

News snaps

Uplift works progressing

PIROJPUR, Nov 24: The District Council will implement 34 projects in six thanas at a cost of Tk 55.84 lakh in the current fiscal year (1999-2000), reports UNB.

Of them, 24 projects costing Tk 45.94 lakh will be completed under the Annual Development Programme (ADP) and 10 others costing Tk 9.90 lakh from own resources. Thana-wise breakup of projects: Sadar-11, Mathbaria-9, Bhandaria-3, Kaulkhali-1, Nesarabad-6 and Nazipur-4. The projects include construction and reconstruction of bridges, culverts and roads, construction of passenger sheds, and repair of Dakbanglows in different thanas. Works on the projects have already started and are expected to be completed by June 2000, officials said.

Allocation for road construction

SHARIATPUR, Nov 24: Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has allocated Tk 23 lakh for construction of roads and culverts in Narla thana, reports UNB.

Officials said construction works of eight culverts and four roads have already started. Upon completion of the works, which are progressing fast, rural road communication as well as irrigation and drainage facilities would improve in the thana, they said. Meanwhile, LGED has constructed three non-government primary school buildings in Narla thana at a cost of Tk 17.86 lakh.

Driver killed in truck mishap

MANIKGANJ, Nov 24: Two trucks collided head-on at Batholi on Dhaka-Aricha highway, on Monday killing a truck driver and injuring three others, reports UNB.

Police said truck driver Joyal Ali, 45, and three unidentified people were injured in the accident. They took place at about 2 pm. Joyal died after he was brought to Manikganj Sadar Hospital. One of the injured was admitted to the hospital while two others were released after first aid. A case was filed with Dhamrai thana.

Young man hacked to death

MANIKGANJ, Nov 24: Armed men hacked a young man to death and left three others wounded in front of a cinema hall here on Monday, police said, reports UNB.

They said terrorists numbering 8/10 attacked Salam, 18, Sentu, 20, Sakat 19, and Mongol, 19, at about 11:30 am in front of Nabin cinema hall and hit them with sharp weapons. Previous enmity might be the cause of attack, police said. Salam died on way to hospital. Others were admitted to Manikganj Sadar Hospital and later on shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Police have been deployed in the area as tension was mounting.

Sugarcane farming in Chuadanga

CHUADANGA, Nov 24: The Darsana Sugar Mills authority has taken up a programme to bring 15,000 acres under sugarcane cultivation in the mills zone area in the current season, reports BSS.

According to official sources, almost 5,000 acres have been brought under sugarcane cultivation in the mills zone area here. The sugar mills authority has also been distributing seed, fertiliser and insecticides as loan among the sugarcane cultivators to make the sugarcane cultivation a success.

Man faces unnatural death

NAOAGANJ, Nov 24: One person named Mosleuddin was killed and three others were seriously injured when a power-tiller rammed into a tea stall at Dhanirhat thana in day light recently, reports BSS.

Mosleuddin died on his way to hospital. A case has been filed with Dhanirhat thana in this connection.

Foodgrains distributed

CHUADANGA, Nov 24: A total of 81 metric tons of foodgrains were distributed among the 2,700 VGF card holders under the special VGF programme in Alamdanga, Darsana and Jiban Nagar pourasabhas here during the last three months, reports BSS.

According to official sources, 27 metric tons of foodgrains were distributed among the 900 card holders in each pourasabha. Each card holder got 10 kgs of foodgrains under the special VGF programme, official sources added.

Auditorium after Syed Nazrul Islam

MYMENSINGH, Nov 24: Bangladesh Agricultural University has named its new auditorium building after late Syed Nazrul Islam, an organiser of the Liberation War, an eminent son of Mymensingh and the Acting President of the Government of Bangladesh in exile, reports BSS.

The decision was taken at a Syndicate meeting presided over by Prof Dr Muhammad Hossain, vice chancellor of the university. Syed Nazrul Islam was killed in Dhaka Central Jail with three other national leaders in November 3, 1975.

Cameraman commits suicide

MANIKGANJ, Nov 24: A commercial cameraman allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself in his studio at Shaheed Rafique Sarak here on Saturday night, reports UNB.

The deceased was identified as Farhad, 47. Police recovered his body on the next morning and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed.

'No logic of hartals'

MADARIPUR, Nov 24: Honie Minister Mohammad Nasim on Tuesday said the present government would discharge the duties given by the people as it has come to power with their mandate for five years; not through martial-law nor by any coup, reports UNB.

"It's not possible to topple the government by hartal, movement and anarchy. People will determine after five years whether Awami League has done good or bad," he told a public meeting here on Tuesday. The minister said it's not clear on what logic the opposition wants the resignation of this democratically elected government. "We have no way to betray with the people." Chaired by Madaripur district Chhatra League President Khalid Hossain, the rally was also addressed by Ajoy Kor Khokh, Bahauddin Nasim, S M Kamal Hossain, Mahbubul Haq Shakil and Ilias Hossain.

Dacoity bid foiled

BARGUNA, Nov 24: Local people foiled a dacoity bid in the residence of Patharghata Thana Engineer on Sunday, reports UNB.

Family source said a group of masked men entered into the residence of engineer Bidhan Chandra Samaddar at about 11 am and tried to loot valuables terrorising the house inmates. But the muggers fled the scene when local people rushed to the house hearing the of the teenage girls of Samaddar. However, they took away two golden rings from the girls at gunpoint.

BAU to observe Education Week

MYMENSINGH, Nov 24: Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) has drawn up an elaborate programme to observe National Education Week 2000 on January 22-27, reports UNB.

The theme of this year's National Education Week is "Education for a Better Life". On the occasion, BAU has arranged 14 events of competition for its students. Intending students have been advised to submit their names in prescribed forms by December 12. Forms are available at BAU's Admission Affairs Division. Those who will stand first in the competitions will be selected for participating at a national-level competition to be held on February 15-17 in Dhaka.



Chandpur Rotaract Club in cooperation with BNSB Eye Hospital organised an eye camp recently at Luciara Government Primary School in Chandpur. — Star photo



Muhammad Ali of village Binanderpara in the Sadar thana of Jamalpur district cultivated potato on 100 acres of land last year. This year he has been farming potato on only 25 acres of land due to acute seed crisis. — Star photo

Seed crisis to hamper potato cultivation

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Nov 24: The target of potato cultivation in seven police stations may not be achieved in the current season due to crisis of seeds.

According to Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation, over 25,000 acres of land have been brought out under potato cultivation during this current season. The police stations are Jamalpur Sadar, Sarisabari, Malendah, Madergonj, Islampur, Dewanganj and Bakshigonj.

High prices of seeds, chemical fertilisers and intermittent rains due to depression in the Bay have affected potato cultivation. Farmers now fear a poor yield despite its high production cost in Jamalpur Sadar and Bakshigonj thana this year. In the neighbouring thanas also the prospect of potato output is bleak.

Delayed cultivation of T Aman, due to flood and severe river erosion and untimely rains aggravated the situation.

Jamalpur Sadar and Bakshigonj thana is famous for potato. Farmers said that the period from the last two weeks of the month of Kartik upto the first week of Aghrahan of the Bangla Calendar is the best time for sowing potato seeds. Some farmers in the Sadar thana said to this correspondent, they have to pay usually Taka 750/- to 1200 for a bag of 80kg of seeds which had been sold at Taka 550 to 700 in the early season.

They said that the prices of fertilisers are also higher than that of the last year.

The government has kept a watch on sale of fertilisers, but there is no system for monitoring the sale of potato seeds, said farmer Alhaj Idris Ali of village Narayanpur under Tipallah Union and Mahabur Rahman of village Kutumoni of Kendua union under sadar thana.

Earlier, the farmers had

bought potato seeds from BADC directly, but this year only one fourth of the dealers can buy potato seeds from BADC. They can sell it anywhere in the country.

They have also complained they have to pay money to the officials to get agricultural loans from the banks. Rajab Ali and Karamat Ali of Nilakhia under Bankshigonj thana alleged that many genuine farmers are not getting loans or seeds from the government, while others who own land but not involved in farming are getting agricultural loans.

Agriculture, officials who are also in the loan monitoring committee in the area said they have heard about the allegations but are yet to receive any specific written complaint.

Omar Ali Mondol of Polashola under Shahabajpur union of the sadar thana who is a landless farmer said we do not get loan or any kind of help from BADC. We have to borrow money from the lenders at higher interest rate. As a result we get nothing at the end of the season.

Omar Ali Mondol who has taken land on lease for a year, said he sold his potatoes at the rate of Taka 110 per maund less than production cost to his money lenders.

Most of the potato growers in the low lying areas of shoola Mohadanga, Pingalhati, Pitpallah, Paboi and Bakshigonj are yet to prepare their land for potato cultivation. Those who are fortunate enough to have high lands have begun sowing the seeds in due time, but sudden rains have completely damaged the seeds.

The loss has been estimated to be Taka 2.5 crore, an official in Jamalpur AED said. Agriculture officers said late cultivation will bring a poor yield of potatoes.

Int'l IF confce begins at Sylhet on Dec 3

From Staff Correspondent
SYLHET, Nov 24: A three-day international conference on computer and information technology will begin at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology here on December 3. Scientists and researchers from USA, UK, Japan, Finland, Australia, Ghana and India, besides Bangladesh are expected to participate in the conference.

Man killed in clash over land dispute

From Our Correspondent
SATKHIRA, Nov 24: One person was killed and three others were injured in a clash over land dispute Hawalkahli under Sadar thana on Sunday. The dead was identified as Abul Khan, 32, son of Syed Ali Sardar. The injured Akkel Ali, Mahidul Islam and Abu Taher were admitted to hospital. Villagers used sharp weapons during the clash. A case was lodged in this connection.

Workshop for journalists

From Our Correspondent
FENI, Nov 24 A training workshop organised by Massline Media Centre for local journalists was held recently. Participants from newspapers of Feni, Noakhali and Laxmipur took part in the workshop on Editing and Reporting in Rural Newspapers. The workshop was held at Massline Media Centre in Noakhali.

Lutfar Rahman, former MP; Md Khaled, president of district Awami League; Saiful Alam Saja, district BNP leader; Aminul Haque, local Jamat-e-Islami leader; Ganesh Prasad of Ganotantri Party; Saiko Shingha Goswami of CPB; Lutfar Rahman Ranju of NAP; Shah Ali Sarder; Montazur Rahman Babu; Nurunnahar Azad; Nurunnahar Begum; Advocate Chowdhury Nargis; Advocate Khatun-e-Jannath Sweety; Advocate Begum Helaly; Faozia Akhter; and Mozammel Huq, among others, spoke on the occasion.

Sirajganj DIARY

Bhasani's death anniversary observed

From Our Correspondent
SIRAJGANJ, Nov 24: The 23rd death anniversary of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani was observed here with due respect.

Several programmes, organised by different political and socio-cultural organisations, were held on the occasion on November 17. Floral wreaths were placed at the portrait of late leader at Bhasani Kendra Central Committee office in the town. Special foods were distributed among distressed people. *Milad Mahfils* were held in various mosques. A discussion was also held on the day. The meeting was presided over by Bhasani Kendra Central Committee president Alam Khan. Abdul Jabbar Khan, Abdur Hye Talukder, Principal Ayub Ali, among others, spoke on the life and work of the leader, who was born in 1882 at village Dhangora under the district.

Criminal held

One of the top criminals in the district was arrested from Begati area under Sadar thana recently.

Police, acting on a tip-off, arrested Bachchu Mia, son of Refaz of village Rangalagani under Sadar thana. The criminal went there to collect toll from a local businessman there. Bachchu Mia had had been wanted in connection with several cases, including murder, rape and extortion. He was sent to jail.

6,000 kg smuggled sugar seized

Police seized 6,000 kg smuggled Indian sugar from engine boat in the River Jamuna near Khash Rajbari area under Kaziupur thana recently. Police also seized smuggled huge quantity of zira and arrested two persons from the boat.

Massgraves of 27 martyrs need maintenance

From Delwar Kabir

JHENIDAH, Nov 24: The massgraves of 27 martyrs of the Liberation War of Bangladesh are going to be vanished due to lack of proper maintenance of the authorities concerned.

The martyrs are: Momin, Kader, Sahid, Soleman, Razzaque, Wahed, Riyad, Ali Hossain, Alamgir, Motleb, Sariful, Alimuzzaman, Anisur, Tajul, Maniruzzaman, Masim, Razzaque, Kawsar, Salek, Aziz.

Office-bearers of Gaibandha Bar Assoc

From Our Correspondent
GAIBANDHA, Nov 24: Biennial election of the district bar association was held recently. Shamsul Alam Proddhan and Faruk Ahmed Prince were elected president and general secretary respectively of the association.

Other officer bearers are Vice-Presidents-- Siddique Hossain and Md Salim; Assistant General Secretary--Ahsanul Kabir Lachur; Treasurer--Abdul Majid; Library Secretary -- Parash Chandra Barman; Social Welfare Secretary--Isa-haque Ali; and Auditor--Sultan Ali Mandal.

Aktar, Selim, Hossain, Rasul, Golzer, Gour and Adhir. They are sleeping in five massgraves on the North bank of the River Kumar adjacent to Kamanna High School. Now the graves remain neglected.

They are going to be vanished due to lack of maintenance.

The 'Shaheed minar' which was built to show respect to the martyrs is also in a pitiable condition.

November 26 is a red-letter day for the people of Jhenidah district.

The aforementioned heroes sacrificed their lives for the liberation of our motherland. The heroic event still remains everfresh in memory of Jhenidah people.

Local people also said, Rangansa, 42, a housewife who went to the river Kumar to bring water with a jar for the heroes received bullet injuries and died on the spot. Pakistani soldiers also killed her.

She was buried at her family graveyard.

The news of their killing reached at the freedom fighters camps at Abaipur, Alfapur and other places. Thousands of freedom fighters arrived at Kamanna, but to the Pakistani forces had left the spot earlier. They collected all the bodies of

27 martyrs. They were laid to rest in five mass graves.

After the independence the local people constructed a 'shaheed minar' to pay homage to the martyrs at Kamanna.

Earlier, ministers and other leaders visited the place and assured the local people of building a mausoleum there, but their commitments did not come true.

Discussion on Abbas Uddin

MANIKGANJ, Nov 24: A discussion meeting and cultural function was held recently at the auditorium of Government Boys High School on the occasion of birth anniversary of Abbas Uddin, the king of folk-songs, reports BSS.

Abbas Uddin Shilpi Goshthi organised the functions.

Eminent folk singer Mostafa Zaman Abbasi was present in the function was the main speaker.

Ataur Rahman Ata of the Weekly Karcha was the chief guest while Sultan Uddin Ahmed, Headmaster, Government High School and Kazi Bazlur Rahman, district Relief and Rehabilitation Officer were the special guests.

Tender Notice

Tender No. 6,7 and 8/1999-2000 (Consolidated)

Sealed tenders in standard tender/bidding documents are hereby invited from "A" & "B" class contractors of BWDB for the following work.

Tender No. 6/1999-2000							
Sl. No.	Name of work	Number of tender	Estimated cost (In lac.)	Earnest money @ 2.5% of tender value @ 1% of tender value for F. D. holder. (In Taka)	Time allowed	Category of contractor	Cost of tender documents (In Taka)
1.	Bank protective work along the right bank of the Kushiara river at Gangajal in thana Zakiganj, Dist. Sylhet during the year 1999-2000.	5 Nos.					
	Group-A (40 M.)		23.18	Tk. 57,950.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
	Group-B (40 M.)		23.18	Tk. 57,950.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
	Group-C (40 M.)		23.18	Tk. 57,950.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
	Group-D (80 M.)		46.37	Tk. 1,15,925/-	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
	Group-E (60 M.)		34.78	Tk. 86,950.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
2.	Bank protective work of Surma river at Kalapara under Kaziabazar to Mollapara Project in thana Sylhet Sadar, dist. Sylhet during the year 1999-2000.						
	Group-A (55.00 M.)		19.54	Tk. 48,850.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
	Group-B (93.27 M.)		38.88	Tk. 97,200.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
3.	Construction of 1.050 M.dia Pipe Sluice over Benudpur khal under construction of embankment from Betari river Mokh to Balaganj Project in thana Balaganj, Dist. Sylhet during the year 1999-2000.		18.36	Tk. 45,900.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
4.	Construction of 1.050 M.dia Pipe Sluice over Mollah Khal under construction of embankment from Betari river Mokh to Balaganj in thana Balaganj, Dist. Sylhet during the year 1999-2000.		18.48	Tk. 46,200.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-

Tender No. 7/1999-2000							
1.	Bank protective work along the right bank of the Kushiara river at Barapather in thana Zakiganj, Dist. Sylhet during the year 1999-2000.	6 Nos					
	Group-A (85.00 M.)		40.39	Tk. 1,00,975.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
	Group-B (85.00 M.)		36.69	Tk. 91,725.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
	Group-C (85.00 M.)		32.02	Tk. 80,225.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
	Group-D (80.00 M.)		23.13	Tk. 57,825.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
	Group-E (60.00M.)		24.41	Tk. 61,025.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
	Group-F (60.00 M.)		20.84	Tk. 52,100.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
2.	Bank protective work of Surma river at Shimpur in thana Sylhet, Dist. Sylhet during the year 1999-2000.	4 Nos.					
	Group-A (106.10 M.)		38.42	Tk. 96,050.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
	Group-B (111.00 M.)		37.02	Tk. 92,550.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
	Group-C (40.00 M.)		19.82	Tk. 49,550.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
	Group-D (40.00 M.)		20.13	Tk. 50,325.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-

Tender No. 8/1999-2000							
1.	Bank protective work along the right bank of the Kushiara river at Shah Sharif (R.) Mazar in thana Zakiganj, Dist. Sylhet during the year 1999-2000.	3 Nos.					
	Group-A (100.00 M.)		40.33	Tk. 1,00,825.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
	Group-B (60.00 M.)		24.20	Tk. 60,500.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
	Group-C (60.00 M.)		24.94	Tk. 62,350.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
2.	Bank protective work from the erosion of river Surma at Nandirai in thana Kanaighat, Dist. Sylhet during the year 1999-2000.	1 No.	44.68	Tk. 1,11,700.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-
3.	Bank protective work from the erosion of the river Surma at Nayagram in thana Beanibazar, Dist. Sylhet during the year 1999-2000.	1 No.	44.49	Tk. 1,11,225.00	90 days	'A' & 'B' Class	Tk. 750/-

The tender/bid will be received in the office of the undersigned and in the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet, Superintending Engineer, Dhaka O&M Circle, BWDB, Dhaka; Executive Engineer, Dhaka O&M Division-2, "Rupali Sadan", 156-57, Motijheel C/A., BWDB, Dhaka; Executive Engineer, Sunamganj O&M Division, BWDB, Sunamganj and Executive Engineer, Comilla O&M Division, BWDB, Comilla for Tender No. 6, on 07-12-99 and 08-12-99, Tender No. 7, on 13-12-99 and 14-12-99 and Tender No. 8, on 19-12-99 and 20-12-99 during office hours and Tender No. 6, 7 and 8 respectively on 09-12-99, 15-12-99 and 21-12-99 up to 12.00 Noon and will be opened for Tender No. 6, 7 and 8 respectively on 09-12-99, 15-12-99 and 21-12-99 at 12.30 hrs. in the above mentioned offices.

Tender/bid document and schedule of works may be obtained up to 08-12-99, 14-12-99 and 20-12-99 respectively for Tender No. 6, 7 and 8 during office/banking hours from the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet; Sonali Bank, Zindabazar branch, Sylhet; Sonali Bank, Sunamganj branch, Sunamganj; Sonali Bank, WAPDA branch, Motijheel C/A., Dhaka and Janata Bank Samabaya Bipi branch, Kandipur, Comilla on payment (non-refundable) in the form of draft (rate mentioned in the attached group list) from scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Deputy Director, RAC, BWDB, Sylhet.

Shaikh Abdul Momin
Executive Engineer
Sylhet O&M Division
BWDB, Sylhet

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