770 small projects implemented

GAZIPUR, July 22: A total of 770 small projects under disaster and relief ministry in five thanas and two pourashavas of Gazipur district were implemented at an allocation of 1673 tons rice and wheat in fiscal 1997-98, reports BSS.

An official source said, the projects included reconstruction and repair of roads, educational institutions and places of worship including mosques and temples. The projects provided job opportunities to the rural poor. The thanawide break-up of projects is: Sadar 121, Kapasia 136, Kaliakoir 124, Sreepur 98 and Kaliganj 222. Besides, Tongi pourashava and Gazipur pourashava implemented 45 and 24 projects respectively.

Huge quantity of hemp recovered

SYLHET, July 22: Bangladesh Rifles seized a huge quantity of hemp worth about Tk 2.87 lakh and arrested three men from Pathakuri beel in Companiganj thana here on Wednesday. reports UNB.

The arrested, identified as Manir Uddin, Komsur Ali and Suruj Ali, were carrying the contraband item in a boat. The seized goods were deposited with the Department of Narcotics Control here and a case was filed with the police.

4,297 applications against 126 posts

HABIGANJ, July 22: A total of 4,297 applications have been submitted against 126 posts of Assistant Teachers in the primary schools of the district's eight thanas, reports UNB.

Application was invited by the Central Recruitment Committee to appoint teachers in the vacant posts of the primary school teachers, last date of which was July 15. Of the total applicants, officials said, 3,521 are female and the rest 776 are male. A large number of educated youths in the district have been passing their days in great uncertainty due to lack of job opportunities, the sources added.

Bridge construction work completed

SATKHIRA, July 22: The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has completed the construction of a bridge over the Chuna river at Munshiganj in Shyamnagar thana of the district recently, reports BSS.

According to LGED sources, the eighty-seven metre long bridge was constructed with the financial assistance from OPEC founded projects under its medium urban infrastructure development schemes. The bridge fulfils the needs of better communication of the people of Koyra of Khulna district and Munshiganj and Nildumur in Shyamnagar thana of Satkhira district.

BSCIC biennial general meeting held

MADARIPUR, July 22: The biennial general meeting of the BSCIC Malik Samiti, Madaripur was held at its office here recently, reports BSS.

Alhaj Feredous Zamadar and Sharifuzzaman have been elected president and general secretary respectively of the 13member executive committee of the samiti for the next term. Other office-bearers include Abul Kasem Sikdar and Mozammel Huq, vice-presidents and Shahjahan Morol, Treasurer.

Low-cost house bldg project undertaken

RANGAMATI. July 22: Rangamati unit of the Local Government Engineering Directorate has undertaken a programme to construct low-cost houses for displaced distressed families of the district at a cost of Taka 8.64 crore. after restoration of peace following the signing of peace accord, reports BSS.

The housing project is sponsored jointly by World Food Organisation and Government of Bangladesh. Engineer Golamur Rahman, Executive Engineer of Rangamati unit of Local Government Engineering Directorate told at his office that 45 low-cost houses will be constructed at every union parishad of 10 thanas in the district at a cost of Taka 40,000

Plan to construct college hostel bldg

CHUADANGA. July 22: The Facilities Department of the Ministry of Education has taken up a programme to construct a new hostel building for the students of the local government girls college, reports BSS.

The three-storeyed hostel building will be constructed at the college premises at a total cost of Taka 66,50,000. According to an official source the construction work of the hostel building is expected to be started shortly and will be completed within one year.

Foodgrains sanctioned for erosion victims MANIKGANJ, July 22: District Relief and Disaster

Management Department has sanctioned 47 tons of foodgrains for distribution among 1000 distressed families affected due to river erosion in three thanas of the district, reports BSS.

The thanas are Daulatpur, Shibalaya and Harirampur. The allocated foodgrains will be distributed among 1,000 families of the river eroded areas. Hundreds of families have been rendered homeless during the last few days as the erosion by the rivers Padma and Jamuna intensified further.

Development works completed

CHUADANGA, July 22: The Chuadanga District Council implemented three schemes in two-thanas of Chuadanga district during the last financial year at a total cost of Taka 7,80,000, reports BSS.

According to an official source the implemented schemes included repair of Jibannagar District Council bungalow and construction of its boundary wall, construction of Jibannagar-Changkhali border road and of Munshiganj-Gholdari road by Hering Bond (HBB). The Chuadanga District Council took a programme to implement 8 schemes in the district during the last financial year at a cost of Taka 21,31,000. Three schemes were completed. The work of the rest five schemes are now in full swing and expected to be completed by the next month.

Govt sanction for a major project

BARISAL, July 22: The government sanctioned Tk seven crore for the implementation of a major project at Kashipur, about seven kilometres from here, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the project to be implemented included the construction of a teachers' training college after the name of Shaheed Abdur Rab Serniabat. The construction of this college has already started and about 40 per cent work has already been completed. Government has acquired a total of three acres of land for implementation of the. project here. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been financing for implementation of the project.

Two die from snake bite

JHENIDAH, July 22: Two people died from snake bite on

Friday night in the district, reports UNB. According to family sources, Gonopati, 19, a college student of South Shikarpur village in Sadar thana met the tragic end when he came out of his house at dead of night to respond to the call of nature. In another incident, Ratna Rani, 10, daughter of Pijus Kanti at Shahebdari village in Mohespur thana died from snake bite while she was sleeping at night on the floor of her bed room. Local people said incessant rainfall for the last few days forced poisonous snakes to take shelter at the premises of dwelling houses.

3 fire stations to be set up in Rangamati

RANGAMATI, July 22: The government had decided to set up three river fire stations in three thanas of the district under the current five-year plan (1988-2003), reports UNB.

The thanas — Sadar, Kaptai and Longodu — are surrounded by the Kaptai lake. The fire stations will be set up under the Fire Service and Civil Defence Development Project. Official sources said during the plan period, some 59 second grade fire stations and six river fire stations including the three in the district will be set up across the country.



COMILLA: Narcotics Control Directorate, Joint Anti-drug Council, Aid - Comilla and Ahsania Mission Jointly arranged a procession, cycle rally and motivational meeting in the district town recently Various anti-drug social organisations, NGOs, scouts and people of all walks of life participated in the procession which began at Comilla town hall and terminated at the hall ground

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Telephone subscribers of Faridpur, Chandpur deprived of service

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, July 22: Telephone subscribers have been suffering much due to several problems which include disorder of telephone sets, inaudible sounds, cross-connection, connection to the wrong number. pending of telephone bills, inflated bills without any specific data and negligence of duty of the employees.

A total of 300 out of 2300 telephone sets have gone out of order since July 11 causing untold sufferings to the subscribers. In spite of lodging complaints by affected telephone owners. The telephone officials are seemingly quite indifferent to put their telephones in order. When contacted

spokesman of the telephone exchange said that 300 telephone sets had gone out of order as the underground cables were cut by Pourasava contractors while placing underground pipes for supplying water. He also said that two cases, on behalf of the T & T Department , were lodged against pourasava for severance of telephone cable.

Many subscribers complained, in most cases their sets transmit inaudible sounds. Besides, ghost calls come off and on to the great vexation of the subscribers

NOAKHALI, July 22: Cultiva-

tion of transplanted Aman

paddy in 16 thanas of the three

districts of greater Noakhali

may be hampered due to acute

According to the Agriculture

Extension Department, this

year, a total of 5.28 lakh

hectares of land in Laxmipur.

Feni and Noakhali districts,

Mirshwarai of Chittagong and

Faridganj and Matlab of

Chandpur have been brought

MTs of seeds — 35 kg for each

hectare - to achieve the pro-

duction target. But BADC has

allotted only 942 MTs of seeds

the allegation said that it usu-

ally supplies only five to seven

per cent of seeds against the to-tal requirement and the grow-

ers procure the rest quantum by

BADC untrue, a source of AED.

however, said seed allocation

for this region must be higher

than that of other parts country

due to viability of lands as these

are single crop land which are

that they could not procure

seeds supplied by BADC due to

its exorbitant price. Per 10-kg

bag of seeds was sold between

Tk. 200 and Tk. 230 as against

the original price of Tk. 130 and

Tk. 135. So, most of the time

The requirement of seeds

here are fulfilled partially by

the preserved seeds of the farm-

ers, but for last two seasons

they could not preserve seeds

due to production fall in the re-

they have to return home with-

But the farmers here said

cultivated once in a year.

Claiming the statement of

Meanwhile, BADC, refuting

The total lands need 18,300

under Aman cultivation.

for this region, it added.

their own initiative.

shortage of seeds, reports UNB.

Cross-connection is another problem that is annoying most of the subscribers as they simultaneously hear two persons speaking from two different sets. Very often calls go to wrong number causing financial loss to the caller and annoyance to the receiver. Sometimes a caller gets his right number after four or five limes in futile dialing attempts.

Telephone bills are not regularly supplied to the subscribers. It is alleged, the subscribers are not getting telephone bills for seven to eight months. Some others complained that they had received four month's bill at a time though seven month's bills are lying pending with T &T office in Barisal. The subscriber receiving four months bill complained that bill of each month was far more greater than the usual ones. A gross amount was inserted in the bill without mentioning any break- up.

It is also alleged, employees working at different sections such as inquiry, telephone booking are quite negligent to their duties. When any subscriber calls a call at 17 or 109 to collect information or for booking a trunk call, the telephone set goes on ringing for

bothers to attend the call Though they attend the call after four or five minutes, they are quite impatient and restless to give a hearing to the caller's problem. Besides, the employees working at 17 are not found forth-coming. They cannot supply the callers with correct

information. Over and above corruption is allegedly looming large in every sphere of the department eating into the vitals of the national

economy. Our Chandpur Correspondent reports: The telephone subscribers of Chandpur exchange have been suffering also due to poor telephone service for a long time.

There are two telephone exchanges at Chandpur, one is at Puranbazar and another is at Natunbazar. Puranbazar exchange is numbered by 4 figures while Natunbazar exchange is numbered by 3 figures. The Puranbazar exchange was established in 1964 which is an old system one.. Most of the machines are damaged. The building is in dilapidated condition. One cannot connect from '4' group to '3' group easily.

Natunbazar exchange has decided to give 300 new telephone lines, but the scheme minutes together but no one could not be materialised due to

shortage of cables. At least 500 applications are lying pending in telephone office for new con-

nections. Overbilling and mismanagement are plaguing local telephone exchanges. There is no billing office here The bills are submitted from Comilla office. So subscribers have to go to Comilla with complains.

The telephone subscribers have been facing a lot of inconveniences as the sets do not work properly. Frequent cross connections and other disturbances like wrong connections and noisy sounds are regular phenomenon which cause immense sufferings to the subscribers.

Local businessmen at Puranbazar informed that trade and commerce of the district with the capital and other commercial places have been facing setback due to lack of proper telelink facilities.

Besides, Chandpur - based correspondents of different dailies of the country are facing a lot of problems as they can not send news to Dhaka and other places because of frequent disturbances in the lines. People of the district urge the government to introduce digital telephone system in the district

Jhenidah flood damages crops extensively

JHENIDAH, July 22: Heavy downpour and flood in the district have damaged crops extensively in the district as well as the fish resources in the ponds and other water bodies. reports UNB.

Local farmers said thousands of acres of transplanted Aman paddy went under water and the damage would be colossal if the rain continued for more days. Vegetable fields were also damaged due to the rain.

Water logging was caused in some crop fields due to absence of proper drainage system, said the local farmers.

The fishermen and local fish traders said due to overflowing of ponds and open water bodies including Hamdodanga, Ratanhat, Chatulia and Kakolir beels in Sadar thana. Shitali and Kaitpara in Harinakunda thana and Jalilpur, Purapara and Samanta baors in Moheshpur thana fish worth lakhs of taka were washed away incurring huge losses to them.

Call to follow ideals of Muhammad (SM)

MYMENSINGH, July 22: A four-day programme to mark the Eid-e-Miladunnabi concluded at the premises of Islamic Foundation here, reports

Organised by the Islamic Foundation, Mymensingh branch, in collaboration with the district administration and Mymensingh Pourashava, the programme was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner Md Rafigul Islam.

Sweet water fish on verge of extinction NETRAKONA. July 22: Dif- cal market. These were four

ferent varieties of sweet water fish are on the verge of extinction as fry are being caught indiscriminately in the district violating government ban, reports UNB.

The eggs of fish are also being destroyed. Fish of sweet water were once available abundantly in the Reluchia, Moradhanu, Yogaria, Pagla, Saidhuli, Kangsha and Monu rivers, but now are rarely found in these rivers and other water bodies including the crop fields.

Besides, the indiscriminate use of fertilisers, insecticides in the crop fields is also responsi-

ble for disappearance of fish. The sweet water fish like koi, magur, shingi, pabda, puti, khalisha, lingra, tuki, shoal boal are rarely found in the local market. These were found abundantly in the market during the rainy season in the past The District Fisheries De-

partment sources informed that the season stretching from Ashar to Aswin of the Bangla year, that is June to October, is the breeding period of fish, which are caught abundantly in this period. Small varieties of some fish

like ruhi, katla, kalibaus upto 23 centimeter (nine inches) from July to December are prohibited to catch under the existing laws, but fish fry are being caught indiscriminately

defying the ban. The authority concerned and law enforcing agencies never play their due role against the violators of the ban, local people alleged.

Smuggled Indian salt, sugar pose a threat to health in N-region

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, July 22: Smuggled Indian salt and sugar mixed with intoxicant things are being marketed rampantly across the northern region for a long time.

A survey conducted by Bangladesh Nuclear Treatment and Research Centre revealed that rural people had been attacked by various diseases by taking such salt and sugar.

Massive smuggling of Indian sugar and salt, before the nose of members of law enforcing agencies since long. The chemical test carried out by the nuclear centre on the smuggled salt and sugar detected intoxicating and poisonous substances which is injurious to human and animal health.

In rural markets, these smuggled goods are sold at much cheaper prices. Generally poor people consume such

The survey report also said, there are roughly three lakh people in the northern region who have been suffering from various chronic stomach diseases like diarrhea, blood dysentery and some other dis-

eases by consuming such adul-

Restaurant and hotel owners also consume these smuggled poisonous goods due to its comparatively cheaper price.

terated sugar and salt.

Local physicians are of the opinion, massive marketings of smuggled Indian poisonous salt and sugar pose a threat to Health workers alleged.

there are many people who suffer from various chronic diseases for a long time usually lose their potency. Due to lack of proper treatment and long time suffering these diseases people have been facing a great health threat.



BJMC Advertisement 3rd Tender Notice

Sealed 3rd tender is invited by Forat Karnaphuly Carpet Factory, Rangunia, Chittagong authority from interested purchasers for sale of (1) Various scrap materials, (2) Various sizes graded carpets of the project.

Tenders will be received in tender box kept at (1) Head Office Forat Karnaphuly Carpet Factory, Rangunia, Chittagong, (2) BJMC Regional Office, Saftar Chamber, 99, Agrabad, Chittagong & (3) BJMC Head Office, Adamjee Court, Motijheel, Dhaka up to 12-00 Noon of 10-8-98 & opened on the same day at 12-30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers. Tender consisting detailed description, terms &

conditions, rules & regulations can be purchased on cash payment of Tk 100/= (one hundred) only (non-refundable) per set from (1) Manager (Accounts & Finance), Forat Karnaphully Carpet Factory, Rangunia, Chittagong (2) Deputy General Manager (Accounts & Finance), BJMC, Chittagong Region, Sattar Chamber, 99, Agrabad, Chittagong & (3) General Manager (Accounts & Finance), BJMC, Head Office, Adamjee Court, Motijheel, Dhaka.

Earnest money at the rate 10 % (refundable) of total quoted price should be submitted with the tender through DD/Pay Order/ Bank Draft in favour of this mills. Other detailed terms & conditions and rules & regulations of tender will be available in the schedule. The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Feni PWD Division, Feni

Notice Inviting Tenders

No. 3 of 1998-99

Sealed tenders in BD Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the Spl. Class-I & Class-I, II, III (Civil & Sanitary) contractors of PWD according to financial limit of respective classes for these undermentioned works & the tender will be received by the undersigned as well as the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Noakhali/Lakshmipur/Comilla/B'baria/Chandpur in their respective offices up to 12.00 Noon on 5/8/1998 and the tenders will be opened on the same date at 12.15 PM in presence of the tenderers, if any, who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it. Class of PWD contractors Name of work Estimated | Earnest Time for

completion money Special repairs & 45 days renovation of hygienic 1,46,106/ 2,950/= wash of Jail at Feni during the year 1998-99.

Special repairs & renovation of sanitary & 63,343/= 1,275/= supply water arrangement of Jail at Feni. -doSpl. Class I & Class. 1, combined civil contractor of PWD, Class II Civil contractor of PWD under Ctg. PWD Zone, Ctg. & Class. III Civil contractor of PWD under Comilla PWD Circle. Spl. Class. I & Class. I combined sanitary contr. of PWD, Class. II sanitary cont. of PWD under Ctg PWD

Zone, Ctg. and Class.III

sanitary contr. of PWD

under Comilla PWD Circle.

eligible to submit tenders

Contract documents consisting of BD Form No. 2911, tender notice, schedule of items, additional terms & conditions etc. can be seen & obtained from the office of all Executive Engineers under Comilla PWD Circle & Feni PWD. Sub-Division during the office hours on all working days up to 4/8/1998 on payment of usual charges of Tk. 400/= (Four hundred) (non-refundable) per set of schedule (notice inviting tenders, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc) and a sum of Tk. 25/= (Tk. twenty-five) (non-refundable) per copy of Tender Form No. 2911.

The intending tenderers shall have to produce their registration book of enlistment letter bearing the photo & full signature of the contractor duly attested by an Executive Engineer of this deptt. along with challan for depositing the current renewal fees at the time of purchasing of tender form in absence of which no tender form will be sold. No complaint in this respect will be entertained.

(a) The Contractor/Firm shall have to submit VAT Registration Certificate alongwith the tender failing which their tender will be summarily rejected. (b). The Contractor/Firm shall have to submit TIN (Tax-payer's Identification Number) certificates alongwith the tender failing which their tender will be summarily rejected.

> Md. Shamsul Alam **Executive Engineer**

HABIGANJ, July 22: Facili- Nabiganj thana. ties Department of the Ministry About Tk 1.09 crore was spent for construction of Alif Sobhan College, Digambar Madrasa, Mirpur Fayezunnesa

of Education implemented 23 uplift projects in six thanas here at a cost of Tk 5.11 crore during the last fiscal year, reports UNB.

COMILLA: Helpless flood victims waiting for relief materials on Muradpur cross dam in the district

Seed scarcity

T-Aman farming likely to be

hampered in greater Noakhali

Mohammad Siddique, a

farmer of Char Jabbar in Sadar

thana expressed grief that

Aman paddy, in the greater

Noakhali district, could not be

produced satisfactorily for last

10 years as flood waters wash

away their seed-beds every year.

crops on 40,000 acres of land

worth about Tk one crore are

damaged every year by water of

the silted river Bhulua.

According to an estimate.

Moreover, they lost every-

partment constructed academic buildings of four colleges, 12 high schools, four madrassas, two primary schools and a dormitory of women's college. official sources said.

Of these, construction works of academic buildings of Brindaban Government College, BKGC Government Girls' High School, Noorpur High School, a dormitory of Habiganj Government Women's College. Tegharia Jamini Primary School and Residential Government Primary School in Sadar thana were completed at

a cost of Tk 1.79 crore. A total of Tk 1.05 crore was spent for construction of Dinarpur Rajrani Subhashini High School, Aingaon and

Niketan High School in Bahubal thana. Construction work of Government Girls' High School in Baniachang thana costing Tk 17.50 lakh, DC High School, Chunarughat Girls' School and Chatpara Madrasa in Chu-

High School and Adarsha Bidya

thing for paying loans which

they earlier borrowed from

uation, a section of unscrupu-

lous traders cheat the poor

farmers by selling lower qual-

ity of seeds which are not the

ties concerned to take immedi-

ate remedies to supply quality

seeds in the region to boost pro-

Farmers urged the authori-

Taking advantage of the sit-

banks and money lenders.

real Aman seeds.

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narughat thana at a cost of Tk 33 lakh was completed. Besides, construction of academic buildings Choumuhoni Khurshid High School and College and Ajmiriganj College in Madhabpur thana has been completed during the period with the financial assistance of Asian Development Bank, involving Tk 78

Another report from Sylhet adds: Facilities Department implemented development activities in the district at a cost of Tk 3.28 crore during the last financial year.

Tk 5.11cr uplift projects implemented in Habiganj

Under the projects, the de-

Ghumghumia Madrasas and Nabiganj Girls' High School in

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