

Urea fertiliser price up in northern districts

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Mar 4: Price of urea fertiliser has increased in recent days in the northern districts, casting an adverse impact on Boro paddy cultivation.

According to market sources, urea was selling at an average Taka 6.10 per kilogram against the government fixed price of Taka 4.80 per kilogram two weeks ago. Unofficial sources said urea fertiliser was being sold up to Taka 7.00 per kilogram in remote areas.

Creating artificial crisis, some unscrupulous traders are charging high, farmers alleged. Local Agriculture Extension Department (AED) said they do not have control over the market prices.

However, some fertiliser traders, seeking anonymity, said the prices include trans-

portation cost and illegal tolls they pay to extortionists.

Among other fertilisers, TSP is selling at Taka 14.00 to Taka 15.00 per kilogram, DAP at Taka 20.00 to Taka 22.00 per kilogram, MP at Taka 10.00 to Taka 11.00, zinc at Taka 35.00 to Taka 4.00 per kilogram and gypsum at Taka 5.00 to Taka 6.00 per kilogram.

Source in BADC said inadequate allocation of urea for the districts was another reason of price hike of the fertiliser.

Only about 7.80 lakh metric tons of urea were allocated for 16 districts under Rajshahi division against the demand for about 12.00 lakh metric tons for the current season.

District-wise break-up of allocation of urea for the fiscal

year of 1999-2000 are: 47,680 metric tons for Rajshahi district, 32,488 metric tons for Chapainawabganj district, 89,672 metric tons for Naogaon district, 42,067 metric tons for Natore district, 47,096 metric tons for Pabna district, 47,407 metric tons for Sirajganj district, 99,436 metric tons for Bogra district, 60,213 metric tons for Rangpur district, 53,165 metric tons for Gaibandha district, 37,539 metric tons for Kurigram district, 35,091 metric tons for Lalmonirhat district, 72,166 metric tons for Dinajpur district, 36,309 metric tons for Thakurgaon district, 23,420 metric tons for Panchagarh district and 42,419 metric tons for Nilphamari district. Information regarding Joypurhat district could not be known.

Late winter rains play havoc with Rabi crops

GOPALGANJ, Mar 4: Late winter rain and short supply of high yielding variety of seeds seem to affect the farm output here this season, disheartening the beleaguered farmers, reports UNB.

According to agriculture officials here, some 15,000 hectares of land have been brought under rabi crop cultivation with a production target of 75,000 mts.

But heavy rainfall early this month has squandered the chances of a bumper output.

Winter crops including tomato, potato, mustard and pulses on a vast tract of land were damaged by the rain.

Meanwhile, Agriculture Extension Department (AED) has arranged a show of modern equipment and taken up a programme to supply seeds, fertilisers and other agri-inputs to

the farmers in its bid to boost the farm output.

BADC is selling high yielding variety of seeds, but the quantum was said to be too inadequate to meet the demand. It's only 5 per cent of the total demand," said an official.

Another report from Netrakona adds: Incessant downpour occurred last week caused extensive damage to winter crops in the district.

Officials said Sadar, Kendua, Atpara, Madan, Mohanganj, Kaliyazuri, Barhatta, Durgapur, Kalmakanda and Purbadhala thanas experienced heavy rainfall.

They said the heavy fall has damaged potato, chili, wheat, sweet potato, mustard and other vegetables in the thanas.

Some areas in Sadar, Kendua, Atpara, Madan and Kaliyazuri thanas were affected

most. Wheat, potato, garlic and onion fields here went under rainwater.

Huge unbaked bricks were also damaged in many brickfields of the district due to the rain.

Meanwhile, BSS from Chuadanga adds: A total of 1825 hectares of land have been brought under potato cultivation in all the four thanas of the district during the current rabi crop cultivation season.

According to an official source, of the total land, 235 hectares have been brought under potato cultivation in Sadar thana 455 hectares in Alamdanga thana, 860 hectares in Damurhuda thana and 275 hectares in Jibannagar thana.

About 22,000 tones of potato would be produced in the district during this season, the source added.



Ban defied

Brick field owners in Jamalpur district using wood as fuel instead of coal while making bricks. They have been defying government ban on it very off and on. As a result fruit bearing trees have been vanishing very fast. Black smoke emitting from these brick fields also create health hazard. This picture was taken from Kushal Nagar in Bakerganj thana of the district.

— Star photo by Muhammad Ali

80,000 hectares remain uncultivated as tubewells inoperative

NAOGAON, Mar 4: At least 6,000 deep and shallow tubewells used for irrigation purpose remained out of order in the 16 northern districts since long hampering the current Boro cultivation, reports UNB.

According to a competent source, about 80,000 hectares of lands which largely depends on irrigation, remained uncultivated in the districts incurring a loss of nearly Tk 100 crore.

A total of 575 tubewells went out of order in the district of Naogaon. 262 in Rajshahi, 863 in Rangpur, 255 in Joypurhat, 200 in Chapainawabganj and 88 tubewells in Natore districts.

Besides, some 206 tubewells remained inoperative in Lalmonirhat, 190 in Gaibandha, 507 in Dinajpur, 1,024 in Bogra, 951 in Pabna and 183 tubewells in Kurigram districts.

A number of tubewells also now and then go out of order due to stealing of spare parts and erratic power supply hampering cultivation of Boro paddy on another 24,000 hectares of lands.

Another report from Comilla says: Just lack of irri-

gation facilities left 50,000 acres of land in five thanas of the district unplanted this season, depriving the country of huge food grains.

Sources said irrigation to the croplands were hampered as rivers Gumti, Salda, Buri and Bijn, which run through the thanas, dried up for want of re-excitation.

According to information trickling in from across the border, India has constructed embankments on the estuaries of Gumti and Salda hindering the normal flow of water in the rivers.

As a result, a vast track of cropland in Debidwar, Brahmanpara, Muradnagar, Kasba and Nabinagar thanas remained uncultivated this year. "If the normal flow of water in the rivers had not been hindered, over three lakh mts of paddy would have been produced from the lands this season," said an agriculture official.

Experts have emphasised immediate re-excitation of the rivers to revive their normal flow and thus boost the farm output of the district.

432 murdered in Khulna division last year

KUSHTIA, Mar 4: Some 432 people were murdered in 10 southwestern districts of Khulna division during last year, reports UNB.

Of them, 92 were murdered in Jessore, 90 in Khulna, 52 in Chuadanga, 51 in Jhenidha, 43 in Kushtia, 41 in Satkhira, 19 each in Bagerhat and Narail, 18 in Magura and seven in Meherpur.

Youth killed in Narsingdi road accident

NARSINGDI, Mar 4: A youth was killed and another injured critically in an accident on Dhaka-Manohardi road on Friday, reports UNB.

Police and witnesses said the accident took place at about 12:30 pm at Hatirbandha when a speeding minibus hit the two youths standing on the roadside.

Mamun, 23, son of Shahidullah of Changabhang village in Manohardi thana, died on the spot.

The body was sent to Manohardi Thana Health Complex morgue for autopsy.

The injured, identified as Moslemuddin, 25, son of Momtazuddin of Rasulpur village, was admitted to the same hospital.

Later, angry people put barricade on the road at the busstand area for two hours from 3 pm in protest against the accident.

Girl students get Tk 5.04 cr in Shariatpur

SHARIATPUR, Mar 4: Local Education Department has distributed Taka about 5.04 crore among 65,759 girl students in four thanas of the district, reports BSS.

Under the girl students sub-student project, the amount was distributed among the female students in different schools of the district, officials said.

Of the amount, more than taka 3.71 crore was given among the girl students for purchasing school stationery and dresses while over taka 1.32 crore was given for tuition fees of 168 schools and madrasahs in the district.

This financial assistance is provided to the female students of primary and higher secondary level in a bid to stop school dropout.

The initiative of the government has increased the attendance of girl students at different educational institutions in the district.

Body of housewife recovered in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Mar 4: Police recovered the body of a housewife from Gundanga beel near Baghmara thana on Friday, reports UNB.

She was identified as Saneka, 25, wife of Shamsul Islam.

Police said after recovering the body, they sent it to the morgue for autopsy. The preliminary report indicates that Saneka was killed after violation. The body also had stab injuries.

Saneka's father Meher Ali filed a case against five people, including Shamsul Islam.

Meher Ali earlier filed a case against Shamsul for his demand of dowry and resorting to torture on Saneka.

Another report from Jessore adds: Police recovered the decomposed body of a man from a wheat field in Kotwali thana on Friday.

Police said Rafiqul Islam, 35, a labourer of a brick-field, had been missing since abduction by an armed group on February 29.

The cause behind the murder could not be ascertained immediately.

A case was filed.

Ginger farming programme in Madaripur

MADARIPUR, Mar 4: Some 23 hectares of land have been brought under ginger cultivation in the four thanas of the district with an estimated production target of 110 metric tons, reports UNB.

Agricultural Extension Department officials said of the total land, five hectares will be brought under cultivation in Sadar thana, three hectares in Kalkini, 12 hectares in Rajol thana and two hectares in Shilchar thana.

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Sanction for FWP

CHUADANGA, Mar 4: The government has sanctioned 889 tons of food grains for implementing 109 schemes under the Food for Works Programme (FWP) in all the four thanas here during the current financial year, reports BSS.

The four thanas are Chuadanga Sadar, Alamdanga, Damurhuda and Jibannagar. According to an official source, of the total foodgrains, 211 tons have been sanctioned for implementing 25 schemes in Chuadanga Sadar, 290 tons for 39 schemes in Alamdanga, 241 tons for 29 schemes in Damurhuda and 147 tons for 16 schemes in Jibannagar.

Cultural programme concludes

MADARIPUR, Mar 4: A 6-day programme of cultural functions, sponsored by the district administration, concluded here at the Shadinata premises on February 26, reports BSS.

The function was arranged to celebrate the historic recognition of Ekushey February as the International Mother Language Day. Deputy Commissioner Farhad Rahman inaugurated the function on February 21, while Additional Deputy Commissioner (Gen) Muhammad Mustafa presided.

Elderly couple strangulated

RANGPUR, Mar 4: An elderly couple was strangulated to death by unidentified assailants at village Sehari in Pirgachha thana on Saturday, reports UNB.

The victims were identified as Jainuddin, 90, and his wife Dukkati Begum, 80. Police said the couple went to their bedroom at night as usual and they were found dead next morning. They suspected that a land dispute might be the cause behind the killing. A case was filed.

401 small projects implemented

MANIKGANJ, Mar 4: Some 401 small projects under rural infrastructure maintenance programme were implemented in seven thanas here this fiscal spending 632 mts of wheat, reports UNB.

Thana-wise breakup of the schemes: Sadar-69, Singair-52, Daulatpur-75, Sattaria-31, Ghior-66, Shilbalaya-54, Harirampur-54. The project works included reconstruction and maintenance of rural roads, construction of cross dams and renovation of schools, madrasahs, eidgahs, graveyards and cremation sites.

Youth rapes sister-in-law

JHALAKATI, Mar 4: A young man allegedly raped his sister-in-law for refusing his marriage offer at village South Chechra in Kathalia thana on Sunday, reports UNB.

Police said Alok Chan, 35, had proposed to marry his sister-in-law as his wife died last year. Villagers said Alok along with his two associates entered into his in-law's house on Sunday night and picked up his sister-in-law. He took her to a nearby garden and raped her there. Alok and his accomplices disappeared when locals rushed to spot hearing the screaming of the helpless girl.

Mother Language Day observed

MYMENSINGH, Mar 4: An eight-day programme organised by Bangladesh Shishu Academy (BSA) was inaugurated here on February 26 at local Shaheed Minar Chattare marking the International Mother Language Day and Ekushey February, reports BSS.

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Prof. Dr. M. Amanullah inaugurated the eight-day programme as the chief guest. The inauguration ceremony was presided over by Additional Superintendent of Police Saibal Kanti Choudhury. District Awami League president Al-Haj Principal Mohammad Matur Rahman along with many others were addressed the inauguration ceremony.



Many unauthorised shops have been established at Sirajganj Bazar Railway Station by illegal shop owners. As a result accidents may occur at any moment. — Star photo

Husband kills wife

CHUADANGA, Mar 4: A housewife, who had been pregnant for five months, was strangulated to the death allegedly by her husband at village Kalupul in Sadar thana on Wednesday night, reports UNB.

Family source said Ambia Khatun, 25, was killed by her husband Ishaque as she protested his illicit relation with a young widow of the same village. Ishaque went into hiding after making abortive attempts to establish the death as suicide. Police recovered the body and sent it to Sadar hospital morgue for autopsy. A murder case was filed.

Massive Boro farming scheme

PANCHGARH, Mar 4: A massive scheme has been undertaken for Boro farming here this year, reports UNB.

Farmers are cultivating Irr-Boro paddy with much enthusiasm this year to make up the loss in Aman harvest that suffered some set back due to recurring floods. Agriculture officials said they planned to bring 14,940 hectares under Boro cultivation with a production target of 43,173 metric tons of paddy. Last year Irr-Boro was cultivated on 15,000 hectares. Farmers say some 2,000 hectares brought under Boro cultivation are outside the irrigation facility. They will, however, try to take waters to those fields by orthodox methods. Officials said each hectare yield could be raised by adopting Ufshi variety that gives much higher yield.

Allocation for uplift work

PIROJFUR, Mar 4: Government has allocated Tk 55.89 lakh for implementing 34 development projects here this fiscal, reports UNB.

Works on the projects in six thanas have already begun under the supervision of the district council. Officials said of the projects nine were being implemented under revenue budget while 24 under annual development programme of the government. The projects include construction of metallic bridge and culverts, construction and reconstruction of roads, passenger shades, reconstruction of union parishad buildings and boundary walls of the council. Of the projects, 11 will be implemented in Sadar thana, nine in Mathbaria, three in Bhandaria, one in Kowkhal, six in Nesarabad and four in Nazipur thanas.



Artists perform at a poetry recitation programme, organised by Kanthabithi, in Magura town recently. — Star photo



চট্টগ্রাম বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-১/২০০০

তারিখঃ ০১-৩-২০০০ইং

নিম্নে বর্ণিত বেতন স্কেল তৎসহ রীতি মোতাবেক দেয় অন্যান্য ভাতায় অত্র বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের নিম্নোক্ত পদের জন্য বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট হইতে নির্ধারিত ফরম দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

১। সহকারী অধ্যাপক/প্রভাষক—হিসাব বিজ্ঞান বিভাগ—৩ (তিনটি স্থায়ী)

২। সহকারী রেজিস্ট্রার—রেজিস্ট্রার অফিস—৩ (তিনটি স্থায়ী)

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১। সহকারী অধ্যাপক ৳ ৭২০০-২৬০ X ১৪-১০,৮৪০/-

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প্রয়োজনীয় যোগ্যতাঃ

সহকারী অধ্যাপকঃ প্রার্থীর অবশ্যই (ক) একটি প্রথম শ্রেণীর মাস্টার্স ডিগ্রি অথবা প্রথম শ্রেণীর অনার্স ডিগ্রি অথবা স্নাতক ডিগ্রি পাস প্রথম বিভাগসহ প্রথম শ্রেণীর মাস্টার্স ডিগ্রি সম্পন্ন হইতে হইবে।

(খ) ন্যূনতম তিন বৎসরের শিক্ষকতা/পেশাগত অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন হইতে হইবে যাহার মধ্যে ডিগ্রি অনার্স অথবা পোস্ট গ্রাডুয়েট স্তরে দুই বৎসর প্রভাষক হিসাবে শিক্ষকতার অভিজ্ঞতা থাকিতে হইবে।

(গ) স্বীকৃত জার্নালে একটি প্রকাশনা/স্বীকৃত মানের গ্রন্থ থাকিতে হইবে।

এমফিল অথবা বিদেশী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হইতে মাস্টার্স ডিগ্রি থাকিলে (১) কোন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে প্রভাষক হিসাবে এক বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকিতে হইবে। (২) স্বীকৃত জার্নালে একটি প্রকাশনা/স্বীকৃত মানের একটি গ্রন্থ থাকিতে হইবে।

পিএইচডি অথবা সমমানের ডিগ্রি থাকিলে প্রার্থী সহকারী অধ্যাপক পদে নিয়োগের জন্য যোগ্য বিবেচিত হইবেন।

প্রভাষকঃ প্রার্থীর অবশ্যই প্রথম শ্রেণীর মাস্টার্স ডিগ্রি অথবা প্রথম শ্রেণীর অনার্স ডিগ্রি অথবা স্নাতক ডিগ্রি পাস প্রথম বিভাগসহ প্রথম শ্রেণীর মাস্টার্স ডিগ্রি সম্পন্ন হইতে হইবে।

এমফিল, পিএইচডি অথবা সমমানের যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন প্রার্থী প্রভাষক পদের জন্য যোগ্য বলিয়া বিবেচিত হইবে।

অযোগ্যতা (গুণমাত্র শিক্ষক পদের ক্ষেত্রে প্রযোজ্য)ঃ

শিক্ষা জীবনের কোন স্তরে তৃতীয় বিভাগ/শ্রেণী থাকিলে প্রার্থী তা বিবেচিত হইবেনা। তবে পিএইচডি অথবা সমমানের ডিগ্রি থাকিলে এই অযোগ্যতার নিয়মটি প্রযোজ্য হইবে না।

প্রয়োজনীয় যোগ্যতাঃ

সহকারী রেজিস্ট্রারঃ Candidates must be graduate with seven years administrative experience of which at least 3 years as Officer in Educational Institution, Govt. offices and Autonomous Organisation. Preference will be given to the candidates who have sufficient practical experience in university administration.

অত্র বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে উক্ত পদসমূহে নিয়োগ পাইলে সংশ্লিষ্ট শিক্ষক/অফিসার এই বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে প্রথম যোগদানের পর অন্ততঃ একটি পূর্ণ শিক্ষাবর্ষ চাকরি করিতে হইবে এবং যোগদানের সময় এই মর্মে একটি অঙ্গীকার প্রদান করিতে হইবে। উক্ত সময়ের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ট শিক্ষক/অফিসারের জন্য কোন চাকরির আবেদন অন্য কোন প্রতিষ্ঠানে ফরওয়ার্ড করা হইবে না।

ব্যক্তিগতভাবে যোগাযোগ করিয়া অথবা ২৫/-টাকার ডাকটিকেটসহ নিজস্ব ঠিকানা লিখিত খাম (বড় আকারের) প্রেরণ করিয়া রেজিস্ট্রারের অফিস হইতে নির্ধারিত ফরম সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে। সহকারী অধ্যাপক/প্রভাষক ও সহকারী রেজিস্ট্রার পদের জন্য ৬ (ছয়) কপি দরখাস্ত আগামী ২৮-০৩-২০০০ইং পর্যন্ত গৃহীত হইবে। কুরিয়ার সার্ভিসের মাধ্যমে নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে পৌছানো ঝুঁকিপূর্ণ বলিয়া আবেদনপত্র সরাসরি বা ডাকযোগে পাঠানোর জন্য পরামর্শ দেওয়া হইল।

বাংলাদেশের অগ্রণী/জনতা ব্যাংকের যে কোন শাখা হইতে রেজিস্ট্রার, চট্টগ্রাম বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়-এর অনুকূলে অগ্রণী ব্যাংক, চট্টগ্রাম বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় শাখা/জনতা ব্যাংক, ফতেপুর শাখা, চট্টগ্রাম-এর উপর প্রদেয় দরখাস্ত ফি বাবদ ১০০/- (একশত) টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার (অফেরতযোগ্য) সহ সকল সার্টিফিকেটের সত্যায়িত কপি এবং প্রার্থীর সাম্প্রতিক তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ৩ (তিন) কপি সত্যায়িত ফটো অবশ্যই দরখাস্তের সঙ্গে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর নিকট পৌছাইতে হইবে।

উপরে বর্ণিত তারিখের পরে প্রাপ্ত অথবা ফি বাতিরেকে কিংবা উপরে বর্ণিত ব্যাংক ব্যতীত অন্য কোন ব্যাংকে দেয় ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডারসহ প্রাপ্ত দরখাস্ত বিবেচনা করা হইবে না।

চাকরিরত প্রার্থীদের অবশ্যই যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করিতে হইবে।

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