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772,035 children immunised

MYMENSINGH, Jan 16: A total of 772,035 children under five in three pourasavas and 12 thanas of the district were given polio vaccine during the 6th National Immunisation day, reports UNB.

The rate of immunisation, according to registration, was 96 per cent, official sources said. According to the breakup, 81,559 children were immunised in Sadar thana, 63,759 children in Trishal, 51,999 children in Bhaluka, 57,346 children in Muktagacha, 63,012 children in Fulbaria, 76,187 children in Gofrajan, 41,806 in Gouripur, 62,009 in Ishwarganj, 66,786 in Nandail, 98,542 in Fulpur, 45,681 in Haluaghata, 30,143 in Dhubura. Besides, 25,543 children were given polio vaccine in Mymensingh Pourasava, 5,099 children in Muktagacha and 2,564 children in Gouripur Pourasava areas.

Tk 1.37 cr holding tax unpaid

BANDARBAN, Jan 16: A huge holding tax remained unpaid in Bandarban Municipality since long hampering development activities, reports UNB.

According to sources Tk 1.37 crore has been lying unrealised with 56 government officials till the current financial year. Municipal Chairman Alhaj Ayub Chowdhury said implementation of various development projects, including road renovation, is being hampered due to nonpayment of holding taxes. Some Tk 1.63 crore was spent to implement 86 schemes in revenue sector in 1997-98 and 1998-99 fiscal years, he said adding there are another 22 schemes afoot to be implemented involving Tk 58 lakh.

Fish disease breaks out

MADRIPUR, Jan 16: Fish disease has broken out in different parts of the district, reports BSS.

The disease known as ulcerative syndrome was detected recently in rivers, beels, canals and ponds of the district. The effected fishes were being sold in abundance in markets. Last year, the same disease broke out in an epidemic form in the district, local people said.

Post of magistrate vacant

BARGUNA, Jan 16: The post of a magistrate in Amtali thana of the district has been lying vacant since three and a half months, hampering disposal of hundreds of cases, reports UNB.

The post of the magistrate fell vacant after Amtali Thana magistrate joined in Betagi thana as Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) on October last year. The judicial activities remained virtually suspended as the TNO of the thana was not in a position to settle all the cases alone. Aggrieved people urged the authorities concerned to appoint a magistrate in the thana on an emergency-basis in order to relieve their sufferings.

'Terrorist' snatched away

MAGURA, Jan 16: A group of people snatched away an alleged terrorist from police custody at a village here on Wednesday while they were returning to Shalikha thana, reports UNB.

They also beat up some of the police personnel, including SI Mukul Mia, police sources said. They said a gang of terrorists led by one Monjur Hasan Dilu attacked the law enforcer and snatched away Talim Mia, arrested from village Deshmukhpara. Police later arrested two alleged terrorists — Mosharaf and Abbas. A case was filed with Shalikha thana in this regard.

Boy killed in road mishap

KUSHITIA, Jan 16: One unidentified boy was killed on Wednesday evening on Kushtia highway near Kushtia Government Girls' High School under the wheels of a speedy truck, reports BSS.

Police immediately sent the injured boy to Kushtia General Hospital where the doctor declared him dead. Police seized the truck. The driver was absconding. A case was registered with Kushtia police station in this connection.

Clothes, food distributed

COMILLA, Jan 16: Abu Hena Mustafa Kamal MP distributed 5,000 sarees, 1,000 lungis, 1,200 kg sugar and huge quantity of semolina among the distressed people in sadar and Laksam thana in the district recently, reports BSS.

He also distributed cash money among the distressed people in the area.

Robbery at jewellery shop

KHULNA, Jan 16: Armed bandits broke into a jewellery shop at KC Ghosh Road in Sadar thana and looted gold ornaments worth of Tk 2.5 lakh on Friday night, reports UNB.

Police said the gang in connivance with the shop employees entered L Rahman Jewelers at around 2 am and looted 35 tolas of gold ornaments. The employees denied their involvement in the incident. A case was filed.

LGED implements 8 schemes

CHUADANGA, Jan 16: The implementation of eight schemes in all the four thanas of the district by the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) at a total cost of taka 71 lakh has just been completed, reports BSS.

The four thanas of the district are Sadar, Alamganga, Damurhuda and Jibannagar. According to an official source, two schemes have been completed in each of the said four thanas of the district. Under the schemes a total of 4 kilometre roads have been constructed and reconstructed.

Stolen timbers recovered

NAOGAON, Jan 16: Timbers of 102 Shishu trees stolen from Barendra Project in Manda thana were recovered from a house at Dariapur last week, reports UNB.

On information, local people raided the house of Rustam and recovered the timbers worth about Tk 40,000 from the courtyard of his house. A case was filed.

Money lending business up

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Jan 16: Money lending has become a brisk business in all five thanas of the district, reports BSS.

According to sources, a section of money lenders lend money among the poor villagers throughout the district against high rates of interest. Farmers and poor villagers finding no alternative and borrow money from them to meet their urgent need.

Discussion on public exams

NAOGAON, Jan 16: A discussion on "Corruption-Free Public Examination" was held at thana parishad auditorium in Mohadepur police station in the district recently, reports BSS.

Presided over by Thana Nirbahi Officer Ferdous Alam, Khalilur Rahman, chairman of Rajshahi Education Board, was the chief guest while Prof Mansur Rahman was the special guest. Among others, Abdul Qaium, Principal of Jahangirpur Govt. College, Abdul Matin, Principal of Raigao College, Manjur Alam, UP Chairman of Raigao, spoke on the occasion.

Roads in bad shape

JHENIDAH, Jan 16: The internal road communication of the six thanas in the district is in a very miserable condition, reports BSS.

In the rainy season, 2,709 km paths connected with 1,233 villages become unusable for movement of vehicles. Development work of the district is hampered because of the poor condition of this communication system. In the rainy season, the six thanas become isolated, so, it becomes difficult for businessmen to store household commodities. Even, if any incident occurs the news reaches the thana headquarters after two days.

Fruit bearing trees decreasing

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Jan 16: The number of fruit bearing trees is gradually decreasing in the district due to felling trees, reports BSS.

Chapainawabganj district was once famous for quality mangoes. Now the quantity of this type of mangoes has decreased because of shortage of mango trees. Poor people are often cutting and selling bearing fruit trees like mango, jackfruit, black berry, etc. to timber traders for survival.

Equal rights for every citizen

BANDARBAN, Jan 16: Prime Minister's Advisor on the Ministry of Establishment and War of Liberation Affairs Khandakher Asaduzzaman said here recently every citizen of all areas of the country including the Hill Tracts were enjoying equal rights despite the differences in culture and heritage, reports BSS.

Addressing the district-level officials here, Asaduzzaman said overall development of the nation could not be possible, keeping a part of the country backward and underdeveloped. Keeping this idea in view, the present government, he said, had given priority to the solutions of long-standing problems of the Chittagong Hill Tracts and accomplished peace accord on it. The people of the hill tracts, the advisor said, have been living in peace following the signing of the peace agreement. He said that the government had laid special attention for the development of education and health to change the lot of the people of the hill region.



Two girls are seen in a mustard field in the district. Growers expect bumper production of the crop this season.

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Bumper mustard output expected in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Jan 16: Bumper mustard output is expected in the district this season as the weather so far has been favourable.

Farmers and agriculture officials said the weather so far has been favourable, besides standing crops show signs of good harvest.

Local Agriculture Extension Department had fixed target to bring 8,000 hectares of land under mustard cultivation with a production target of 7,200 metric tons in the current season.

According to AED sources, the office had taken the target to produce 1,440 metric tons of mustard by cultivating 1,600 hectares of land in Sadar thana, 1,620 mt by cultivating 1,800 hectares in Kaliganj.

A good number of farmers have cultivated Sonali and Kalyani varieties of mustard.

Till December last year 1,291 hectares of land were brought under the programme in Sadar thana, 1,540 hectares in Kaliganj, 585 hectares in Kotchandpur thana, 1,170 mt by cultivating 1,300 hectares in Shalakupur thana and 675 mt by cultivating 750 hectares of land in Harinakundu thana.

Golam Rabbani, 45, a grower of village Dhaura in Shalakupur thana, said the weather so far has been favourable and he is expecting bumper production.

Agriculture officials said farmers are expecting good output as seeds, fertiliser and other inputs were supplied to them timely.

Last season 7,659 mt of mustard were produced by cultivating 8,215 hectares of land in the district.



Rajshahi University Teachers Association (RUTA) brought out a silent procession on the campus recently, protesting the recent terrorist activities on Shahjalal University campus, Sylhet.

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Zia was freedom fighter by chance: Abu Sayeed

MYMENSINGH, Jan 16: State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed Saturday organised a rally organised by Mymensingh district Awami League at a local gymnasium adjoining to Circuit House ground here.

President of the district Awami League Principal Matir Rahman chaired the meeting. General Secretary of the party's district unit Nazim Uddin Ahmed, Hafez Rubul Amin Mandani MP, Mohammad

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