



AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh): Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Shah Muhammad Farouk delivering his speech as chief guest at the concluding day and prize distribution ceremony of the Science and Technology Week organised by the Mymensingh Zilla School recently.

Touch stone worth Tk 20 lakh stolen

From Our Correspondent
GAIBANDHA, Jan 26: An image of touch stone worth about Taka 20 lakh was stolen from Bamondanga under Sunderganj thana recently.

Bus service remain suspended

From Our Correspondent
SIRAJGANJ, Jan 26: Bus service in Sirajganj-Dekandi route remained suspended since Friday morning following a dispute between bus owners' association and bus workers' association.

Law, order situation reviewed

From Our Correspondent
KISHOREGANJ, Jan 26: The law and order situation in the district was reviewed in the monthly meeting of the district law and order committee held at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner with Md. Fazlul Haque, District Magistrate in the chair last week.

Sarbahara leader held

From Our Correspondent
KISHOREGANJ, Jan 26: Police in a raid arrested a top leader of Purba Bangla Sarbahara Party from the house of Azenuddin at village Saffia in Kishoreganj sadar thana last week.

One killed in road mishap in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent
JHENIDAH, Jan 26: One person was killed and another was injured in a road accident near Tetultala, about 5 kilometres from Jhenidah town recently.

According to reports, a Jhenidah-bound passenger bus (Pabna Ba-246) collided with a motor cycle. (Jessor-A-4361) at about 4 pm. Atiar Rahman, 32, the driver of the motor cycle died on the spot and his associate Ali Reza, 30 received injuries. He was rushed to Jhenidah Sadar College hospital.

Fund crisis stalls afforestation programme in CHT

BANDARBAN, Jan 26: The afforestation activities in Bandarban, Rangamati and Khagrachhari hill districts are totally stopped due to lack of necessary fund, officials said.

cent afforestation in the hill regions. Most of the hills in the districts are treeless as those were cut at random but sapling plantation was not done proportionately.

Meanwhile, illegal timber traders are felling trees indiscriminately with the connivance of dishonest officials after the sundown causing serious ecological imbalance in the hill regions.

Despite frequent raids smuggling across borders of Brahmanbaria increases

From Our Correspondent
BRAHMANBARIA, Jan 26: The BDR jawans of Kalikachha 23 battalion under Sarali thana of the district seized smuggled goods worth about Taka 5 crore 19 lakh 28 thousand and 958 in separate anti-smuggling drives at various points of the district during the last one year.

According to BDR Commanding Officer (CO) of 23-battalion, Major Soyed Ahmed Ali, they arrested 53 suspected smugglers during the anti-smuggling drives at bordering areas of the district and filed separate cases with respective police stations and also deposited all contraband at local customs office.

As a result, it is noticed that a huge quantity of Indian smuggled goods are coming into the country from India. It is learnt that the toll of smuggling are increasing month after month here as on January '95, the BDR-jawans recovered smuggled goods worth about Taka 23.66.923 and later on December '95 they recovered smuggled goods worth about Taka 52.14.429 but the rampage of smuggler did not stop till now.

Pabna pourashava spent Tk 7 cr for dev works

PABNA, Jan 26: An amount of Tk seven crore three lakh thirteen thousand nine hundred five has been spent towards the development of Pabna Pourashaba under the 'Mid-Town Infrastructural Development Project' during last five financial years, it was gathered from official sources.

length of 153 kilometres, 900 sanitary latrines and clusters were constructed at a total expenditure of Tk 2,19,06,632.

During the year 1992-93, an amount of Tk 1,08 52,299 was spent towards the construction of 12 asphalted roads having a total length of 6.917 kilometres, three water-supply pipe-lines having a total length of 2,478 kilometres, one Peelkhana.



SYLHET: Golam Mortuja, Mayor of Tower Hamlets Borough Council, UK, presently visiting Bangladesh, addressing at a reception accorded to him by the greater Sylhet Ganabadi Parishad recently.

Unnatural deaths increasing in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent
SATKHIRA, Jan 26: The number of unnatural deaths have been increasing alarmingly in seven thanas of Satkhira district. The thanas are Tala, Kalarooa, Assassuni, Kaliganj, Shyamnagar, Debhata and Sadar.

According to police sources, a total of 673 persons met unnatural death in seven thanas of the district in 1995. Of them 161 persons met unnatural death in Tala thana, 144 persons in Satkhira Sadar, 109 persons in Kalarooa, 74 persons in Assassuni, 65 persons in Shyamnagar and 44 persons in Debhata thana of the district during the period.

Most of them committed suicide during the period. Of the suicidal cases about 90 per cent were women. Unable to pay dowry, failure in the examination, poverty, unemployment, frustration, incurable diseases, family troubles, love affairs, etc, are the cause of suicide, it is learnt.

Alleged dacoit held

SIRAJGANJ, Jan 26: Police in a pre-dawn raid in Arria Morana area under sadar thana Wednesday last arrested an alleged dacoit along with an Indian revolver, reports UNB.

Middle-aged man killed in road mishap
SIRAJGANJ, Jan 26: A middle-aged man was killed when an autorickshaw hit him from behind at Bhadrachal on New Dhaka road yesterday night, police and witnesses said, reports UNB.

The victim was identified as Khoka Sheikh, 55. He met the accident at about 10 pm while crossing the road near Bhadrachal Bazar and died on way to hospital.

The body was sent to Sadar General Hospital. A case was filed with the police.

220 arrested in Gaibandha

From Our Correspondent
GAIBANDHA, Jan 26: Gaibandha police arrested 220 accused persons on charge of different allegations from seven thanas of the district recently.

During the time on occasional drive police raided different locations and arrested 220 persons allegedly involved in various crimes during the last fortnight. Gobindaganj Thana police recently recovered a Chinese rifle under a bridge near Gobindaganj Thana. The highest nab of criminals took place at Gobindaganj Thana where police arrested 147 persons.

Survey to determine quality of health service on

FENI, Jan 26: A survey to determine the quality of health service rendered during 1995 in the district, started last January 1, reports UNB.

Under the supervision of district Health Department some 250 Health Assistants and Health Inspectors, and 1,500 volunteers and village doctors are conducting the survey in 60,000 houses of the district.

The surveyors will collect information about the nature of treatment of 13 diseases from each family. They will also distribute five lakh saline packets among the people free of cost.

Prize giving ceremony of Nespray held

KHULNA, Jan 26: A prize-giving ceremony of Nespray milk-Fest competition was held recently in the Officers Club auditorium for Khulna Division.

Prizes were distributed among the best performers by the Branch-in-charge Zahid Hussain, a press release said. Reputed businessmen of the city and teachers of Business Administration Department of Khulna University were present on the occasion.

Price of milk rising in Jhenidah Dairy farmers see bright prospect of selling milk

JHENIDAH, Jan 26: Dairy farming is gaining popularity in Jhenidah district and the number of farms are increasing every year.

According to reports, before 1993 the number of dairy farms in Jhenidah sadar, Saikupa, Harinakundu, Kaliganj, Kotchandpur and Mohepur thanas was 13. In 1994 the number raised to 42 and in 1995 it increased to 84.

gradually increased recently. Motaleb Hossain Biswas, owner of Nahar Dugdha Khamar said that he had been running his dairy farm with eight cows. He gets 30 litres of milk and gets about Taka 13,000 a month as profit.

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While talking to Reazul Karim Biswas owner of Memi Dugdha Khamar, he informed that he had 12 improved cows giving him one maund of milk daily. He sells milk for Taka about 20,000 a month, Biswas said. He earns Taka 12,000 as net profit excluding fodder and other expenses.

In 1993 all the 13 registered dairy farms received incentive bonus and since then no dairy farm received any incentive bonus from the government, it was learnt. As a result the dairy farm owners are losing their inspiration.

According to sources, about 12,500 metric tons of milk is required for the people of Jhenidah district every year and about 14,500 metric tons of milk is produced from the registered dairy farms and domestic cows per year.

In different markets one litre of milk is being sold between Taka 13 and Tk 18 in rural areas and Taka 20 and Tk 24 in urban areas.

District Livestock Department sources said that though there was no proper Market for selling milk in Jhenidah, some private companies purchased the same every day. As a result, the milk price increased gradually.

Biswas told that about one year back the dairy farm owners were in trouble as there was no clear prospect for the farms. For want of subscribers they were compelled to sell milk at a lower rate and many entrepreneurs lost their confidence. But they have been gaining confidence again as the milk price



JHENIDAH: Abdul Motaleb Biswas, owner of Nahar Dugdha Khamar at village Bahir Royera in Shaikupa thana of Jhenidah district is seen with his cows.

Six face wheat misappropriation charges in Kishoreganj

KISHOREGANJ, Jan 26: District Anti-Corruption Bureau, DAB, filed a case against six persons including a UP member with Mitamoin police station on charge of defalcation of wheat for a project under Food for Works programme.

chairman reportedly lifted 9.5 metric tons of wheat in three instalments and misappropriated 5,840 metric tons in collusion with Project Secretary, Meer Jaham Moamen and Tota Mia, Abdul Malek, Habibur Rahman and Judge Mia, all project members by submitting false master rolls.

According to the Bureau office, during the financial year 1993-94, 12,792 metric tons of wheat were sanctioned for the reconstruction of the road-cum-bundh running from Gagra Bazar to Chamakpur and a project committee was formed with Matur Rahman, a member of Gagra Union Parishad as its chairman. The project

The prices of the misappropriated wheat was fixed at Taka 42,865. On receiving complaints, Md. Fazlur Rahman, Assistant Inspector of DAB enquired into the matter and filed a case against all of them on January 9 last.

Serious fertilizer crisis in Gopalganj

GOPALGANJ, Jan 26: High price and scarcity of TSP, SSP and MOP fertilizers may severely affect cultivation of IRRI-Boro, wheat and other crops during the current season.

Jail inmates suffer due to lack of amenities

MADARIPUR, Jan 26: The inmates of the district sub-jail have been suffering a lot due to lack of basic amenities, reports UNB.

According to source of Agriculture Extension Department (AED), target of IRRI-Boro cultivation has been fixed on 33400 hectares of land, wheat on 8,266 hectares, potato on 6,100 hectares, vegetables on 4,500 hectares and onion on 3,000 hectares of land. While production target has been fixed at 88,000 metric tons (mt) of Boro, 20,000 mts of wheat, 12,000 mts of vegetables and 6,000 mts of onion during the current season.

The 100-men capacity sub-jail has been flooded with 175 accused since last December causing serious problems to the inmates. Jail sources said, due to want of proper maintenance and care, cracks have also developed on the walls of jail building.

Although the number of prisoners have increased, the facilities and supply of necessary materials have decreased.

Valuables worth Tk 2 lakh looted

KISHOREGANJ, Jan 26: Dacoits looted valuables worth about Taka two lakh from nine shops at Pirjipur bazar in Bajitpur thana recently. The dacoits numbering about 15 came to the bazar by a truck at around 2 am and first tied up the night guards. The dacoits looted goods from nine shops belonging to Nurul Islam, Giasuddin, Rangit, Sushil Ghosmi, Liton Saha, Billal, Mohiuddin, Dhanesh and Bakul Mia. Later they fled towards Bahirab.

A case was registered with Bajitpur police station in this connection. The Superintendent of Police visited the spot. None has so far been arrested.

Wheat cultivation target not achieved

KISHOREGANJ, Jan 26: The target of cultivation of wheat could not be achieved due to inclement weather and non-availability of seeds in Kishoreganj district during the current season.

According to an official source, this year the Agriculture Department took up an ambitious scheme to bring 12,500 hectares of land under wheat cultivation and the target of production was fixed at 25,000 metric tons. But wheat could be cultivated on 10,670 hectares and the rest 1,830 hectares remain fallow.

Affected farmers said, due to rainfall, the soil of cropped field was wet for which they failed to sow the wheat seed timely. Besides, the dealers created artificial seed crisis in the market.



SYLHET: Kazi Enanuddin Ahmed, National President - Apex Club, speaking at the "12th district-4 convention '96" of National Association of Apex Club of Bangladesh held in Sylhet recently.