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SYLHET: Artistes of Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad rendering songs at a cultural function in celebration of Pahela Baishakh, the first day of Bangla new year. — Star photo

Monajat Uddin awarded gold medal

LALMONIRHAT, Apr 19: Late journalist Monajat Uddin has been awarded a gold medal by two local organisations for his contribution in the field of journalism, reports UNB.

His wife Nasima Monajat received the award from Divisional Commissioner AFM Yahia Chowdhury at a function organised by Lalmonirhat Foundation and Gano Shikha Samity at Church of God High School premises.

Some 2,000 honorary teachers and 450 block supervisors of different grades of the Mass Education Programme also received certificates and cheques for various amounts for their role in making programme a success.

The Lalmonirhat Mass Education Programme ended on November 26 last year.

Deputy Commissioner Kazi Farid Ahmed presided over the function attended by officials of government, non-government organisations, local leaders, teachers and journalists of 16 districts of the division.

Drought hits jute cultivation in Chandpur

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Apr 19: Jute cultivation in all seven thanas of the district has been adversely affected due to drought during the current season.

Jute souring season which has already been expired started from March.

Only 50 per cent of the target has been covered. According to agriculture department sources, a total of 30 thousand hectares of land have been targeted to cultivate jute in the district. Under the jute cultivation programme only 15 thousand hectares of land have so far been brought under jute cultivation.

According to farmers, due to deteriorating drought situation price hike of fertiliser, scarcity of high yielding variety seed and price hike of other agri-inputs and lack of smooth irrigation facilities are the main impediments in the way of achieving the target. In some places temperature has shot up and underground water level also fell by 30 feet hampering irrigation.

Agriculture experts have opined that the target of jute cultivation would not be achieved during the current season if the situation remains unchanged. Many farmers said that they can not prepare their land due to continuous drought. Moreover, scarcity of seeds and adequate capital are not available.

It may be mentioned that Chandpur is one of the large and richest jute producing area.

JCD activist arrested in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Apr 19: Police in a raid yesterday arrested a JCD activist from his residence at Shahid Lane under Pahartali.

He was identified as Shafiqur Rahman alias Samrat.

Police said Samrat was wanted in connection with some criminal cases.

3 killed in Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Apr 19: Two persons were killed in Savanagar and Jalalpur villages here in two days while another succumbed to his injuries he received during a clash in Syedgaon village.

The victim was working in the paddy field while his elder brother and his seven sons suddenly attacked him. They beat him up and hit him with a spear. Abul Hashem did on the spot.

There had been long-standing enmity between the two families, police said.

A case was registered with Nikli police station. All the accused are now in hiding.

Meanwhile, one Siraj, 30, of village Syedgaon in Pakundia thana succumbed to his injuries at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital on April 1.

Police said, Siraj sustained injuries during a clash over the possession of a tree on April 6. He was hit on the head with a lathi by his neighbours and immediately rushed to the Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

A case was registered with Pakundia police station.

Acute water scarcity in CHT

From Our Correspondent

RANGAMATI, Apr 19: Scarce of water and scorching heat wave made the life of people in the three hill districts of Rangamati, Khagrachari and Bandarban miserable for the last one month.

Water shortage is so acute in the CHT region, especially the drinking water scarcity has taken an alarming turn causing serious problem to the people here.

About 10 lakh people living in the rural areas have been using contaminated water of Kapta lake, canals, and ponds due to scarcity of supply of pure water.

At least 75 per cent tube-wells, ringwells and tarapumps have gone out of order because of abrupt fall of ground water level. Ringwells, canals and fountains are drying up gradually intensifying the scarcity of water. Meanwhile, water-borne diseases have broken out in many areas.

The water of 58,300-hectare Kapta lake which criss-cross the hill districts has apparently been contaminated beyond safe limit, local people observed it with great concern. In every 100 millilitre water contained average 700 coliforms, a type of bacteria; where as, water with only two coliform bacteria is said to be hygienically safe. This was revealed in the survey and chemical test on water and chemical test on water

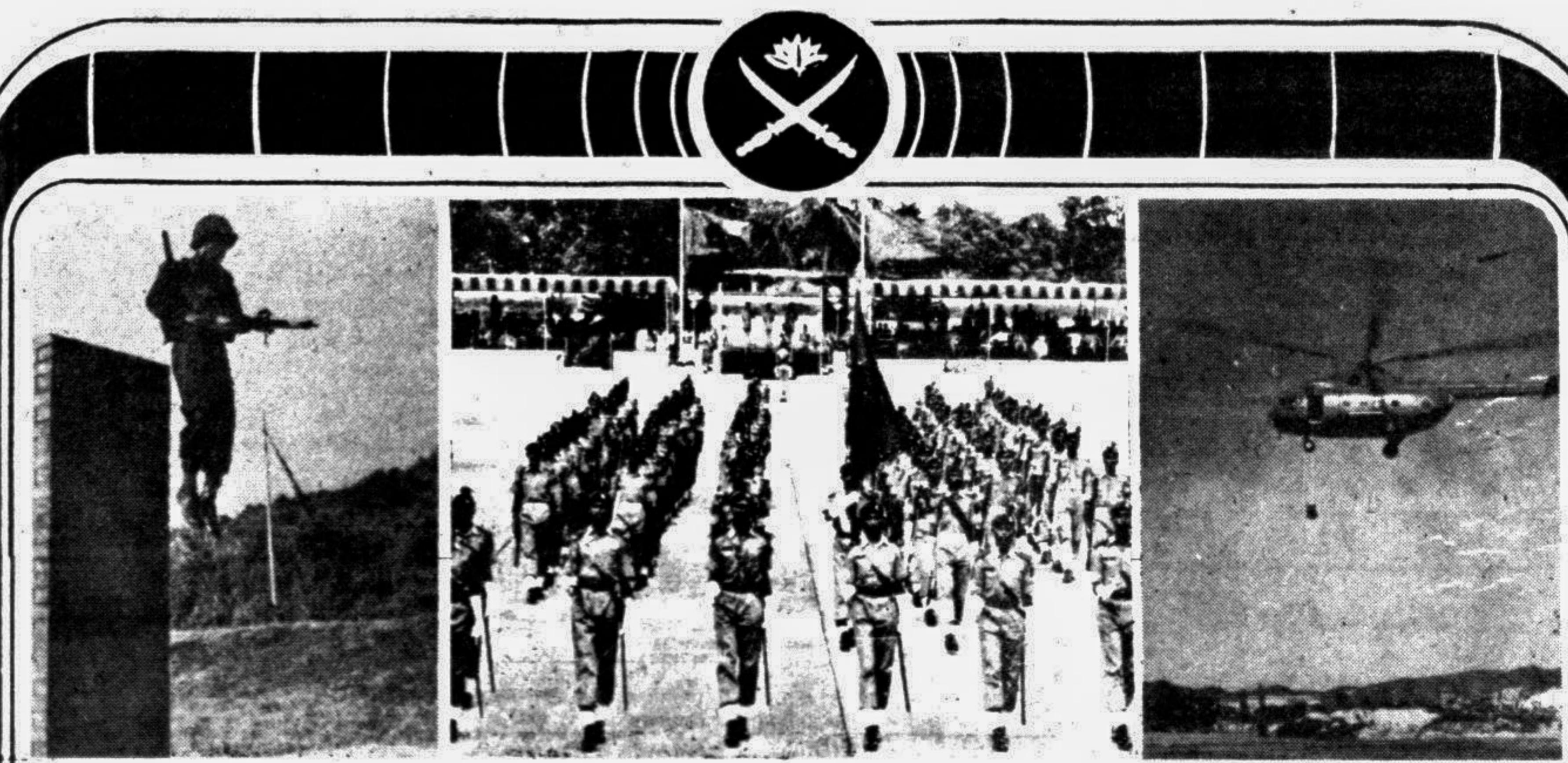
sample of Kapta lake conducted by officials from Public Health Engineering Directorate and experts from Environmental Control Department in early 1995.

The existing arrangement for supply of drinking water to some two lakh people of Rangamati, Khagrachari and Bandarban districts headquarters is quite inadequate. The water treatment plant in Rangamati can hardly supply less than 50 per cent of the required water.

The residents of old Rangamati town are not getting any supply since long due to leakage in the water tank, sufferers alleged. The problems have been communicated to the higher authorities but no step has yet been taken.

Besides, many chocked up tube-wells are yet to be repaired in the rural areas while many remote areas of 25 thanas of CHT region have no tube-wells, said local leaders and social workers. The project to dig ringwells in the locality of the hill tops is not being implemented, local leaders alleged. An official from Rangamati PHED said steps are afoot to solve pure water scarcity problem. Quotation has been invited to sink new tube-wells and dig ringwells and repair the existing old and disordered tube-wells and ringwells, he added.

Over 2.5 lakh people have also been suffering from intestinal disorder which the PHED experts and local physicians said was due to taking of contaminated water.



A CAREER OF HONOUR AND DIGNITY WITH CHALLENGING LEADERSHIP

14TH SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION (SPECIAL COURSE) IN ARMY EDUCATION CORPS (AEC)

1. AGE LIMIT

Age on 10 March 1996 (Affidavit NOT acceptable) : 21 to 28 Years.

2. PHYSICAL STANDARD

- a Height : 1.63 Metre (5'4") Minimum.
- b Chest : 0.76 Metre - 0.81 Metre (30"-32") Minimum.
- c Weight : 45.36 Kilogram (100 lbs) Minimum.

3. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

Minimum 2nd class in both graduation (honours) and Masters degree in Bengali / English / Arabic / History / International Relationship / Mathematics Psychology and Economics from a recognized University.

4. MARITAL STATUS AND NATIONALITY

Unmarried Male citizen of Bangladesh.

5. INELIGIBILITY

- a Withdrawn/Discharged from Army/Navy/Air Force or any government service.
- b Screened out/Rejected twice by ISSB. Once rejected and once screened out candidates may apply.
- c Declared medically UNFIT by an Armed Forces Appeal Medical Board (Rejected on grounds of height, weight and chest may apply on attainment of requisite standard).
- d Incomplete application forms will not be accepted.

6. SELECTION

Preliminary medical examination, written examination and final interview will be held at Dhaka Cantonment. In this regard, call up letter will be issued intime by this office.

7. FINAL MEDICAL

: Combined Military Hospital (CMH), Dhaka Cantonment.

8. FINAL SELECTION

Final Selection will be done by Adjutant General Branch, Army Headquarters, Dhaka Cantonment.

9. TRAINING/COMMISSION/ANTEDATE SENIORITY

22-24 weeks pre-commission training at Bangladesh Military Academy (BMA), Bhatiary, Chittagong. On successful completion of training they will be commissioned as Lieutenant one year antedate Seniority to be given.

10. OTHER FACILITIES EXCEPT BASIC PAY

- a Pay, Allowance and other benefits will be admissible as per existing rules/instructions.
- b Army Family Security Scheme : Tk. 7,00,000 (Taka Seven lac) [In case of death]

11. Application forms are available at the following places:

- a All Station Headquarters i.e. Dhaka, Comilla, Chittagong, Bogra, Rangpur, Saidpur, Savar, Jessore, Momenshahi (Mymensingh), Jalalabad (Sylhet),

Quadirabad (Dayarampur), Jahanabad (Khulah), Rajshahi, Rajendrapur and Ghatail (Tangail) Cantonment.

b Headquarters Recruiting Unit (RU), 34 Palaashi Barrack, Azimpur Dhaka and Branch Recruiting Unit (BRU), Comilla, Jessor and Bogra.

c All District Armed Services Board.

d Office of the Deputy Commissioners where no Station Headquarters or District Armed Services Board is located.

12. Application forms can be obtained on submission of Bank Draft Pay Order, Worth Tk. 100.00 (Taka One hundred) Bank draft can be taken from any branch of Sonali, Rupali and Agrani Bank of the Country (Non refundable) in favour of Army Headquarters, Adjutant General Branch, Personnel Administration Directorate, Dhaka Cantonment payable to any of the following Banks located at Dhaka Cantonment:

- a Sonali Bank, Dhaka Cantonment Branch
- b Rupali Bank, Dhaka Cantonment Branch
- c Agrani Bank, BAF Branch, Dhaka Cantonment

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

13. Application forms to reach Army Headquarters, Adjutant General Branch, Personnel Administration Directorate (PA-2), Dhaka Cantonment alongwith the following documents by 30 April 1996.

- a 04 Copies of recent passport size photograph duly attested by a first class gazetted officer.
- b Photostate copies of all educational certificates and marksheets duly attested by a first class gazetted officer.
- c A self addressed envelope, (9"x 4") with TK.2.00 (Taka two) postage affixed.
- d Nationality certificate from local Union parishad /pousashava/Ward Chairman/ commissioner as per permanent address.
- e Persons employed in any organization/establishment will apply through Departmental Head.

14. Attention :

a No Candidate will come to Army Headquarters gate physically. If there is any query or Selection matters, candidates will communicate through Telephone numbers, mentioned in the call up letter available with the candidates.

b No application will be received by Army Headquarters directly. Candidates will send their applications through post offices.

c Candidates, who have already applied for the above mentioned course as per previous advertisement, need not apply further.

LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION: 30 April 1996

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From Our Correspondent

BARISAL, Apr 19: Still now the acute crisis of liquid petroleum gas (LPG) is prevailing in different southern districts of Barisal division for a long time.

According to sources, only nearly three hundred cylinders were distributed by Meghna petroleum in this region during the last two months. LPG dealers in the town are keeping their shops shut for months together.

So far it is learnt, consumers of LPG in this region are not less than twenty thousands but there are only three thousands listed consumers of Jamuna Oil here.

The speakers dwelt on the causes of the outbreak of the rheumatic fever and heart diseases and the ways to prevent these diseases. A conservative estimate suggests that, 12 million are affected by rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart diseases with 400,000 deaths annually.

The speakers said in most developing countries, more than 50 per cent of rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease patients are unaware of their diseases.

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BARIDPUR, Apr 19: An armed dacoity was committed in the house of one Atiar Rahman of village Hamurdia under Ropur union in Madhukhali thana on April 7, police said.

A gang of armed dacoits numbering eight to ten entered the house at the dead of night by breaking open the door. They stabbed one of the inmates and at gunpoint looted cash money and other valuables worth Taka twenty-two thousand.

Hearing a hue and cry of the inmates of the house, the villagers rushed there and chased the dacoits. The villagers caught one dacoit, identified as Mostaque, and handed over him to the police.