike of essentials in Chandpur

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Sept 18: The prices of essential commodities have registered a sharp rise in the markets of the district causing suffering to the consumers.

Local people said prices of rice, flour, onion, garlic, chillies sugar and vegetables have gone up during the last fortnight.

Moreover prices of powder milk, butter, ghee, soybean oil, mustard oil have shot up beyond the purchasing capacity of the poor people of the rural areas.

Some consumers alleged that some traders have been hoarding the essential commodities to create artificial scarcity in the market.

Body recovered in Mymensingh

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Sept 18: Purbadhala thana police recovered the body of a housewife, Honufa Khatun, from river Konsha recently.

Honufa Khatun, wife of Shahidul Islam of village Natarakhona under Purbadhala thana, was missing from her house since midnight on September 4.

Next day her body was recovered from river Konsha.

An UD case was later filed with Purbadhala police station and the body was sent for autopsy.

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Increasing sterility of cows threatens dairy farms

Sterility and infertility of cows are increasing alarmingly, threatening government efforts for dairy development, reports UNB.

Officials in the Department of Livestock, quoting field reports, said farmers all over the country were increasingly complaining of drop in conception rate among cows, so of milk output, mainly due to scanty intake of green fodder.

Dairy farms, which mushroomed across the country in last one decade, are reporting growing cases of infertility which is taking heavy toll on profitability.

Sterility and infertility were more common to hybrid cows, the officials said, as they required higher intake of nutritious green fodder than local species.

Livestock experts said green fodder contains Vitamin A which is essential for fertility since it (Vitamin A) effectively stimulate ovulation.

Officials warned that the fodder scarcity put the ambitious artificial insemination programme aiming to raise hybrid cows in jeopardy.

A cow requires an intake of at least 15 kilograms of green fodder a day for nutritional balance needed to maintain her fertility, observed an expert. "They are not at all getting that supply", he said.

While the country saw a phenomenal growth in organised dairy farming in recent years, availability of green fodder, on the contrary, shrank.

The country requires 17.5 crore tons of green fodder for its nearly five crore domestic animal population. But, according to a statistics of the Livestock Department, the shortfall in green fodder is about 5.5 crore tons.

Besides green grass, supply of straw for animal consumption has dropped sharply over the years with the increasing cultivation of HYV paddy. Straw content in HYV paddy plants is far lesser than traditional local varieties.

Sources in the Department of Livestock said it had recently started a Tk 10 crore "Green Fodder Cultivation Project: to raise the supply of green fodder.

Under the project, they said, hybrid varieties of grass will be produced in demonstration plots all over the country, and farmers would be encouraged to grow green fodder.

Grass production could be more profitable than paddy cultivation, said Dr Nazrul Islam, Director, Extension, in the Department of Livestock. Referring to a recent field-trip to Jessore, Dr Islam said he met some farmers there who switched to grass cultivation on commercial basis, finding it more profitable.

The Livestock Director admitted a growing scarcity of green fodder in the country and said the department was accordingly discouraging dairy farms of big size. "We are encouraging backyard type of farming with upto five cows so that fodder problem can be kept within manageable limit of the farms."

Dr Islam suggested that vast fallow lands in the newly emerging charlands in coastal belt and in Chittagong Hill Tracts could be suitable places for growing grass and thus be used for large-type dairy farming.

A helping hand to the have-not

From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, Sept 18: A laudable example was set up by some students of Kurigram Government Women's College by helping the distressed family of late Basanta Kumar Das, a former teacher of Kurigram Government High School.

Basanta retired from his service on November 29, 1984 and died recently. He left behind his wife and five children all of whom are students.

As per pension rule, his legal heirs are entitled to get a pension benefit of Tk 720 a month, but they are now deprived of it.

As a gesture of humanity and respect, teachers, students and employees of the college arranged a meeting and collected subscriptions to help the suffering family of the honourable teacher.

A sewing machine was handed over to the widow of the teacher at a function by Prof A B M Majbar Rahman, Principal of Government Women's College in presence of a large gathering recently.

Tea gardens in Moulvibazar face various problems

From Rajat K Goswami

MOULVIBAZAR, Sept 18: Tea production in most of the tea gardens in Moulvibazar and Hobiganj districts is being hampered due to various reasons including natural calamities.

According to the officials of different tea gardens of two districts, major problems faced by them are attack of pests, excessive use of chemicals, load shedding, activities of dishonest traders and indiscriminate cutting of Shady trees.

Tea plants are being attacked by white ants, red spiders and Helpeltis in considerable numbers of tea gardens. As a result, roots of tea plants are being damaged seriously. Rats are also causing heavy losses to the owners, said a factory worker of a garden at Srimongal.

Excessive use of pesticides are also damaging the fertility of land and hampering the production of quality tea. Due to this, tea production have been decreasing day by day, said an expert of tea sector.

Another reliable source said tea production in the current year have fallen down by at least five per cent owing to attack of insects like red spiders, helpeltis and white-ants. An experts said weeding in plantation areas

of tea gardens should be done by manual labour, which will help increase fertilizer from the organic source and opportunity of employment will also be enhanced.

It is also alleged that, a section of dishonest traders with cooperation of some tea garden staffs are pilfering tea leaves from the factories. They mix tea leaves with powder of different straws, leaves and sodium bi-carbonate and are selling this adulterated tea in rural markets at a low price.

A tea garden official at Kulaura thana under Moulvibazar district said due to the adulteration of tea, entire tea industry of the two districts have suffered heavy losses.

Out of country's 178 tea gardens, 91 are located in Moulvibazar and 23 in Hobiganj.

Load-shedding is another problem in the tea gardens. An official of a tea garden at Chunurghat thana under Hobiganj district said tea gardens in Sylhet division incurred losses of Taka six crore during last year for load-shedding.

On the other hand, Shady trees in the gardens are also on verge of extinction due to large-scale cutting. The absence of such trees is also affecting the tea production badly.

Owners of the small tea gardens are also facing problems of processing raw tea leaves. Most of this type of tea gardens have no factory of their own. Raw tea leaves of these gardens are processed in other factories.

Small tea garden owners in most cases sell their raw leaves to the factory-owned gardens at a low price. Sometimes they are compelled to sell raw tea leaves as they could not bring the leaves under processing within six hours of plucking, sources said.

To remove this inconvenience of the small tea gardens, a scheme to set up three central tea factories in the Moulvibazar district are under consideration of the Bangladesh Tea Board, a Bangladeshiya Cha Sangsad source said.

A central tea factory styled 'Langla Vally Central Tea Industries Limited' however has been established at Gazipur Tea Garden under private initiative. More central tea factories are needed to be set up in Sylhet Division urgently for boosting up country's tea production.

Besides this, though the main tea producing areas are located at Moulvibazar and Hobiganj districts, country's only auction market of tea (Tea Exchange) is in Chittagong. Another Tea Exchange is necessary to be set up at Srimongal, the centre of the tea producing areas, it was demanded by the people of Sylhet division.

Two thirds of shrimp farms in Khulna have no licence

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Sept 18: The government is being deprived of huge amount of revenue from the shrimp farms every year as nearly two thirds of shrimp farms out of 5000 in greater Khulna district have no licence for the cultivation of shrimps and lobsters.

Besides, armed clashes between the shrimp farm owners and the owners of the lands (within the shrimp farms) are increasing gradually, over the compensatory payment to the owners of land as per scheduled rate. Owners of small land or marginal farmers are being evicted from their lands by the shrimp producers.

There are about 5000 shrimp farms in Satkhira, Khulna and Bagerhat districts and more than 91 hectares of paddy land remained within the shrimp farms. But only 2000 farms have licences as per the shrimp cultivation rules. And the owners of the rest 3000 shrimp farms are

cultivating shrimps and lobsters without government recognition.

Government has already made a number of rules and regulations with a view to encouraging shrimp and lobster cultivation.

Besides, the shrimp cultivators have to fulfil the following terms and conditions before getting licences. The terms and conditions are: Written consent of the owners of 80 per cent land where the shrimps will be cultivated; clearance certificate of compensatory payment of land (locally known as Hari) to the owners; written assurance of causing no damage to the paddy lands and their crops in and around the fish farms; written assurance of not breaking the embankment illegally and clearance certificate of payment the government taxes for each bigha of land.

It was alleged that shrimp farms are established hither and thither by the influential

shrimp producers defying all those rules of shrimp cultivation. These influential shrimp cultivators possess paddy lands and managed the big and influential owners of lands to allow the saline waters to enter the paddy fields within the shrimp farms with the help of the hired musclemen.

The saline water is very helpful for shrimp cultivation, but it affects the paddy lands and crops very badly. The marginal farmers or the owners of small quantity of land are against this system and do not get any compensation. Even the marginal farmers cannot go to their land in order to cultivate paddy there for fear of musclemen.

It is alleged that shrimp producers register false robbery, dacoity, looting cases against the owners of land who protest against all these tyrannical acts of shrimp producers.

199 projects implemented in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Sept 18: One hundred and ninety-nine projects were implemented by the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) in Harinakundu thana of the district in 1994-95 fiscal year, it was learnt.

According to LGED office sources, 36 projects were implemented under agriculture and irrigation head, 60 projects under transport and communication head, 61 projects under physical structure and 42 projects were implemented under education head in the thana. Supply of furnitures in 21 government and non-government primary schools, repair and reconstruction of nine government primary schools, supply of furniture in three government primary schools under 107 education head were complemented under the programmes.

Sources further said that construction work of two government primary schools namely Dakhalpur Primary School and Kulagachha Sahid Sadar Uddin Primary School were completed. Further 19 projects under KRIF and 18 projects under RDP programme are going to be completed soon, sources said.

It was further learnt from the sources that to implement the projects Taka 24 lakh was spent and two roads were done HBB at a cost of more Taka 10 lakh in Harinakundu thana of the district during the period.



SATKHIRA: A partial view of the smuggled goods recovered by the BDR personal of 21 Battalion Satkhira. — Star photo

Tk 400cr Nutrition project taken up

FARIDPUR, Sept 18: Government has taken up a Tk 400 crore National Integrated Nutrition Project for ensuring nutrition to under-five age group children, pregnant women and caring mothers in six selected thanas in the country, reports UNB.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal ibne Yousuf said this while inaugurating gynaecology and midwifery ward at the Dr

Zaheed Shishu Hospital here in the town on Friday.

The thanas are: Banaripara in Barisal, Gabtali in Bogra, Shaharasti in Chandpur, Sadar in Faridpur, Mohampur in Magura and Rajnagar in Moulvibazar districts.

He said that the main objective of the project, scheduled to start from December next up to the year 2000, was to reduce malnutrition among the children of under-5 age group, pregnant women

and caring mothers through ensuring household food security, elimination of iodine deficiency, reducing low birth weight rate and enhancing maternal health.

Presided over by Abul Bashar Mia, it was addressed, by KM Nurul Huda, Deputy Commissioner, Prof Fazlul Kabir Chand, Chairman of Faridpur Poursava, Dr Khan Anwar Akhter Faraque, Shahjahan Mollah and SK Abdus Samad.

35 villages in Gaibandha free from illiteracy

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Sept 18: Some 36 villages in seven thanas of the district are now free from the curse of illiteracy.

It was revealed in a discussion meeting of Swanirvor held at Sunderganj thana on September 10 that was formally inaugurated by Shafer Raj Hossain, Deputy Commissioner, Gaibandha. Aviram Sutradher, Regional Secretary of Swanirvor Bangladesh, Gaibandha region, was also present.

The Swanirvor conducted 316 mass education programme in 35 villages of the district. Aviram Sutradher told that a total 7,448 people are given the knowledge of alphabets. Of them 3,628 are male and 3,820 are female. All of them are now able to read and write Bengali alphabets.

Bibir Pukur — a source of beauty for Barisal town

From Aroop Talukdar

BARISAL, Sept 18: 'Bibir Talab' — was the real name of 'Bibir Pukur' (Bibi's Pond), now known to everybody of Barisal town and its adjoining areas. 'Bibir Pukur' is located at the centre of the town, along the sadar road, the busiest road in the town.

'Talab' — a French word, means pond. As we know, there are so many Arabic and French words still being used in Bengali language. Like 'Talab', Barisal was once called 'Girde' — 'Girde' means bandar area in French language.

There is a legend about this historic pond that adds the beautification to the town.

William Carry, an English missionary came to this area with a view to preaching Christianity during the 18th

century. In that time he found a beautiful girl in the custody of Portuguese pirates. He bought the girl from the pirates and reared her as his own daughter. The name of that girl was 'Jinnat Bibi'. Later, Missionary Carry arranged her marriage with a Muslim youth and gave Jinnat Bibi a vast area adjacent to his mission house.

In 1801, East India Company transferred the district headquarters from Bakerganj to the then Barisal bandar.

It was learnt that during that time there was acute shortage of drinking water and people of this area suffered much.

In that context, Jinnat Bibi excavated a pond in the centre of the bandar area.

3,630 families accept permanent FP method in Barisal Div

From Our Correspondent

BARISAL, Sept 18: The Family Planning Department of Barisal Division brought 3,630 fertile couples under permanent family planning devices in six southern districts during the one year till June 30, reports BSS.

The districts are: Barisal, Jhalakati, Bhola, Pirojpur, Patuakhali and Barguna.

According to an official source, the total fertile couples in this division is 11,85,600. The percentage of achievement was 90.

The department inserted Copper-T to 19,412 women in these districts.

Besides, the department supplied 33,95,890 pieces of condoms and 31,75,822 cycles of oral pills.

One commits suicide in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Sept 18: A housewife allegedly committed suicide at Madanpur village in Tala thana of the district yesterday, reports UNB.

According to police, Mahmuda, 40, wife of Yusuf Ali of the village, committed suicide by drowning herself in a nearby pond of their dwelling house following a family feud. She tied a jar with her neck and jumped into the pond.

The neighbours recovered the body from the pond and informed the police. The body was sent to the morgue for post mortem. A case was filed with the police.

The incident created sensation in the area. Police investigation is on.



Bibir Pukur in Barisal. — Star photo

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এতদ্বারা নিম্নবর্ণিত কাজগুলি সম্পাদনের জন্য পূর্ণপূর্ণ অধিদপ্তরের প্রথম শ্রেণী এবং ঢাকা পূর্ণপূর্ণ জোনের ২য় শ্রেণী সেনিটরী টিকাদারদের দিকট হইতে বালাসেপ ২৯১১ নং ফরমে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

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২।	৬৩টি জেলায় জেলা পত্র হাসপাতাল নির্মাণ প্রকল্প। উপস্থাপিত জামালপুর জেলা পত্র হাসপাতালের অভ্যন্তরীণ পরিশোধনী ও পানি সরবরাহের কাজ।	২ (দুই)	টাকা ২,২৯,১১৫/-	টাকা ৪,৪২০/-	৬০ (ষাট) দিন।	

বালাসেপ ফরম নং ২৯১১ সহ কাজের আইটেমসমূহের তফসিল অনতিরিক্ত শর্ত ও নিয়মাবলী ইত্যাদি আগামী ৮-১০-১৯৯৫ইং ২৩-৭-১৯০২বাং সাল তারিখ পর্যন্ত কার্যালয় চলাকালীন সময়ে নিম্নাবক্ষককারী কার্যালয়ে এবং ময়মনসিংহ পূর্ণপূর্ণ সার্কেলাধীন সকল নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী কার্যালয়ে হইতে দেখা ও পাওয়া যাইবে।

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Strengthening of the Election Commission Secretariat and Modernizing the Electoral Process in Bangladesh

Election Commission Secretariat
Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
Bangladesh

International Re-Tender Notice

No. ECS/Research/1P-1/94/349 Date: 10/09/95

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide suppliers/manufacturers for supply of the following items for the project, "Strengthening of the Election Commission Secretariat and Modernizing the Electoral Process in Bangladesh" under Election Commission Secretariat.

SL NO	ITEMS	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
(1)	COMPUTER	MIDRANGE SERVER WORKSTATIONS LASER PRINTER	1 (ONE) 5 (FIVE) 1 (ONE)
(2)	PRINTER	DOT-MATRIX PRINTER (80 COLUMN) DOT-MATRIX PRINTER (136 COLUMN, COLOUR)	4 (FOUR) 1 (ONE)
(3)	UPS & VOLTAGE STABILIZER	UPS-2KVA UPS-800VA VOLTAGE STABILIZER-1000VA VOLTAGE STABILIZER-500VA	1 (ONE) 5 (FIVE) 1 (ONE) 5 (FIVE)
(4)	ACCESSORIES	NETWORK ADAPTER, KEY BOARD, VIDEO CARD, TAPE CARTRIDGE, MODEM ETC.	AS PER SCHEDULE

2. The tenders will be received by the office of the undersigned till 12.00 Noon on November 05, 1995 and opened immediately after the deadline set for receipt of the tenders in presence of intending tenderer or their authorised agents (if there be any). Catalogue of the items mentioned above must be submitted along with the tender.

3. Detail specification of the items are available in the tender schedule.

4. Tenderer shall pay an earnest money of 2.5% only or equivalent foreign currency in the form of Bank Draft or Pay Order or Bid Bond/Bank Guarantee issued by any scheduled bank in favour of "the Project Director." Tender without requisite earnest money will not be acceptable.

5. Tender schedule may be purchased by the bidders/suppliers from the office of the undersigned on all working days upto November 01, 1995 on payment of Tk 1,000.00 (one thousand only) (non-refundable).

6. Quotation must be quoted in the tender for the whole items.

7. The successful tenderer will have to supply the items in a single lot within 45 days from the date of issue of work order, otherwise the work order will be treated as cancelled and the deposited earnest money will be forfeited.

8. For these items we are inviting offer as second time, therefore those who previously purchased this schedule can collect the revised tender schedule by showing the previous money receipt.

9. A Pre-Bid meeting will be held before receiving the tenders. The time and date for such meeting will be notified in due time for all concern.

10. The authority reserves the rights to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason therefore.

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Syed Iftesham Rasul
Deputy Secretary