

News snaps

Two killed in separate incidents

LAXMIPUR, Dec 31: Two people were killed in separate incidents in the district on Monday, reports UNB.  
Sources said Nurun Nahar, 9, a student of class II, was crushed under the wheel of a bus on Laxmipur-Chowmuhani road at MuktiGANJ Bazaar at 9:30 am. She was crossing the road. In another incident, Nurnabi, 35, a brick field labourer, was allegedly killed by his employer in Joksin area of Sadar thana around noon. It was alleged that the brick field owner and his manager killed Nurnabi in a planned way. Later, they covered the body with soil and announced that he died of earth collapse.

Aman procurement drive yet to start

NATORE, Dec 31: Aman procurement drive could not be started yet anywhere in the district during the current season for lack of storage facilities, reports UNB.  
Official sources said the eight food godowns in the district have a storage capacity of 7,000 metric tons. But these already have 5,000 tons of rice and wheat in stock. Though there is only space for 2,000 tons, the office of the District Controller of Food fixed a target of procuring 1,562 tons paddy and 4,185 tons rice in the current season to give price support to the farmers. The government earlier fixed the procurement price for paddy and rice at Tk 8 and Tk 12.50 per kg respectively. After achieving a bumper production, the Aman growers were in festive mood but they are now frustrated with the low market price of paddy. A grower informed that the average estimated production cost per maund of paddy stood at Tk 280 while it is selling in different markets of the district at between Tk 250 and Tk 270.

Alleged looting by forest guards

BARGUNA, Dec 31: Forest guards have allegedly looted fishes, cash and other belongings worth Tk 5 lakh from five fishing trawlers in the Bay of Bengal, reports UNB.  
Patharghata Trawler Owners' Association alleged that the forest guards of Dublarchar and Baiyampara beats attacked the trawlers late at night on December 25. Two fishermen, Anwar and Jalil, thrown overboard by the attackers, were rescued by another trawler after two days. The Association said the fishermen now fear to go out to the Bay for fishing apprehending the attack by pirates and forest guards.

Computer training

MEHERPUR, Dec 31: A four-month computer training course under the auspices of the district Youth Development Department was inaugurated here in its office premises recently by deputy commissioner of Meherpur Mohammad Kamrul Islam, reports BSS.  
According to sources, a total of 40 youths both males and females were taking part in the training course.

Discussion

NARSINGDI, Dec 31: A discussion organised by the Institute of Diploma Engineers, Narsingdi was held here at the Narsingdi Press Club recently, reports BSS.  
The discussion was presided over by the president of the Institute of Diploma Engineers, Narsingdi. It was addressed, among others, by the president, vice president, general secretary and members of Narsingdi Press Club and members of the Institute of Diploma Engineers. The discussion was followed by an iftar party.

575 tons of wheat allotted

MEHERPUR, Dec 31: A total of 575 tones of wheat has been allotted against 225 projects in two thanas of the district in the current season, reports BSS.  
The projects have been taken up under Test Relief Programme. According to Meherpur District Relief and Rehabilitation Office sources, the thanawise allotment of wheat and projects are: Sadar — 275 tons of wheat against 105 projects and Gangni — 300 tons of wheat against 120 projects.

Five injured in clash

MUNSHIGANJ, Dec 31: One Ward Commissioner of Munshiganj Poursabha and four others were seriously injured in a clash between two groups of people in the town on December 27, reports BSS.  
According to official sources, the clash occurred at South Islampur in the town. The injured were identified as Poursabha Commissioner Shahidul Islam 36, Zakir, 30, Setara Begum, 30, Aleya Begum, 55, and Hazrat Ali, 70. Police arrested two persons for their alleged involvement in the incident and a case was filed in this connection.

# Once renowned Carmichael College now a decaying institution

RANGPUR, Dec 31: The 83rd founding day of Rangpur Carmichael College passed silently recently. No programmes were chalked out to mark the day.  
Rangpur Carmichael College, the higher seat of education was established in 1916. Lord Tomas David Barron Carmichael, the then governor of undivided Bengal laid the foundation stone of the college. As a result the long felt demand of the people of this region was fulfilled.

Surrounded by charming natural beauty, the college was constructed on a vast area of around 300 acres of land at Lalbagh, three miles away from Rangpur town. The lands and the huge cost of its construction, roughly several crores of taka were met by the donations of the then Maharajas, Zamindars, philanthropists of the region and the district administration.

Its skilled works with high architectural constructions of the palatial college building have long been attracting the visitors from home and abroad since its inception.

In 1917, Calcutta University affiliated the college and allowed to open IA and BA classes. During the construction works of the college building, classes of the college were held temporarily at Rangpur Zila Parishad Bhaban. However, in 1918 when construction work of the main building was completed, the classes started in the main college building.

A colourful inaugural function was arranged at the campus marking the ceremonial opening of its main building on February 11 in 1918. Sir Ronald, Governor of the then undivided Bengal inaugurated it as the chief guest.

A large gathering marked the opening ceremony. In the 1922-25, ISC and BSC classes in were started in phases in the college. During the pre-partition days, the name and fame of the college spread across the sub-continent.

Large number of students from various parts of eastern India including Assam, Jalpaiguri, Bihar, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Bogra and other places of the undivided Bengal came here for college education.

The college was under Calcutta University till Indo-Pak partition in 1947. After the partition, it came under Dhaka University, while in 1953 it came under Rajshahi University and in 1992 the college came under National University.

The college was nationalised on January 1 in 1963. Now the

college has honours courses in 14 subjects — English, Bengali Literature, Economics, Political Science, Philosophy, General History, Islamic History, Chemistry, Mathematics, Accountancy, Management, Botany, Zoology and Physics. In 2000 honours courses in five more subjects are expected to be opened. The subjects are — Social Science, Statistics, Geography, Psychology and Islamic Studies.

At present the college has a total number of roll strength of around 15,000. But it is most shocking that this reputed college is miserably lacking require educational implements and a necessary amenities hampering the education of students.

The college has 25 class rooms against the requirement of 50. These class rooms have no fans. During the summer season, sufferings of the students turn worst due to heat and congestion, alleged students.

Shortage of teaching staff is a persisting problem from a long time. Now 135 teachers are serving in the college, out of 182 sanctioned posts. Class III and class IV employees and MLSS are also inadequate. Many posts of employees are lying vacant.

The transport problem is very acute in the college. Only four buses with a total sitting capacity of around 150 are operating at present.

The accommodation problems is much acute in the college hostels. Six hostels — four male and two female hostels with 900 beds are quite inadequate for thousands of accommodation seekers. Problem of female boarders is the worst. There are three to four times boarders who are residing in an ever congested manner in two hostels. The hostel has only 359 beds. Doubling and flooring are common phenomenon here. Moreover, the female hostels have no boundary walls. They have the risk of safety. They can not sleep peacefully at night fearing attacks of miscreants at any moment.

There are at least 200 private messes scattered round the college. Female students, finding no other alternatives, pay abnormally high rents and reside there. Rooms of the messes are very congested and sanitation system is unhealthy.

The teaching and other staffs are facing similar residential problems. The existing residences across the campus are mostly dilapidated and congested. Many staffs reside outside the campus in rented houses amid sufferings.

Toilets are inadequate to meet the demand of students.

Female students are the worst sufferers as there are no separate toilets for them on the campus. Furthermore, these toilets remain always unclean. There is no water and electricity supply in these toilets.

The health centre on the campus has no doctors and medicines. The college canteens have poor stocks of foods. Common rooms of both males and females are hopelessly ill-equipped, depriving recreational facilities.

The college library has now roughly about 70,000 books. But due to lack of proper preservation and maintenance, many valuable books have been either damaged or on the verge of damage. Many students alleged, essential books of new writers are not available in the library. Moreover, the spaces inside the library is very narrow and as such only 20 to 30 students, at a time, can hardly be accommodated here. There is acute shortage of library staffs.

The college has vast barren lands. Vast tracts of lands have been leased out to the private parties for cultivation of seasonal crops. The college authority is annually earning about Taka 1,50,000 by leasing these lands, a spokesman of the college told this with a request of not to quote his name.

At least 35 bigahas of college owned land equal to about 12 acres worth Taka 10 crores were grabbed by a section of local influential persons. The college authorities had informed the matter to the district administration repeatedly, but none responded to it, alleged college authorities.

Frequent disturbance across the campus are adversely hampering congenial atmosphere in the campus. According to an estimate, during 1997 classes in the college were held for only 77 days. This happened due to students' strikes, suspension of classes for holding different examinations, since there were no excess class rooms.

There is no elected Chhatra Sangsad in the college. The validity of the Sangsad expired in 1992. Since then no election of the Sangsad was held. An amount of taka 42 lakh which was sanctioned for the Sangsad is yet to be utilised.

Taking opportunity of non-existence of elected Chhatra Sangsad, the pro-Jamat Chhatra Shibir has been controlling the campus. They kept two male hostels out of four under their control. They have also established at least 20 messes around the college campus where Shibir cadres are being sheltered.

A section of vested interest are now active in cutting the



The main palatial building of Rangpur Carmichael College.

— Star photo

trees across the campus, but there is not to resist their misdeeds.

The college has stopped admission in the Higher Secondary Classes from this session. This has resulted in a great problems for the meritorious students who find no good college for admission.

Braving all odds, the college was selected as the best college

in Rajshahi division twice in 1989 and 1994. In 1993 it was rewarded for afforestation.

Meanwhile, the natural beauty of the college have been hampering due to construction of the grilled fencing around the office of the principal. A spokesman said that the college authorities were compelled to protect the principal office by

iron grilles fearing frequent attacks by unruly students.

Apart from these, there is long cherished demands among the people of all walks of life for establishment of an university at the college campus. But the popular demand is yet to be fulfilled causing people's frustration.

## Special deep tube-wells for arsenic-free water

SHERPUR, Dec 31: Five special type deep tube-wells are being installed in the municipal area to supply arsenic-free water to the residents, reports UNB.

Water supply section of the Sherpur Municipality is implementing the Dutch-aided project under 18-Town Development Scheme at a cost of Tk 2.40 lakh.

Municipality chairman Advocate M A Samad formally inaugurated the work on the project in the first week of December.

The tube-wells, 1,000 feet deep each, are being installed at Kasba-Namapara, Kasba-Shibotair, Digharpara, Kalganj and Shelkhat areas of the

municipality. Another 20 such deep tube-wells will be set up in phases in different areas of the town.

According to the water supply section of the Municipality, severe traces of arsenic were detected in tube-wells 100 feet deep in the municipal areas.

During test, arsenic content of 3 mg was detected in some of the tube-wells against tolerable limit of 0.5 mg.

The several affected tube-wells were marked with red colour and sealed. Another report from Chandpur adds: Arsenic panic heightened among the people of Faridganj thana of Chandpur with death of five people of a family by arsenic disease.

Water of cent per cent tube-wells of a union of the thana was found highly contaminated with arsenic in a survey recently conducted by the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED).

An official of the PHED said a 12-day survey was carried out in Gobinda Chandra union of the thana that concluded on December 14. Nine trained persons led by Chief Hydrologist Mohiuddin Khan examined the sample of tubewell water.

The report revealed that all the 1,090 tube-wells baring one in the union yielded arsenic water. Five people of a family have died of arsenic disease in the village.

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