

News snaps

Indian goods flood market

KURIGRAM, Jan 2: Local markets have been swamped with Indian goods ahead of the Eid-ul-Fitar, reports UNB.

Roads renovation scheme

COMILLA, Jan 2: Roads and Highways Department has undertaken programmes to renovate six roads at a cost of Tk 5.75 crore, reports UNB.

Six with heroin arrested

HABIGANJ, Jan 2: Police arrested six people with heroin from village of Maholam in Shayestaganj thana on Friday night, reports UNB.

Convicted UP chairman held

MANIKGANJ, Jan 2: A convicted UP chairman of Shibabaya thana was arrested from Daulatdia brothel on Friday, reports UNB.

Fine realised

FARIDPUR, Jan 2: District Administration has realised Tk 185,000 as fine from the local brick field owners for using firewood in the kilns defying government ban, reports UNB.

Bumper mustard production

SHERPUR, Jan 2: A bumper production of mustard is likely in the district this year owing to favourable climate and enthusiasm showed by the farmers, reports UNB.

Construction works completed

CHUADANGA, Jan 2: The construction works of a 50 seated three-storied girls' hostel building of Local Government Girls' College has been completed, reports BSS.

Legume crop cultivation schem

CHUADANGA, Jan 2: A total of 18,850 hectares will be brought under legume crop cultivation during the current Rabi season in all the four thanas, reports BSS.

Police investigation centre

JAMALPUR, Jan 2: Two new police investigation centres in Narayanpur area of Sadar and Tarakandi area in Sarishabari thanas started their activities on Thursday, reports UNB.

Separate incidents kill 2 women

MANIKGANJ, Jan 2: Two women were killed and 12 people injured in separate incidents in the district on Wednesday-Thursday, reports UNB.

Five shops gutted

COMILLA, Jan 2: Five shops were gutted in a fire at Board Bazar in Sadar thana on Monday, burning down property worth about Tk 10 lakh, reports UNB.

Valuables looted

RAJSHAHI, Jan 2: Gunmen stormed into the residence of a businessman in the city and looted valuables worth over Tk one lakh on Wednesday night, reports UNB.

Ashrayan project in Chuadanga

CHUADANGA, Jan 2: The government has taken up a programme to implement the more Ashrayan project in two thanas with a view to rehabilitating 100 destitute families, reports BSS.

Body recovered

MADARIPUR, Jan 2: Police recovered an unidentified body at Ghatokhar canal under Sadar thana recently, reports BSS.

ADB to implement Tk 1,000 cr uplift projects in CHT

KHAGRACHHARI, Jan 2: Asian Development Bank (ADB) will implement a number of development projects, involving Tk 1,000 crore, in the Chittagong Hill Tracts this fiscal, reports UNB.

He said UNICEF would also implement a Tk 34-crore social development project in the hilly countryside. Of the amount, Tk 12 crore will come from the government resources.

An ADB team is likely to visit the CHT region in February to assess the feasibility of the projects, CHT Affairs Secretary Sakawat Hossain told a press conference here recently.

The projects include development of rural roads and infrastructure, prevention of hill erosion and establishing women's rights.

Besides, he said, process is underway to upgrade the Khagrachhari Stadium.

Another report adds: The government has allocated Tk 10 crore to increase facilities for the officials and employees of the Forest Department in the 3 hill districts with expectation

of better preservation and maintenance of forests.

Officials said the main step has been taken up to increase facilities for field level employees to protect the trees from smugglers and for proper maintenance.

As part of the programme, office building, rest house and residential accommodation will be constructed and renovated as well as vehicles, arms, ammunition and wireless sets will be provided to officials to enhance their capabilities and efficiency.

Officials said the government steps would be implemented in two phases — the first during the current fiscal year and the last during the next fiscal year for which Tk 5 crore have already been allocated.



Osmani Museum, Sylhet arranged a drawing competition for children in observance of Victory Day. — Star photo

Special Boro cultivation programme in 16-N-dists

NATORE, Jan 2: Government has undertaken a special programme to bring some 11,56 lakh hectares of land in 16 northern districts under Boro paddy cultivation this season, fixing the output target at 33.27 lakh mts, reports UNB.

14,000 power-driven irrigation pumps, 2.20 lakh diesel-run shallow tubewells and one floating pump would be in operation in the region to provide irrigation facility.

Four government organisations — Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC), Power Development Board (PDB) and Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation — will implement the programme.

They said over 2.86 lakh mts of diesel would be needed for operation of the pumps.

A supplementary scheme, aiming to produce some 11 lakh mts of wheat from 4.81 lakh hectares of land in the districts, has also been brought under the special programme to boost the production.

Similarly, minimum 15,000 mts of diesel will be stored at Baghabari in Sirajganj at the initial stage of the season.

Steps have also been taken to store diesel at Chilmari floating and Balashighat depots and other depots in Nature.

IRRI-Boro will be cultivated on 47,780 hectares of land in Rajshahi district while 35,440 in Chapainawabganj, 1.46 lakh in Naogaon 57,470 in Natore, 1.77 lakh in Bogra, 47,780 in Pabna, 81,740 in Rangpur, 61,000 hectares in Joypurhat districts.

Work on 266 Food for Work Projects progressing

RANGPUR, Jan 2: Work on 266 Food for Work Projects is going on in full swing in eight thanas under the rural infrastructure development programme during the current, fiscal year, reports UNB.

Officials said about 2,525 metric tones of wheat were sanctioned for implementation of the projects.

Under the programme, 35 schemes are being implemented in sadar, 58 in Mithapukur, 38 in Pirganj, 18 in Kaunia, 33 in Fargachha, 35 in Gangachhara, 37 in Badarganj and 12 in Taraganj thana.

Obituary



Renowned physician Captain (Retd) Dr S Altaf Hossain died at his Khulna residence on December 24 after prolonged illness. He was 80, says a press release.

Tk 1.50 cr road dev schemes in Rajbari

RAJBARI, Jan 2: The government has undertaken two road development projects in Sadar thana at a cost of Tk 1.50 crore, reports UNB.

Of the two roads, construction of the 5-km Nimitala-Kolhat road has begun under Rural Development Project, involving Tk 71 lakh.

Meanwhile, construction of 26 new school buildings in sadar thana is going on in full swing under the supervision of Facilities Department at a cost of Tk 4.96 crore.

The buildings include five government primary schools, 10 government and non-government high schools, three madrasahs, four vocational schools, two double-shift schools and two colleges.

Officials said the tubewells could not be repaired for want of grants.

Serious traffic congestion in Comilla

COMILLA, Jan 2: The district town is caught by serious traffic congestion due to rush of rickshaws from rural areas ahead of the Eid festival, reports UNB.

Severe traffic jams are reported at Chakbazar, Rajganj, Tomson Bridge, Kandipar, Shasongachha, Police Line, Ramghatta and Mogoltuli areas.

Official sources said at present about 25,000 rickshaws are plying in the town against 7,000 rickshaws having licenses of Paurasava.

Ignorance about the traffic rule is also responsible for deteriorating situation, said a pedestrian.

Plying of the buses, trucks and tractors through the town in daytime also aggravated the situation.

Injured young man dies at CMCH

CHITTAGONG, Jan 2: The young man who was seriously beaten up and stabbed by some miscreants a few days ago succumbed to his injuries at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) here.

Nurul Amin, 25, was mercilessly beaten up and stabbed indiscriminately in Goshail Danga Abiderpara area under Double Mooring thana at around 3 pm on December 2.

Nurul Amin was tortured allegedly by the leader Alauddin Alo of 'Alo Bahini' and three of his accomplices as he was vocal against terrorism unleashed by them, police said.

He was rushed to CMCH in a critical condition.

Police arrested Alo's wife Purvin Alo in this connection.

Punishment to killers demanded

PABNA, Jan 2: A big protest rally of landless peasants on December 26 at Santhia Pilot High School ground demanded immediate arrest of the killers of Tafizuddin, a landless poor fisherman.

The rally, organised by Conscious Citizens' Committee of Pabna, was presided over by Mozammel Haque, President, Santhia Thana Awami League. It was also addressed, among others, by Santhia Thana BNP President Maqbul Hossain Mukul, Santhia Municipality Chairman Mozammel Haque, Prof. Abdur Razzaque, Dalal Union Parishad Chairman Abdul Kader, freedom fighter Md Golam Morshed, landless peasant leader Sekandar Ali, Benay Krishna Sarkar, Rabiul Karim Hiru, Advocate Bires Chandra, Abdul Jalil and Kartick Chandra Saha.

The speakers condemned the killing by the local landlords and their hired musclemen at village Matshyapara under Gourigram Union of Santhia thana on December 13, 1999 in broad day light. Ten more persons were injured while they were fishing.

The rally over, the committee brought out a protest demonstration, paraded the main thoroughfares of Santhia municipality. Later on a memorandum was submitted to the Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO), Santhia for forwarding the same to the Deputy Commissioner, Pabna.

Problems grip Jamalpur General Hospital

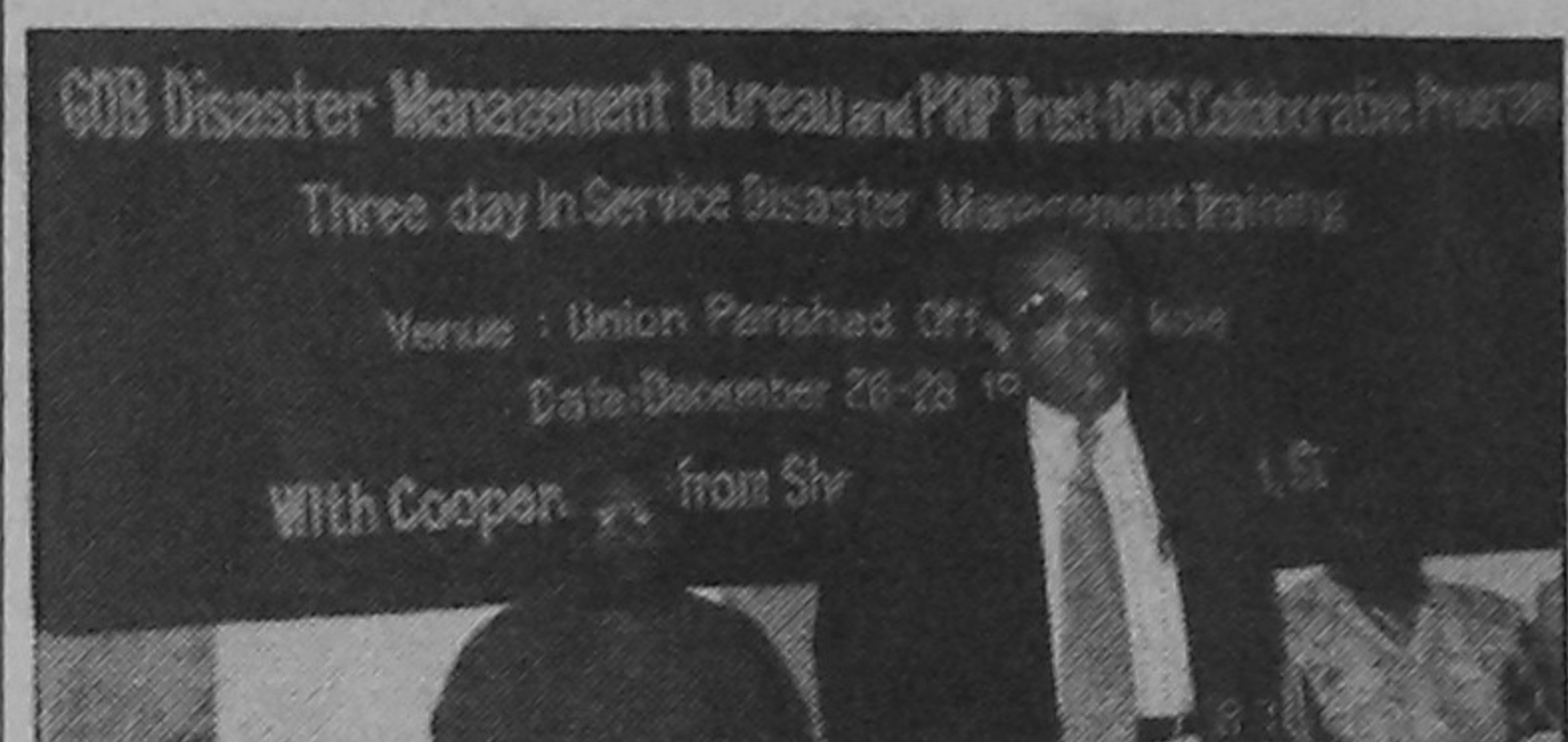
JAMALPUR, Jan 2: Various problems, including shortage of medicines, have gripped the General Hospital in the district headquarters, depriving patients of healthcare facilities.

A large number of people visit the public hospital everyday, but the patients have to purchase most of medicines prescribed by hospital doctors from markets.

Patients allege most doctors in the hospital do not pay much attention to them, rather they are busy attending patients in their private clinics and chambers. They also allege child specialist, gynecologist, orthopedic surgeon, eye and dental specialists, and medicine specialist are always busy with their private practices, intensifying sufferings to poor patients.

The hospital also faces acute scarcity of water, gas and irregular power supply. Besides, most of the fans do not work, causing untold sufferings to patients, especially in the summer.

Events of districts in picture



ABM Abul Quasem, Director (Training), Disaster Management Bureau, speaking at the closing session of the in-service training programme on disaster management at Sherkole Union Parishad under Singra thana, Natore. The training was conducted by DPIS project of PRIP Trust under sponsorship of Disaster Management Bureau.



Joyal Hazari MP distributing prizes among children at Feni Zahir Raihan Hall at a function arranged recently by Feni Shishu Academy on the occasion of Child Rights Week. —Star photo



Chairman of Santhia Municipality Md Mozammel Haque Master addressing a meeting. —Star photo

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Division, Tangail (R&H) Tender Invitation Notice. Sealed tenders are invited through Bangladesh Form No 2911. 1. Tender Notice No : 19 (Nineteen)/TRD, year: 1999-2000. 2. Name of work : Reconstruction of damaged slab of Langulia Bridge as well as construction of alternative road at 7th kilometre of Karatia-Tangail-Sakhipur road under Tangail Road Division during 1999-2000 financial year. 3. Estimated cost : Tk 18,35,571/= 4. Earnest money : Tk 36,712/= to be submitted through scheduled Bank Draft/Treasury Challan etc. in favour of Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Tangail. 5. Prescribed time limit for : 45 (forty-five) days. completion of work 6. Eligibility of contractor : 'A' to 'D' special class (R&H), enlisted contractors. 7. Offices where tender to be had : Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Tangail/Mymensingh/Jamalpur/Kishoreganj/Netrokona/Sherpur/Executive Engineer (R&H), Bridge Design Division-1, Bridge Zone, Dhaka/Deputy Commissioner, Tangail/Police Super, Tangail and Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Road Sub-Division, Tangail, Mirzapur/Madhupur/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Tangail/Officer-in-Charge, Sadar Thana, Tangail. 8. Offices to receive tender : Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka/Additional Chief Engineer (R&H), Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Superintending Engineer (R&H), Road Circle, Mymensingh/Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Tangail/Mymensingh/Jamalpur/Kishoreganj/Netrokona/Sherpur/Deputy Commissioner, Tangail/Police Super, Tangail & Officer-in-Charge, Sadar Thana, Tangail. 9. Last date & time of selling : 19-1-2000 up to office hours. tender 10. Last date & time of receiving : 20-1-2000 up to 12-30 PM. tender 11. Date & time of opening tender : 27-1-2000 at 2-00 PM. 12. Date of lottery : To be held on 7-2-2000 at 11-00 AM at the office of the undersigned.