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State Minister visits Gopalganj hospital

GOPALGANJ, Aug 20: State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Prof Dr M Amanullah paid a visit to Sadar hospital here on Tuesday, reports UNB.

During his visit, the minister went round the wards of the hospital and talked to the patients. He also asked the hospital authorities to make improvement in the hospital and render better health care services to the people. On way to Dhaka, he also visited Faridpur Medical College Hospital.

Drug addicts on rise in N-region

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 20: The number of drug addicts in the northern region is on rise causing concern among the guardians, reports UNB.

At present, about four lakh youths in the 16 northern districts are addicted to drugs like phenesyl, charas, heroin and other intoxicants. A few hundreds have already become disabled. A recent survey, conducted by a local NGO, also showed that three lakh distressed people including women are involved with the illegal drug trafficking.

Saplings distributed among students

MANIKGANJ, Aug 20: The district office of Islamic Foundation distributed saplings of tree for plantation among the students of Sri Government Girls' High School recently, reports BSS.

A discussion meeting was held at the school premises on this occasion. The meeting was presided over by Shirin Banu, Headmistress of the school. Jannat Ara Rashid, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rev) was the chief guest in the meeting.

Workshop for journalists

MAGURA, Aug 20: A day-long workshop for local journalists on 'Effectiveness of Breast-feeding in Preventing Child Diseases' was held at the District Information Office on Tuesday, reports UNB.

District Information Officer Amirul Azam inaugurated the workshop, organised by the Information Office in observance of the World Breast-feeding Week. A total of 21 journalists from different national dailies, news agencies and electronic media took part in it. The workshop was organised with an objective to inform the local journalists about the mass awareness and motivational programmes on breast-feeding in child health.

Daocity bid foiled

ISHURDI, Aug 20: A daocity bid on trucks at Sharaykandi under Ishurdi thana on Natore-Rajshahi highway recently was foiled by petrol police team of Ishurdi thana, reports BSS.

Police source said, two trucks Pabna-Ta-33 and Rajshahi Ta-5067 were coming from Rajshahi loaded with cows. A gang of armed daocity stopped the trucks by setting up barricade with trees on the road. A police patrol team of Ishurdi thana reached the spot at that time and caught three daocity red-handed.

2 killed in road accident

GAIBANDHA, Aug 20: Two people were killed and another one was injured in road mishaps on Dhaka-Rangpur highway near Tetulia Mazar in Gobindaganj thana on Saturday, reports UNB.

The victims were identified as Gafur, 30, of Singhabhang village and Mohammad Ali, 60, of Dungapur village of the same thana. Police said Gafur and Abdul Baseer of Fulbari village were seriously injured when truck, carrying them, plunged into a roadside ditch while overtaking another truck on the highway. Of them, Gafur succumbed to his injuries on way to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

Bus journey becomes hazardous

NATORE, Aug 20: Travelling by bus has become hazardous in the town due to overloading and reckless driving leading to frequent road mishaps, reports UNB.

Drivers and conductors of the buses take passengers more than its capacity and very often carry them on its rooftops without considering the risk-factor. Conductors of coasters carry goats, sheep, vegetables, sugar, salt, betel leaf inside as well as on its rooftops and halt their vehicles near market areas for loading and unloading of these goods.

Mushroom growth of unlicensed hotels

BANDARBAN, Aug 20: Mushroom growth of unlicensed hotels and restaurants in the district has been causing health hazards to the town dwellers, reports UNB.

The hotels and restaurants have sprung up in Bandarban Bazar, Balighata, Madhyampara, Meherpara, Maiti area and bus stand area. The dwellers alleged that most of these hotels and restaurants are dirty and foods are being prepared in unhygienic manner. Many customers have been suffering from diarrhoea and other intestinal diseases after the intake of such foods.

Sylhet satellite town residents deprived

SYLHET, Aug 20: Several thousand residents of Shahjalal satellite town area are being deprived of different civic amenities for a long time, reports UNB.

Absence of high school, playground, place for recreation, and irregular supply of drinking water and electricity have turned the daily life miserable in the area. Environment is also being polluted as residents pile up domestic-wastes on the roads in the absence of adequate number of dustbins. Roads are also in dilapidated condition due to lack of maintenance and care and cracks and potholes have developed at many points hampering the movements of vehicles and pedestrians.

Bright prospect of industrialisation in S-dists

BHOLA, Aug 20: There is a bright prospect for establishing small, cottage and heavy industries in the southern parts of the country with the discovery of gas at Shahajpur gas field, reports UNB.

Shahajpur gas was discovered in 1988 and drilling was completed in 1995. In view of the starting of exploration and supply of gas a six-member delegation of contracting firm Unical, an American oil and gas exploration company visited the gas field recently. The delegation met with the local Administration and Union Parishad chairman at the Bhorhanuddin Thana Parishad Hall and expressed hope that the quantity of gas reserve will be more than that of calculated 53 trillion cubic feet.

Education Publicity programme launched

NARSINGDI, Aug 20: A month-long programme of education publicity was launched here recently, reports BSS.

The aim of the programme is to motivate people about eradication of illiteracy from society. Rafiqul Islam, Deputy Commissioner of Narsingdi, inaugurated the programme by planting a sapling of mahogany tree by the side of Madanganj Road. A discussion meeting was held at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner on this occasion. The Deputy Commissioner presided over the meeting.

Modhumati erosion takes serious turn in Gopalganj

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, Aug 20: Erosion of the river Modhumati has taken a serious turn in the district recently.

Sharp rise in water level of the river has caused a great panic among local people.

Continued erosion of the river Modhumati has affected a vast tract of land in four villages of Mukhsundupur thana and three villages in Gopalganj thana.

A total of 100 families have become homeless.

According to the local people, the river has also devoured vast areas of cropland and dwelling houses of Bantachar.

The local people urged the authorities concerned to take immediate measures to check the erosion of the river Modhumati. Only 200 metres of road protection work at Bhanigarh has started by the Roads and Highways Department (R&H Deptt), but it is not enough to protect Gopalganj-Takerhat highway. It is immediately necessary to extend the work.

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Gopalganj-Takerhat highway of Bantachar under Mukhsundupur is also threatened by the Modhumati rivers' erosion.



GOPALGANJ: Erosion of the river Modhumati has threatened village Kaligram under Mukhsundupur thana in the district.

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