# Newssnaps

#### Tributes paid to national poet

MOULVIBAZAR, Sept 6: Speakers at a discussion organised to mark the 22nd death anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam on August 27 at local Shilpakala Academy premises have paid

tributes to the national poet, reports BSS. Sponsored by the Nazrul Birth Centenary Celebration Parishad. Moulvibazar, the discussion was presided over by Prof Faizur Rahman. Prof Shafiuddin Ahmed, Chairman, Bangla Department of M C College, Sylhet was chief guest in the discussion. Syed Nazrul Islam, in his key-note paper, dwelt on different aspects of the life and works of Nazrul. The discussion was followed by musical soirce and recitation from Nazrul's

#### Arms recovered: 3 arrested

COMILLA, Sept 6: Kotwali thana police in a drive on Friday nabbed three people with two revolvers and three rounds of bullets from a house at Danaitari village, reports UNB.

Police acting on a tip-off raided the house of Siddik Mia at midnight and nabbed Mohan Mia, 35, son of late Yusuf Ali, Mizanur Rahman Mizan, 22, son of Abdul Khaleque of Danaitari village and Bachchu Mia, son of Abdur Razzak of Kharataia village in Burichang thana, with the two foreignmade revolvers. In a confessional statement they admitted their involvement in arms business. Meanwhile, in another drive police arrested a mugger with a dagger on the same day in the town area. Police sources said, a group of snatchers numbering four to five stopped a baby taxi at dagger point in front of Shasongacha Rice Research Institute at early hours and tried to flee away seeing the police on the three-wheeler. Police then chased the muggers and managed to catch one of them identified as Mohammad Kabir, 20, son of late Abdul Khaleque of Satrak village.

#### Body recovered

MYMENSINGH, Sept 6: The body of a school teacher was recovered by her relatives from the river Suria at Dharakandi in Gouripur thana on Friday, reports UNB.

Police said local people identified the body as Sufia Akter, 28, a teacher of Kumari Satellite Primary School. When informed, the relatives of the victim recovered the body from the river saying that she drowned in the river. But the local people suspecting the matter informed the police who recovered the dead body from the house of victim's husband Abdus Salam, a teacher of Dr Karim Junior High School. Police also said the body bore marks of injury. Villagers said Salam used to torture her for dowry. They also apprehended that she was drowned in the river after severe torture. Meanwhile, Abdus Salam went into hiding when police came to his house to recover the dead

#### 3 alleged terrorists arrested

MAGURA. Sept 6; Police arrested three notorious terrorists while preparing for toll collection from the Mirzapur Bazar on Tuesday night, reports UNB.

The arrested are: Nannu Sheikh, 32, Abdur Razzak, 28, and Ali Azgar, 25, of South Mirzapur village. Acting on a tip-off, sadar thana police gheraoed their clandestine hideout at the Bazar and arrested them with a shutter gun and three bullets. Police said they were the wanted in connection with a number of criminal cases. Another report from Jhenidah adds: Kaliganj police seized some contraband Indian goods from a Khulnabound train on Tuesday. Police seized 660 bottles of phensidyl, 48 boxes of jarda, 2 bundles of current net and two quintal Indian sugar from Rupsha Express train at Mobarakganj station

#### Shourav not satisfied with his result

From Our Correspondent



RAJSHAHI, Sept 6: Alimuzzaman Shourav, who stood second in the combined merit list of Science and General Science group in the SSC examination of 1998 under Rajshahi Education Board is not satisfied with his results. He wished to be a computer engineer.

Shourav expected to stand first. He was the first boy in the class, but his second boy captured the first

Appearing from Rajshahi government Laboratory High School, Shourav secured 956 marks with distinctions in nine

subjects. He studied for 7 to 8 hours daily and had private tutors. He is

grateful to his parents for his good results. He is the youngest of four sons and two daughters of Amiruzzaman, DGM of Rajshahi Krishi Unnyan Bank and Lutfunnessa, a housewife. They hailed from Srutidhar village of Kaliganj thana in Lalmonirhat district.

#### Land owners demand compensation

NAOGAON, Sept 6: A number of owners of the land acquired long ago for Tilakpur-Shantahar road in the district are yet to receive their compensation, reports UNB.

The 7-km long road was constructed by the Local Government Engineering Department in 1995 fiscal year. Sources said the construction work was done dividing the road into two phases. The owners of the land acquired for the first 4km phase have already received their compensation. But the owners of the second phase have not yet received any money due to unknown reasons. The owners demanded immediate intervention by the authorities concerned into the matter so that they can get their due compensation.

#### Phensidyl bottle seized: 5 held

KISHOREGANJ, Sept 6: Police arrested five people and seized 86 bottles of phensidyl from Jashadal Muslimpara at the

outskirt of the town on Friday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip -off, police raided the house of Manik Mia, 35, and arrested Manik red-handed along with his wife Khairuni, 25, and his son Rajon, 18, and recovered the contraband item. Police also arrested two customers - Iqbal Hossain, 20, and Akbar Hossain, 22, while they were buying phensidyl from Manik. The arrested were sent to the jail hajat and a case was filed in this connection.

### 2 brothers get 10-year RI

HABIGANJ, Sept 6: Two brothers were sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment each and fined Tk 1,000 each, in default, to suffer more three months on charge of robbery, court sources here said, reports UNB.

According to the prosecution, in brief, Asgar Ali and Yunus Mia of Sultan Mahmudpur village in Sadar thana entered into the shop of Nimbor Ali Mia of Rajnagar area of the town by breaking the door open and snatched away Tk 6,200 from cash box at gun point injuring him grievously at early hours on July 9 in 1993. A case was filed and police after investigation submitted charge-sheet against the two brothers. After examining the records and witnesses, the District and Sessions Judge Ranjon Kumar Shaha awarded the punishment on August 31.

# Man electrocuted

MYMENSINGH, Sept 6: A 36-year-old man was electrocuted when he came in contact with a live electric wire at Bashil

village in Sripur thana on Friday, reports UNB.
Witnesses said the victim Shahabuddin met the tragic end at about 4 pm while was going to Kauraid from Bhaluka sitting on the rooftop of a boat. When the boat was crossing near a vault line its snapped live wire touched the victim killing him on the spot. A UD case was filed with the police.

#### Poison poured in fish enclosure

JESSORE, Sept 6: A group of people sprayed poison in a fish enclosure killing fish worth Tk two lakh at Jugihuda village in Jhikargachha thana of the district, reports UNB.

Police said the miscreants on Sunday poisoned the fish of the enclosure belonging to Abu Bakr Siddique over a past enmity. Abu Bakr filed a case with the police in this connection accusing 10 people.

# 2 murdered by miscreants

CHUADANGA, Sept 6: Two persons were killed and another fatally injured by a gang of armed miscreants on Monday at village Juranpur under Damurhuda thana of Chuadanga district, reports BSS.

Police said the victims Nazim, 30, and Tofazzal, 30, died on the spot. The injured was admitted to Sadar Hospital in a critical condition. A case was filed with Damurhuda thana in this connection. None was arrested.

#### Timbers recovered

HABIGANJ, Sept 6: Bangladesh Rifles in a joint drive on Wednesday recovered timbers including Indian Segun worth about Tk 2 lakh from Amu Road and Deourgach area of Chunarghat thana, reports UNB.

Official sources said, BDR, Forest Department and administration in a joint drive recovered the valuable timbers from saw mills and other places. The drive continued from 8 am to 5 pm on the day. Later the recovered goods were handed over to the Forest range officials of Shayestaganj.



inundated by flood water for the last two months. - Star photo

CHANDPUR: Chandpur Government College remained



GAIBANDHA: Most of the rural roads in the district have been damaged by flood. Photo shows such a damaged road in Shaghata thana. - Star photo



HABIGANJ: Pirijpur village of Badalpur union in Ajmiriganj thana of the district has been affected very badly due to flood. - Star photo

7 more flood related deaths reported in Gaibandha

# Flood situation in Rangpur, Thakurgaon worsens further

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Sept 6: The flood situation deteriorated further in the entire Gangachhara thana and parts of Kaunia and Pirgachha thanas in the district, following sudden rise in water level in the river Teesta. Unabated river erosion

added to the miseries of flood affected people. According to the Met office. the river Teesta is now flowing

almost one feet above the danger mark since September 2. As a result, a vast tract of land along both the banks of the river went under flood waters. Huge standing crops have

been inundated and a large number of dwelling houses submerged by the flood waters. At least 10,000 families across Gangachhara, Kaunia

and Pirgachha thanas are worst affected. Many of them have already lost their houses. About 500 marooned families in Kolkond union in Gangachhara thana have taken shelter on the embankment,

while in Nohali, Alam Biditor,

Mohipur and some other ad-

joining areas in the thana. many more marooned families have left for safer places. In the remote shoal and low lying areas in Haragach union in Kaunia thana and Saola, Tambulpur and Bhagni unions in Pirgachha thana, many ma-

evacuation. In the meantime, the river Teesta devoured a vast tract of land, crop fields and homestead in these thanas of the district.

rooned families are awaiting

About 2,000 feet of Bijoy Bundh along the right bank of the river Teesta have been eroded by the deluge since last one week. More areas of the bundha are also threatened by erosion.

There are apprehensions that flood waters will enter inside Gangachhara thana inundating fresh areas.

The district administration and Water Development Board(WDB) aided by Army

Jawans have been working round the clock to check ero-

sion of the bundh. Our Magura correspondent reports: several thousand people in shoal areas on the river Gorai in Sripur thana badly affected by flood. The affected areas are: Badanpur. Sundarpur, Idurbaria, Rakshakandi, Tikerbila Amalsa, Goaldah, Kodla, Char Maher-

spur, Char Chakda. The ares

are outside the Ganges-

Kobadak main canal's embankment. Dwelling houses and huge crops have gone under water for more than a week. Meanwhile, the local MPs Dr M S Akbar and Advocate Biren Sikdar visited the flood affected

meet the demand. Our Gaidbandha correspopndent says : Flood situation in the district has remained unchanged till filing of this report on Friday.

areas. The flood victims alleged

that relief materials distributed

so far were too inadequate to

Sharif, 12, of village Chewgharia in Gaibandha sadar thana drowned when he fell down into flood water from boat. During the last two days six children died from waterborne diseases in Gaibandha sadar and Sundergani thanas.

Under Mohimagani Sugar Mills zone area sugar- cane on 300 acres of land have already been destroyed by flood water and sugar-cane on 500 acres of land in the process of rotting up following long standing stagmant flood water. In the areas 'Aman' seedlings on 1,200 acres of land have been completely damaged by flood water. Large cracks have been developed in river Bangali which may cause inundation of fresh areas.

Farmers of the areas will not be able to cultivate 'Aman' crop this season. Meanwhile, three persons

sustained severe burn injuries when a high pwered thunderbolt struck their homestead at

village Bogervita in Shaghata thana. The -communication of Fulchari thana has remained snapped when a thudnerbolt fell upon

thana exchange went out of or-The Red Crescent Society started distribution of relief materials among the flood stricken people. CARE (Bangladesh) started distribution of the second round of relief pakages to 5,000 flood

the communication tower in

whih all the equipments of

stricken families in four badly affected thanas. A special prayer was held at local PTI auditorium for salvation from the onslaught of flood and natural calamities. Besides. Muslim devotees on Friday offered special prayers after their Jumma prayer for salvation of the whole nation

from natural disasters. BSS reports from Thakurgaon: The flood situation lin Thakurgaon district has further aggravated due to continuous torrential rain in the sub-Himalayan region during the last several days.

Officials and local people said thousands of mud-built houses have collapsed and transplanted 'Aman' paddy. vegetables and other crops on thousands of acres have gone under water due to heavy down-

Road communications be tween Thakurgaon town and thana headquarters have been disrupted.

Schools, colleges, hospitals and many office premises have been inundated by flood water. Deputy Director of Agricul-

ture Extension Department, told that about thirty thousand hectares of transplanted 'Aman' paddy, one thousand hectares of vegetables and two hundred hectares of other crops have gone under water. Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO)

of Haripur, the badly affected thana, informed that about sixty per cent area of the thana

has been flooded. Seven thousand earthen houses have collapsed completely and nine thousand damaged partially. A control room was opened at Haripur to tackle the situa-

TNO of Ranisonkoil said about ninety per cent mud-built houses of the thana has col-

lapsed due to rains. Rivers Tangon, Senua, Shok Nagar and Kulik are likely to cross the danger levels if tor-

rential rain continues. District administration has informed the relief ministry of the flood situation and sought one hundred tonnes of rice for immediate relief operation.

Another report adds from Tangail: 708-km long road, 101 bridges and culverts and 253 primary schools constructed under Local Government Engineering Department's supervision were affected by the current flood in Tangail district

of the damaged roads 623 kilometres was kutcha and rest 85 kilometres pucca road. Of the bridges and culverts 24 were totally and 77 partially damaged 145 primary school buildings were totally and 108 partially damaged, official sources added.

UNB reports from Naogaon: Crops on about 12,000 hectares of land in the district have been damaged due to the current

Meanwhile, the government

has so far allocated Tk 21 lakh for agriculture rehabilitation programme which, the experts said, is quite inadequate to overcome the losses.

Agriculture Department sources said 'Aus' paddy on 1,759 hectares of land, broadcast 'Aman' on 7,705 hectares. 'Aman' seed-beds on 795 hectares, transplanted 'Aman' on 2,722 hectares, jute on 80 hectares and other crops on 934 hectares in Sadar, Atrai, Raninagar, Niamatpur, Badolgachi, Damoirhat and Sapahar thanas were damaged.

# Flood damages crops worth Tk 18 cr in Sylhet dist

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Sept 6: The flood has caused devastating loss to crops in Sylhet district, this

Official sources informed

that, 'Aus', Broadcast 'Aman' and Transplant 'Aman' seedbed on a total of 44,311 hectares of land had been damaged badly. The government has sanctioned an amount of Taka 25 lakh for the agricultural rehabilitation programme in the district. Besides, a total of 407 kilometres roads both kutcha and pucca have been damaged, this time while the gushing waters had also caused erosion and breaches at 57 points of the

Surma and Kushiyara Dyke. The Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Sylhet Mohammad Ayub gave the informations at a meeting held on Tuesday afternoon at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Room. Dewan Farid Gazi MP was present as the chief guest in the meeting while the DC presided. Shah Azizur Rahman MP and Syeda Zebunnessa Haque MP were the special guests.

The Deputy Director of Agriculture Extension, MN Dewaii in the meeting said, of the total, crops on 31,930 hectares have been damaged partially, while crops on 12,381 hectares have been damaged totally. As per preliminary estimate, the loss of foodgrains stood at 23,628 metric tonnes worth about Taka 18 crore 19 lakh, he said adding that, the government has already sanctioned an amount of Taka 25 lakh for the agricultural rehabilitation programme.

The Agriculture Extension Department will soon distribute this amount among the affected farmers for cultivation of 'Aman,' 'Boro,' wheat, oilseed and vegetables, he informed There is a 10 acre secubed and adequate seeds with the agriculture department, he said and urged upon the farmers to col-

lect seeds from the department. Civil Surgeon Soharab Ali in the meeting admitted, there is shortage of Water Purifying Tablets and Oral Rehydration Saline (ORS) in the district. The higher authorities in Dhaka has been requested several times for immediate supply of these for the district. He further informed that, 8,249 persons

NETRAKONA, Sept 6: LGRD

and Cooperatives Minister Zil-

lur Rahman on Saturday said

the present government under

the dynamic leadership of

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

is determined to free the coun-

countrywide mass education

have been attacked with diarrhoea during the period from January to August in the district while the number of deaths stood at 18. The number of people attacked with Gastro-Enteritis disease during the same period is 2568, he said adding that, there are 131 medica teams working in different

thanas of the district now. The DC further informed, in total 4074 kilometre kutcha and pucca roads in the district have been damaged. It includes 350-kilometre roads of LGED. 50 kilometre of the Roads and Highways, and 7'4 kilometre of the Zila Parishad. He said, in addition to 2850 cards under normal VGD programme, 29400 special VGF cards for two months have been given since August. Sixteen kilograms of rice is being given against each card. Under the VGD programme, each person is getting 30 kilograms of Rice every month. The DC further informed, during the floods, the government sanctioned 125 metric tonnes of Rice, 2 metric tonnes of chira, one metric ton of molasses and Taka 2 lakh in cash for the district.

### Construction work of schools

progressing

RANGAMATI, Sept 6: The construction and reconstruction of six educational institutions has been progressing fast in Naniarchor thana of the district at a cost of Taka 36.75 lakh undertaken by the Rangamati unit of Local Government Engineering Directorate under its two ongoing programmes, reports BSS. Reconstruction of the gov-

ernment free primary schools Sapmara in Namarchor thana of the district is being implemented at a cost of Taka 18 lakh under government primary schools reconstruction and renovation project.

Meanwhile, the construction of a community primary school and reconstruction of two more government free primary schools in the same thana of the district at a cost of Taka 18.75 lakh are also being implemented, officials added.

programme, the minister said

this while inaugurating the To-

tal Literacy Movement Pro-

gramme entitled "Uzzibita Ne-

Netrakona district adminis-

Bath University, UK and Prof. Jamal Nazrul Islam of Chittagong University speaking at SYLHET: Dr A S Riz of the inaugural session of National Mathematics conference held at the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology on Tuesday. Star photo

## Brilliant twin

From Staff Correspondent



BARISAL, Sept 6:S M Selim Reza and S M Saleh Reza both are twin brothers and brilliant. Selim stood 2nd and Saleh stood 10th from the Science group in the SSC examination this year. Both of them were students of Barisal Cadet Col-

Selim obtained 944 marks with 9 letters and Saleh 928 marks in total with 9 letters. Their father Sheikh Abdus Sabur is a government servant who has been working as a sub-

registrar. He hails from Mirjapur. Khulna. He has four sons and daughters. Both Selim and Saleh want to join Army in fu-

#### ture. Man drowns as boat capsizes in Teesta

LALMONIRHAT, Sept 6: A man drowned when a boat carrying 21 people capsized due to strong current in the river Teesta near Parulia village in Hatibandha thana on Wednesday, reports UNB.

The body of Shabil Uddin, 50, of West Haldibari in the same thana was recovered on Friday by local people.

# 3,487 families benefited by CHTDB projects in 2 decades

RANGAMATI. Sept 6: The Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board (CHTDB) has been implementing various projects in the fields of agriculture, communication, education, tourism, sports and culture, social welfare and cottage industries for the overall socioeconomic development of the region, reports BSS.

The CHTDB was established in 1976 for overall development of the socio-economic condition of the people of Chittagong Hill Tracts region with the concept of regional planning and development.

Tara Charan Chakma, Vice-Chairman, the executive head of CHTDB told at his office on Thursday, for socio-economic rehabilitation of the poor and landless shifting cultivators, the board, during the last two decades implemented 140 agroirrigation projects at a cost of about Taka 7.52 crore. 3,487 families in the three hill districts of Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarbun have been benefited after the implementation of the projects.

The board has implemented 185, projects at a cost of Taka 9.87 crore during the last 20odd years in communication sector as communication was a great problem in the hilly region. Constructions of 84.41 kilometre kutcha road, 34.17 km HBB road, 19.77 km pucca road and 182 bridges and culverts in the three hill districts were included in the projects, he In order to increase literacy

rate in the region the board has constructed 71 school buildings, eight college buildings, 14 hostel buildings and 10 madrashah buildings at a cost of about Taka 1.89 crore. The Board has been running informal education through 1,700 centres established at a cost of Taka 1.6 crore, Tara Charan

The board has constructed three stadiums, two gymnasiums and 20 play grounds under 56 schemes at a cost of Taka 4.25 crore for the development of sports in the hilly region.

The CHTDB has so far developed and constructed nine auditoriums and town halls, established a tribal cultural institute at Rangamati, three Shishu Academy buildings, two Shilpakala Academy buildings and provided musical and other instruments at a cost of Taka 5.5 crore with a view to developing the rich cultural heritage of the peoples of the region, he in-

 The CHTDB has constructed 49 bazaar sheds, 27 bus terminals, four water supply facilities and sunk about 500 ringcondition, he said.

wells and tubewells at a cost of about Taka 9.69 crore for the promotion of socio economic Chakma said to uplift the economic condition of the unemployed youths and women,

small and cottage industries training-cum-production centres and imparted training to 3,000 youths and woman. Besides, it has supplied 1,000 sets of handless. 200 sewing machines and 150 sets of tools and equipments at a cost of Taka 44.9 lakh. The board has so far rehabil-

itated 3,000 families of

marginal and shifting cultiva-

tors in rubber plantation and

other horticulture activities at a cost of Taka 61.94 crore. About 18,000 people of these families are now enjoying a better life, Chakma observed. He said the board has sent Taka 10.5 lakh at Alutilla in Khagrachhari district, Taka 60.0 lakh in Rangamati district

and Taka 20.0 lakh in Bandarbun district in the tourism sector which has a bright prospect in the region. The vice-chairman of the CHTDB said to accelerate the

pace of development process of the region after restoration of peace following the signing of peace treaty, the CHTDB has been implementing 13 projects covering all the sectors at a cost of Taka 25.18 crore in the districts of Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarbun in the current fiscal.

The board will undertake 105 projects at a cost of about Taka 152.80 crore under the fifth five year plan, Chakma the board has established 28

#### tration has launched the try from the curse of illiteracy "Uzzibita Netrakona" proby the year of 2001, reports gramme in the three thanas of the district at a cost of Taka To achieve the objective, the government has given higher

Minister opens TLM programme at Netrakona

Efforts on to free country

from curse of illiteracy

allocation for the education sector during the current financial year and undertaken a

trakona" here.

6.28 crore to free more than 21.3000 people from illiteracy. The three thanas are Barhatta, Kendua and Netrakona sadar.

# 30 landless families rehabilitated under 'Asrayan' in Nalitabari

SHERPUR, Sept 6: Thirty landless families have been rehabilitated under Asrayan (sheltering) and self-employment programme in Nalitabari thana of the district, reports

mented on 8.95 acres of land at Bardubi in Rajnagar union in the thana. The poor families were rehabilitated in 30 units of three buildings, constructed by the engineering corps of

The project was imple-

Bangladesh Army during May 16 to July 5, this year. An official told that necessary documents would soon be handed over to the rehabilitated families as per the government's new policy of khas land allotment.

He also informed that the work on earth-filling of another such project in Jhinaigati thana could not be completed due to flood.

Another sheltering project on 11.93 acres of land has been proposed at Kanduli in Nalitabari thana, official sources

District Administration sources said State Minister for Land Al-haj Rashed Mosharraf, Deputy Commissioner, Thana Nirbahi Officer and local elite are in the khas land allotment committee.

The family members under the programme would be provided with small schemes to make them self-reliant.

The schemes included pisciculture, cooperative associations, animal and poultry husbandry and micro-credit which would create employment

scopes for the family members. By constructing the health and growth centres and other necessary units, the people un-der the project would be provided with basic civic ameni-

Food and Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury inaugurated the project re-

## College student shot at in Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent CHUADANGA, Sept 6: A student of Chuadanga Government College was injured when he was shot at recently in the college premises by a rival group of students.

The victim named Bokul was admitted in Chuadanga Sadar Hospital immediately after the incident. He was operated upon there. He is out of danger, according to Chuadanga Sadar Hospital source. A case has been started in this connection with the Chuadanga police station Bokul is an activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League(BCL) None was arrested till filing of

this delayed report. Meanwhile, the Union Parisad Chairman of Kalidaspur union of Alamdanga thana Gouhar Ali, his two brothers Razzak Master and Shahid and his neighbour Abuhar were kidnapped from their respective residences of village Paikpara recently by some people.