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Housewife succumbs to injuries

BARGUNA, Nov 30: A pregnant housewife, injured for failing to repay the loan by the moneylender, succumbed to her injuries at Bamma Hospital here on Saturday, reports UNB.

According to local people, Razia Begum, wife of Abdul Kader of South Karuna village in Betagi thana took Taka 2,500 loan from the co-villager moneylender Babul at a high rate of interest about a year back. Recently, Babul and his accomplices raided her home and beat both the eight-month pregnant Razia and her husband mercilessly for non-payment of the outstanding interest of Taka 1,000 of the principal amount. They were rushed to the hospital and after their release from the hospital ailing Razia gave birth to an immature dead child and fell seriously ill. She was again rushed to the hospital where she succumbed on Saturday. It is learnt that an influential quarter is trying to hush up the matter.

Number of floating girls up

NARAIL, Nov 30: The number of floating call girls is increasing in different parts of town giving rise to anti-social activities, report UNB.

Local people said, the girl dressed in provocative manner roams about different areas of the town including the bus terminal, court area, cinema hall and Rupganj Bazar for client. They allure the people particularly the youths with their obscene gestures before the nose of the law-enforcing agencies. With increasing poverty in the rural areas due to various natural calamities the number of these girls are on rise and they are pouring into the town mainly to eke out their living, some dwellers said. These girls are also spreading venereal diseases. Some guardians expressed concerned over the inaction of the authority concerned. Elite of the town urged the authority to take immediate steps for rehabilitation of these distressed girls so that they can lead a decent life.

Man gets 15-year RI for fratricide

COMILLA, Nov 30: A court here on Wednesday convicted a man and sentenced him to 15 years rigorous imprisonment RI for fratricide, reports UNB.

The convict, Mofizur Rahman of Barakanchi village in Laksham thana was also fined Taka 2,000, in default, to suffer more two months RI. The prosecution, in brief, was that Mofiz stabbed his brother Mokhlesur Rahman following a quarrel over harvesting of paddy on April 18, 1994. He succumbed on way to hospital. After examining the witnesses and records Additional District and Sessions Judge Bhabani Prasad Singh awarded the punishment.

Shortage of winter crops seeds

PATUAKHALI, Nov 30: Farmers of the district have been facing serious problems in cultivating winter crops and vegetables due to acute shortage of seeds, reports APB.

Comparatively better of peasants have been procuring seeds from different sources at exorbitant prices, while poor and marginal farmers are still awaiting supply of seeds from the government sources. The government has laid emphasis on cultivation of winter crops and vegetables under its post-flood agricultural rehabilitation programme to make up the losses suffered in all the six thanas during the last floods.

Market in bad shape

MADARIPUR, Nov 30: The Gopalpur haat (weekly market) for cattlehead in Kalkini thana has been limping with a number of problems, owing to lack of initiatives for its development, reports APB.

The haat, which was set up some 30 years ago, has not yet seen any development work, although the government has been earning quite a substantial sum in the form of revenue annually from it. The haat assembles under the open sky, as there is no tin shed or any other structure to protect that buyers and sellers from rain and sun. There is no public toilet or any system of supply of safe drinking water. Absence of hotels and restaurants have been causing sufferings to the buyers and sellers of cattlehead.

Hemp recovered: One arrested

KAPTAI (Rangamati), Nov 30: Kaptai police recovered three kilograms of hemp and arrested one person in this connection from Boraihbari bus stand on Wednesday, reports BSS.

The arrested, Mohammad Ishaque, is an inhabitant of village Shilok in Rangunia thana of Chittagong District, police sources said. The accused was forwarded to the court under Narcotics Control Act.

Training programme for farmers

HABIGANJ, Nov 30: A day-long training programme for the small and marginal farmers of four unions in sadar thana was held at the local Agriculture Extension Department (AED) on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The farmers were given training on proper farming methods including collection and preservation of paddy, wheat and different varieties of pulse seeds, pest control, selection of land for seeds and its maintenance and necessity of using fertilisers proportionately for producing high quality seeds. A total of 30 small and marginal farmers participated in the training programme organised by AED.

Maize farming on 225 hectares

KISHOREGANJ, Nov 30: About 225 hectares of land in 13 thanas have been brought under maize cultivation during the current 'Rabi' season, reports UNB.

According to Agriculture Extension Department, the production target has been fixed at 1,013 metric tons. To achieve the target, AED has taken up necessary measures to provide bank loans, seeds, fertilisers, pesticides and other agricultural inputs to the growers. Meanwhile, the production target of pea may suffer a setback due to massive pest attack in all the thanas of the district. Immediately after recession of water, the flood-hit farmers cultivated pea (Maskalai) on about 1,000 hectares of land. The insects known as Catter Pillar, Brown Plant Hopper and Cut worm attacked the Maskalai plants in different areas. The affected farmers alleged that the insecticides available in the local markets are adulterated. They urged the authority concerned to take necessary steps to spray insecticides to save the crop.

College teacher dead

JAMALPUR, Nov 30: Prof Jamila Khatun, 50, of Jamalpur Zaheda-Safir Government Girls' College died on Sunday morning due to heart attack at her college residence, reports BSS.

She was a teacher of Bengali subject and also a hostel superintendent. She left behind three daughters and one son and host of relatives and friends of mourn her death.

Timber seized

HABIGANJ, Nov 30: The forest officials of Satchhari here recovered smuggled Segun timber worth about Tk 20,000 from a Sylhet-bound passenger bus on Dhaka-Sylhet highway on Sunday, reports UNB.

Forest officials said acting on secret information they raided the bus at the forest check post at 8:00 am and seized the timber. They also rounded up bus conductor Mizanur Rahman and helper M Jahangir in this connection.

Woman gangraped

COX'S BAZAR, Nov 30: A young divorcee was gangraped at Idgar Union Parishad office in Ramu thana on Friday, reports APB.

The victim was a 19-year-old woman of Idgar in the thana. Local sources said she was abducted from her residence by a six-member gang who kept her confined in the UP office for the whole night and repeatedly raped the victim. People from nearby rescued her from the UP office on the following morning and took her to a female member of the local body. UP Chairman Nurul Islam Bangali admitted the incident.

Man stabbed to death

KHULNA, Nov 30: A house owner of Bagmara area in the town was stabbed to death and his son sustained injuries when they tried to resist a miscreant from harassing their maid servant recently, reports UNB.

The victim, identified as Zamshed, 50, died on way to a local hospital. Police said Asaduzzaman alias Kanchan used to tease the girl, Jharna and tried to develop an illicit affair. On the fateful day, Kanchan went to the house and tried to wear a gold-chain to her forcibly. At this, the house-owner and his son Maruf tried to resist him. At one stage of altercation Kanchan stabbed them mercilessly.

Rate of literacy decreasing

SHARIATPUR, Nov 30: The rate of literacy in the district is decreasing alarmingly hampering the success of the literacy programme of the government, reports UNB.

Official sources said about 73 per cent of the total population of the district or about eight lakh are illiterate. The sources said the rate of literacy here is 27.85 per cent against the national average of 33.8 per cent. The rate has not been increased during the last three decades, rather it decreased. The population has increased, but the literacy rate dropped by nearly six per cent from 1951 to 1981, according to official statistics.

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Move to remove traffic jam

Preliminary work on construction of by-pass road in Sylhet starts

From Iqbal Siddique

SYLHET, Nov 30: With a view to removing traffic jam in the most busy area of the divisional town, preliminary work on construction of a by-pass road has already been started.

A total amount of about Taka Nine crore 90 lakh will be spent for execution of the project, said an official of Roads and Highways (R&H) Department.

Usually all types of vehicles have to face regular traffic jam at railgate, station road, Keane Bridge approach, central bus and minibus terminal and Kadamtali inter-section while entering or departing. Besides, due to existence of Sylhet Rail way Station and a number of bazaars on both sides of the aforesaid road which is considered a part of Dhaka-Sylhet highway. Sometimes the situation becomes extremely miserable. It takes a long time for the vehicles and for the pedestrians to enter into and to go out from Sylhet town. Heavy trucks carrying coal and stones from Tamabil and Sutarkandi borders and make the situation more worse.

The official of R&H said, to get rid of this situation, the project styled 'Sylhet Town Railway Station By-pass Road' connecting Sylhet-Sherpur Road and Hajrat Shahjalal Bridge having a length of 2.5 kilometre has been approved. Its construction work has also been started. The by-pass road has to cross the railway track at a distance of 270 metre from the junction point of four busy roads such as Hajrat Shahjalal Bridge Approach Road, Sylhet-Fenchuganj Road, Sylhet-Sutarkandi Road-Jakiganj and

Dhaka-Sylhet Road. As the junction point is very close to the level crossing point, it will cause huge number of vehicles to stand on both sides of the rail tracks when the rail gates are closed during passing of trains.

The queue of vehicles will reach the junction point very often causing all the four roads connecting the junction point to remain closed, which will create a new traffic jam point.

So the purpose of constructing the bypass road will not be achieved. To avoid this situation, decision had been taken to construct a flyover over the rail tracks crossing point. Feasibility of the project has already been studied by the design unit of the head office of R & H Department, the source added.

Moreover, the central bus and minibus terminal is situated on Sylhet-Fenchuganj Road and very close to Sylhet Railway Station. All buses to and from this terminal have to cross the traffic jammed Kadamtali intersection point for plying over the bypass road. This will cause extra pressure to the existing traffic system of this intersection.

In this situation, an access road of 520 metre length connecting bus terminal to the bypass road is proposed in the revised PP of the main project. The length of the flyover will be 21.43 metre, the official said.

The official said that, the main objective of this project is to get rid of the painful situation of continuous traffic jam at the entry and exit point of Sylhet town. The vehicles plying on the bypass road from Dhaka, Moulvibazar, Sunamganj, Habiganj, Fenchuganj, Jakiganj and other districts will cross over the rail line by

the flyover without any interruption at the rail line crossing point.

Of the total amount of targeted expenditure for the project, Taka 2.6 crore will be spent for land acquisition, Taka 1.5 crore for earth works, Taka one crore for three bridges and culverts, Taka 1.7 crore for pavement and Taka 30 lakh for construction of RCC retaining wall. Besides, construction of the flyover will cost Taka 2.2 crore.

The official further informed, work on the whole project will be completed by the end of 1999.

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Bangladesh Road Transport Authority

Old Airport Road, Alenbari, Tejgaon, Dhaka

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The following owners of vehicles are driving their vehicles without taking registration certificates after getting registration numbers despite repeated requests through different media:

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6. Dhaka Metro-Ga-11-3146
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