# Maize farming on Teesta shoals brings joy to monga-hit people in Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat

37,000 hectares to produce 2, 60,000 tonnes this year

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari Once quiet and lifeless Teesta shoals are now buzzing with activi-

Introduction of maize cultivation by Agriculture Extension Department (AED) under its crop diversification programme ahs changed the socio-economic scenario on several thousand hectares of land on Teesta shoals in Nilphamari and Lalmonirhat dis-

Five years ago, AED tested the soil in shoal areas that had been left barren and unproductive for decades and found the soil suitable for this crop.

Next, year maize was cultivated on an experimental basis which achieved an unexpected success. From then maize is being cultivated there and increasing tre-

mendously. Last year, maize was cultivated on about 23,270 hectares of land in Nilphamari and Lalmonirhat districts. But this year maize was cultivated on 37,000 hectares of land to produce 2,59,000 tonnes of

maize. Now thousands of landless farmers in Teesta shoals including Char Kharibari, Purbo Kharibari, Fakrater Char, Vendabari, Nilphamari. Jharsingheswar, Gopaljhaar, Bhasanir Char, Tapur Char Baishpukur and others areas of Nilphamari district.

being cultivated are Saniajan, Bhotmari, kishorganj Char, Dauabari Char, Holdibari Char, other crops. Dhubuni Char, Sindurnar Char, Guddimari Char and others.

period between September and late November when there is no farm work) will not affect them this year. The maize cultivation has created job opportunity for a number of unemployed people in the region.

"We are hopeful that we can go a long way to combat monga with maize cultivation," said Eunus Ali, the deputy director of AED,

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Five teachers of Maulana Bhasani

allegedly got promotion to the post

of assistant professor from lecturer

through irregular means while

three teachers who were eligible for

as assistant professor are -- Rikta

The teacher who got promotion

Rani Sarker, K M Abdur Razzaque, promotion.

promotion did not get it.



Farmers sorting out maize that has grown abundantly in once unproductive sandy lands on in Teesta shoal.

Sandy and sand-alluvial soil in suitable for maize cultivation, the Teesta shoals is very suitable for maize cultivation, he said, adding that several thousand women and The Teesta shoals in men have been provided short the sandy and barren shoals, he Lalmonirhat district where maize is training under AED's North West added. Crops Diversification Project (NCDP) to cultivate maize and

Development Bank (ADB) pro-People are vibrant with hopes vided fund for giving loans to farmthat monga (a pre-harvest lean ers in Rajshahi region under burstin 2000. NCDP's Rajshahi Division zone. A few NGOs are cooperating in this banks are providing soft loans to poor farmers in the shoals of hesaid.

> technical support. The shoal lands where silt is said.

three eligible ones deprived

Akmal Hossain, Ulfat Banu and Md

It is learnt from a letter sent by

Secondary and Higher Education

promotion of the five persons,

three other teachers ABM

Asaduzzaman Chowdhury,

Shabana Parveen and Md Al-Amin

Mian were deprived of their due

Department, that due to 'illegal'

Mizanur Rahman.

Five teachers get 'illegal' promotion

MAULANA BHASANI DEGREE COLLEGE

Degree College in Sirajganj town Benjir Ahmed, Assistant Director of

Lalmonirhat AED Deputy Director Md Abtabuddin said. However, it is very difficult to grow other crops in Farmer Motaleb of Char Purbo

deposited during yearly floods, are

Kharibari said about 500 acres of land in his shoal was covered with AED sources said the Asian to 2-3 feet layer of sand due to flooding of the area after a Water Development Board embankment

One thousand families became virtually beggars and there was project while some commercial none to buy the sand-covered lands even at Tk 200 per decimal,

Motaleb got a new life when area. AED block supervisors of and maize cultivation began in this some NGO workers are providing shoallastyear hard area ilsest "This sandy land is my asset," he

KM Abdur Razzaque, Akmal

Hossain and Mizanur Rahman are

'Rokon-member' of Sirajganj

district Jamaat-e-Islami while the

two others are activists of BNP and

they got the posts in 2005 through

the interference of a then influen-

tial minister, who was also presi-

dent of the college governing body.

Higher Education Department

mentioned that ABM

The letter from Secondary and

"I cultivated hybrid maize on two acres of land and got 140 maunds worth Tk 56,000. Presently a maund (around 40 kg) of maize is selling at an average rate of Tk 400. But last year it was Tk 500. Despite the lower price, maize brought us profit as production is higher," Farmer Hatem Ali of Char Saniajan

Maize farmers Yunus Ali, Abul Hasem, Zulhas, Wasuddin and other farmers of the char areas also echoed the same.

Abdul Latif, chairman of Purbo Chhanai union in Dimla upazila, an area worst affected by monga said maize has changed the socio-economic condition of his

"People who would queue for relief in front of the union parishad office earlier are not seen now," he

Asaduzzaman Chowdhury,

Shabana Parveen and Md Al-Amin

Mian got MPO a year before the five

promotees and so the former three

the irregularities, the concerned

department of the education min-

istry sent a letter to the college

principal on January 28 this year

recommending correction of the

salary scale of the five promoted

teachers and giving promotion to

Following an investigation into

persons are senior to them.

## Two Jamaat activists held on murder charge

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Two Jamaat activists have been arrested at Boyra here on charge of committing murder, harbouring outlaws and other crimes.

Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) arrested Advocate Zakirul Islam and his brother Zamirul Islam on Thursday after being confirmed that they had sheltered slain Janajuddho founder Dada Tapan's second wife Putul at their houses and let her flee after her husband's death in crossfire in Kushtia town.

The arrestees were sent to jail yesterday, KMP said.

However, their two other brothers Zafirul Islam and Zahidul Islam escaped arrest.

The four had close link with Janajuddho faction of the outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP), said KMP assistant police commissioner (DB) Md Abu Sayem. They grabbed hundreds of bighas of land in Batiaghata and Dumuria upazilas during four-party alliance rule, he

Earlier, they sheltered Dada Tapan on several occasions in last five years, police said.

They are listed criminals as they face nine criminal cases including murder, police said adding, at least, 54 general diaries (GD) were lodged against them with Khalishpur Police Station only Babul's house on June 22. Citing since 2002.



#### Struggling Nikhil gets GPA-5

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Nikhil Kanti Pal, pursuing study through hardship from the very beginning, has achieved GPA-5 in this year's SSC examination from Khagrachhari Government High

Nikhil lost his father when he was two and a half-year-old and his younger brother was only sixmonth-old.

"I forget all my sorrows after hearing my son's glorious result," said his mother Josna Rani Pal, struggling to maintain two children's family with work of a domestichelp.

Her younger son Rasel Pal is works at a rickshaw garage.

"Sometimes I managed to provide Nikhil panta rice as breakfast. Sometimes Nikhil would go to school without taking any food. I could not think of giving him good clothes. But he never complained," she said. He was given free studentship and his teachers always helped him with books, notes, papers and pen, school

sources said. Newspaper agent Ratan Kumar Dev helped him during crisis period. Nikhil expressed gratitude

to his teachers for his brilliant result. "Nikhil is our pride. But what will happen to his future study without financial support? Nikhil wants to be a doctor." Headmistress Srila Talukdersaid.

#### FAILURE IN DAKHIL EXAM Madrasa student commits suicide

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A female madrasa student committed suicide at Bhadra village in Sadar upazila last night as she could not come out successful in Dakhil examinations this year, police said. The ill-fated girl, Nargis Parvin,

15, daughter of Nurul Haque of the village, took poison as soon as she learnt that she had failed in the examination.

the matter.

GPAs in this year's SSC examination under Rahshahi education board.

to hilla marriage in

Thakurgaon

A CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A mother of three children has

fallen victim of 'hilla' marriage at

Kochubari in Thakurgaon Sadar

his wife Ranjana, 40, over a trifle

matter, Babul Islam, 45, a rickshaw-

van puller uttered 'Talak' thrice

towards his wife on June 19. But

later they reached at an under-

unscrupulous villagers at instiga-

tion of a local influential named Nur

Jamal organised a meeting at

Sharia law, Nur Jamal declared at the

divorced. He asked Ranjana to agree

son. But the couple disagreed to

Later, the villagers have boy-

Police Station assistant sub-

inspector Osman Goni visited the

spot. But he failed to trace Nur

Jamal as he fled away sensing

Shukhanpokhori Union Parisad

(UP) chairman Abdul Jalil assured

to this correspondent that a meet-

ing would be held soon to resolve

accept the unjust decision.

police presence.

cotted them and their children.

As the news was circulated, some

standing to live together.

Following an altercation with

Mother of three falls victim

but he has taken shelter elsewhere in fear of some unscrupulous

GPA-5 achievers of Bogra Cantonment School and College rejoice as their institution won the highest number of

### Tributes to 2 slain Khulna journalists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Tributes were paid in memory of two slain journalists Humayun Kabir Balu and Rafiquzzaman here yesterday. Khulna Press Club, Rafiquzza-

man Smrity Parishad and family members of Humayun Kabir Balu chalked out programmes to mark their fourth death anniversary.

Press club members placed On information, Thakurgaon wreaths at their memorial plaque in the morning. This was followed by a discussion and milad mahfil at the VIP lounge.

Press club president Wadudur Rahman Panna presided the discussion while it was attended by former president of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists Iqbal | But actually he had deposited Tk 7 Sobhan Chowdhury as chief guest.

## Absconding JCD cadre arrested in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

An absconding convict and a cadre On contact, Ranjana said her of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) husband is eager to live with her | was arrested from a house at Khashdobir here on Thursday.

The arrestee, Kamal Miah alias Gulli Kamaland, was also an exward commissioner of former Sylhet Pourashava.

Kamal had been absconding since pronouncement of a verdict by a court here against him several months ago in a criminal case. He was sentenced to suffer five years rigorous imprisonment (RI) and fined Tk 5,000, in default, to suffer three months more RI.

#### Banker suspended on forgery charge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A banker was suspended here on charge of misappropriation of bank money through forgery of

Former manager of the Sylhet City Corporation branch of Sonali Bank, Md Nuruzzaman Shahriar was suspended for misappropriating Tk 87 lakh by sanctioning loan to subscribers through cheques. lakh only, officials said.



Palli Sree forms a human chain in front of Dinajpur Press Club yesterday demanding stoppage of domestic violence and equal rights of male and female.



## ডেঙ্গু প্রতিরোধে চাই জনসচেতনতা

ডেঙ্গু একটি ভাইরাস জুর। এডিস মশা ডেঙ্গুজুরের একমাত্র বাহক। এই মশার কামড়ে ডেঙ্গু ছড়ায়। এডিস মশা দিনের বেলায় কামড়ায়। এই মশা নির্মূল করুন।

- বাড়ির ভেতর/বাহির/ছাদ এবং আনাচে-কানাচে পড়ে থাকা অপ্রয়োজনীয় পাত্রসমূহ ডাষ্টবিনে ফেলে দিন। বাড়ির আশপাশের ঝোপঝাড় এবং আঙ্গিনা পরিস্কার রাখুন।
- ব্যবহার যোগ্য পাত্রসমূহে পানি কোনভাবেই যেন এক নাগারে ৫ (পাঁচ) দিনের বেশি জমে না থাকে, সেদিকে লক্ষ্য রাখুন।
- অব্যবহৃত গাড়ির টায়ার, নির্মাণ কাজে ব্যবহৃত চৌবাচ্চা, পরিত্যক্ত টিনের কৌটা, প্লাষ্টিকের বোতল/ক্যান, গাছের কোটর, পরিত্যক্ত হাড়ি, ডাবের খোসা ইত্যাদিতে ৫ (পাঁচ) দিনের বেশি যেন পানি জমে না থাকে সেদিকে লক্ষ্য রাখুন।

## ডেকুজুরের সাধারণ লক্ষণসমূহ-

- 🌣 জ্বর (শরীরের তাপমাত্রা হঠাৎ বৃদ্ধি পায়)।
- মাথা ব্যাথা, চোথের পিছনে ব্যাথা, পেটে ব্যাথা, মাংসপেশী ও হাড়ে ব্যাথা (বিশেষতঃ মেরুদন্তে ব্যাথা), বমি-বমি ভাব।
  - শরীরে হামের মত দানা দেখা দেওয়া।

## ডেঙ্গুজুরের ব্যবস্থাপনা-

- অধিকাংশ ডেঙ্গুজুরই ৭ দিনের মধ্যে এমনিতেই সেরে যায়।
- রোগীকে উপসর্গ অনুসারে প্রয়োজনীয় চিকিৎসা দিতে হবে এবং বিশ্রামে রাখতে হবে। প্রচুর পানি ও তরল খাবার খাওয়াতে হবে।
- দ্রুত জুর কমানো একান্ত জরুরি। এজন্য মাথা ধোঁয়া, ভিজা কাপড় দিয়ে গাঁ মোছা এবং প্যারাসিটামল খেতে দেয়া যেতে পারে। এ্যাসপিরিন জাতীয় ঔষধ কোনভাবেই খেতে দেয়া यादन ना।
- মারাত্মক (হেমোরেজিক) ডেঙ্গুজুরে আক্রান্ত হলে রোগীকে অবিলম্বে হাসপাতালে/ডাক্তারের কাছে নিতে হবে।

এডিস মশা নিয়ন্ত্রণের জন্য সকল নাগরিকের সক্রিয় সহযোগিতা প্রয়োজন

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ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন



Bangladesh Paribesh Banchao Andolon forms a human chain in front of Khalishpur Bazaar Nil Kuthi in Moheshpur upazila in Jhenidah demanding preservation of the site.





meet, he said.

Necessary steps will be taken in

this regard within a short time

when the college governing body

ট্রেডিং কর্পোরেশন অব বাংলাদেশ প্রধান কার্যালয় টিসিবি ভবন, ১,কাওরান বাজার,ঢাকা।

निलाम विखि

দাপাস্থ টিসিনি গুদামে বক্ষিত পুরাতন এমএম রডের টুকরা আগামী ০৭-০৭-২০০৮ খ্রিঃ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.০০ টায়া প্রকাশ্যে নিলামে বিক্রয়ের জন্য আগ্রহী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে অংশ গ্রহণের আহ্বান জানানো যাছে। নিলাম সংক্রান্ত তথ্যাদি প্রকৌশল শাখা থোকে ০৬-০৭-২০০৮খ্রিঃ তারিখ विकाल ৫.००টा পर्यंख मध्यह कता गात ।

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