

## National

**Faridpur  
DIARY**

**An example of  
self-employment**

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Oct 28: Shamsul Alam, an educated youth, has set

an example of self-employment.

Having failed to manage any job, Shamsul Alam, a resident of Guha Luzzimpur in the town, has set up a small poultry farm. He is now earning a decent income to support his family. Alam said strong determination is the key to his success. But the road to success was not even. He had to overcome many odds. At first, he set up the farm with 300 poultry birds in co-operation with one of his friends as a sleeping partner. As the poultry birds were maturing fast, a fire broke out in the farm, killing all the fowls. Chairman of Faridpur Municipality Hasibul Hasan Lablu helped him. The chairman helped the youth to get Tk 50,000 loan from local branch of Karma Sangathan Bank (Employment Bank). He got the loan on April 23, 2000 and started afresh with renewed hope and zeal. While talking to this correspondent beaming Shamsul Alam said he would be able to repay the loan soon.

**Children's Week**

Children's Week was observed here with Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Faridpur chalking out various programmes.

Shishu Academy provided four handicapped children with opportunity to take part in the weeklong competition held here recently on the occasion of World Children's Rights Week. The handicapped Munni, Tania, Mohammad Aminul Islam and Biplob Kumar Malo- took part in painting, debate and extempore speech competitions.

**Rat killing drive**

Rat Killing Campaign local Agriculture Extension Department (AED) was observed here recently.

A function was held on the occasion of Madhukhali upazila with FA Kamal Uddin, acting UNO, in the chair.

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PATUAKHALI, Oct 28: Arsenic, a dose of 76mg of which is considered fatal to human beings, continues to contaminate the country's ground water affecting thousands of people, reports UNB.

The presence of arsenic was found in the water of 29 per cent of the tubewells that exposed 2.40 crore people to arsenicosis diseases.

According to a report released by UNICEF, Bangladesh's success story to ensure bacteriologically safe drinking water to rural people through tubewells has been eclipsed as the quantum of its safe water reduced to 80 per cent from 97 per cent due to arsenic contamination.

UNICEF released the report after analysing the results of numerous tests on water collected from country's 51,000 tubewells till October 1999.

Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) started testing tubewell waters to detect arsenic contamination in 1996 with assistance from UNICEF. The tests showed that arsenic has already contaminated groundwater from Chapainawabganj to Brahmanbaria and some parts of greater Sylhet, northern districts and coastal belt.

Another survey, conducted by British Geological Survey, also revealed similar frustrating results.

UNICEF has been providing assistance at both national and local levels to tackle the arsenic problem. Under its national level programme, tubewell water in 211 upazilas of 61 districts has been tested.

The test results showed that water of 29 per cent tubewells contains the poisonous element of metalloid beyond permissible limit. The permissible limit of arsenic in drinking water is 50 PPM (per cent per billion) or 0.05 PPM (per cent per mg) in water per litre.

UNICEF is also cooperating with World Bank in implementing Bangladesh Arsenic Mitigation Water Supply Project under which water of 460 tubewell will be tested.

Besides, UNICEF in cooperation with three non-government organisations - BRAC, Dhaka Community Hospital and Grameen Bank took up programmes in 1999 to mitigate arsenic problem in Bangladesh.

A total of 788 villages in four upazilas - Jhikargachha in Jessor, Sonargaon in Narayanganj, Kachua in Chandpur and Bera in Pabna - have been brought under the programme.

The main objective of the project is to formulate a strategy that can be applied in all arsenic affected areas of the country. Under the project, 199 rainwater reservoirs were constructed apart from installing various filters to supply arsenic-free water.

Officials said UNICEF would provide assistance to expand the project to 10,000 villages from 788.

UNICEF official told that water of two lakh tubewells have been tested since August this year and the results will be published soon.

Meanwhile, panic has gripped Char Boyra village in Dumki upazila

as five people, including four children, have developed various symptoms of arsenic-linked diseases.

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