

News snaps

Adulterated food on open sale

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 15: A large number of people in the district has been suffering from various ailments after taking adulterated food being openly sold in the rural markets here, reports APB.

According to the survey of a NGO working here, some 30 people died of diarrhoea and dysentery in the last three months and many more were suffering from various diseases taking the tainted edibles. A section of unscrupulous businessmen were making money by mixing impurities with sugar, salt, rice and various powdered spices for a long time, the survey said. It further said that local people were falling prey to different diseases after buying the attractively packaged items. A physician, on condition of anonymity, said that unless steps are taken to stop the sale of impure foodstuffs immediately, the situation would aggravate further posing a threat to public health.

Freshers' reception

TANGAIL, Nov 15: The freshers reception organised by the students union of government Maulana Mohammad Ali College was held on Friday at the college campus, reports BSS.

Former minister Alhaz Abdul Mannan MP, attended the function as the chief guest. Advocate Shamsur Rahman Khan Shajahan, joint secretary Bangladesh Awami League and advocate Tofazzal Hossain Mullah, president district Awami League were the special guests. Acting Principal Md Mazrul Islam Khan presided over the function. Among others, advocate Alamgir Khan Menu, Shahidur Rahman Khan Kukti, two local Awami League leaders and Md Alamgir Hossain Chan, general secretary of the college students' union spoke on the occasion.

Newly built auditorium opens

PATUAKHALI, Nov 15: State Minister for Planning, Science and Technology Dr Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir on Friday inaugurated the newly-built auditorium of Patuakhali Krishi College, reports BSS.

State Minister for Textiles A K M Zahangir Hossain was also present. The 750-seat capacity auditorium with a floor space of 1050 square metres was built at a cost of Taka one crore 35 lakh. Speaking on the occasion Dr Alamgir urged the students to prepare themselves to cope with the challenge of 21st century through acquiring knowledge.

Massive 'Rabi' farming scheme

COMILLA, Nov 15: A massive scheme has been taken up to bring 1,63,677 hectares of lands under 'Rabi' crops cultivation in 12 thanas here during the current season, reports UNB.

According to Agriculture Extension Department, the production target has been fixed at 6,30,761 metric tons. The crops include Boro paddy, wheat, potato, mustard winter vegetables, chilli and pulses. At least 2,45,560 metric tons of 'Boro' paddy will be produced on 93,522 hectares of land, 50,900 metric tons of wheat on 22,805 hectares of lands and production of 1,80,000 metric tons of potatoes have been fixed on 15,000 hectares of land during the period.

2,180 candidates for 102 posts

MUNSHIGANJ, Nov 15: A total of 2,180 male and female candidates sat for the written test examination held here on Friday for recruitment of primary teachers to 102 vacant posts of the government primary schools in six thanas of the district, it was officially learnt, reports BSS.

The thana-wise break-up of the vacant posts is as follows: Munshiganj-15, Tangibari-22, Louhajang-22, Gazaria-06, Sreenagar-24 and Sirajdikhan-13. A uniform written test exam system on the same set of questions at all district headquarters of the country was introduced by the government to ensure transparency in the recruitment of primary teachers in the government primary schools.

Agri-rehabilitation programme

NARSINGDI, Nov 15: A total of Tk 73.05 lakh have been allocated for six thanas under the post-flood agriculture rehabilitation programme here, reports UNB.

Official sources said some 62,926 hectares of lands have been brought under cultivation of 'Boro' paddy and other crops to overcome the crop losses caused by the recent flood. The government has also distributed Tk 6,81,240 among 2,338 small and marginal farmers for purchasing fertiliser and other necessary inputs to boost production. According to Agriculture Extension Department, each farmer will receive maximum 18 kg of DFP fertiliser, and Tk 420 in cash per acre for cultivating transplanted 'Aman', 'Boro', wheat, mustard and different other crops.

Indiscriminate dumping of polythene

SHRIATPUR, Nov 15: Indiscriminate dumping of polythene bags has aggravated the environmental pollution in the town, local people complained, reports APB.

Most of the people usually throw away polythene bags on the roads, drains, canals, ponds and other places in a most careless manner which eventually clog up the drains in the town. Polythene users ought to be made cautious about its dangerous effects, experts said, adding, it has got manifold and long-term effects, including pollution of soil. Experts further said that it was high time to make the commonman conscious about the use and proper disposal of polythene bags.

Manikganj Shishu Sadan work progressing

MANIKGANJ, Nov 15: Construction of Manikganj Shishu Sadan is on full swing at a cost of Taka about two crore, reports BSS.

Under the scheme a dormitory with the capacity to accommodate 100 children, staff-quarters, one office building, one training centre and a pre-primary school building are being constructed. Public Works Department is implementing the development scheme. The construction of Shishu Sadan will be completed by June, 1999. Meanwhile more than 70 per cent work has been completed.

Call to identify problems of uplift process

COMILLA, Nov 15: Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Ministers Abdul Matin Khasru has urged local government administrations to identify the field level problems of development process, reports APB.

He was inaugurating a two-day regional conference on determining the needs for strengthening the power of local governments at Bangladesh Rural Development Academy (BARD) auditorium here recently. National Institute of Local Government organised the conference with financial assistance from Bangladesh government and United Nations Development Fund (UNDP).

Winter crops farming scheme

PIROJPUR, Nov 15: A total of 24,164 hectares of land will be brought under cultivation of various winter crops during the current fiscal year in the district, reports UNB.

According to Agriculture Extension Department, of the total, 2,862 hectares will be cultivated in sadar, 1,182 hectares in Kachhali, 3,792 hectares in Nesarabad and 1,68 hectares in Nazirpur thanas. Besides, 2,514 hectares of land in Bhandaria and 5,146 hectares in Mathbaria thanas will be brought under farming. The crops like 'boro' paddy, wheat, potato, pulse, mustard, onion and chilli and winter vegetables will be cultivated during the season. The production target has been fixed at 55,814 mts of crops. The growers have been provided with seeds, fertilisers, pesticides and other necessary inputs to make the scheme a success.

Foodstuff distributed among flood victims

RAJBARI, Nov 15: A non-government organisation, Voluntary Organisation for Rural Development (VORD), is providing food-aid worth Tk 15 lakh among flood-hit people of Pangsha thana, reports APB.

With the financial assistance of Bangladesh Population and Health Consortium, Swiss Red Cross and OXFAM, VORD will distribute the foodstuff among 4,700 flood-victims in four unions of the thana. The relief materials include 33 tonnes of rice, 6.5 tonnes of pulses, 7.5 tonnes of potatoes, two tonnes of edible salt, 3,792 liter of soybean oil, 330 pounds of powdered milk and drugs worth Tk 88 thousand. Officials of VORD said the distribution operation of the relief materials began on October 8 among the destitute of the unions - Habashpur, Bahadurpur, Kalikapur and Ratandia.

Bus passenger beheaded

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 15: A bus passenger was beheaded and 10 others were injured in a traffic mishap on the eastern approach road of Bangabandhu Bridge recently, reports UNB.

Police said the accident took place when a truck, coming from the same direction, overtook the bus closely touching it at about 12.30 a.m. The beheaded bus passenger was identified as Saiful Islam, 45, of village Khaga in sadar thana. He met the tragic end of his life as he was having a look at the bridge through the window. Of the injured, Moshataq, 24, of Atuapara in Pabna, Mohsin Ali, 40, of Shahajpur, Ranjan, 20, of Kalluddin Para in Pabna and Imam Uddin, 24, a clerk of Pabna Judge court were hospitalised.



MAGURA: Harvesting of Aman paddy has started in many areas of the district.

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Bakaljura by-election today

From Our Correspondent

NETRAKONA, Nov 15: The by-election for the post of chairman of Bakaljura Union Parishad in Durgapur thana will be held tomorrow (Monday).

Three candidates are contesting for the post of chairman. They are Yukub Ali Talukder of Awami League, Abdul Malek Talukder of BNP and Nurul Hoque Talukder who is contesting as an independent candidate.

Tight security measures have been taken for conducting free and fair election. Deputy Commissioner of Netrakona Ali Akber Hossain Akanda told this correspondent that nine magistrates have been placed in nine polling centres and 15 police officials have been deployed. The post fell vacant following the death of former chairman Abdur Razzaque.

Four Moulvibazar BCL activists expelled

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Nov 15: Four activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the Student wing of the ruling party has been expelled from the organisation.

Abu Sufian and Ruhul Amin Ruhel, President and General Secretary of Chhatra League, Moulvibazar district unit in a joint statement said, BCL members Moinul Islam, Ruhel Ahmed, Suhel Ahmed and Jubur Ahmed were allegedly involved in anti-party activities since long. So, the district executive body of Chhatra League has expelled them from the organisation.

70 hospitalised after eating 'khichuri'

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Nov 15: Seventy persons were admitted to Mirerdanga ID hospital on Saturday morning after their condition deteriorated by taking spiced rice ('Khichuri') in the house of Arshad Ali of Jugipole village in Khanjahan Ali thana.

According to a doctor of the hospital, most of the patients have been attacked with diarrhoea. They are victims of food poisoning after taking spiced rice contained in polythene bags, doctors further said.

Spiced rice was served after 'Jumma' prayer on Friday last on the occasion of qul khwani of a brother of Arshad Ali, a businessman of Shirononi bazaar.

Moulvibazar puja celebration body's donation

From Our Correspondent

MOULVI BAZAR, Nov 15: Bangladesh Puja Udjapan Parishad, Moulvibazar district branch has donated Taka 58 thousand recently to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

Radhika Mohan Goswami, President and Nihar Kanta Deb Mintu, General Secretary of Moulvibazar district branch of Bangladesh Puja Udjapan Parishad handed over the cheques of the donated amount to GKM Nurul Ameen, Deputy Commissioner of Moulvibazar recently.

Presidents and General Secretaries of six thana branches of the Puja Udjapan Parishad and other district leaders of the organisation were also present during the cheque handing over ceremony. After receiving the cheque from the Hindu leaders the Deputy Commissioner appreciated them for their sympathy and sacrifice to the flood affected people of the country. He assured them that all cheques will be sent to the Prime Minister immediately. It is mentionable here, according to the advice of the central body of the Bangladesh Puja Udjapan Parishad, different thana puja udjapan committees saved the money.

Acute scarcity of fish in Gopalganj dist

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, Nov 15: Acute scarcity of fish has been prevailing in Gopalganj district.

Meagre supply of fish is available in hats and bazaars of the district. Price of fish is beyond the reach of common men.

Fish cultivation is being hampered greatly due to silting of ponds, canals, 'haor', 'baor' and other water bodies.

There are 4,945 ponds in the district, of which 850 ponds are under pisciculture and other ponds are lying unutilised. About 5,728 metric tons of fish are being produced in the district as against the annual requirement of 6,487 metric tons, according to Gopalganj district fisheries office sources.

At present Hilsa is being sold at Taka 125 to taka 140 per kg in the local markets. The situation has aggravated as the government lost control over the market. Besides, the production

of fish has decreased in ponds, canals and other water bodies for want of proper maintenance. Most of the 'khas' ponds have been lying unutilised.

The rivers Modhumati, Kumar, Ghagor, Gelabaria and Ramdia have been silted up. The fish production can be increased if the Modhumati, Kumar and Boruir 'baor', 'Pitabari beel', 'Chandar beel', 'Kazulia beel' including the adjoining areas are brought under fish cultivation. The silted up river Modhumati is being grabbed by some musclemen for paddy cultivation in winter and dry season.

Besides, pisciculture in canals and 'beels' has been hampered as spurious pesticides are used in the agricultural land polluting water bodies.

A section of unscrupulous fishermen has been fishing

tries with current nets.

If the local banks provide easy and soft term loans and if the Fisheries Department officials become more active the derelict ponds can be re-excavated and the fish production may be increased considerably.

Bus passengers robbed in Mymensingh

MYMENSINGH, Nov 15: Armed dacoits looted valuables and cash worth over Tk three lakh from the passengers of a bus on Mymensingh-Sherpur road near Kakan in Phulpur thana Friday night, reports UNB.

Five of the passengers received injuries as they tried to resist the robbers.

Massive winter crops cultivation in Natore

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Nov 15: Farmers of the district have started preparing their land to cultivate winter crops with a fresh zeal to recoup the losses caused by the century's worst flood.

Sources in the Agriculture Extension Department (AED) here said, 51,038 hectares of land in six thanas will be brought under 'Boro' cultivation to produce 1,26,055 metric tons of paddy, 24,407 hectares of land to produce 54,550 metric tons of wheat, 15,500 hectares of land to produce 13,950 metric tons of mustard, 1,500 hectares of land to produce 18,000 tons

of potato, 10,000 hectares for 7,600 tons of 'Khesari' pulse, 6,000 hectares for 4,680 tons of 'Moshur' pulse and 400 hectares of land for 325 tons of other varieties of pulses, 250 hectares of land to produce 2,500 tons of sweet potato, 450 hectares of land to produce 2,025 tons of maize, 450 hectares of land for producing 850 tons of ground nut, 1,000 hectares for 10,000 tons of onion, 1,600 hectares for 9,200 tons of garlic and 3,400 hectares of land to produce 51,000 tons of various kinds of winter vegetables during the upcoming winter crops

cultivation season. After the worst deluge the AED, under its agriculture rehabilitation programme, rehabilitated 7,937 small and marginal farmers of the district with money, DAP fertiliser, and other agri-inputs worth Taka 31.79 lakh in two phases in favour of 1,98,253 flood hit farmers in six thanas.

An official of AED, Natore said that the office received Taka 32 lakh against its proposal for Taka 2.83 crore under the agricultural rehabilitation programme.

'Create awareness to prevent adoption of unfair means in examinations'

KOTBARI (Comilla), Nov 15: Education Minister ASHK Sadique on Sunday underscored the need for creating social awareness to prevent adoption of unfair means in the examination centres, reports BSS.

"Unfair means in the examination centres has turned today into a social disease which should be cured to save the future generation," he said while speaking at a workshop on "Corruption in Public Examinations in Bangladesh: Remedies and Prevention."

Comilla Education Board in collaboration with the Ministry of Education organised the

workshop in the auditorium of Bangladesh Academy of Rural Development (BARD) here.

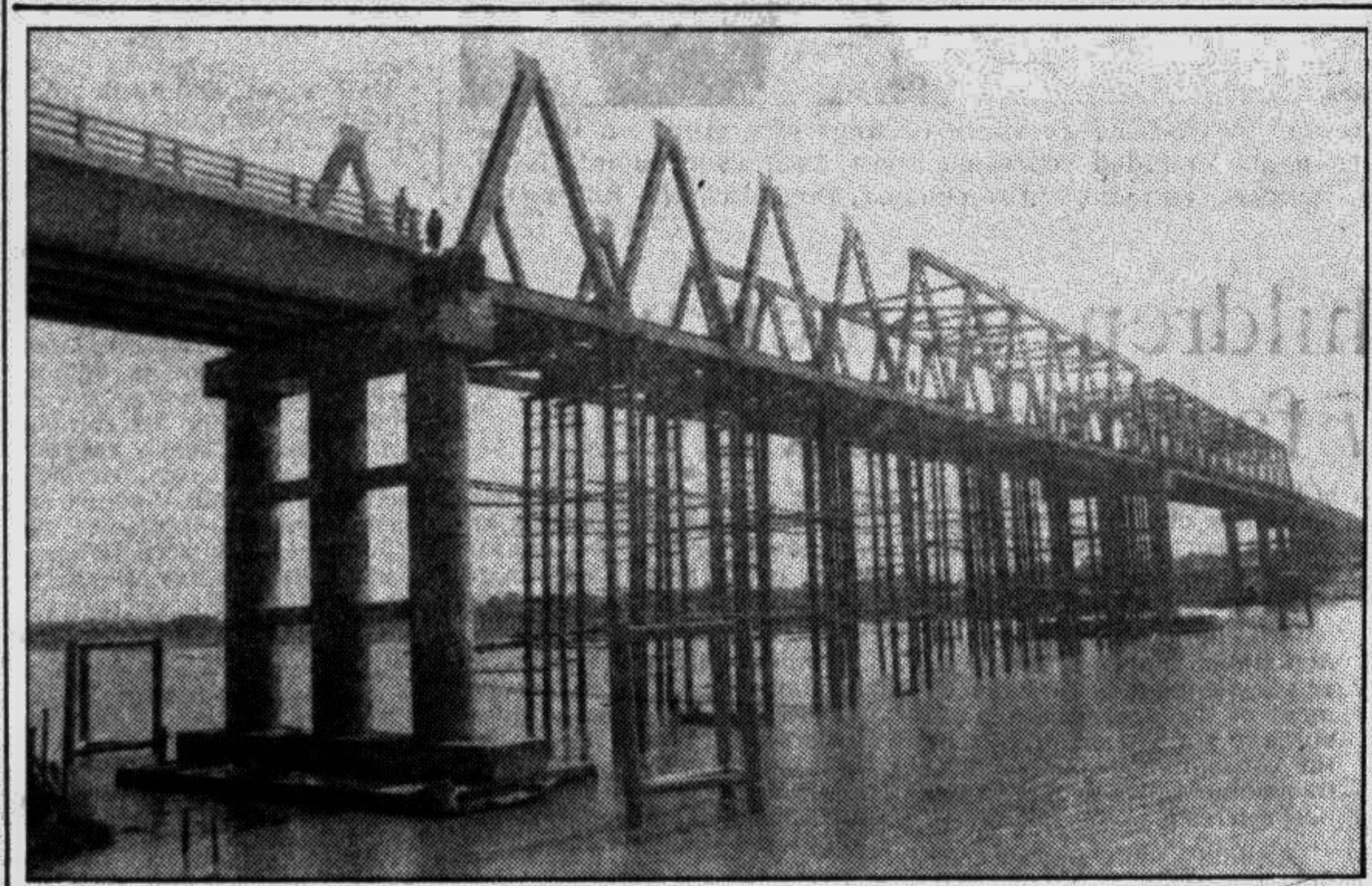
The education minister said immediate efforts should be undertaken by all concerned to prevent adoption of unfair means in the examination centres with a view to saving the nation from a greater disaster and prepare the present generation in meeting challenges of the next century.

The minister urged all concerned irrespective of party affiliation to extend their allout cooperation for combating unfair means in the examination centres in the greater interest of the nation.

Senior Journalist of Daily Ittefaq Rezanur Rahman presented keynote speech in the workshop.

Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru, Public Administration Reform Committee Chairman ATM Shamsul Huq, whip Mojibul Huq, members of parliament AHM, Mostafa Kamal, Tajul Islam, Prof Ali Ashraf, among others, addressed the workshop.

Chairmen and controllers of examinations of the country's five education board, principals of different colleges and representatives from administration and the ministry are participating in the workshop.



KHULNA: Work on last phase of Dhaleswari Bridge-2 on Dhaka-Mawa-Khulna highway progressing.

Moulvibazar Newsletter

From Our Correspondent

Pistol recovered

Police of Srimongal thana recovered a pistol with three rounds of bullet from the possession of a bus passenger recently.

Police said, on searching a Hobiganj bound bus by police during their normal patrol duty in front of Srimongal Palli Biddut office. During the search, a loaded pistol with three rounds of bullets were recovered from the possession of a bus passenger named Harun Miah, son of Ahad Miah of Urtarsangh village in Baniachong thana. Police arrested him and seized the illegal weapon and ammunition.

Rickshaws donated to FFs

Moulvi Bazar, Nov.15 Two rickshaws had been donated to two freedom fighters of Baralekha thana recently. An amount of Taka one thousand was also donated to each of them to earn their livelihood.

They were begging from door to door previously. Chairman of Bangladesh Muktiyuddha Sangsad's central command Principal Abdul Ahad Chowdhury handed over the rickshaws and money to the freedom fighters at a gathering of freedom fighters which was held at Baralekha thana head-quarter recently.

The freedom fighters are Mustakin Ali of village Atua and Sirajuddin Ahmed of village Jaamkandi in Baralekha thana. Earlier, on the request of the freedom fighter leaders the two freedom fighters surrendered their respective begging bags to the Muktiyuddha Sangsad leader.

Property worth Tk 10 lakh gutted

Property worth about Taka 10 lakh was burnt to ashes in a devastating fire at Rasulgong bazaar in Kulaura thana recently.

According to witnesses, the fire originated from a tea stall of the bazaar at mid-night and soon engulfed the adjoining areas. Fire gutted two restaurants, three sweet meat shops, a saloon and three stationery shops.

After frantic efforts the local people brought the fire under control.

Man killed in road accident

One person was crushed under the wheels of a running train at Longla Railway Station on Sylhet -- Shaystagonj section near Kulaura junction recently.

The victim was identified as Md Cherag Miah, 30, son of Shukur Ullah of village Monraj in Kulaura thana.

According to witnesses, the victim was sleeping on the rail track. Meanwhile, the Dhaka bound Jayantika Express appeared on the same track and the man was crushed to death under its wheels.

Two policemen suspended

An accused person fled away from the court 'hazat' of Moulvibazar during official hours recently.

According to reports, the arrested accused Abdur Rahman of Laierkul village in Srimangor thana was brought from Moulvibazar jail 'hazat' to court 'hazat' to produce him before the court. It is alleged, when the on-duty police of the court 'hazat' became busy with unfair work, Rahman took the opportunity and fled away with his 'danda-ber'.

Soon after the incident, police Habilder Golam Nabi and constable Zillul Huda were suspended.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H) Road Division, Moulvibazar Telephone : 5245 R&H Tender 2nd Corrigendum Notice

Tender Notice No-01/EE Moulvibazar 1998-99.

Following amendments are made in the tender invited through a Memo of this office No 1720 dated 12-10-98, No-1751 dated 28-10-98.

- Last date of selling tender (Vide serial no of tender notice-10) : Instead of 16-11-98/2-8-1405 Bangla the new fixed date 24-11-98/10-8-1405 Bangla fill office hours.
- Last date of receiving tender (Vide serial no 11 of tender) : The new fixed date is 25-11-98/1-8-1405 Bangla at 12-30 PM instead of 17-11-98/3-8-1405 Bangla at 12-30 PM.
- Fixed date and time of opening tender (Vide serial no 12 of tender) : Refixed on 30-11-98/16-8-1405 Bangla at 12-45 PM instead of 23-11-98/9-8-1405 Bangla at 12-45 PM.
- Date and time of lottery (Vide serial no 13 of tender) : Refixed on 1-12-98/17-8-1405 Bangla at 11-30 AM instead of 24-11-98/10-8-1405 Bangla at 11-30 AM in the office of the undersigned.

Eligibility of contractors (Vide serial no 14 of tender notice) : Should be read 'A special class of contractors who have a experience of constructing at least one 300'-0" (three hundred feet) long RCC Bridge or pre-tested concrete bridge for the R&H Directorate for construction of pre-stressed guarder bridge.

b) Instead of as an additional terms and conditions for 'A' for construction of pre-tested guarder bridge with more than three spans should have experience of construction of any pre-tested guarder bridge and certificate regarding this type of work will have to be submitted with tender, otherwise tender will be considered as rejected, should be read A special class of contractors of R&H Directorate enlisted contractors who have

a) experience of construction of up to three span pre-tested guarder bridge for R&H Directorate 'A' special class at least one 300'-0" (three hundred feet) long RCC bridge or pre-tested concrete bridge construction.

b) as an additional terms and conditions of 'A' should have experience of construction of more than three-span pre-tested guarder bridge. Experience certificate regarding it will have to be submitted with the tender schedule as per attached "Experience certificate" form; and the experience certificate only in attached form will be acceptable. Only for joint venture (not more than two) construction of pre-stressed concrete bridge can make joint venture with only R&H enlisted same class of one contractor (without experience may do) and the other of the same class enlisted with R&H with experiences of A & B eligible contractor. But the memorandum of association of joint venture should be registered by Notary Public and lead work partnership should be mentioned. In such cases, fixed deposit in single name will not be acceptable. Earnest money in the name of joint venture will have to be given with the tender as per existing rules.

All other terms and conditions of tender will remain unchanged. The corrigendum notice must be submitted along with tender as the corrigendum notice is the part of the tender.

Abul Bashir Mohiuddin Ahmed Executive Engineer, R&H Road Division, Moulvibazar. DFP-23765-10/11/98 G-2577