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Prize giving ceremony

MANIKGANJ, Jan 4: The prize giving ceremony of the teachers of "mosque based child and mass education programme" of the Islamic Foundation was held in the auditorium of Manikganj Islamia Kamil Madrasa on December 29, reports BSS.

The function was presided over by Maulana Mohammad Musa, Principal of the madrasa. Prof Asaduzzaman, Principal of Government Mohila College, Manikganj and advocate Golam Mohiuddin, secretary, Manikganj district Awami League spoke on the occasion as chief guest and special guest respectively. The function was also addressed, among others, by Md Shiraj Mannan, additional director, Islamic Foundation Manikganj Md Rafiq-ul-Islam, assistant director and Maulana Hafiz Abu Taher. Nine teachers of three thanas and one librarian were given prizes for their best performance.

Man killed in Sylhet road accident

SYLHET, Jan 4: A middle-aged man was run over by a speeding truck at Alampur on Sylhet-Jakiganj road in Sadar thana on Sunday, reports UNB.

Police sources said Fazlu Mia, 35, son of Shishu Sheikh of village Uttar Baishi in Sarishabari thana of Jamalpur dist. met his tragic end while crossing the road. Postmortem of the body was performed at Osmani Medical College Hospital and a case was filed with the Kotwali thana. Another report adds: Six students of a picnic party were injured seriously by some miscreants at Majortola area in the town on Monday. Police said a gang of miscreants boarding in a microbus suddenly attacked the bus carrying the students of Tajpur College in Balaganj thana who were returning from Jafong after picnic. The hoodlums beat up the students, snatched their money and two cameras and damaged their vehicle. A case has been filed with the Kotwali thana.

One killed in Satkhira road mishap

SATKHIRA, Jan 4: One person was killed in a road accident near Kulia bridge under Debhata thana of the district on Saturday last, reports BSS.

According to police sources, a Satkhira-bound mini-bus from Kaliganj ran over a man near Kulia bridge while he was crossing the road. He succumbed to his injuries at K'ulna 150-bed hospital the next day. The victim was identified as Moksed Ali, 60, of village Alipur under sadar thana. A case was lodged with Debhata thana. The driver managed to escape with his minibus.

Housewife burnt to death

SIRAJGANJ, Jan 4: A housewife was burnt to death in a fire that charred 10 dwelling houses at village Pachila in Ullaphara thana on Wednesday, reports UNB.

The deceased was identified as Aleya Parveen, 28, wife of Nurul Islam. According to witnesses, fire caught Aleya when she fell down suddenly on a container full of petrol while entering into her house with a lantern in hand. The blaze soon engulfed the adjacent areas destroying 10 houses. The extent of damage was estimated at about Tk 2 lakh. Aleya was rushed to the Sirajganj General Hospital where she succumbed the following day.

Confee of imams

JAMALPUR, Jan 4: A conference of the selected imams of different mosques in Jamalpur district was held on December 29 at Singharijan High School auditorium, reports BSS.

The conference was arranged by Islamic Foundation, Jamalpur. Nearly one hundred imams participated. Rezaul Karim Hira, MP attended the meeting as chief guest while Achyuta Pada Goswami, Deputy Commissioner was special guest. Mouliana Abu Hussain, pesh imam of Jamalpur Bar, mosque presided over the conference. Deputy Director, Islamic Foundation, Jamalpur, in his welcome speech outlined the objectives of the meeting. According to official sources, a panel of best imams would be selected from among the enlisted imams after reviewing their whole year performance. This panel of imams would represent Jamalpur district in the next national level meet at Dhaka.

Birth centenary of poet Golam Mostafa

JHENEAIDAH, Jan 4: A two-day function was held at village Monoharpur under Saikupura thana on December 28 and 29 to mark the birth centenary of renowned poet and litterateur Golam Mostafa, reports BSS.

The inaugural function was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner, Mohammad Anisur Rasul. Rehana Akhtar Hira MP inaugurated the function as chief guest. Son of the poet and noted painter Mostafa Monwar, daughters of the poet Feroja Khatoon and Rashida Huq spoke on the occasion as special guests.

The inaugural function was followed by a discussion on the literary works of the poet with artist Mostafa Monwar in the chair. Prof Shahidul Hassan, Daudul Hafiz and Rawnak Mohammad Rafiq took part in the discussion.

2 lakh children deprived of medicare

SARJAPUR, Jan 4: About 22 lakh children are being deprived of proper medicare facilities in absence of a Shishu Hospital in the district, reports UNB.

At least 12 lakh people of which 3.16 lakh are under 15 are living in six thanas of the district. Local leaders said about 40,000 children under one year of the district can get proper treatment if there is at least a child ward in each thana health complex. They alleged that time and again they demanded of the government to establish a child hospital in the district town but no efforts have yet been taken in this regard.

AGM of Tangail Press Club

TENGALI, Jan 4: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Tangail Press Club was held at its premises on December 26 with Kamrul Hasan Chowdhury in the chair, reports BSS.

Acting Secretary KS Shafi and Treasurer Kazi Zahirul Maola, placed their reports at the meeting. Among others Dr Md Kamruzzaman, advocate Khar, Mohammad Khaled, Advocate Rafiqul Islam and Md Salahuddin, spoke on the occasion. The AGM was followed by annual election of the executive committee of the press club. Kamrul Hasan Chowdhury and Zafar Ahmed were elected president and general secretary of the press club respectively.

Mushroom growth of hotels in Noakhali

MOAKHALI, Jan 4: The mushroom growth of hotels and restaurants in the district town and thana headquarters has been threatening the public health, reports UNB.

Foods are being prepared and stored in most unhygienic way in these hotels and restaurants. Besides, stale foods are being sold to the customers in the absence of inspection by the authorities concerned. Many people have been suffering from intestinal diseases due to intake of adulterated and stale foods in the district. The garbages are also being dumped beside the hotels and restaurants polluting the environment. A large number of tea stalls have also been set up beside the main roads hampering the vehicular movement. Several hundred such shops have sprung up in the municipal areas of Majdee and Chauhan.

Teenaged boy killed in road mishap

JHENIDAH, Jan 4: A teenaged boy named Arif was killed in a road mishap at Bis-hoykhali bazar in sadar thana on Jhenidah-Jessore road on Tuesday, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, a sugarcane laden trolley ran over the victim, a worker of a tailoring shop, while he was crossing the road. The driver, however, fled the scene. The body of the victim was sent to sadar hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed with the police.

Sanitary latrines construction scheme

RANGPUR, Jan 4: The Facilities Department has been executing a scheme for the construction of sanitary latrines in 83 schools in Nilphamari district at a cost of Taka 40.21, 595 in the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

An official source said, the construction work of the scheme is expected to be completed within next two months.

Indian goods seized

SATKHIRA, Jan 4: The members of the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized Indian smuggled goods worth over Taka 2.39 lakh between December 13 and 15 from some border areas of the district, reports BSS.

A BDR source said the contraband goods include sugar, salt, onion, milkpowder, bi-cycle, cumins, saree, bidli, nylon net and stainless steel goods. The goods were deposited to the Satkhira customs authorities. None was arrested in this connection.

AGM of MCC

MADRIPUR, Jan 4: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Madripur Cricket Clinic (MCC) was held here recently at the public library auditorium, reports BSS.

Khalilur Rahman Khan, president of MCC and chairman of Madripur porrasava presided over the meeting. The annual report was placed by MCC general secretary Ameer Babu. A friendly cricket match between the senior eleven and the junior eleven was held at the local stadium on the occasion.



MUNSHIGANJ: A massive mustard cultivation programme has been taken up in the district this winter. Photo shows an enchanting view of a land with full bloom mustard flowers where rural boys are enjoying the attractive scenery. — Star photo by AKM Mohsin

Huge quantity of illegal fire arms recovered

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Jan 4: Kotwali police recovered huge quantity of illegal fire arms, bombs and bomb-manufacturing materials from two deterrent places of Obhainagar thana in the district in two separate operations conducted recently.

They also recovered a stolen motor cycle and arrested four persons allegedly involved in it from the same place during this operation.

Acting on tip-off, a contingent of police, led by SI Fazlur Rahman, raided the house of Shorhukar under Rajjak of Lakhipur and recovered

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50,000 children suffering from malnutrition

BARGUNA, Jan 4: About 50,000 children in all five thanas of the district have been suffering from malnutrition and other related diseases, reports UNB.

According to a survey conducted by a non-government organisation, the number of premature deaths, blindness and retardness are gradually increasing among the children day by day in the district due to abject poverty caused by successive floods and drought.

The children of different thanas are also suffering from several killer diseases like dysentery, pneumonia, diarrhoea, malaria, hooping cough, night blindness and skin diseases, the report revealed.

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Health complexes facing manifold problems

MADRIPUR, Jan 4: The health complexes in the district are facing manifold problems for long hampering the medicare services, reports UNB.

Shortage of physicians, staff members, medicine and other necessary appliances jeopardised almost all the health complexes causing untold suffering to the patients.

The health complexes are plagued with paucity of drinking water, inadequate drainage system, absence of ambulance, blood banks, dental and ophthalmic instruments.

Most of the health complexes have no X-ray machines causing much suffering to the patients.

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