

News snaps

Ideal villages for landless

CHUADANGA, Dec 2: The government has taken up a programme to establish eight new ideal villages in Damurhuda and Jibannagar thanas of the district, reports BSS.

According to an official source, six villages will be established in Damurhuda thana and two in Jibannagar. Meanwhile, the district ideal village implementation tasks force has selected the places for establishing the ideal villages for the landless and homeless rural poor.

Eye camp concludes

RANGAMATI, Dec 2: A week-long eye camp jointly organised by Bangladesh National Blind Welfare Association and Rangamati district administration concluded at Rangamati Sadar Hospital on November 26, reports BSS.

Chaired by the Deputy Civil Surgeon of the district, Dr Mahfuzul Haque, the concluding function was attended by Deputy Commissioner Shah Alam as the chief guest. President of Rangamati Chamber of Commerce and Industries Kazi Nazrul Islam and social worker Mohammad Ishaque, among others, spoke on the occasion. Of the total 550 patients treated, 117 were operated upon for cataract. The patients were given glasses and medicines free of cost.

UP chairman sued

NETRAKONA, Dec 2: Two cases were filed against a UP chairman for allegedly misappropriating the wheat, allocated for two primary schools of Kendua thana under Food for Education Programme, reports BSS.

Police said Balaishimul UP chairman Motiul Rahman lifted 7,540 kg wheat allocated for students of Begon Primary School and Youri Gopalpur Primary School on June 30 and allegedly sold out the wheat in the black market and misappropriated the sale proceeds Tk 57,596. The two headmasters of the schools filed separate cases with Kendua police and investigation is going on against the allegation.

211 uplift projects taken up

HABIGANJ, Dec 2: A total of 211 uplift projects have been taken up in five thanas and three municipalities here under Rural Infrastructure Maintenance Programme during the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

Official sources said 483 metric tons of wheat have been allocated for implementation of the projects. The projects include repair and reconstruction of roads, schools, madrasahs, mosques and temples. Thana-wise break-up of the projects are as follows: Bahubal 31, Chunurahat 50, Lakhai 30, Madhabpur 48 and Nabiganj 40. Besides, 11 projects have been taken up in Habiganj pourashava and one each in Nabiganj and Madhabpur pourashavas.

2 killed in Rangpur road accident

RANGPUR, Dec 2: Two men were killed and another was injured in a road accident on Rangpur-Bogra highway on Wednesday, reports BSS.

One of the victims was Moshiur Rahman Makal, 45, acting President of Pirgonj thana BNP. Police said Makal and another unidentified man died on the spot when a mini-bus ran over their motorbike at Mazarpur village in Pirgonj thana. The injured Taslim Uddin, Organising Secretary, was first admitted to Thana Health Complex and later on shifted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital in a critical condition. They were returning home after attending a party meeting at Lalchandi.

2 killed in Sirajganj road accidents

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 2: Two people were killed and 10 others injured in separate road accidents in the sadar and Ullapara thanas recently, reports APB.

Police said head of a 35-year-old man, leaning out of the window of a Pabna-bound coach, was torn off when a truck dashed against the vehicle near Bangabandhu Jamuna Bridge on Sunday night. Some 10 passengers of the ill-fated coach were also injured. Four of them were admitted to Sirajganj General Hospital. Police recovered the severed head recently. The body was sent to the general hospital. A boy, identified as Jaglu, was crushed by a speeding truck on Bogra-Nagarbari highway at Boalia in Ullapara thana.

সওজ-এর সংশোধনী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদব্যাপে সহজেই সকলের অপর্যাপ্তি নিয়ে আসানো যাইতেছে যে, অন্য কার্যালয়ের শারক নং-৪-৭-১/২৬৫৮ (৪২) তাঁর ১১-১১-১৯৮৫/ ২৪-৭-১৯৮৫ সূত্রানুসারে প্রচারিত নং-১৬/মিঃপঃ/সওজ/জামালপুর/১৯৯৮-৯৯ইং মোতাবেক অস্থানস্থ বিজ্ঞাপ্তি জননিয়ন্ত্রণ ও সংস্থান করা হইলো।

১) দরপত্র প্রক্রয়ের সর্বোত্তম : ২৯-১-১৯৯৮-৯৯ইং তারিখ এর পরিবর্তে তারিখ ১৪-১-১৯৯৯-৯৯ইং তারিখ অফিস চলাকীন সময় পর্যন্ত হইবে।

২) দরপত্র প্রক্রয়ের তারিখ ০৪-৩০-১-১৯৯৯-৯৯ইং তারিখ এর পরিবর্তে সময় : ১৫-১-১৯৯৯-৯৯ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২-৩০ ঘটিকায় পর্যন্ত হইবে।

৩) দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ০৪-১-১২-৯৮ইং তারিখ এর পরিবর্তে সময় : ২০-১-২-৯৮ইং তারিখ সকাল ১১-০০ ঘটিকায় হইবে।

৪) লটারির তারিখ ও সময় : ১-১-১২-৯৮ইং তারিখ এর পরিবর্তে ২৮-১-২-৯৮ইং তারিখ সকাল ১১-০০ ঘটিকায় হইবে।

দরপত্রের অন্যান্য শর্ত ও বিনিয়োগ অপরিবর্তিত থাকিবে এবং এই সংশোধনী বিজ্ঞাপ্তি দরপত্রের অবিহেদ্য অংশ হিসাবে গণ্য হইবে।

গোপন চৰ্তা সাহা নির্ধারিত প্রকোশলী (সওজ) উক্ষণ-২৫৩০১-৩০/১১ জ্ঞ-২৭১৮ জামালপুর সড়ক বিভাগ, জামালপুর।

Tender Notice

No-9/1998-99

"গাছ লাগান, দেশ বাঁচান"

- Name of work : Installation of 75mmx150mm dia deep tubewell with PVC pipe & construction of 10,000 gallon capacity underground water reservoir within the compound of Mondalpara Fire Station at Narayanganj during the year 1998-99.
- Estimated cost : Tk 4,89,993/-
- Place of selling & receiving tenders : All offices of the Executive Engineers under PWD Circle-IV, Dhaka & PWD Eden Bldg. Division, Dhaka.
- Last date of selling tender : Till 14.12.98 Eng during office hours.
- Date of receiving & opening of tender : Up to 12:00 Noon on 15.12.98 Eng and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM.
- Eligibility of contractors/ firms : Special Class-I contractor of PWD, Class-I sanitary and plumbing contractor of PWD, Class-II sanitary and plumbing contractors of PWD, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka. The contractor must have experience for successful completion of at least one number of 75mm dia/100mm dia/150mm dia deep tubewell.

If lottery is necessary for selection of contractor which will be held to the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD, Narayanganj in presence of tenderer who like to remain present on "Thursday" 24.12.98 Eng at 15:30 hrs.

Executive Engineer
Narayanganj PWD Division
Narayanganj

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Wheat farming may fall short of target in Mymensingh

MYMENSINGH, Dec 2: The target of wheat cultivation in the district may not be achieved during the current 'Rabi' season due to scarcity of seeds, reports UNB.

Agriculture Extension Department (AED) said the target of wheat cultivation in the district was fixed at 19,265 hectares of land and BADC was asked to ensure supply of 3,500 metric tons of seeds to achieve the target.

But, said BADC sources, the authorities supplied only 1,709 metric tons against the requirement.

The corporation is distributing the seeds through its 60 dealers in 12 thanas. Besides, seed is available at five sales centres in Gafargaon, Nandail, Ishawarganj, Muktagacha and

Phulpur thanas.

The farmers, however, complained that the dealers in different thanas have been demanding higher price as against the fixed rate of Tk 15 per kg.

They alleged that the dealers are selling a sack containing 20 kg of wheat seeds between Tk 360 and Tk 380 instead of its fixed price of Tk 300.

The farmers informed that seed is available in the open market at a low price, but they don't have much confidence in it and preferring BADC seed due to its quality.

The seed dealers denied the allegation of selling the seed in the black market saying the crisis is due to shortage of seeds from the authorities.

BADC officials said the

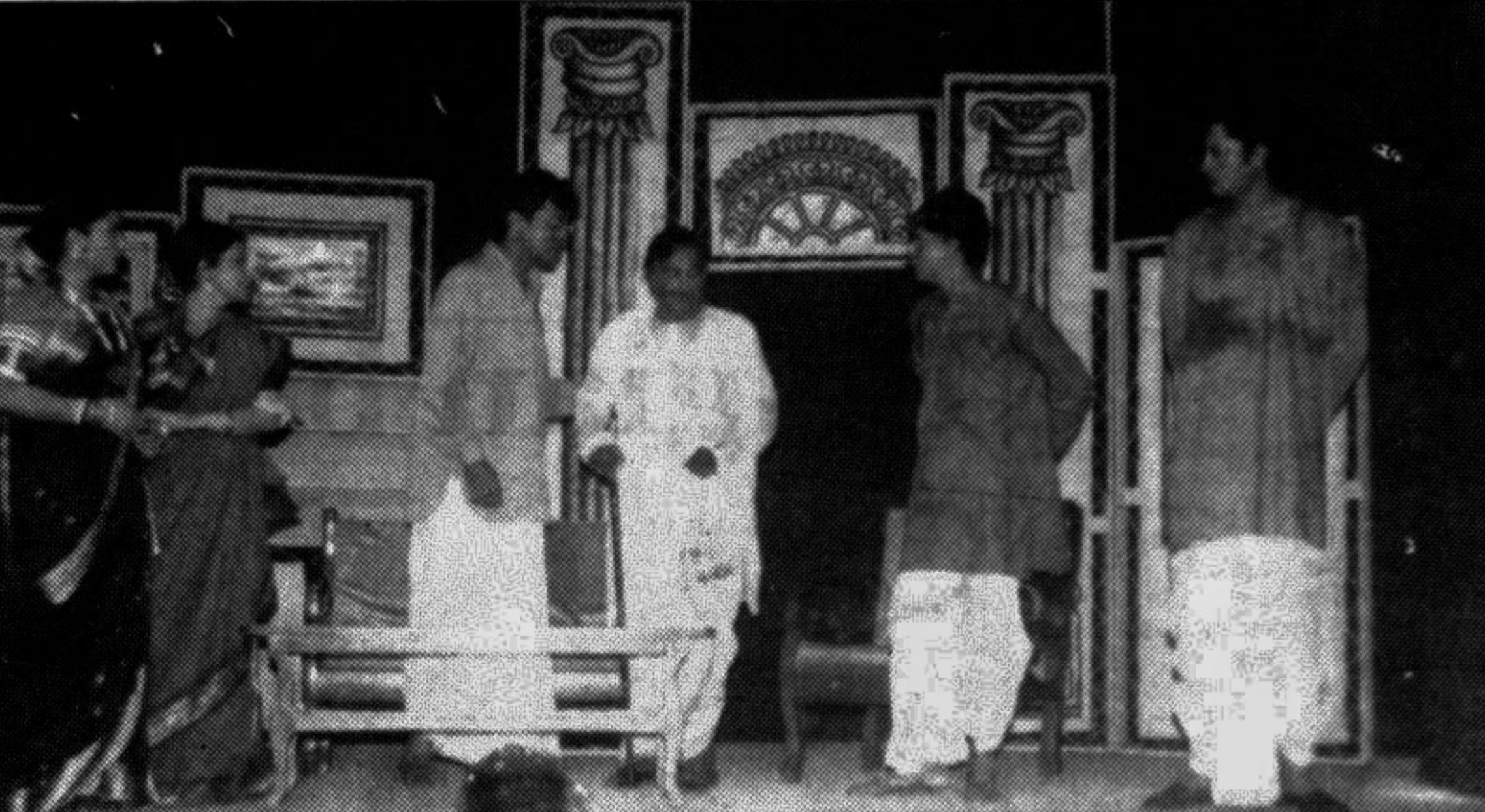
farmers should come forward to resolve the rises and they have to preserve the seeds according to the suggestions of the agriculture experts.

Another report from Pirojpur says, Rabi crops will be cultivated on 14,174 hectares of land in the district.

Officials of AED said a total of 55,814 metric tons of crops would be produced in the district at the end of the season.

The land brought under the programme include 2,862 hectares in Sadar, 1,182 in Kaukhali, 3,292 in Nesarabad, 9,168 in Nazirpur, 2,524 in Bhandaria and 5,146 in Mathbaria thana.

The crops include 'Boro' paddy, wheat, potato, pulse, onion, chilly, spices and winter vegetables.



BARISAL: A sequence from a drama which was staged here recently by Natyajan, a drama group of Dhaka.

Rehabilitation work progressing in Faridpur

FARIDPUR, Dec 2: Post food rehabilitation work have been going on in full swing in the industrially backward and the food-deficit district, reports APB.

Five out of the eight thanas have been identified as the worst-affected ones. Road communication between the district sadar and Sadarpur thana continues to remain snared.

Road communications between the district headquarters and Charbhadrasan thana has also remained snared for the last 10/12 days following a breach in the road.

Normal communications with Sadarpur, Charbhadrasan and Alfaidanga thanas are yet to become normal.

Meanwhile, 993 marginal and poor farmers have been provided with vegetable seeds, DAP fertiliser and cash doles, through the Agriculture Extension Department. Each of the farmers have been given five to 10 kg of seeds.

Tk 27,35,940 have been allocated for the first phase of the Agricultural Rehabilitation Programme. In all, 4008 small and marginal peasants will get seeds and fertilisers free of cost. During the second phase of the programme, Tk 42,35,820 will be allocated for the district.

Pabna-2 by-polls 7-man vigilance team to help electoral probe body

From Ranesh Maitra

PABNA, Dec 2: A seven-member vigilance and observation team has been formed with a view to helping the Electoral Enquiry Committee here.

This has been formed with the objective of holding free and fair by-elections in Pabna on December 10.

A K M Monimul Islam, ADC (Revenue) will be the chief of the team. Two other government officials, lawyers, teachers and journalists will be included in the team.

The Returning Officer has constituted the team.

Meanwhile, Awami League and BNP have geared up their election campaign by holding public meetings, workers' meetings.

Diarrhoea related death report of three to four people from different parts of the district are coming to authority concerned daily.

Local Civil Surgeon Office, however, confirmed 26 deaths and affected over a thousand by the disease so far.

Non-government field level workers said the number of dead and diarrhoea patients at the flood-hit Sudharam and Chatkhil thanas is on rise day by day.

The worst hit areas are Char Begha, Nabogram, Alipur, Ghoshbagh, Bataya union, south-western part of Char Jabbar of Sudharam thana and various unions of Chatkhil and Begumganj thanas.

Taking of adulterated food stuffs and contaminated pond was said to be the main reasons behind the outbreak of the disease.

According to AED, the maize cultivation programme has been undertaken in Rangamati district only. Seed have been brought from India, AED added. Wheat cultivation is not suitable for Rangamati hill district, so AED has decided to cultivate maize here.

The break-up of maize seeds distribution is as follows: 120 kg seeds among 30 farmers in Rangamati sadar, 240 kg seeds among 15 farmers in each thana of Kaokhali, Kapital, Naniarchar and Rajsthal, 720 kg seeds to 60 farmers in each thana of Belaichari, Zurachari and Barkal, 504 kg seeds to 126 farmers of Langadu and 516 kg among 129 farmers of Baghaichari thana.

IU to buy books, journals worth Tk 38 lakh

JHENIDAH, Dec 2: Islamic University (IU) will buy books and journals worth Tk 38 lakh for its central library during the current financial year (1998-99), reports APB.

The books and journals will be bought for 15 departments under five faculties of the varsity.

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Pabna Cadet College reunion

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Dec 2: The second Reunion of Pabna Cadet College was held from Nov 20 to 21 at the campus premises.

The programme was organised by the old and the present cadets.

Prof Abul Ashraf Noor, former Principal of Pabna Cadet College was the chief guest at the formal inaugural ceremony. Mahbubur Rahman Farooq, Principal of the College was in the chair.

Abul Ashraf Noor, who is also a reputed poet asked the old and new cadets to acquire all-round education for attaining leadership qualities to serve the nation.

An impressive march past and a cultural programme was held during the reunion. Cricket, football and basketball matches were also held during the occasion.

Malaria claims lives of 19 tribals

BANDARBAN, Dec 2: Nine tribal people died of malaria and malnutrition in Alikadam thana during the last week, reports UNB.

Thana Health Officer confirming the deaths said the people here are dying of the disease due to lack of proper medical care facilities.

All the victims are between the age group of 18 to 50, health office sources said.

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NOTICE

FOR

EXTENSION OF CLOSING DATE FOR PURCHASE OF RFP DOCUMENT FOR SELECTION OF A SPONSOR FOR INSTALLATION OF 300,000 DIGITAL TELEPHONE LINES IN DHAKA MULTI EXCHANGE AREA (DMA) ON BUILD, OWN, OPERATE (BOO) BASIS

With reference to the Notice issued vide MOPT No. PT/Sec-5/4-6/98-782 Dated: 04.11.1998 and published in national dailies on 12.11.98 in The Daily Star and The Independent and on 14.11.98 in The Bangladesh Observer, Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications (MOPT) is pleased to extend the closing date for purchase of RFP Document of above project from 30th of November to 10th of December, 1998.

Any person, company or firm who owns directly or indirectly, any ownership interest in the existing licence now in operation for providing fixed telecommunications (wireline/wll) service anywhere in Bangladesh is not eligible to apply for a licence under this RFP.

The Request For Proposal Document (RFP) will