

History speaks at Jessore Collectorate

From Atiur Rahman

JESSORE, Sept 19: Jessore is the first district town in undivided Bengal.

It dates back to the nineties of 18th century and presents many a rare accounts of that period.

The process to organise the district and turn it into nerve-centre of administration, governed by the concept to invest-plenary power to District Magistrate to act as pivot of administration began from here.

The first collectorate building in undivided Bengal nay British India, was constructed at Jessore in 1801.

The local District Registration office, has been housed in this original collectorate building.

The construction of the one storied collectorate building at the present site was completed at a cost of Taka 2,63,679 only in 1885.

A long magnificent building in pink colour with latest artistic design with 360 doors made it superb and attracted visitors from different corners of Bengal, the neighbouring provinces to have a glimpse of its glamorous beauty. Indeed, during pre-partitioned days, Jessore collectorate building was a sight to be seen.

After expiry of 100 years, the construction to convert it into two-storied building was taken

up in 1981 and the work was completed by 1982. The then deputy commissioner of Jessore, Fazlur Rahman laid its foundation stone building.

It appears from the record that that the office work of the first district office started from June 7, 1781.

Records show that the first Judge and Magistrate here Tillman Harkel, established his office at Murali, near the district town. He was transferred in 1789. Richard Rock his assistant took over the charge as Second District Magistrate and District Judge.

Richard went on transfer in 1793. Before that he got the office shifted to a new sight near the Sahebganj area where the existing District Registration office stands.

That building was demolished in course of time. With the demolition of the building the name of Sahebganj has passed into oblivion. Kashba, which still exists, was just beside Sahebganj.

A look at retrospect shows that all the office work of the District Magistrate was conducted from this building for long 85 years. Then the construction of the new story was taken up.

A total of 116 district magistrates served here right from the

inception till to date being Tillman Harkel the founder District Magistrate and Aminur Rosul the existing Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate.

Those who succeeded Tillman Harkel are Richard Rock, Arthur Heslgeres, Samuel Hestobl, Cunningham Thomas Par, James Whinty, F Belfore, W Parker, R Dick, W Armstrong, R Thacker, AL Ulok, HG Travers, E Parker, E Burnit, Thomas Pory, James Westland, among others.

Interestingly, Jessore Collectorate carefully preserves rare records and historical documents of British India including that of Indigo Revolt, Sepoy Mutiny and many others.

Researches and anybody interested to know previous history may consult the record room of this collectorate building.

Tillman Harkel, who served here as the trusted man of the Governor-General Warren Hastings, initiated the step to modernise the public administration department to suit the changing outlook of the natives, fully accommodating them with the dynamic change in British rule in Bengal. All the fruits of his endeavour was applied elsewhere in later days.



A partial view of the historic two-storied Jessore Collectorate building which is our national heritage. —Star photo

News snaps

2,345 certificate cases filed

CHAPAINWABGANJ, Sept 19: In an effort to realise outstanding agriculture loans the government issued warrant of arrests against 388 farmers, reports UNB.

According to official sources, so far 2,345-certificate cases were filed against the loan defaulters. District Certificate office sources said loan amounting to over Tk 6.54 crore remained outstanding with the defaulters since long. Police continued their raids to nab the warrantees and as a result most of them left their homes to avoid arrest. Officials of an NGO, working for the poor and distressed people in the area, said the farmers could not pay the loan as the two consecutive floods seriously affected them.

Workshop

SHERPUR, Sept 19: A daylong workshop for farmers was held at the auditorium of Sadar upazila parishad on Sept 13, reports UNB. Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute, Jamalpur organised the workshop in collaboration with Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council. Forty-five farmers from Sadar and Nakla upazilas participated in the workshop that focussed on cultivation of winter vegetables applying modern technologies.

Scouts' rally

THAKURGAON, Sept 19: The 15th rally of Rajshahi regional scouts will be held here on January 9-13 next, reports UNB. Over 200 officials and 2,000 scouts from 16 districts are expected to take part in the rally. A meeting in this regard was held here Wednesday with Deputy Commissioner and president of the district scouts Muhammad Abdul Baki in the chair. A number of subcommittees were formed at the meeting to make the rally a success.



State Minister for Health Prof M Amanullah on Saturday examining blood at the blood transfusion department of Rangpur Medical College Hospital. Departmental doctors Mostafizur Rahman and Dr Omor Faruque are also seen.

Chinese silk yarn recovered

JESSORE, Sept 19: Plainclothes police recovered 120 kgs of Chinese silk yarn, worth about Tk two lakh, from a private car here Monday, reports UNB. They also arrested car driver Abed Hossain while he was smuggling the silk yarn to India. A case was filed.

Three killed in tragic mishap

KURIGRAM, Sept 19: Three persons were killed in a tragic mishap here on Friday night, reports BSS. According to eyewitnesses, a group of people was enjoying television programme at the Garaan Samity office at Rourami on September 15. At one stage, flaw in the TV picture happened. Three of the spectators went to divert the direction of the antenna. Suddenly the antenna fell on the high voltage power grid line of Palli Biddut Samity. Abdul Hakim, 32, son of Korban Ali of Rourami Sadar and Habamia, 18, son of Wahed Ali of village Ichakuri were electrocuted and Salim Uddin, 26, brother of Habamia was seriously injured in the mishap. While taking Salim Uddin to hospital, rickshawpuller Lutfar Rahman became unconscious at Rourami Upazila Health Complex after playing his rickshaw to the hospital. The rickshawpuller also died there. These three tragic deaths cast a gloom over the entire area.

New electricity connection

GAZIPUR, Sept 19: A total of 25,000 subscribers will get new electricity connection in Gazipur district within next one year, an official release said on Monday, reports BSS. In the first phase, six km electric line will be set up in Baria union while 20 km will be set up in the second phase. Ahsanullah Master MP inaugurated the project here on Sunday. Gazipur district has been brought under Mymensingh Rural Electrification Samity-2 recently.

Rat killing programme

COMILLA, Sept 19: A month long Rat killing programme was inaugurated on September 16, reports BSS. District Agriculture Extension Department organised the programme. The programme included a rally, discussion and prize distribution. The discussion meeting was held at Comilla Modern Auditorium. Public Administration Reforms Commission Chairman M Shamsul Hoque was the chief guest and distributed prizes among the best rate killer. Additional Director of Agriculture Extension Abul Kashem presided over the discussion meeting. Abul Hosain Mollah, Deputy Director, Yunusur Rahman, ADC (Education), M Mohsin, Pradip Mallik spoke on the occasion.

Founding anniversary

KURIGRAM, Sept 19: The fifth founding anniversary of local daily, 'The Kurigram Khabar,' was observed here on September 14, reports BSS.

A simple ceremony was arranged on this occasion, at the daily's office premises. The function was presided over by eminent journalist, editor of local daily, The Dainik Chawa Pawa, Tofiaul Hossain. Deputy Commissioner of Kurigram, AFM Solaiman Chowdhury was present in the function as the chief guest while UNO of Sadar Upazila Abul Kalam Azad was the special guest. Editor and Publisher of the daily, Channal Bakshi, journalist Prof Abdul Mannan, Abu Sayed Sarker, Saiful Islam Dulal, Yunus Ali and a good number of local journalists spoke on the occasion. The chief guest, in his speech, urged the journalists to make objective reporting in the newspaper, which would also help the administration to take necessary steps for the development of the area.

Students' clash

RANGPUR, Sept 19: At least 10 students were injured in a clash between Pro-Awami League Chhatra League and BNP backed Chhatra Dal at Kaunia Degree College in Kaunia Sadar Saturday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the clash ensued when Chhatra Dal activists attacked on a BCL procession brought out in the college compound at about noon. Two of the injured Shofidul, 18, and Rohidul, 17, were admitted to Kaunia upazila health complex while the rests were released after first aid.

Kushtia flood improves

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Sept 19: With the fall of water level in both the Padma and the Garai rivers flood situation in the district has improved.

The Padma and the Garai recorded ten centimetres and nine centimetres fall respectively on Sunday. During the day, the Padma was flowing 22 centimetres below the danger mark while the Garai 66 centimetre below the red mark.

People who took shelter on high land have started returning home. However, about one lakh people affected by flood have been passing hard days for want of food, drinking water and medicines. Meanwhile, prices of rice and essentials have shot up sharply during last five days in the district.

Rice is being sold at Taka 15 to Taka 16 per kg, which is beyond the purchasing capacity of the flood victims who have lost almost all their belongings.

Farmers are selling their cattle at throwaway prices mainly due to fodder crisis, which very com-

mon after flood.

Many educational institutions in Keya, Nandalalpur, Chapra, Shelaiddaha, Sadaki, Jaduboria and Jagannathpur areas of Kumarkhali upazila were closed and turned into shelters for flood affected people.

Meanwhile, diarrhoea and other water-borne diseases have broken out in an epidemic form in Daulatpur upazila, affecting more than 500 people. The outbreak of the diseases has been attributed to paucity of drinking water in the flood-affected area as most of the tubewells went under floodwater.

The flood has destroyed many houses and damaged crops in Mirpur upazila. Affected unions in Mirpur are Malhiad, Bawhalbaria, Amla, Amla Sadarpur and Talbaria. In Bheramara, crops on 10 thousand acres of land and 2000 houses were damaged.



Noted freedom fighter Major General (Retd) M S A Bhuiyan addressing a meeting organised by the Ziarkandi unit of General Bhuiyan Supporters' Forum at Gopalpur Primary School ground under Daudkandi upazila in Comilla district on Saturday. He told there that the days are gone for seeking votes by false promises. People of Bangladesh have faith in honest, committed and active politicians. People must desert them who grabbed power by false promises previously. The meeting was presided over by Nazimuddin Akhand which was addressed, among others, by the central leader of Bhasani (NAP) freedom fighter Abdul Matin Master, Showkat Ali, Khorsed Alam, Shafiqul Islam Chairman, Alamgir Hossain, Azam Khan and Emdad Hossain.

Doctors don't like Bandarban

49 out of 72 posts vacant

BANDARBAN, Sept 19: Forty-nine out of 72 posts of doctors have been lying vacant in government hospitals and health complexes in the district for long as a result of which hundred of ailing people are deprived of medical treatment, reports UNB.

Doctor-people ratio in the district has come down to 1:10,000, estimated the Civil Surgeon's office. Posts of five specialists were

created for the hospital. With posting order, they were given stand release on June 29, but none of them have come here to join.

Only one family planning doctor is now available out of seven in each of the upazilas in the district. The government plan for population control is seriously affected in the absence of doctors.

Officials in Civil Surgeon office said despite repeated reminders

Health Ministry could not implement its posting orders. Doctors unwilling to stay in the hill district got cancelled their transfer order by exerting undue influence.

Some doctors said in a circular issued from the Prime Minister's office in 1992 service period in the hill district was fixed 3 years and in special case one year. But this policy is no longer adhered to. That is why they are now unwilling to be posted here.

Health office sources said two experienced doctors have left resigning from government service as their transfer order was not implemented after three years as stipulated.

Diarrhoea claims five lives in Mymensingh

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Sept 19: Diarrhoea has broken out in an alarming form in remote shoal areas of Sadar upazila, claiming five lives in the last six days.

Diarrhoea claimed four of a family at village Char Bowla under Paraganj union on September 12. The victims were identified as Bilgar Ali, 40, his wife Monwara, 35, son Monsur, 12, and daughter Morgina, 5. Another man identified as Nazim Uddin, 50, also died of the disease.

At least 17 people fell sick during the period at the village. Diarrhoea has also spread in some villages of Gouripur, Trishal and Phulpur upazilas.

A medical team has visited Char Bowla village and distributed medicines among the affected people.

Arsenic panic in Bheramara

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Sept 19: Arsenic contamination has assumed an alarming turn in Bheramara upazila of the district, causing grave concern among people.

According to a survey, water of over three thousand tubewells in Bheramara upazila contains arsenic beyond permissible limit. About 400 people in the upazila have been affected with arsenic related diseases.

The survey, conducted jointly by five non-governmental organisations, also revealed about 28 per cent tubewells in the upazila are affected.

Many people in the area are using contaminated water in absence of arsenic-free water.

Housewife 'commits' suicide

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Sept 19: A housewife allegedly committed suicide in the town last week.

Ailing Renu Begum, 25, was shifted to Faridpur General Hospital at midnight, but later she succumbed. In laws of the woman said she took poison. But sister of the Renu said the case might be different as husband and in laws of the woman left hospital after she was admitted.

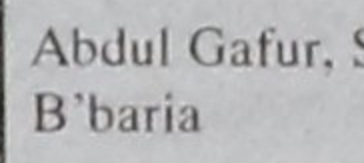
NOTICE

Learned Sub-Judge's 1st Court, Narayanganj
Money Decree Suit No 10/95
Adamjee Jute Mills Ltd, PO-Adamjanagar,
PS- Siddirganj, Dist-Narayanganj

----- Decreeholder

-----versus-----

----- Indebtor



Abdul Gafur, S/o Abdul Aziz, Vill-Moisar, PO-Talsavar, Dist-B'baria

Claimed Decreed amount Tk 3,45,764.08
Interest Tk 9,422.00
Total: Tk 3,55,186.08

Whereas the decreeholder Adamjee Jute Mills Ltd has filed this case against the indebtor for its due amount Tk 3,55,186.08 including interest accrued over the time during proceedings of this case.

Whereas, you are avoiding to receive sum in spite of issuing summons to you through court & registered post, and as such the trial is delayed.

Therefore, you are intimated by this notice that you should submit objection, if you have any, against the above claim of the decreeholder, by attending the court on 14.10.2000 at 10 AM. Otherwise hearing of the case will be accepted unilaterally.

Yours faithfully

Sheikh Mosharrat Hossain
Serestadar
Narayanganj Sub Judge's 1st Court
Narayanganj

BJMC: 536 dt 10-9-2000
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Bangladesh Power Development Board Tender Notice

Description of work: 1) Work of supply of four types of band for maintenance work different electric supply under Bhola Electric Supply. 2) Work of supply of Gai Insulator for maintenance work of different electric supply under Bhola Electric Supply. 3) Work of supply of goods for operation and maintenance work of different electric supply under Bhola Electric Supply. 4) Work of supply of Shackle Insulator and nut bolt to divisional store of Bhola Electric Supply. Eligibility of contractors: Ka, Kha, Ga and Gha classes of enlisted valid contractors of Power Development Board. Estimated expenditure: 1) 70,000/= 2) 74,800/= 3) 71,500/= 4) 72,200/= taka. Cost of tender: Taka 50 (fifty) for each set for each work (non-refundable). It will have to be deposited in the forms of CD/BD/Pay-Order in favour of the Deputy Director, RAO, PDB, Barisal. Place of availability of tender and date: Additional Chief Engineer (Distribution), PDB, Barisal/Superintending Engineer, Operation & Maintenance Circle, PDB, Patuakhali/Manager, Agrani Bank, Kalinath Bazar, Bhola till 08-10-2000 tender can be purchased. Date of receiving and opening tender: In the offices mentioned (except bank), office of the undersigned on 09-10-2000 at 1:00 PM and tenders will be opened the same day at 1:30 PM before the tenderers present (if anyone remains present). Other terms and conditions and all rules and regulations as mentioned in the schedule must be followed properly.

Buddut/Jana-411(4)/2000-2001 Resident Engineer (Executive)
DFP-21947-11/9 Bhola Electric Supply, PDB
G-1631 Bhola.