

NEWS SNAPS

Body of housewife recovered

UNB, *Bagerhat*
Police Thursday recovered the body of a housewife from village Kuraltala in Chitolmani upazila of the district.
The victim was identified as Shaymoli, 20, wife of Taposh of the village. Family members of Shaymoli, 20, alleged that she was killed for dowry while Taposh and his family members refuted the allegation saying she committed suicide taking insecticide over family feud. Taposh, however, went into hiding. The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy.

42,640 freed from curse of illiteracy

UNB, *Mymensingh*
Some 42,640 illiterate males and females of frontier Dhabaura upazila were freed from the curse of illiteracy.
They were formally declared literate after attending an evaluation test for age-old education programme 'Jagrot Mymensingh' on Friday.
Some 21,640 males and 21,000 females of seven unions participated in the test held separately twice at 1,421 centres.

Cigarette worth Tk 17 lakh looted

UNB, *Comilla*
Robbers looted cigarette of British American Tobacco Ltd valued at Tk 17 lakh from a vehicle on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Choudhagram upazila Wednesday night.
The bandits intercepted the cigarette-laden truck of the company by placing another truck at Falgun Kara and fled away along with the truck taking control of the vehicle. They dropped the driver, helper and company representative in Kachhuli area. Later, police arrested them.

Robber of Sundarbans area arrested

UNB, *Bagerhat*
Police arrested a notorious forest bandit from Madrasah bazaar in Morelgañ upazila Wednesday night.
The law enforcers also recovered a sawed-off rifle from the house of the arrested criminal, Idris Sheikh, as per his confessional statement. Idris, who used to reign the Sundarbans and the surrounding areas, was wanted in a number of cases. A case was filed against him under arms act.

Indian smuggled goods worth Tk 3 lakh seized

UNB, *Joypurhat*
Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) jawans in separate raids recovered Indian goods worth over Tk three lakh in the district Thursday.
The paramilitary men searched a local train near Alapara and recovered Indian silk and georgette saris valued at Tk two lakh at night. In another operation in the evening, they raided village Churpatti and seized Indian contraband worth over Tk one lakh. Smugglers have become active in the Hilli border on the occasion of the ensuing Eid.

35 EED projects taken up in Tangail

BSS, *Tangail*
The Education Engineering Department (EED) has taken up 35 projects to be completed at a cost of Tk 6,83,20,000 in Tangail in the current fiscal.
Official sources said the projects included construction of new academic buildings of 25 non-government secondary schools and nine senior madrasahs. It also includes work in two schools and one madrasah in Tangail Sadar upazila, six schools and one madrasah in Madhupur upazila, seven schools and three madrasahs in Mirzapur upazila, eight schools and three madrasahs in Bhuapur upazila and one school in Gopalpur upazila. Work on eight projects has already started and the rest would begin very soon. All projects would be completed by June next year.

Training programme for journalists

BSS, *Khulna*
A four-day long training programme on 'Base-building on report writing and human rights' began here at officers club on Saturday.
The programme has been organised by Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha's Human Rights Desk. A total of 15 journalists from local and national dailies are taking part in the training programme. Former Director of PIB Golam Kibria, News Editor of BSS (Human Rights Desk) M A Aziz, and senior reporter of the desk Kazim Reza are acting as resource persons. Staff reporter of BSS Khulna, Quamarul Munir and Secretary of Khulna Press Club, Rafiquzzaman spoke at the inaugural function.

Training course on music

BSS, *Munshiganj*
A fortnight-long training course on song, music, dance and acting began at AVJM Government Girls' High School, Munshiganj on Thursday.
Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Munshiganj Syed. Mustafizur Rahman inaugurated the course, which is being held under the management of the district Shilpakala Academy in collaboration with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. One hundred male and female budding artists are receiving training in the course.

Lack of govt purchasing centre, trickery of middlemen
Jute growers compelled to sell jute below production cost

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jute growers are being deprived of their minimum fair price of their produce in Habiganj and Satkhira.
The situation arises due to lack of government jute purchasing centres and trickery of the middlemen in the markets.
BSS reports: Growers in Habiganj are allegedly not getting fair price of their newly-harvested jute as middlemen outnumber direct buyers in different markets of the district.
According to jute growers, some middlemen are purchasing jute from the farmers at nominal prices. At present, jute is selling at Tk 200 to 230 per maund in different markets of the district.
On the other hand, the jute farmers said, the agents appointed by the government owe a huge amount of money to the middlemen. As a result, even the middlemen are unable to buy adequate quantity of jute making the poor farmers ultimate sufferers of the situation.
Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) sources said huge quantity of jute was produced in the district this year.
The farmers said they are unable to hold the raw jute for a long time with a hope to get more benefit, as most of them are needy and they have to pay dues to the banks or moneylenders immediately after the harvesting. Some farmers even sell their products in advance to the middlemen before har-

vesting which again benefits the middlemen.
Taking advantages of the situation unscrupulous middlemen and traders buy jute in less price and sell it when the price shoots up in the markets, they alleged.
A number of farmers observed that cultivation of jute has become a losing concern to them, as they can not cover the cost of production by selling the raw jute.
Another report from Satkhira says: A total of 68905 bales of raw jute was produced in seven upazilas of the district during the current season, recording an increase of 7881 bales against the previous season.
But lack of government jute purchasing centres, the jute growers have been deprived of their minimum fair price of their products.
At present, jute is being sold at Tk 230 to 250 against the average production cost of about Tk 300.
Jute growers are being compelled to sell jute to the farias and middlemen at a minimum price.
According to (DAE) sources, of the total production, 19210 bales of raw jute were produced in Satkhira Sadar upazila, 31800 bales in Kalaroa, 15280 bales in Tala, 1305 bales in Debhata, 949 bales in Kaliganj, 287.5 bales in Assasuni and 73.5 bales in Shyamnagar upazila.
About 6597 hectares were brought under 'Tosha' variety and only four hectares under local variety this year in the district.



A winner receives a prize from Whip of Jatiyo Sangsad (national parliament) and Minister-in-Charge of Sherpur district Alhaj Md Jahed Ali Chowdhury. The prize distribution ceremony was held in Sherpur Town Hall on October 26 on conclusion of the National Education Week.

Massive winter crops farming scheme in B'baria, Satkhira

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A massive winter crop cultivation programme has been taken up in Brahmanbaria and Satkhira.
BSS reports: The Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) has undertaken a massive programme for the cultivation of winter crops in seven upazilas in Brahmanbaria the current season.
The upazilas to be brought under this programme are Brahmanbaria Sadar, Nashirnagar, Sarial, Akhaura, Kasba, Nabinagar, Banchharampur.
According to official sources, a total of 1,52,000 hectares will be brought under different crops culti-

vation with the net production target fixed at 5,59,500 tons in this season.
The crops to be cultivated are boro, wheat, potato, sweet potato, maize, mustered, ground nut, pulses, chili and onion.
Of the total, 96,200 hectares will be brought under boro cultivation with a production target of 3,22,684 tons of paddy, 16,000 hectares under wheat cultivation with 36,000 tons, 3,000 hectares under potato cultivation with 34,500 tons, 1000 hectares under sweet potato cultivation with 10,000 tons, 24,000 hectares under mustered cultivation with 19,200 tons, 700 hectares under maize

Narsingdi hospital yet to be upgraded

UNB, *Narsingdi*

People of the district are being deprived of proper treatment from the sadar hospital due to various problems of the hospital.
The lone 100-bed hospital in the district is yet to be launched even five years after completion of its construction due to reasons unknown.
In most cases, patients have to take shelter on the floor of the 50-bed hospital.
The patients alleged that they do not get any medicine except paracetamol and such kind of medicine.
Civil Surgeon office sources said medicine worth only Tk 44 lakh are sanctioned for 20 lakh people of 14 unions and two municipality in Sadar upazila every year.
According to the allotment, only Tk 2.22 is sanctioned per head a year.
Besides, sick patients are being harassed financially by a section of middlemen who have link with the doctors.
Civil Surgeon of the district Dr A Khaleq Talukder and RMO Dr Atikul Sarwar told that they were aware of the influence of the middlemen.
The Civil Surgeon said the activities of the 100-bed hospital would begin soon.

Movement of guest birds reduces in N region

BSS, *Natore*

The movement of migratory birds in different water-bodies of northern region have been drastically reduced following the drying up of beels, rivers and tributaries, plying of mechanised boats, unabated fishing and a rampant hunting during the winter season.
The water-bodies in Natore, Rajshahi and Naogaon which had been thrived by thousands of migratory birds even a decade ago, have been squeezed to a negligible number now-a-days. In many of these water-bodies, migratory birds are not seen to visit any more and some of those were found dry and deserted.
Though there is a common belief that all migratory birds visit Bangladesh from the Siberian region, the fact is, most of the migratory birds of the country travel from the Himalayan region and the number of migratory birds from Siberia is very small.
Usually the migratory birds start visiting the water bodies of this country from early September. The first winter guest birds like

Preparation on to celebrate Katyani Puja in Magura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Mogura*

Preparation for celebration of the traditional Katyani puja is going on in full swing in Magura.
At present erecting of tastefully decorated arches and gates at different mandaps in the town is going on.
Katyani puja is being celebrated for about 50 years at Magura only in this sub-continent with due festivity and religious fervour.
Although Durga puja is the greatest annual religious festival among Bengali-speaking people of the Hindu community, Magura district is an exception where with passage of time, Katyani puja has become the greatest religious festival. This puja is held every year just after one month of the Durga Puja. This year it will begin from November 10.
Images of Katyani puja are similar to that of the Durga puja. But the images are built on the occasion of Katyani are big in shape and size.
Every year thousands of people even from the neighbouring India

assemble in Magura to celebrate the puja with much enthusiasm.
In observance of this puja, usually tastefully decorated arches and gates are erected at different mandaps and important points of the district town. At night the arches and gates are illuminated. As a result the entire area takes a festive look.
A fair is arranged here on the occasion, which continues for about one month. Traders from even Chittagong and Satkhira come to this fair for their merchandise.
Historical records say, Katyani Puja was introduced at first by Shaish Chandra, a rich person of Parnaduali area in Magura town.
Talking to The Daily Star Pradyut Kumar Singh, president of the district puja celebration committee said, "This year Katyani puja will be held at seven mandaps," adding that they expect a peaceful atmosphere and proper security to those who would assemble here on the occasion.



The 30th anniversary of Patabahar Khelaghar Asor, a children's organisation, was celebrated befittingly in Sherpur recently. (Left) A discussion meeting is in progress while (right) little members of the organisation are seen parading the streets of the district town in a colourful procession on the auspicious occasion.

Harvesting of T-aman begins

BSS, *Joypurhat*

Harvesting of early variety of T-aman paddy started in the district from October 17, official sources said.
Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) hopes a moderate to good production of T-aman this season. The DAE officials inaugurated crop cutting of BRRI-39 early variety of high yielding T-aman paddy at Hitechmi Uttar Para in Sadar upazila of the district on October 17 at the field of Shafuli Islam. The production rate stood at 3.44 tons of paddy (2.5 tons of rice) per hectare.



Because of unauthorised filling of a canal of the Roads and Highways (R&H) department by some influential, water remains stagnant for days together on the South Surma Bus Terminal road in Sylhet. Influentials here have been grabbing government lands illegally for a long time, but the authorities concerned are still indifferent to recover the lands.



Participants parade the streets of Gopalganj town in a procession on the occasion of World Food Day. Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), Gopalganj arranged the procession in the district town recently.

Directorate General Defence Purchase
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Tender Notice

1. Sealed tender in foreign currency is invited from bonafide manufacturer/dealer/suppliers (enlisted firms with DGDP) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy:

S No	Name of Item	Date of Selling		Date of Opening	Tender No
		From	To		
1.	HF TX/RX 400 Watt (Qty-02 Nos)	12-11-2002	23-12-2002	24-12-2002	7417/NP-3
2.	HF TX/RX 100 Watt (Qty: 13 Nos)	-- --	-- --	-- --	7418/NP-3
3.	UHF Mobile 25 Watt (Qty: 20 Nos)	-- --	-- --	-- --	7419/NP-3
4.	HF Receiver (Qty: 04 Nos)	-- --	-- --	-- --	7420/NP-3
5.	VHF Base Station (Qty: 03 Nos)	-- --	-- --	-- --	7421/NP-3
6.	V/UHF Transceiver (Qty: 03 Nos)	-- --	-- --	-- --	7422/NP-3
7.	HF Manpack (Qty: 15 Nos)	-- --	-- --	-- --	7423/NP-3

1. Tender schedule with detailed specification/condition will be available on payment as per international tender selling rate (non-refundable) during office hours between 0800 hours to 1300 hours. The tender can be dropped latest by 1000 hours and opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in the presence of the tenderers (if present).

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For Director General

পরিবহন অফিস
জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
সাতার, ঢাকা

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জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ছাত্র-ছাত্রী/শিক্ষক/কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারীদের ঢাকা হতে ক্যাম্পাসে আনা এবং পৌছানোর জন্য উন্নতমানের ৫২ আসন বিশিষ্ট হিনো বাস ভাড়া করার জন্য অত্রই ব্যক্তি/সংস্থার নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা হচ্ছে।

১৬-১১-২০০২ইং তারিখ হতে ২৪-১১-২০০২ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিসের কার্য-দিবসে সকাল ৮:০০ টা হতে বেলা ২:০০টার মধ্যে অত্রই ব্যক্তি/সংস্থার জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় শাখায় ১০০/- (একশত) টাকা-সিডি ৬৮ নং হিসাবে বিবিধ রশিদে জমা দিয়ে (অফেরতযোগ্য) পরিবহন অফিস হতে সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।

রেজিস্ট্রার, জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, সাতার, ঢাকা, নামে জামানত হিসাবে ২৫,০০০/- (পঁচিশ হাজার) টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডারসহ (ফেরতযোগ্য) দরপত্র আগামী ২৮-১১-২০০২ ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২:০০টার মধ্যে সভাপতি, টেন্ডার কমিটি ও কোষাধ্যক্ষ, জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, সাতার, ঢাকা, সদস্য-সচিব টেন্ডার কমিটি, নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, সাতার, ঢাকা এবং প্রশাসক, পরিবহন অফিস, জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, সাতার, ঢাকার নিকট ডাকযোগে এবং ২৮-১১-২০০২ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২:০০টার মধ্যে উক্ত অফিসসমূহে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাস্তবে জমা দেয়া যাবে।

২৮-১১-২০০২ইং তারিখ বেলা ১:১৫ টায় দরপত্রসমূহ সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের সামনে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে।

যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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