

Shortage of doctors in Kishoreganj health complexes

KISHOREGANJ, June 19: The healthcare programme of the government in rural areas appears to suffer a setback due to numerous problems including the shortage of doctors and medicine, reports UNB.

After visiting some upazila health complexes and talking with local people UNB correspondent found the shortage of doctors, negligence of staff and nurses in duties and misappropriation of medicine and food and weakness of administration are mainly responsible for the breakdown in the health sector.

Sanctioned posts of doctors for 13 upazila health complexes, 17 sub-health centers and Sadar hospital are 152, but at present only 86 are posted. Of the posted, four are working outside the district on deputation since long.

The health complexes and sub-health centers are running with the shortage of 66 doctors including child specialists and

medicine specialists.

In absence of medical officers the patients were not getting proper treatment even in emergency cases. The patients alleged that they had to buy all medicines from outside at high prices in the absence of medicine in the hospital.

When contacted District Surgeon said that he had written to the higher authorities to fill up the vacant posts of the doctors immediately. About negligence of the staff and nurses he said, being local most of the staff and nurses maintain political liaison and as such they do not bother to perform their duties properly.

Another official of the Civil Surgeon Office said five ambulances could not be repaired due to shortage of fund.

On the other hand, taking the advantage of the situation the owners of the private clinics are earning windfall profit without rendering proper treatment to the patients.

Erosion suspends road link

SHERPUR, June 19: Direct road link between Sherpur and Jamalpur districts remained suspended for the last six days due to unabated erosion by the Old Brahmaputra, reports UNB.

The erosion has taken a serious turn as the river changed its course due to closure of its one of the two channels last year, making the ferryghat most vulnerable.

The ferry services at the ghat were suspended on June 2.

Officials said the riverbank erosion has also threatened a 33-KVA electric tower near the ghat.

Over 100 metres of Brahmaputra, flood protection embankment at the upper stream of the ghat already went into the gorge of the mighty Jamuna in last seven days. The river also devoured some 500 metres of the dam-cum-road last year.

Meanwhile, cracks have developed on 400 metres of the embankment and it may disappear into the river anytime if the situation does not improve by the time.

The erosion-hit upazilas are Harirampur, Daulatpur, Shibapura, Pangsha, Goalandha, Bera and Sujanagar.

The villages are Katakhali, Boyra, Daskandi, Charkandi, Kamarkandi and Sarkanandi in Boyra UP, Velaband, Mizanagar, Boali, Tantrakhola, South Chandpur and Chandpur in Harukani UP, and Azimganj, Kamalpur, Ramkrishnapur, Choukrishnapur, Bahirhechar and Raurishnapur in Sutalari UP.

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Faces of Rangpur talents

From Mozammel Haq

RANGPUR, June 19: Students of different educational institutions here have achieved a praiseworthy success in this year's SSC examination by bagging 16 top positions.

Seven of them have been placed in good positions in the science group while nine of them have done outstanding performance in the Humanities Group.

Of them, Taposh Kumar Biswas of Science Group of Rangpur Zila School in the combined merit list secured the 10th position jointly in the combined merit list securing 937 marks with eight letters.

In this group, Fias Kaizer of Rangpur Cantonment Public School and College in combined merit list secured the 9th place securing 925 marks with nine letters.

Md Akhtaruzzaman of

Rangpur Cadet College in the same group in combined merit list bagged 14th position securing 919 marks with eight letters.

Tanm Humayun of Rangpur Zila School of he same group in the combined merit list secured the 18th place securing 914 marks with seven letters.

Md Salamuddin of the

same group from the same institution in the combined merit list secured the 10th place securing 842 marks with seven letters.

Md Ashrafuzzaman Noman of the same group and from the same institution in the combined merit list secured the 14th position securing 826 marks with five letters.

She also secured the fifth place amongst girl students.

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