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Book Fair concludes in B'baria

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Jan 20: A week-long Book Fair recently concluded at local Industrial School premises under Sadar thana of the district.

The fair was organised by Brahmanbaria District Administration. The other programmes part of the fair included a colourful rally, discussion meeting, recitation, children's handwriting competition, debate, essay writing competition, art competition, self-written poem recitation, drama, and cultural programmes.

The fair was arranged to inspire children to read books and to encourage their creative literary works, organisers said.

Twenty book stalls were set up in the fair while 35 institutions participated in various competitions of the annual Book Fair '96.

At the prize distributing ceremony, chief guest Deputy Commissioner Md Gulam Kibria distributed the prizes among the winners while Md Abdul Latif, ADC (Revenue) of Brahmanbaria presided.

Jhenidah Press club executive body

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Jan 20: The annual election of Jhenidah Press Club was held at its office recently.

Seikh Mizanur Rahman (Weekly Chalantika) and M Saiful Mabud (Janakantha) were elected President and General Secretary respectively.

Other members of the executive committee are Anwarul Islam Pantu (Daily Mellat) — Vice President, Nizam Uddin Joarder (Ajker Kagoj) — Assistant Secretary, Habibul Bashar Mukul (Dainik Jhenidah) — Literary and Library Secretary, Haroon-ur-Rashid (Al-Mojadded) — Sports and Cultural Secretary and M A Ansari (Bangladesh Times) — Aminur Rahman (UNB), Mostafa Majed (Inqilab), Mohammad Nazrul Islam (Sangram), Islam Uddin (Dainik Bangla), Kaliakinkar Mantu (Life-long member), Delwar Kabir (The Daily Star), Jahid Hossain Biplob (The Independent), M A Mannan (Bangla Bazar) and Asif Iqbal Kazal (Media Syndicate) — all members.



BRAHMANBARIA: As part of a week long Book Fair, an art competition was held at the local Industrial School premises recently. — Star photo

PHED to instal 705 tubewells in Moulvibazar, Hobiganj

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Jan 20: The Public Health Engineering Department PHED of Moulvibazar and Hobiganj districts will install 705 tubewells in 14 thanas of the two districts under Annual Development Project (ADP) in the current fiscal year. Of these, 604 tubewells are sanctioned for Moulvibazar district and the rest for Hobiganj district.

Of the tubewells sanctioned for Moulvibazar district, 218 are shallow, 333 are tara pump and 53 are ring wells. According to the

80 bottles of Phensidyl recovered

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MAGURA, Jan 20: Magura town police seized 80 bottles of Phensidyl from a bus in Magura town recently it was learnt.

According to sources, acting on a secret information, the police raided the bus coming from Jessore and recovered 80 bottles of Phensidyl.

A case was filed with Magura thana in this connection.

The PHED has con-

structed an iron remover plant for water supply in Hobiganj district town with an expenditure of Taka one crore and twenty lakh. This plant was financially supported by the government of the Netherlands. One lakh and fifty thousand gallon of drinking water is expected to be supplied daily from this plant, it was learnt.

Besides this, the Public Health Engineering Department will also resink another 108 tubewells. This resinking programme are also included in the ADP of the current fiscal year.

Meanwhile, scarcity of

pure drinking water has been prevailing in the rural areas of Hobiganj district.

According to source, of there are 16,524 tubewells in eight thanas of Hobiganj district. Of these, 517 tubewells are out of order.

On the other hand, it was revealed from a statistics that atleast 30 per cent tubewells in the district are now lying inoperative and there is only one tubewell for every one hundred people of Hobiganj district — whereas principle of UNICEF supports one tubewell for every 75 people.

PHED was her taken up a plan to install 101 new tubewells in the district during the current fiscal year. It was alleged by the rural people that site selection for tubewells are being hampered for undue requests and pressure from a quarter of influential people.

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Due to scarcity of drinking water, various disease including diarrhoea, jaundice and blood dysentery are common in the rural areas of Hobiganj district. Fall in ground water level has created the water crisis more acute in the rural areas.

Police said, a gang of about 20 armed dacoits stormed the house of Mohiuddin at Aguris village at about 2 am and looted valuables worth about Tk 1 lakh.

On hearing hue and cry, the neighbours cordoned off the house and swooped on the dacoits with lethal weapons.

Following an hour-long encounter, they caught two dacoits and recovered a rifle from their possession. Other members of the gang, however, fled the scene firing shots in the air.

Later, the villagers handed over the two dacoits — Bani Amin and Kurun Ali of Kamarkand thana — to the police. A case was filed with Beluchi thana.

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GAIBANDHA, Jan 20: Four bodies were recovered a week after two boats capsized in river Brahmaputra near Fulchhari and Kalasona. Nine persons are still missing.

Two separate boat capsized in the mid-stream of river Brahmaputra on December 29.

Dredger MV Dhaleshwari has been working at Kalasona point to ease the movement of Railway ferry boat. A pilot boat of dredgers was coming back with seven persons on board after setting up floating pipe. Suddenly the boat capsized and sank in the mid-stream due to stormy wind in which one sub-assistant engineer and a labour were missing.

On the same day, another engine-operated country boat with about 70 passengers on board was proceeding towards Golna char. Suddenly it dashed with Railway wagon ferry MV Mirjumalla and sank.

Four bodies were recovered from a nearby char. The bodies were identified as Nazilatunnesha, 30, of village Baishi, Asia, Khutun 60, and Akhlima Khutun, 33, of village Gajaria, Bablu, 10 of village Nilkuthi under Fulchhari Thana.

Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Directorate will implement the programme — "Female Secondary School Assistance Project" — with financial assistance from International Development Association (IDA).

Official sources said under

the project the drop out students will be given professional training on various vocations.

The sectors included animal husbandry, dairy farm, fishing, food processing, gilding, nursery, silk worm culture, sewing, garments and other cottage industries.

At the first phase of the programme it will be introduced in 25 thanas of 24 district in the country. Duration of training period will be 1 to 6 months.

The thanas are: Rajapur (Jhalakathi), Barguna, sada, Agorijhara (Barisal), Char Fashion (Bhola), Gopalpur (Tangail), Choudhogram and Homna (Comilla), Madhukhali (Firidpur), Sreepur (Magura), Kulaura (Moulvibazar), Barigram (Nature), Panchagarh sada, Bagerhat sada, Sarail (Brahmanbaria), Munshiganj sada, Fulbaria (Mymensingh), Sonargaon (Narayanganj), Sharsha (Jessore), Bheramara (Kushthia), Kolaroa (Sat-

khira), Sakhata (Gaibandha), Ulipur (Kurigram), Shibganj (Nawabganj), Pirogacha (Rangpur) and Savar (Dhaka).

The training programme will be conducted by trained NGO and government officials, the sources added.



FARIDPUR: Students of the Saroda Sundari Mohila College rendering songs at the Freshers' reception organised by college student union at the college premises recently.

Project for drop-out girl students

Bus service resumes

MEHERPUR, Jan 20: The bus service between Meherpur and Mujibnagar resumed after about one month of suspension. Motor Sramik Union of Meherpur district and the bus owners had enforced the indefinite strike on the route protesting an attack by some unruly people on a bus conductor, reports UNB.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Bangladesh Rifles Communication Directorate Purchase Notice No. 1/95-96/Communication

1. To purchase the undermentioned signal equipment at Communication Directorate under Bangladesh Rifles Headquarters, separate tenders for each item are invited from bonafide manufacturers/suppliers enlisted with this Directorate for 1995-96.

Sl No	Kinds of equipment	Number/quantity
A	UHF Repeater 100 watt	01 No
B	25-30 Line Dropkey Magneto Exchange	01 No
C	Magneto Telephone Set	90 Nos
D	12 Volt Secondary Battery	1250 Nos
E	12 Volt Dryfit Battery	500 Nos
F	7.5 Volt Nicad Battery (for MXSet)	300 Nos
G	7.5 Volt Nicad Battery (for Sabre Set)	120 Nos
H	Charging Engine	50 Nos
I	Solar Charger	30 Nos
J	Electric Battery Charger	10 Nos
K	Fax Machine (General)	08 Nos

2. Schedule of equipment can be purchased on cash payment of the prescribed price on every Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday (except holiday) within 0800 hours to 1400 hours from 05 February, '96 to 11 February, '96. Date & time of opening tender, detailed description of equipment & other instructions will be given in the schedule.

3. The authority reserves the right to decrease/increase the number/quantity mentioned against the items or purchase through repeat order later on during the current financial year, if so required for Bangladesh Rifles.

4. Interested tenderers should keep samples of their equipment ready. If required, the samples shall have to be deposited with the tender.

5. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason.

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for Director General

Tamil situation still tense

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Jan 20: Situation at the Tamabil border area remained tense today, the fourth day after the exchange of fire by the BDR and the BSF over construction of a pucca building for customs office in the no man's land.

Panic-stricken people of the villages who left their homesteads are yet to return.

The BDR will observe the situation for a few days more, official source said. Normalcy will not return till the Indian BSF officially declares suspension of construction of the building, the sources said.

The BSF and the BDR had exchanged about 70 rounds of gunshots on Tuesday following Indian move for construction of the building in no man's land.

A flag meeting was held on Thursday but yielded no result.

Coordinated efforts needed to remove parasitic diseases'

Vice-Chancellor of the Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Professor Dr Shah Muhammad Farouk stressed the need for eradication of parasitic diseases through coordinated efforts of Scientists of various branches in order to build a healthy society of mankind, says a BAU press release.

Inaugurating the third annual conference and seminar of the Bangladesh Society for Parasitology (BSP) held at the IEDC & R auditorium, Makhali, Dhaka recently as chief guest, the Vice-Chancellor added that integrated approach was needed for the proper utilisation of human resources as well as physical facilities of the modern scientific laboratories which would help to solve many problems of our country.

Presided over by BSP President Professor Dr Hefazuddin Shaikh, the function was attended by Professor Dr A K Shamsuddin Siddique, Director General of Health services and Dr Mohammad Hossain, Director, Livestock services as special guests. Among others who spoke on the occasion were BSP Secretary General Professor Dr M H Mandal, Professor Dr Khandakar Sirajul Islam and Professor Dr M Shahjada Chowdhury.

It may be mentioned here that parasitic diseases is a problem in Bangladesh and a coordinated control and prevention should be worked out for the benefit of our country. The main theme of the conference was "Strategies in controlling Parasites of economic importance in human and domestic animals in Bangladesh" bears special significance.

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6-2-1996 (during office hours).

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7-2-1996 (at 1230 hrs).

Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or part thereof without assigning any reason.

Executive Engineer E/M Division No-3 CAAB, Kurmitola-1229.



BARISAL: Defence Secretary Janab M A Hakim and Begum Hakim visited Barisal Cadet College on Sunday last. The photo shows them at the Science Club of the Cadet College. — ISPR photo

LP gas crisis disrupting normal life in S-dists

BARISAL, Jan 20: The unabated crisis of liquid petroleum (LP) gas in the country's southern districts is disrupting normal life of the people, reports UNB.

The crisis-hit districts are Barisal, Bhola, Patuakhali, Jhalakathi, Barguna and Pirojpur.

Officials said the normal demand for LP gas in the southern region is about 25,000 to 30,000 cylinders per month while the supply is about 5,000 cylinders.

According to Meghna Oil and Jamuna Oil companies, which are responsible for the supply, the gas supply in the areas is adequate as they have only 4,000 consumers there.

Meanwhile, many private importers have imported a huge quantity of empty gas cylinders following OGL (Open General Licence) and sold them off to the general people. And these people are now rushing to the LP gas dealers to get their cylinders filled by exchanging the empty ones.

The problem created in a way that the companies are now unable to supply the cylinders", said a company staff.