



Flood situation is improving gradually in Magura district. Photo shows (Left to right): Two houses which still remain submerged at Amuria village in the Sadar upazila, (Centre) an octogenarian woman along with others waiting for relief at Kullia High School camp, (Right) former member of parliament Kazi Salimul Huq Kamal distributing rice among the affected people recently at a local relief shelter. —Star photo

## Slow FP activities in Moulvibazar

From Rajat Kanti Goswami

MOULVIBAZAR, Oct 20: The Family Planning (FP) programme here is progressing at snail's pace. According to the official records of the district Family Planning Department, about 32.70 per cent of fertile couples still are not affiliated with the programme. But unofficial information shows actual percentage in this regard is much more higher than that of official figure. It was also observed that the achievement of the programme by the different non-government organisations (NGOs) are satisfactory though they are working in a few specific areas of the district.

A total of 1,52,237 fertile couples, out of 2,26,137 were brought under the programme in six upazilas here till April of this year from its inception. The target achieved in this period stands at 67.30 per cent.

The statistical record shows Rajnagar Upazila is in the top position of achievement where 70.20 per cent of fertile couples are active users of FP methods. The position in Kulara Upazila is the bottom of the list where 64 per cent fertile couples are active users of different FP methods. The position of the other upazilas are Moulvibazar Sadar 68.40 per cent, Srimongal 66.70 per cent, Baralekha 66.50 per cent and Kamalganj 69.30 per cent.

At the union level statistics, Tengra Union under Rajnagar Upazila is on top position of achievement where 80 per cent of fertile couples are active users of FP methods. The position of Sujanager Union under Baralekha Upazila is in the bottom of the list among 68 unions of the district where 50 per cent fertile couples are active users of FP methods.

The district Family Planning Office source explained, 27,800 couples have been brought under the FP programme against the target of 41,661 couples in Srimongal Upazila, 22,692 couples against the target of 34,143 in Baralekha Upazila, 24,566 couples against the target of 35,908 in Sadar Upazila, 34,177 couples against the target of 52,952 in Kulara Upazila, 19,695 couples against the target of 27,796 in Rajnagar Upazila, and 23,307 couples have been brought under FP programme against the target of 33,677 in Kamalganj Upazila.

All the above-mentioned figures were recorded from the very inception of the FP programme (April 2000).

According to further statistics supplied by the district FP Office, till April 1997, there were 207,178 fertile couples and of the total couples 137,314 were brought under FP Programme. It was also revealed from the comparative statistical information that from April 1997 to April 2000, a total of 7,085 fertile couples increased in the district and 14,527 fertile couples were brought under FP programme during this four years time. During the aforesaid four years (1997-2000), 2,011 fertile couples increased in Srimongal Upazila, 1,385 in Baralekha, 2,075 in Sadar, 332 in Kulara, 1,217 in Rajnagar and 65 fertile couples increased in Kamalganj Upazila. On the other hand, 3,152 fertile couples received FP methods in Srimongal Upazila,

1,788 in Baralekha Upazila, 2,971 in Sadar, 1,082 in Kulara, 3,021 in Rajnagar and 2,513 couples received FP methods in Kamalganj Upazila.

But source related to FP programmes said field workers usually prepare data at their will and in most cases these are unsubstantial. As for example from April 1997 to April 2000 the number of fertile couples in Kamalganj Upazila are only 65 and in Kulara Upazila only 332.

Statistics prepared and published by the district FP Office shows from the year 1992-93 to 1995-96, the number of fertile couples is 15,065, but from 1996-97 to 1999-2000 the number of fertile couples is 5,852. This statistics have proved that population in our country is decreasing rapidly. Against this information the active and efficient family planning field workers have brought 25,650 fertile couples under FP method during first four years from 1992-93 to 1995-96. But in the next four years from 1996-97 to 1999-2000 a total of 13,643 fertile couples had been brought under FP methods. It is another example of FP workers activity.

However, the official statistics prepared in April 2000 shows contraceptive pills appear to be the most popular method among the fertile mothers. The number of pill users are 85,424, birth control injections are in second position of the list of popularity. The number of injection users are 30,373. Besides this 16,898 individuals are using condoms, 9,949 individuals are using Coper-T, 1,047 are Norplant. During the said period total number of sterilized males are 1,736 and sterilized females are 10,486.

However, services to the people from the Family Planning Department in Moulvibazar are beyond satisfactory. The department is well organised with sufficient number of manpower. The district FP Department is led by a Deputy Director. The Deputy Director is assisted by an Assistant Director (FP) and an Assistant Director (CC). In the district FP Department including Upazila and union level offices, there are 7 medical officers, 2 Upazila FP officer, 4 Assistant Upazila FP officers, 5 Senior Family Welfare visitors, 32 Sub-Assistant Community Medical officers, 4 Pharmacists, 74 Family Welfare visitors, 59 FP Inspectors, 328 Family Welfare Assistants and 18 other staffers.

Upazila FP officers (UFPO), Assistant Upazila FP officer (AUFP), Medical officer (FP) and Senior visitors are working at Upazila level offices. Besides this, Sub-Assistant Community Medical Officer, Family Planning Inspector (FPI), Family Welfare visitor (FWV) and Family Welfare Assistants are working at union level.

In Moulvibazar district there are 38 union based family welfare centres (FWC) out of 68 unions. Of these FWC, 10 in Sadar upazila, 5 each in Srimongal and Kamalganj, 9 in Kulara, 6 in Baralekha and 3 in Rajnagar Upazila.

Sub-Assistant Community Medical officers and family welfare visitors are working at every FWC from where

people in general can get outdoor service relating to FP and maternity matters.

Negligence in duty of field staffs like FWA, FPI, FWV and Sub-Assistant Community Medical officers is a common feature, alleged the concerned people. It is also alleged that family welfare visitors (FWV) who are working are appointed in mother and child care centre at district town on deputation. Mother and Child Care Centre has sufficient manpower. Present Medical officer of this centre is working for more than seven years. She does not attend office after 1 pm and she is using the centre as her private chamber. It is widely alleged.

It has also been observed that this important sector is being run by non-technical staffers. Deputy Director and Assistant Director (FP) at district level UFPO and AUFP at Upazila level and FPI and FWA at rural level are non-technical persons. A very few posts of medical officers, sub-assistant community medical officers and FWV are only technical persons in this big and important department.

The posts of Family Welfare Assistant (FWA) are for women and they are the main force of the FP Department who are directly involved with the people and bring them (people) into the programme.

Activities of FWAs are supervised by Family Planning Inspectors (FPI) who are also non-technical by profession. More than three FWAs are working under the supervision of one FPI. These FPIs are liable to UFPO accordingly.

It is gathered that FWA the field level workers (all of them are women) are always busy to satisfy the need of their controlling officials like FPI and UFPO. If the FWA do it successfully they can manage their duty. As a result most of the FWAs and FPIs allegedly do not perform their duties regularly. There are so many allegations made by the concerned people. FWAs attend fields twice a week. FWAs and FPIs always prepare their register book updated with false statements.

When contacted Saradindu Dey, Deputy Director of Moulvibazar district Family Planning (FP) Department, expressed his satisfaction over the activities of his field staffers. He also expressed his pride about the skilfulness and efficiency of his staffers. When asked about an FPI who is working at Moulvibazar municipal area as his personal staff instead of his field duties, the Deputy Director denied this allegation. In reply to another query, the Deputy Director informs that FWVs who are posted at union FP centres adjacent to the district town have been appointed in mother and child care centre at district town on deputation. On the issue of irregularity in the duty of FWAs and FPIs, Saradindu Dey also denied the facts and said that the field staffers are directed to submit their work schedule of next months within 25th of previous months. He claimed that due to this rule the scope of negligence in duty by field staffers are overcome. He said all machineries of the district FP department are functioning smoothly.

## Unabated erosion in 3 dists

Erosion has taken a serious turn in Madaripur, Chandpur and Faridpur districts, report agencies and our correspondent.

Three educational and religious institutions are threatened by erosion of the rivers Kumar and Arial Khan in two upazilas of Madaripur district.

A non-government primary school and a mosque at Uttor Alipur village in Kalkini upazila are about to be eroded by the River Arial Khan. The two institutions may go into gorge of the river any time.

PTI School and Mustafapur High School in Sadar upazila are also facing threat by the River Kumar. The river has already eroded wall and yard of PTI School and several parts of Mustafapur High School.

Local people urged the authorities concerned to take necessary measures to check the erosion.

Erosion by the River Meghna at Haimchar upazila, 8 miles from Chandpur town has been continuing alarmingly for the last one week.

According to Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) sources, about 2 thousand meters area in Chandpur Irrigation Project under Haimchar has been eroded by the Meghna at Tashkerkhand and Charabhirabi points. The existence of the embankment of Taka, 100 crore is endangered.

The embankment is located in Haimchar upazila on the eastern bank of the River Meghna. About 2,000 hectares of agricultural land were eroded within the month. About 10,000 people in the area were rendered homeless. These people have taken shelter on the embankment of Chandpur Irrigation Project. They need relief and rehabilitation support.

The erosion in the area is not only threatening the Chandpur Irrigation Project embankment, but it is also threatening the existence of 200-year old upazila headquarters. About 60 per cent area of Haimchar upazila has already been eroded.

M Helal Uddin Ahmed, Superintending Engineer, Water Development Board (WDB) told this correspondent that protection work is progressing in the affected areas. About 2,000 workers are working in the area, and dumping blocks and bricks.

Government has sanctioned Taka 6 crore for the protection of Chandpur Irrigation Project (CIP) under Haimchar.

The Water Board Chairman along with high officials visited the affected areas. WDB submitted a scheme to the government to protect CIP at a cost of Taka 50 crore. Our Faridpur correspondent reports: Padma and Arial kha, erosion has assumed a menacing turn devouring a vast tract of crop land, homesteads, educational institutions, union parishad office and family planning office in 12 unions under Char Bhadransar, Sadarpur and Sadar upazilas here during the last few months.

According to locals 1,154 families in the above mentioned unions have been rendered homeless by the erosions of the Padma and the Arial kha. Most of the erosion victims have taken shelter on high lands and embankments.

Town protection embankment is badly threatened.

The 2-km long newly-built embankment at char Bhadransar has already been washed away.

## 'Daudkandi still neglected'

By Staff Correspondent

Renowned freedom fighter Major Gen (Retd) Subed Ali Bhuiyan has alleged that the leaders elected from Daudkandi constituency did not take any effective step in last 30 year to develop local infrastructures.

He said although Daudkandi is close to the capital city, but the area is neglected as the people's representatives in the past failed to improve local communication infrastructure, as well as ensuring supply of electricity and gas.

Addressing a press conference at Daudkandi Press Club on Wednesday last, Gen Bhuiyan recalled the contribution of late Mohiuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan, who had donated Tk 6,000 in about 38 years ago for construction of Pannal-Matlab-Baburhat road.

But unfortunately, he said, the road is yet to be completed and currently the condition of the road is too bad to ply rickshaw.

Bhuiyan said in the post-independence period political leaders of Daudkandi are responsible for not taking step to

develop the constituency. Welcoming the gas supply at Gouripur, Homna and Kachua he demanded supplying of gas to the adjacent villages of gas pipeline.

Replying to a query, the retired General said that he would contest the next general election but avoided a direct question from which party he would seek nomination. He demanded construction of embankment at the bank of river Gumti because each year a vast tracts of land in Vitukandi, Kalakandi, Narandia and Ziarkandi unions are damaged severely.

He also demanded construction of Pannal-Matlab-Baburhat road, Gazipur-Jagatpur-Ujirakandi road, Masimpur-Roypur-Jahanpur road and adequate supply of gas and electricity in Daudkandi.

He called upon the local people to elect an honest, capable and sincere leader from the constituency in the next election for ensuring development of the area and welfare of the local residents.

men, ward commissioners and field forces of his department to serve the distressed humanity.

Nurtaj Ali, Deputy Director of DSW said, a total of 6,030 male and 3015 female distressed have come under their allowance support programme in Jhenidah district. The widows have been provided with the allowance since September last year, he informed.

According to the Deputy Director, each and every enlisted distressed people will be able to withdraw his or her money from the nearest bank every month directly like a pension holder.

A highly placed officer of DSW informed that only 90 males and 45 females in each union or 'C' category municipality are provided with the facilities. But there are many poor, widow, divorced, aged or distressed people in 'A' and 'B' category municipal areas. They should be draught under the programme to ensure minimum financial support for them.

## Elderly allowance has changed their fate

From Delwar Kabir

JHENIDAH, Oct 20: Previously they were too poor and totally neglected in the family as well as in the community. There was none near to them.

But now the noble initiatives of the Department of Social Welfare (DSW) has changed their life-style although the assistance was little in figure. Now each and everybody of them regained their confidence and they live in the society as respectable human being.

In a simple ceremony here at Janata Bank, Saikupa branch office DSW distributed pass books to 1,350 widow, divorced or abandoned aged women and 675 aged men as a part of the rehabilitation programme of the department.

Julekha Khatun a 130 year old woman of Kabirpur village said that her photographs were published in newspapers stating her pitiable condition many times, of no avail. At last the social Welfare Department arranged her monthly allowance of the rate of taka 100 per month. She was

informed that the money would be provided to her death.

Nifuli Begum, 81, of the same village, Tarabi Nesa, 60, of


Hasnavita said that they lost hope of survival. But now they saw a ray of hope.

Abdul Aziz, upazila Social

Welfare officer, Saikupa said that the whole process was arranged with the assistance of the respective union or municipality chair-



(Left to right): These three women named Julekha Begum, Nifuli Begum and Tarabi Nesa who are now at the age end of their life showing pass books to the waiting journalists following distribution of those by Nurtaj Ali, Deputy Director of the Social Welfare Department at a simple function recently at Saikupa in Jhenidah district. —Star photo



### Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha

Rajuk Bhaban, Dhaka

Applications are invited from bonafide Bangladeshi nationals for appointment to a few vacant posts under Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha:

Sl No	Name of post and pay scale	Age	Educational qualifications and experience
1	2	3	4
01.	Assistant Engineer (Civil) Taka 4300-7740	30 (thirty) years	Candidate should have a bachelor degree from any approved university or educational institution in concerned engineering subject or should pass A&B Section in AMI. Preference will be given to experienced candidate.
02.	Assistant Town Planner Taka 4300-7740/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate must have post graduate degree or diploma or its equivalent educational qualification in physical planning/town planning/urban and regional planning/civic design from any approved university or educational institution. Preference will be given to the candidates with PhD degree in physical planning/town planning/civic design.
03.	Sub-Assistant Engineer (Civil) Taka 3400-6625/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate should have diploma in the concerned subject from any government approved educational institution.
04.	Sub-Assistant Engineer (Electrical) Taka 3400-6625/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate should have diploma in the concerned subject from any government approved educational institution.
05.	Hand Surveyor Taka 1975-3920/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate should pass 02 (two) years survey course including Higher Secondary Certificate Examination from any government approved educational institution.
06.	Stenographer Taka 2250-4735/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate should have bachelor degree from any government approved educational institution or university with speed of 120 and 80 words in stenography per minute in English and Bangla respectively. Candidate should have speed of 40 and 30 words per minute in typing in English and Bangla respectively.
07.	Steno typist Taka 2100-4315/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate should pass the Higher Secondary Examination from any government approved educational institution with 01 (one) year experience as a Stenotypist in government, semi-government or autonomous organisation. Candidate should have speed of 60 and 80 words per minute in Stenotyping in Bangla and English respectively and should have speed of 25 and 35 words per minute in typing.
08.	Lower Division Assistant-cum Typist Taka 1875-3605/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate should have speed of 35 and 25 words per minute in type in English and Bangla respectively with HSC passed. Candidate with experience in concerned subject will be given preference.
09.	Draftsman Taka 1750-3300/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate should pass draftsman certificate from any government approved technical training centre with Secondary School Certificate Examination.
10.	Telephone Operator Taka 1875-3605/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate should pass Higher Secondary Examination with 02 (two) years experience.
11.	Work Supervisor Grade-1 Taka 1875-3605/-	30 (thirty) years	Should have passed Higher Secondary Examination from government approved board or minimum 05 (five) years practical experience and should pass Secondary School Certificate Examination.
12.	Security Supervisor Taka 1875-3605	30 (thirty) years	Candidate should be retired from the post not below Nayek of Armed Forces or retired as Assistant Police Inspector in Police Force and should have good physique.
13.	Vehicle Clerk Taka 1875-3605/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate must pass Higher Secondary Examination with at least 02 (two) years experience as Vehicle Clerk or similar post. Candidate should have speed of 35 and 25 words per minute in type in English and Bangla respectively.
14.	Operator Taka 2100-4315/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate should be Class VIII passed and at least 05 (five) years experience in driving different types of light/heavy vehicles along with licence for driving light/heavy vehicles.
15.	Assistant Operator Taka 1875-3605/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate must be Class VIII passed and should have minimum 02 (two) years practical experience in driving different types of vehicles under any government, autonomous organisation or any reputed establishment and should have licence for driving light vehicles.
16.	Car Driver Taka 2100-4315/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate should pass Class VIII and should have 05 (five) years experience in driving different types of light/heavy vehicles and should have licence for driving light/heavy vehicles.
17.	Car Driver (heavy vehicles) Taka 2100-4315/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate should pass Class VIII and should have 05 (five) years experience in driving heavy vehicles and other machinery. Must have licence for driving heavy vehicles.
18.	Car Driver (light vehicles) Taka 1875-3605/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate should pass Class VIII and should have 02 (two) years practical experience in driving different types of light vehicles. Must have licence for driving light vehicles.
19.	Auto-electrician Taka 1625-2905/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate should be Class VIII passed and must pass 02 (two) years certificate course from any government approved institution along with 05 (five) years practical experience.
20.	Assistant Mechanic Taka 1560-2695/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate must be Class VIII passed and should pass the trade course concerned from any government approved technical training centre or any other institution along with 03 (three) years practical experience.
21.	MLSS Taka 1500-2400/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate must be Class VIII passed with good physique.
22.	Hand Surveyor Taka 1500-2400/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate must pass Class VIII and should have good physique.
23.	Guard Taka 1500-2400/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate must pass Class VIII and should have good physique.
24.	Labour Taka 1500-2400/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate must be Class VIII passed and should have good physique.
25.	Carpenter Helper Taka 1500-2400/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate must be Class VIII passed and should have good physique with experience in the concerned subject.
26.	Electrician Helper Taka 1500-2400/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate must be Class VIII passed and should have good physique with experience in concerned subject.
27.	Process Server Taka 1500-2400/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate must be Class VIII passed and efficient in cycle riding.
28.	Cleaner Taka 1500-2400/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate must be Class VIII passed and should have good physique with experience in concerned subject.
29.	Gardener Taka 1500-2400/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate should have good physique with 05 (five) years experience as gardener.
30.	Sweeper Taka 1500-2400/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate must have at least 02 (two) years experience as a sweeper.
31.	Dispatch Rider Taka 1500-2400/-	30 (thirty) years	Candidate must be Class VIII passed and efficient in cycle riding.

**Terms and conditions**

- Application mentioning the full name of the candidate, names of father/husband and mother's name, permanent and present addresses, date of birth, age, educational qualification, religion, nationality, experience (if any) etc should reach the office of the undersigned by mail or directly by 08-11-2000 during office hours. No application will be accepted after the expiry of the stipulated date and time.
- Attested photocopies of the undermentioned papers will have to be enclosed with application:
  - 1 (one) copy of citizenship certificate issued by chairman of union council/pourashava chairman/city corporation ward commissioner.
  - Attested copy of all certificates regarding educational qualification.
  - Character certificate issued by first class gazetted officer.
  - 3 (three) copies attested recent passport size photographs.
  - Attested copy of experience certificate.
- In case of departmental freedom fighter candidate the copy of the certificate signed by the chairman of Muktiyoddha Sangsad and counter-signed by the Chief Adviser will have to be submitted with the application.
- If the freedom fighter candidate is not found then the reserved 30% quota will be followed for offspring of freedom fighter and martyred freedom fighter and officials and employees served under the Mujibnagar government.
- For candidate as the freedom fighter in service/son/daughter of martyred freedom fighter will have to submit the certificate as freedom fighter signed by the chairman of the Sangsad and counter-signed by the Chief Adviser of the freedom fighter/martyred freedom fighter's father/mother.
- Tribal candidate will have to enclose the photocopy of the certificate issued by authority concerned with the application.
- Candidates serving in government/semi-government/autonomous organisation will have to apply through their respective authorities.
- The specific quotas for freedom fighter dependent of freedom fighters, Ansar and VDP, women, tribals, disabled and district quota will be followed as per government rules.
- Employees employed under work charged/master roll in Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha and the departmental candidates can apply to suitable posts on the basis of their respective educational qualifications. The age limit relaxable for these candidates.
- The age of the candidate should be between 18-30 years on 08-11-2000. But in case of the dependent of the freedom fighters the age is relaxable up to 32 years.
- A Bank Draft/Pay Order valued Taka 50 (fifty) from any scheduled bank in favour of the chairman Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha or Postal Order of the same value from post office will have to be submitted with the application.
- No TA/DA will be given to any candidate for appearing at the examination.
- Incomplete application will be treated as rejected. Besides this, the authority reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any reason.
- The name of the post must be mentioned on the envelope of the application.
- The decision of appointment committee will be regarded as final in all cases and the appointment committee will not be obliged to assign any reason in this regard.

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