

Huge crops damaged by calamities in Sunamganj every year

Proper implementation of haor protection schemes demanded

From Iqbal Siddiquee

SYLHET, Aug 19: With a view to saving the vast tracts of Boro lands within the haor protection embankments in Sunamganj from the strong waves of waters, raising the heights of the embankments have been demanded.

all the 10 thanas of Sunamganj district are in the low-lying area and called haor area. Boro paddy is the only cash crop grown by the farmers in the district. So, whenever natural disaster occur people of the area are directly hit.

On growing boro paddy. But, about 6 lakh acres of cropland in the district remain unguarded in the face of natural calamity, which may be saved by erecting embankment higher in height.

the natural calamities in Sunamganj district during the last 7 years. It includes, crops worth Taka 21 crore 17 lakh in 1988-89, Taka 124 crore 63 lakh in 1989-90, Taka 44 crore 75 lakh in 1990-91, Taka 125 crore in 1991-92, Taka 80 crore 5 lakh in 1992-93, Taka 125 crore in 1993-94 while about one hundred crore in 1994-95.

Two manpower agents cheat 25 youths

From Our Correspondent PABNA, Aug 19: As many as 25 poor unemployed youths of Pabna sadar, Bujanagar and Atharia thanas of Pabna district have allegedly been cheated by two fake agents of manpower exporters.



JHENIDAH: Stagnant water near Kabirpur food godown in Saikupa thana. — Star photo

Environment friendly IPM system gains wide popularity

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Aug 19: Farmers of Mobarakganj Sugar Mills authorities are being given training on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) system, to raise sugarcane output and control the massive pest attack.

borer" between June and July. "Steam borer" between August and September and by "Whitegram" between August and October. Further Claklia Super and net antode are also liable for hampering the production of sugarcane, the general manager said.

system firstly the percentage of pest attack and disease will be checked through massive survey. Sources further said that in Mobarakganj Sugar Mills zone area almost all the sugarcane farmers were trained to introduce IPM system.

Young housewife's body found floating in pond, sent to morgue

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 19: Nikli police recovered the body of a young housewife from a pond and sent it to the morgue of Kishoreganj sadar hospital for postmortem to find out the cause behind her death.

Family sources said, the victim who was suffering from hysteria went to the pond for washing clothes in the afternoon and reportedly drowned.

Extensive Rural Electrification plan in Sylhet, Sunamganj

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Aug 19: An extensive Rural Electrification Programme has been taken up for 15 thanas of Sylhet and Sunamganj districts recently. The preliminary works on the seven-year project would be started from the current financial year while the project is expected to be completed by 2002-2003.

Under the projects, eight substations will be constructed in the districts of Sylhet and Sunamganj while about 60 thousand electric connections would be given. It includes, domestic, commercial irrigation pumps, small industries and others.

Faults detected in degree result book

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 19: Faults have been detected in the result book of Degree (Pass and Subsidiary) examination, 1995 published by the National University on August 8 last.

Crops on one lakh hectares of land damaged by flood in Gopalganj

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, Aug 19: Four children died and over three lakh people were affected by the current devastating flood that damaged standing crops on over one lakh hectares of land in the district, it was reported.

rent devastating flood. In addition huge number of cattle head and poultry birds died for want of fodder and poultry feed. Scarcity of drinking water also prevails forcing people to drink contaminated water exposing them to various diseases.

Lathe machine workshops involved in making illegal arms in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 19: There are allegations that unauthorised firearms, particularly pipeguns are being made in some of the lathe machine factories of the city, police sources said.

machine factories either on payment or through intimidation. These firearms are allegedly being utilised for different crimes including muggings and dacoities in city and elsewhere.

42 days old baby murdered

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANSARIA, Aug 19: An infant only 42 days old was mercilessly stabbed to death by two miscreants at Moishair under Ashulgong bandar thana of the district recently, according to police sources.

Recently, an employee named Zakir (25) of a lathe machine factory was severely wounded when some miscreants attacked him for refusing to accept an offer for making pipeguns. The alleged miscreants did not stop here, they further demanded ransom of Tk 10,000 which was also refused.

Press confce at M'bazar Re-nationalisation of Pubali Bank demanded

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Aug 19: Employees of the Pubali Bank Limited have demanded re-nationalisation of the bank to save its huge property from misuse, and to protect its officers and employees from the oppression of the bank management.

When asked how was it possible to implement the demand of re-nationalisation of Pubali Bank, when the nation is in the way of market economy, the union leaders said, it is one of its demands. But they wanted protection of their service.

RUPWA threatens to boycott all games

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Aug 19: The Rajshahi University Players Welfare Association (RUPWA) threatened to boycott attending all university games until the university authority implement their eight-point demand by August 20, otherwise RUPWA also threatened to lock the University Physical Department.

Saiful Islam Nannu, a gold medalist of inter-university swimming competition from Rajshahi University and to introduce BPEd course under Rajshahi University. Hafizur Rahman Montoo, Thawhidur Rahman also spoke at the press conference.

Tragic death of 2 brothers

From Our correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 19: Two brothers met the tragic end of their lives when they went to take bath in the river near the house on August 11.

Acid attack on couple

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Aug 19: A couple recently came under attack by some alleged miscreants who threw acid on them at Purbo Srikol village in Sripur thana of the district.

People of Kushtia town cry for amenities

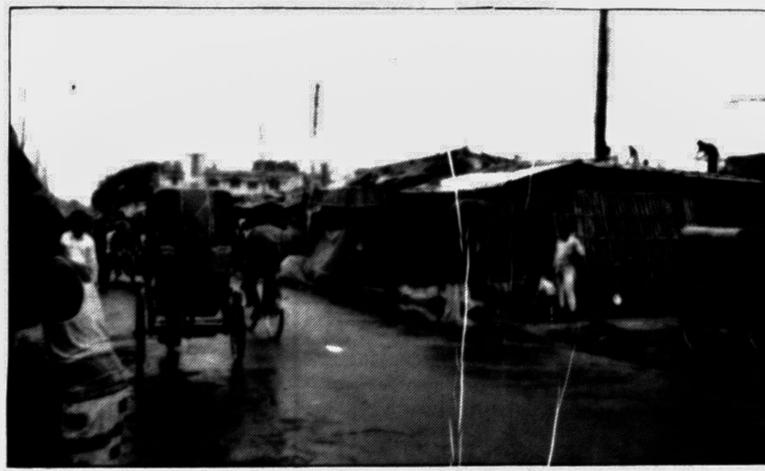
From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Aug 19: Kushtia town having a first grade Pourasava fails to provide its citizens with minimum basic amenities. Its deplorable condition of roads, absence of proper drainage system, mosquito menace, frequent power failure, inadequate street light, shortage of accommodation, unhygienic condition of toilets, traffic jam, unauthorised shops, absence of playground, unlawful construction of houses violating pourashava approved plan are all causing sufferings to the town dwellers.

not being expanded in comparison. Although area of the town is expanding with the increase of population but the Pourasava has failed to provide the town dwellers with minimum civic amenities. Some of the roads have been kept incomplete for months together ignoring the sufferings of the people.

garbages are not cleaned regularly and these have gradually turned into the breeding centres of mosquitos, town dwellers allege. Mosquito menace has made life miserable in the town. Most of the street lights in the town area have no bulbs. As a result the area plunges into darkness just after sunset and the anti social elements become active at that time.

There are no public toilets or sufficient urinals in the town. As a result people have to defecate on road side drains or other places polluting the environment. Although Kushtia Pourasava has been upgraded to first class but there is no



KUSHTIA: Unauthorised shops have been erected by the side of NS Road. Pourashava authority seems reluctant to evict the establishments. — Star photo



KUSHTIA: Fruits are being unloaded in front of a local market creating traffic jam. — Star photo

No centre for proper treatment of Filaria in the country

From Tareq Chowdhury

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Aug 19: A considerable number of people of the country have been suffering from Filaria, a disease, attacked by paracytes for a long. Owing to lack of governmental and non-governmental initiative this disease turned into a social problem.

of woman, it appears, only a small percentage of persons are infected and complication develops gradually in the course of repeated attacks, the report added. The skin and subcutaneous tissues are greatly thickened and affected portion of the body enlarged. The disease develops in two stages viz in acute stage, a filarial fever and swelling of limbs, occurs at least 2 to 6 times a year lasting for a week. In the second stage of the illness the blockage of blood vessels in limb nodes of the body takes place after the 12 to 15 years of first attack and it continues upto death.