Children Rights Day observed

KISHOREGANJ, Oct 13: Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Kishoreganj branch observed the Children Rights Day '97 from 6 to 8 October in a belitting manner, reports BSS.

The concluding function was presided over by a student of Class IV of Government Ideal School, Razoana Sharmin Jisha. Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Chowdhury Muhammad Babul Hasan was present as the chief guest. The programmes of the day included distribution of food to the poor child, film show, painting competition, hand writing competi-tion, essay writing, music, dance and deliberation of speech. The chief guest distributed prizes and certificates among the winners.

Disaster Reduction Day observed

FARIDPUR, Oct 13: The International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction Day-'97 was observed here in a befitting manner on Thursday, reports UNB.

The day's programmes included a discussion meeting organised by the district administration and a joint-rally by socio-cultural organisations. Prof Altaf Hossain presented the keynote paper at the discussion at the Deputy Commissioner's conference room with DC AFM Abdul Haque Chowdhury in the chair. The discussants included pourashava chairman Prof Fazlul Kabir Chand, Civil Surgeon Abul Hossain Khan, Press Club president Munshi Harun-ar-Rashid, BNSB district wing secretary Dr Noni Gopal Saha and district Relief and Rehabilitation officer Abdur Rashid Sheikh.

Durga Puja observed befittingly

SATKHIRA, Oct 13: Durga Puja, the main religious festival of the Hindu Community was observed here with due religious fervour and gaiety, reports BSS.

Durga images were set up in at least 350 puja mondops in seven thanas of the district. Of the total, 99 puja mondops were set up in Tala thana, 62 in Satkhira sadar thana, 35 in Assasuni, 25 in Kalaroa, 17 in Debhata, and 34 each in Kaliganj and Shymnagar thana. A discussion meeting was held on Wednesday in observance of Durga Puja. Syed Kamal Bakth, MP, President of Satkhira district Awami League was the chief guest in the meeting.

Efforts on to free country from poverty

MONGLA, Oct 13: State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Talukder Abdul Khaleque has said the government is pledge-bound to make the country free from the clutches of poverty, reports UNB.

He said this while addressing as the chief guest at an interestfree credit programme to women at the Mongla thana parishad auditorium organised by Social Welfare Department on Friday. Stressing on the economic self-reliance of women, the minister called upon the loanees to utilise the credit properly. Talukder Abdul Rhaleque also asked them to return the money in scheduled time and hoped that solvency will come in the family after the proper utilisation of the credit.

Workshop on designing of agri-programme NETRAKONA, Oct 13: A day-long workshop on "designing of

agricultural programmes for 1997-98 fiscal year" was held here on October 6 under the auspices of Agriculture Extension Department of Netrakona, reports BSS.

Assistant Director of Agriculture Extension Department of greater Mymensingh region Surab Ali attended the workshop as the chief guest. Deputy Director of Agriculture Extension Department, Netrakona Lutfur Rahman was in the chair. The workshop was addressed, among others, by Agriculture Training Officer, Netrakona Abdul Awal and Subject Matter Specialist Abdul Mannan.

123 people held from Benapole border KHULNA, Oct 13: Bangladesh Rifles arrested 123 people from

Benapole border areas of Jessore district while they tried to go to India without valid papers on Thursday, reports UNB. Besides, the BDR jawans also arrested 953 Bangladeshis and 40 Indian nationals from various border points under Khulna sector while they tried to cross the border without valid documents during the last 10 months till October 2. They also seized smuggled goods worth Tk 23.44 crore from different areas under the sector in the same period. Of the amount, the outgoing goods worth Tk 11.10 crore included gold, touch stone, brass, silver, cloth, betel and fish. The incoming goods worth Tk 12.33 crore

Loan distributed to distressed people

shirting cloth, phensidyl, injection and cosmetics.

included sugar, salt, cattlehead, bicycle, motor cycle, saree,

TANGAIL, Oct 13: Mukhlesur Rahman, Secretary Social Welfare Ministry, has distributed Taka 4.51,000 as interest-free loan, six sewing machines and six rickshaw-vans among 100 distressed people of Bhuapur thana recently, reports BSS.

Nizamuddin, DG, Social Service Department, was present on this occasion. The loan was disbursed under poverty alleviation project of Palli Samaj Seba. The social welfare secretary also exchanged views with the officials of the Social Service Department on the progress of different on-going programmes of the department in the district.

Accommodation problem in Gazipur jail

GAZIPUR, Oct 13: Prisoners of the district jail are passing their days in sub-human condition due mainly to shortage of

accommodation, reports UNB.

According to official sources, the jail has the capacity of 70 people, including 14 women. But at present, some 576 prisoners have been passing their days in great distress in the small jail. The prisoners have been facing manifold problems including lack of medicare and toilet facilities. They are to sleep at night by turns. In fiscal 1991-92, the then Home Minister sanctioned Tk 10 lakh for building a new bhaban with a capacity of 400 prisoners. But after seven years, the work is yet to be completed.

Mothers, children immunised under EPI MADARIPUR, Oct 13: A total of 42,667 mothers and 34,134

children were immunised under Expanded Programme of Immunization (EPI) in four thanas of Madaripur district last year. reports BSS

A total of 36,511 children were given DPT injection, 36,599 children polio drops, 32,850 children were vaccinated against diphtheria and measles and 35,491 children were given BCG vaccines during the period. Besides, 22,412 mothers were given tetanus toxoid (TT) injection under this programme in the district. A total of 1418 immunisation centres were set up at different places of four thanas to conduct the immunisation drive.

Tk 1 cr land dev tax realised

KHULNA, Oct 13: Revenue Department has collected over Taka one crore from 10 districts of Khulna division during the last three months of the current financial year as land development tax, official sources said, reports BSS.

Of them, Taka 34 lakh 65 thousand was earned from Khulna district, 6 lakh 50 thousand from Bagerhat district, 18 lakh 37 thousand from Satkhira district, 11 lakh 13 thousand from Jessore district, 3 lakh 12 thousand from Magura district, 5 lakh 41 thousand from Narail district, 5 lakh 47 thousand from Jhenidah district, 5 lakh 93 thousand from Kushtia district, 5 lakh 54 thousand from Chuadanga district and 4 lakh 18 thousand from Meherpur district.

2 killed in Sirajganj road mishap SIRAJGANJ. Oct 13: Two people were killed and five others

injured in a road mishap here recently, reports UNB. Police said the accident occurred at about 11 am when a tempo collided with a truck at Shialkol on New Dhaka Road, 3 km away from the district town. One Abdul Aziz, 50, of Raiganj thana died on the spot while another unidentified person succumbed to his injuries at Sirajganj General Hospital. The injured were rushed to the same hospital where conditions of the three are stated to be critical.

2 extortionists caught by people

MANIKGANJ, Oct 13: Villagers caught two extortionists try-ing to collect toll from a man at Tebaria village in Saturia thana on Saturday night, reports UNB.

Witnesses said Tota, 22, and Titu, 21, of Tebaria village were held as they demanded toll from one Atol Karmakar of the village. They also recovered a home made revolver from one of the miscreants. The villagers handed them over to police after a tremendous thrashing.

Bijoya Dashami celebrated

NARAYANGANJ, Oct 13: Bijoya Dashami marking the con-cluding day of the five-day long Durga Puja festival of the Hindu community was celebrated here with the immersion of the image of the goddess Durga in the river Shitalakya on Saturday

evening, reports BSS. Colourful truck load processions carrying the image of the goddess Durga were brought out from different puja pandels along the thoroughfares of the town in the afternoon. Hundreds of Hindu devotees dressed in their new attires witnessed the immersion standing on the bank of the river at BIWTA ghat.



PABNA: Production of agricultural items has increased throughout the district recently due to application of modern methods. Photo shows some agriculturists displaying their produced items. - Star photo

Law, order situation worsens in Jessore

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Oct 13: Various crimes including killing, rap- thana was shot dead by out- thanas in the district during the ing, mugging and kidnapping in lawed party activists on different thanas in the district September 19 last. are on rise following deteriora-A 15-day-old child Ashura tion in law and order situation.

According to police, Masura

Anwar Hossain of local City

Sipila Begum of Keshabpur

Muslima Khatun of Jogohati

Mosharrof Hossain of Mo-

Khatun of Baliadanga under

sadar thana was beaten to death

by her husband on September

Collegepara was killed by

armed miscreants on Septem-

was killed by her husband on

under Kotwali thana was killed

by her husband on September

September.

ber 29 last.

15 last.

September 12 last.

Khatun was killed by armed A total of 12 persons were miscreants at Naopara under killed, 15 muggings, 30 thefts, Obhainagar thana on Septem-10 raping and a number of kidber 18 last. napping incidents were com-A 20-day-old baby Rehana of mitted during the month of

Sharuppur under Chougachha thana was killed on September 20 last. Bhanu Khatun of Protappur under Keshabpur thana was

killed on September 20 last. BNP leader Mujibor Rahman of Jhinkergachha under Jhinkergachha thana was killed by armed miscreants on

September 25 last. An unidentified young man was killed at local stadium gate on September 27 last. Chand Ali of Monirampur

and Mazeda Khatun of Keshabpur were killed on September 29 last. Besides, 13 other persons

hammadpur under Bagherpara committed suicide in different month under review.

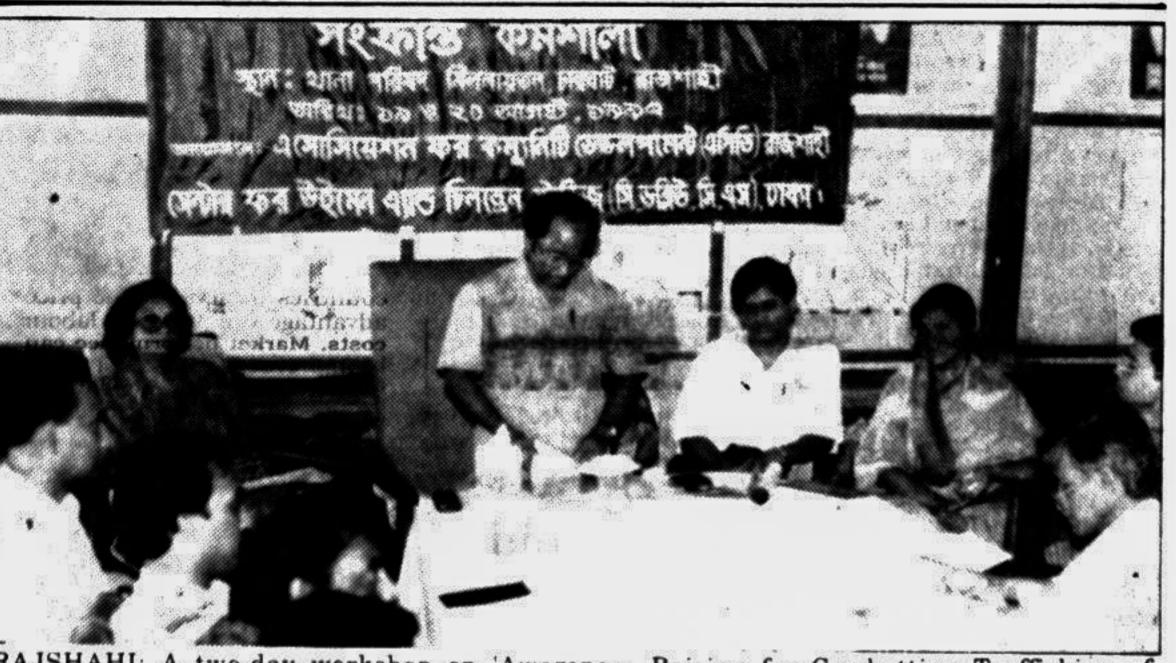
According to another report a total of five persons were killed in road accidents and three others met unnatural deaths.

Two persons were drowned in this month.

A total of 10 women were raped, 15 muggings were committed including 80 other highway robberies, 30 cases of theft recorded in various thanas of the district in this month.

A school girl of Chougachha Shahadat High School was kidnapped in the second week of September last. Police have already nabbed the gang leader.

Most armed miscreants are under the cover of different political parties in the district. They are moving in free style and creating law and order problems before the nose e of members of law enforcing agencies.



RAJSHAHI: A two-day workshop on 'Awareness Raising for Combatting Trafficking of Women and Children' arranged by Association for Community Development (ACD) concluded recently at Charghat auditorium in Rajshahi.

Chandpur Hospital fails to provide proper health service

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Oct 13: Chandpur Sadar Modernised Hospital is beset with manifold prob-

Shortage of doctors, medicines, beds, equipments, nurses, staff has been hampering proper treatment of large number of patients. The 50-bed Chandpur Mod-

ernised Sadar Hospital is unable to render proper treatment to the increasing number of patients. The existing number of beds can only meet twenty per cent requirement of the patients seeking admission in the hospital.

This is the only hospital in the district headquarters having a population of more than twenty lakh. There is one bed for about forty thousand people which is impossible to meet minimum requirement of patients. Most of the bed sheets have become unfit for use and those are rarely been replaced. Most of the patients who come from remote villages return

Magura town is the gateway

to the south-western districts including Jhenidah, Narail.

Bagerhat, Khulna, Satkhira,

Kushtia, Chuadanga and Meh-

erpur. Many of buses, trucks

and coaches plying along 15

bus routes have to cross this

town. The routes are Dhaka-

Khulna, Dhaka-Bagerhat,

Dhaka-Meherpur, Dhaka-Kus-

htia, Dhaka-Benapole, Dhaka-

Satkhira, Dhaka-Narail, Fari-

dpur-Khulna, Barisal-Khulna,

home without proper treatment for want of accommodation.

The only ambulance of the hospital remains out of order most of the time. In emergency cases the people are compelled to hire vehicles at high rate. Though it is a 50-bed hospital about two hundred patients are admitted in the hospital. Most of the patients are staying on the floor and corridor of the hospital. The water supply is almost absent and if for sometime it is supplied very irregularly. The outdoor patients visit

Durga Puja celebrated

From Our Correspondent KUSHTIA, Oct 13: The 5-day long Durga Puja concluded here on Saturday with immersion of the Goddess Durga in the river Gorai near Amlapara in the

the hospital during office timings, but they can not meet the doctors on the plea that the doctors are visiting wards or sometimes doctors remain in meet-

Dogs, cats are found moving freely indifferent floors of the hospital.

Some patients complained that both indoor and outdoor patients are provided with only prescription. The poor indoor patients are to purchase medicines from outside at a high rate. It is alleged, doctors, nurses

and other staffers are insufficient. There is no children's ward in the hospital. The post of medicine consultant has not yet been created in the hospital. The patients further complained, most of the doctors

remained busy with their private practices. The people of the district have urged the government to immediately turn the hospital into a 200-bed hospi-

Bus terminal needed in Magura town

From Our Corespondent

MAGURA. Oct 13: Thousands Khulna-Patuakhali and Dhaof bus passengers have been ka-Langalbandh. suffering a lot due to absence of a bus terminal in the district

> As there is no parking lot for packed with buses and trucks in

Luxury coaches of the abovementioned routes have been using the Asian Highway which runs through this district

inter-dist buses, the buses are parked on the footpaths of the Asian Highway and Magura-Jessore via Arpara road. Vainermor area, remains

absence of any bus terminal. According to local sources, a site was selected and foundation stone was laid at the northern parts of the town for

constructing a bus terminal a couple of years back. But it is yet to be implemented. At least 3,000 to 3,500 rick-

shaws have been plying on the roads of Magura pourashava

The roads in Nutan Bazar College Road, Ator Ali Sarak areas remain blocked in office hours. Rickshawas hinder the movement of pedestrians and vehicles. School going children are worst sufferers.

Rickshaws from nearby unions enter into the town further aggravating the situation, local people also alleged.

Husband kills wife for dowry

NARSINGDI, Oct 13: A young housewife was killed following her husband's torture for dowry in sadar thana today police and hospital sources said, reports

The victim was identified as Nasima, 22, wife of Jhantu Mia of Balusair village in the thana. Nasima's husband and mother-in-law allegedly tortured her severely for dowry in the afternoon. Later, she succumbed to her injuries at the sadar hospital at about 3:30 pm immediately after her admis-

Police said two people brought the victim to the hospital by a rickshaw. However, they left the scene soon after the doctor referred her to DMCH. Her body was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

Insane mother kills daughter From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Oct 13: A lunatic woman killed her 18-monthold daughter at Deula village under Borhanuddin thana of Bhola district last night. Police said Rokeya Begum, 28, chopped her daughter to

death last night. Her neighbours said she was suffering from serious mental illness. Borhanuddin thana OC visited the spot and arrested

Rokeya Begum today.

One killed, 2 hurt in Khagrachhari road accident

KHAGRACHHARI, Oct 13: One person died and two others seriously injured in a road acu cident at College Gate here early today, reports BSS. Khagrachhari police sources

said one Purna Chandra Chakma, 17, was seriously injured when his bicycle collided with a motorcycle. He succumbed to his injuries on way

Motorcycle rider Ydayan Chakma, 17, and his co-rider Bimal Chakma, 19, received injuries in the accident. They were sent to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

A case has been filed in this regard with Khagrachhari

Young man commits suicide KISHOREGANJ, Oct 13: A

voung man committed suicide at village Kandail in Karimganj thana today, police said, reports UNB. Swapon, 18, son of

Shamsher Ali, died on way to Karimganj hospital after he took insecticide following a_ quarrel with his newly married wife early today.

The body was sent to Karimganj Sadar hospital morgue for autopsy. A UD case was filed.

train mishap victims buried

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, Oct 13: Bodies of seven out of eleven Jessore train accident victims were brought to the city on Sunday. The dead belonged to the same family of Boyra area under Khalishpur thana. They were buried at Boyra graveyard in the afternoon. Hundreds of people from all walks of life attended the namaz-e-janaja held at Boyra mosque. The dead persons are:

Ayesha, 40, Amela, 20, Putul, 5, Milon, 2, Hossain, 12, Bulu, 10 and Mariam. 3.

Bangladeshi fishing trawler hijacked in Bay From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Oct 13: A fishing trawler FB Selim was hijacked by a gang of armed pirates with 17 fishermen on board near Hiron point in the Bay of Bengal late Sunday night. Rescued fishermen reached

at Kuakata of Patuakhali and in formed that a gang of alleged armed Indian pirates boarding on a speedy fishing trawler stormed into the Bangladeshi trawler. On gun point they looted away fish, fishing net, cash money and engine parts of about Taka four lakh.

Some fishermen from the attacked trawler jumped into water out of fear during the piracy. The victim fishermen were rescued by the fishermen of a nearby fishing trawler FB Moti and took them to Kuakata on Sunday afternoon.

40 tolas of gold seized: Smuggler held

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Oct 13: One smuggler was arrested recently by the jawans of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) when he was engaged in smuggling 40 tolas of gold from Bangladesh to India.

BDR sources said one unknown person was loitering at the border of Bhomra-Luxmidari. At one stage he went towards Indo-Bangladesh border Pillar No. 3. He was challenged by a group of patrolling BDR

The person named Amzad Sarder confessed that he was carrying gold. He was then taken to BDR Border Outpost (BOP) at Bhomra. His body was searched in presence of BDR 21 Battalion Second-in-Command Major Harun, local Union Parishad (UP) chairman Shahidul Islam and Political leader Abu Nasim Moyna. BDR found 4 pieces of gold each weighing 10 tolas from his

The smuggler is the son of Anwar Sarder. His native village is Nevakhali under Satkhira sadar police station (PS). Amzad said to BDR that the owner of the gold was Abdus Samad of village Khanpur and he was only a carrier.

submitted to Customs godown. A case has been lodged will Satkhira PS.

Advocate Dipak Roy Chowd-

hury, journalist Lutfar Rahman, Anowar Hossain, Shahidul Is-

lam, Asaduzzaman, Gopal

Chandra Sarkar, Ohidul Islam

were present in the conference.

lecting Shafikul Islam and

Gopal Chandra Sarkar as pres-

Oldest woman

dies

oldest woman in the district

died at the age of 112 years on

iullah Patoari of village Piarpur

under Shalikha thana of the

grand sons and daughters and

a host of relatives to mourn her

Alleged rapist

arrested

village Char Goalpara under

Sripur thana in the district was

arrested by Sripur thana police

According to the reports,

Hashi, 10, daughter of

Basiruddin of village Chargoal-

para went to graze goats. Gobed

Ali, 35, of Kalinagar village

and a case was filed with Sripur

Police arrested the rapist

caught her and raped her.

recently, police sources said.

The alleged rapist of a girl at

district, family sources said.

She was the wife of late Al-

She left behind 7 sons, 56

September 16.

death.

Ashrafu Nesa, one of the

ident and general secretary.

A committee was formed se-

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Oct 13: The election of Auto-rickshaw and

ilul Alam Bibek have been elected president and general secretary respectively of the Other office-bearers are:

Vice-President - Abdul Majed, Assistant General Secretary -Md Hatem Ali, Organising Secretary - Mir Abdul Mannan, Treasurer - Abdul Hossain, Line Secretary - Md Ayub Hossain, Asaduzzaman Md Taslim Molla and five others.

A total number of 420 votes were casted out of 455 voters.

Reception to Principal

Md Abul Kashem Molla, Princi-

Altaf Hossain, General Secretary, District Awami League

Bridge construction work begins

The construction work of a bridge on the Fatki river at village Lakhsmipur under Dhaneshwargati Union in Shaalikha thana of the district was inaugurated by Dr M S Akbar, local MP on October 3.

Thousands of people in the locality will be benefited after completion of the abovementioned bridge.

Durga Puja celebrated

Durga Puja, the greatest religious festival of the Hindu community was celebrated in seven unions of Shalikha in the district this year.

People of the Hindu community in the area arranged Durga Puja in 58 temples of the thana.

College employees assoc's confce

A conference of Non-Government College Employees' Association, Magura district was held at Magura Adarsha Degree College Auditorium recently. Rafikul Islam Montu, Presi-

dent of the central committee

was the chief guest and Rafikul

Islam Dulal, Joint Director

General of the central commit-

family sources said. According to the sources, Pushpo Rani, 60, mother of Sushil and Sagar, merchants of village Shatokhali was killed

Awami League leader of Shalikha also was slaughtered by miscreants at the same village on September 1 night, according to the police sources.



CHANDPUR: Century old Chandpur Shilpakala Academy needs immediate renovation as it may collapse at any Star photo moment.

The recovered gold has been

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tee was special guest. Shafikul Islam presided.

Tempo Workers' Union, Magura district was held here recently. Abu Hanif Molla and Md Ba-

A reception was accorded to

pal, Magura Adarsha Degree College for adjudging the best teacher of 1997 at national level by the students and teachers of the college in a colourful function at the college premises here recently.

was the chief guest while Chandi Prosad Chatterjee, Vice Principal of the College presided over the function. A group of students and teachers spoke and gave congratulatory letter and prizes to him. A colourful cultural function was also held on the occasion. The local artistes took part.

School drop-outs on rise

The number of primary students is on decrease in rural areas of the district due to manifold causes.

A good number of children who got themselves admitted into the government primary schools to get new books free of cost and wheat under the Food for Education Programme left the school after a few months of

their admission. According to an unofficial survey, many children between six to ten years age group left primary schools in four thanas of the district. They work in the paddy fields, factories, restaurants or mobile workshop to earn their livelihood.

2 killed by miscreants

An old mother was killed brutally at village Shatokhali under Shalikha thana in the district on September 28 night,

stabbing by miscreants demanding tolls. Moloy Kumar, a Thana