

Textbook crisis prevails in Rajshahi, Magura

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Non-availability of textbooks for secondary and primary students in Rajshahi and Magura respectively is hampering studies. As the scarcity has been continuing, attendance drops in many schools. Teachers said the required number of books is yet to be supplied by the authorities, despite repeated requests.

The NCTB instead of taking action for the failure extended the time limit twice. It is alleged that the Pustaka has given its dealership to 'inexperienced' booksellers for distribution of textbooks. The Pustaka started distribution of only 14 compulsory secondary level books out of 60 textbooks, but the supply is inadequate. On the other hand, supply of other 46 textbooks is totally uncertain.

Fund shortage hampers activities of tribals' weaving factory



(L-R) A female worker engaged in weaving at a factory of Birishiri Multipurpose Women's Cooperative Association in Durgapur under Netrakona district, while another saleswoman selling the attractive products of the factory to a buyer.

JAHANGIR ALAM, Netrakona. A group of tribal women are trying to change their lot through an association since 1972. Binodini Rama, a tribal woman created a cooperative association named "Birishiri Multipurpose Women's Co-operative Association" that year with only six tribal women.

Anamika further added that they have to import thread for the factory from Narsingdi. But they have no sufficient capital to buy necessary thread to fulfill its (factory) target. The factory makes Dakmanda (traditional garment of Garo women), bed-sheet gamcha a towel for villagers, cloth pieces and scarf. Those are of great demand all over the country, because of extra-ordinary quality.

Haji Reazuddin testifies to Chougacha massacre

ATAIR RAHMAN, Jessore. Pakistan occupation forces during the war of liberation in 1971 at Chougacha Bazaar in Jessore, still testifies to the horrific incident. Reazuddin, who turned 85 this year, was held and left miraculously unhurt during an operation by the Pakistani Army. During the operation, at least ten people were brutally murdered by the enemy soldiers.

21, 1971. He went on, "Local people were holding group discussions and organising themselves to attack Jessore cantonment. Soon news spread every where that Pakistan Army was moving towards Chougacha from the Cantonment for operation." Reazuddin paused for few seconds and resumed, "Within a short time the bazaar was a deserted look as most of people left the place. But I

Satkhira Stadium construction work yet to be started

UNB, Satkhira. Construction work on long-cherished Satkhira Stadium could not be started due to problem in acquiring land. This was disclosed at a press conference held at the Stadium Bhaban in Satkhira on Wednesday. During the briefing, District Sports Association General Secretary Sheikh Nizamuddin said that the government has sanctioned Tk 2.64 crore to turn the stadium into a full-fledged one.

Table with 5 columns: Sl. No., কাজের নাম, প্রাক্কলিত অংক, সিডিউলের মূল্য, সময়সীমা. It lists construction items for Satkhira Stadium with estimated costs and timelines.



Jamalpur farmers are now much more inclined to cultivate sunflower. This is because of its profitability. A female farmer poses with her son on her land with full bloom sunflowers.

Sunflower farming gains popularity

MUHAMMAD ALI, Jamalpur. Sunflower cultivation has gained popularity in Jamalpur district over the years as farmers consider it a cash crop. Encouraged by the booming edible oil market, farmers of the district are increasingly opting for sunflower cultivation.

Eight arrested in Kishoreganj

UNB, Kishoreganj. Police in separate drives in Kishoreganj arrested eight people on various charges and recovered two firearms in Kishoreganj district. Of them, Badal Mia was arrested along with a pistol from a tea-stall near Pilot High School in Sadar upazila on Feb 1. On the same day, police arrested four youths- Roman, Munna, Rubel and Rangan for teasing a woman in Manoshi Cinema Hall in the town.

Truck kills boy in Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj. A schoolboy was run over by a truck in Sirajganj town on Sunday. Witnesses said the boy, a student of six in BL High School, was killed on narrow GM Hillah Road when he was going to attend his school. The boy was identified as Abdul Jabbar, son of Abdul Khaleq of Raninagar area.

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Separate incidents claim three

UNB, Bogra. Three people were killed in separate incidents in Gabatali upazila of Bogra district in last two days (Sunday-Monday) Police recovered the body of Jibbol, 32, son of late Jagodish Chandra of Chamurpara, from a bamboo-clump at Sukhanpur Natunpara Monday morning. Police said Jibbol was stabbed to death.

Two murdered

UNB, Kishoreganj. Two people were murdered in separate incidents in Sadar and Tarail upazilas under Kishoreganj district recently. The deceased were identified as Nazrul Islam Khan, 30, of Lakhpur village in Tarail and Altu Mia, 35, of village Jhikarjara in Sadar.

Train passenger killed

UNB, Rajbari. A train passenger was killed as he was hit by the truss of Pangsha Railway Bridge in Pangsha upazila under Rajbari district Tuesday.

Diarrhoea spreading

UNB, Magura. The number of diarrhoea affected people is increasing day by day in four upazilas of Magura district. Local Civil Surgeon office said 237 people affected with the disease were admitted to hospital during the last month. Some 26 people were affected in the current month.

Concern over work stoppage

UNB, Bagerhat. The users of country's second seaport Mongla are concerned over frequent work stoppage and strikes by the labourers on various issues. They said loading and unloading of goods in the port are being disrupted due to the strikes. The latest one was enforced by the workers who use to stich up sacks of unloaded goods.

Jasim Fair begins

UNB, Faridpur. Jasim Palli Mela, a fortnight-long village fair, began in Faridpur Saturday on the occasion of the 98th birth anniversary of poet Jasimuddin, known as 'Palli Kabir'.

Advertisement for 'ব্যাকোর্স রিক্রুটমেন্ট কমিটি' (Backers Recruitment Committee) for 'প্রযুক্তি-বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক' (ICT-Bangladesh Bank). It includes a list of exam dates and locations, a list of exam subjects, and a form for application details.