

Drug addicts up in Pabna

UNB, Pabna
The district town of Pabna has virtually become a 'town of drugs' claiming at least 200 lives and destroying the lives of thousands of youths.

Mango trees start blooming

ABDUL WADOOD, Rajshahi
Falgoon, the eleventh month of Bangla calendar, has come again and bees are busy roaming around mango trees, which have started blooming.

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Flower is a source of joy for ever. These full-bloom merrygold and red seasonal flowers prove it again. Hundreds of passers-by enjoy the beauty of nature every day while passing by the office of the police super in Sirajganj this season.

Extensive wheat cultivation scheme taken up in Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah



A farmer at village Kabirpur under Shailakupa upazila in Jhenidah district takes care of wheat plants at a field. An extensive wheat farming programme has been taken up in the district this season.

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Some of the farmers said that they are interested to cultivate Kanchan variety of wheat instead of Sonalika variety as Kanchan ensures about 90 maunds per hectare while Sonalika yields some 75 maunds per hectare.

New mass grave detected in C'nawabganj

UNB, Chapainawabganj

Huge fossils of liberation war martyrs were dug out recently from a newly detected mass grave at Tikampur village in Gomstapur upazila of Chapainawabganj district.

IRRI-Boro farming hampered in Thakurgaon district

Hundreds of deep, shallow tubewells inoperative

UNB, Thakurgaon

After four consecutive bumper productions the Irri-Boro paddy cultivation is being hampered seriously in Thakurgaon district as hundreds of deep and shallow tubewells remained inoperative.

This season though 60 days have been passed as they could not prepare their land due to lack of water supply. DAE has set a target to cultivate 37,500 hectares of land in Thakurgaon district in the current season.

Production of date molasses falls in Madaripur

BSS, Madaripur

The traditional and profitable date molasses and 'patali' production in Madaripur is losing its past glory due to lack of marketing facilities, shortage of firewood and depletion of date trees.

The country would flock to different markets in the district to buy 'patali' and molasses packed in earthen jars of different sizes.

to increase production of molasses, they added. At the same time indiscriminate use of date trees as fuel in brickfields should be stopped and date trees should be planted in large scale.

Women as stone collectors

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A vast resource of stones has been detected in the riverbed and under the soil in different parts of Panchagarh district. The stones are being utilised in the development works and in constructing roads and highways in various districts of the northern region.



Parasparik celebrates 17th founding anniversary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

'Parasparik Moulvibazar', a cultural, educational and sports organisation of Moulvibazar, which has been helping protect the social values in a period of crisis of values, celebrated its 17th founding anniversary recently.

'Anandadhara' was the second and final session of the function. Anandadhara was started with an address by Nurjahan Ara Begum, wife of the DC. Prominent folk singer of Sylhet region Syeda Yarus Nessa Khanam and another prominent Tagore singers of the region Chhaya Roy enthralled the audience by performing the regional songs of Sylhet, Tagore and Nazrul songs respectively.

Spurious liquor kills 2 brothers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj
Two brothers died after they took spurious liquor on Tuesday in Sirajganj town. They were identified as Abdul Karim, 40, and Moseim Uddin, 37, son of late Ismail Hossain. Both the brothers were rickshaw pullers.

Rice trader murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj
An old rice trader in Damaich Bazaar under Tarash upazila in Sirajganj district was murdered at his shop on Monday night.

Two tribal boys burnt to death

UNB, Bandarban
Two tribal boys were burnt to death in a fire at Baishari bazaar in Naikhangchhari upazila under Bandarban district on Wednesday. The victims were identified as Aung Saching and Chathoi Charu. Police said the fire originated from a lamp at a grocery shop at midnight, burning the two to death while they were asleep.

Eye camp begins

UNB, Jhalakati
A weeklong eye camp began at Yusuf Ali High School in Rajapur upazila under Jhalakati district Tuesday. Meanwhile, some 50 poor eye patients were operated upon while 500 other given prescriptions along with medicines and spectacles free of cost.

Bridge construction work begins

UNB, Rajbari
In a bid to develop rural communication network, construction work on two bridges in Sadar upazila under Rajbari district began at a cost of Tk 11 lakh. Local MP Kazi Keramat Ali inaugurated the construction work of the two bridges at Shaheed Wahabpur and Alipur unions on Friday.

Students yet to get textbooks

UNB, Laxmipur
Although the new academic year has begun two months back, students of Laxmipur district are yet to get textbooks, hampering educational activities. On the other hand, the board books are being sold in the bookstalls at a higher price than the price inscribed on the books.

Int'l Mother Language Day observed

UNB, Panchagarh
Shaheed Day and International Mother Language Day was observed in Panchagarh district with due respect on Wednesday. Various socio-cultural organisations had chalked out elaborate programmes including discussions, poetry recitation, essay contest, book fair and cultural function, to observe the day.

5,849 TB, leprosy patients treated

BSS, Habiganj
A total of 5849 Tuberculosis (TB) and leprosy patients were treated in Habiganj district during last five years. Official source said, 5785 Tuberculosis (TB) and 2304 leprosy patients were diagnosed during the period. Out of them 3,695 TB and 2154 leprosy patients treated.



Syeda Yarus Nessa Khanam, a prominent folk singer of Sylhet region, enthralled the audience at a function of Parasparik, Moulvibazar on the occasion of its 17th founding anniversary recently.