



Farmers at a field of Chhoyghoria village in Gobindaganj upazila under Gaibandha district plant transplanted jute seedlings during the ongoing cultivation season as the method yields much better than the traditional seed sowing system.

Transplanted jute yields double, sees successful farming

KM REZAUL HOQUE, Gaibandha

Jute cultivation through seedling transplantation is gaining popularity in Gobindaganj upazila under the district as the process gives twice the yield compared to usual seed sowing method.

"Just out of curiosity, I transplanted jute seedlings that I had uprooted from a thickly growing jute field. Surprisingly, the yield was much better than usual sowing method," said Delwar Hossain of Chaigharia village, who introduced the process of transplanting jute seedlings two years ago.

After transplantation of jute

seedlings, no further weeding is required till harvest, whereas the usual process needs at least three times weeding that adds to the labour cost, he said.

Seeing the success, farmers who had earlier given up jute cultivation due to its lower prices, started showing renewed interest in its cultivation and the transplantation process has already spread in Bochadaha, Poontair, Jagodishpur, Jibonpur and Ulipur villages in Gobindaganj upazila and also a few places of Saghata upazila.

Many farmers have already started jute farming through seedling transplantation this season.

Just after the harvest of early variety of boro crops, they are preparing muddy fields with the help of either rainwater or small amount of irrigation for transplanting 15-20 days old tosha variety of jute plants, said the growers, adding that it would require spraying of urea fertiliser only once.

"After harvesting boro crop on my 0.24-decimal plot last year, I transplanted seedlings of tosha and got ten maunds of jute fibre, whereas earlier I got only four to five maunds," said Delwar.

"Earlier, we could not even recover the production cost from jute cultivation. But now it has

become profitable as the production of jute fibre through the new method is almost double," said Sekendar Ali, a farmer of Poontair village.

Several growers said they expect even better jute production if the agriculture officials extend cooperation in this regard.

"We have come to know that some local farmers are getting benefit from cultivation through transplantation of jute seedlings. After visiting the areas, we will make suggestions for coordinated cultivation of transplanted jute plants," said Khorshed Alam, Gobindaganj upazila agriculture officer.

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Transport workers threaten strike in Rajshahi division

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Transport workers yesterday threatened an indefinite strike in Rajshahi division from July 1 if their 10-pont demand was not met by June 30.

Kamal Hossain Robi, secretary of the regional committee of Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Sramik Federation, said this at a press conference held at Bogra Press Club yesterday.

The demands of the transport workers include immediate issuance of

appointment letters to the transport workers, enhancement of monthly salary issuance driving licence on easy terms, ban on plying of Nasimon,

Karimon on highways, removal of roadside markets, and an end to harassment in the name of police checking on the roads and highways.

Accusing the authorities concerned of harassing the truckers at different bridges in the name of checking, Kamal demanded immediate steps to stop illegal toll

collection on Singra, Dinajpur and Mohananda bridges.

If the demands were not met within the deadline, the transport workers will go on an indefinite strike in eight districts of the division, said the leaders of the federation at the conference.

Among others, president of Motor Owners' Samity Abdul Latif, Organising Secretary of the Samit Abdul Hamid Mitul, were present at the press conference.

CHARGE-SHEETED IN A CRIMINAL CASE

C'nawabganj mayor, five councillors suspended

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Mayor and five councillors of Chapainawabganj municipality, charge sheeted in a case for demolishing boundary wall of proposed Mukti Joddha Complex and looting CI sheets and trees in the town last year, were suspended yesterday.

They are Mayor Abdul Matin, also a local BNP activist, councillors Rabiul Islam Rabi of Ward No 3, Abul Hasan of Ward No 4, also panel mayor one, Moyez Uddin of Ward No 5, Abdul Barez of Ward No 6, and Jahangir Kabir of Ward No 1.

Under Section 31 (1) of the Local Government (Municipality) Act 2009, Md Khalilur Rahman, deputy secretary of LGRD ministry, issued the suspension orders to the mayor and the councillors on Wednesday.

The deputy commissioner's office received the suspension orders yesterday.

Mayor Abdul Matin was also asked to hand over the charge to the panel mayor-2 within three days of issuance of the letter.

On November 11 last year, police pressed charges against the six in the case and Court of the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate accepted it on February 28 this year.

Mayor Abdul Matin, the councillors and their men demolished boundary wall of proposed Mukti Joddha Complex, looted CI sheets and trees in New Market area on September 24 last year, said Golam Rabbani, commander of Chapainawabganj District Mukti Joddha Sangsad.

Abdur Rahman, commander of Sadar upazila unit of Mukti Joddha Sangsad, filed the case, accusing 45 people including Mayor Abdul Matin and the five councillors.



PHOTO: STAR

Sirajganj Express, an intercity train on Sirajganj-Dhaka route, saw its inauguration yesterday, much to the delight of the local people.

SNIPPETS

Outlaw shot dead by rivals

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

An outlaw was shot dead by his rivals at Lalon Nagar village in Daulatpur upazila of the district on Wednesday night. The dead, Sona Sardar, 40, was a cadre of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-ML). Robiul Islam, Officer-In-Charge (OC) of Daulatpur Police Station, quoted witnesses as saying that a gang of five to six came to a tea stall at Lalon Nagar Bazar at around 9:30pm where Sona and some villagers were sitting. The gang shot Sona point blank and left the scene. He died on the spot.

2 boys drown in pond

UNB, Sherpur

Two boys drowned in a pond at Nakugaon cluster village in Nalitabari upazila of the district yesterday. The victims were identified as Jewel Miah, 7, son of Tara Miah, and Akram Hossain, 7, son of Lalon Miah of the village. Family sources said Jewel and Akram drowned in a pond adjacent to their houses in the afternoon while they were taking a bath.

Girl 'commits' suicide

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

A teenage girl allegedly committed suicide at Banguri village in Debidwar upazila on Wednesday. She was identified as Shahinur Akhter, 16, daughter of Abdul Barez of the village. Sub-Inspector (SI) Nurul Islam of Debidwar Police Station quoted locals as saying that the girl committed suicide by hanging herself from a ceiling fan in a room of the house after Fajr prayers. On information, police went to the village, recovered the body and sent it to Comilla Medical College Hospital (CMCH) morgue for autopsy. Police said the girl might have killed herself following a family feud. An unnatural death (UID) case was filed with the police station.

Youth killed by lightning

UNB, Bogra

A young man was killed by lightning in Dublagari area under Sherpur upazila of the district on Wednesday. The deceased was identified as Golam Mustafa, 20, son of Chand Mia of Copalpur village. Witnesses said Golam Mustafa was struck by lightning while returning home from a market at the village at around 2:00pm. He was rushed to the upazila health complex where the doctors declared him dead.

Book on history of Matlab

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

Matlab upazila administration has undertaken a project to compile and publish a book on Matlab for the first time in the district. The upazila nirbahi officer of Matlab has taken the initiative. The book will cover geographical account, historical places of archaeological interest and events, life-sketch of well-known personalities coming from the upazila, the upazila's role in the country's liberation war, political, religious, educational and cultural legends, myths etc. Interested persons born in Matlab upazila have been requested to contribute to compilation of the book on Matlab and send information to Shafiqul Islam, UNO, Matlab South, Chandpur, cellphone: 01730067064 and email: unomatlabb@gmail.com.

ATTACK ON POLICE STATION

Six Jhalakathi BNP men remanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

Six of the 19 BNP men, accused in a case for attack on Rajapur Police station in the district on June 22, were placed on a two-day remand yesterday.

They are Masum Mollah, Ruman Shikder, Imran Ahamed Sujon, Sumon Howlader, Masum Howlader and Milon Shikder.

Police produced them in the Court of Senior Judicial

Magistrate Md Shahidul Islam, seeking a three-day remand for the six accused. After a hearing, the magistrate granted two days' remand.

Following a clash with cops, BNP men attacked Rajapur Police Station and vandalised its windows and a motorbike on June 22. The clash ensued as police intercepted a BNP procession at Rajapur Jail Road at around 6:00pm on the day.

Rivals torch 10 houses in Ashuganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Rivals burnt down ten houses at Araishida village under Ashuganj upazila in the district yesterday.

As a sequel to a previous murder, a large group of people led by Salim and Jahir of the same area armed with lethal weapons attacked the houses of Abdul Hai and his brothers, said Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Muhammad Ismail Hossain.

They damaged and set fire to ten houses there.

On information, fire fighters from Ashuganj and a large team of policemen

headed by Ashuganj UNO Muhammad Ismail Hossain rushed to the spot, doused the fire and brought the situation under control.

Four unruly people have been arrested from the spot and police have been deployed in the area to avert further trouble, said Gulam Farook, officer in charge of Ashuganj Police Station.

Meanwhile, locals in a view exchange meeting held at the auditorium of Nasirnagar upazila under the district yesterday vowed to uproot smuggling and drug abuse and work for maintaining law and order in the area.



PHOTO: STAR

Locals under the banner of Chapainawabganj Nagarik Unnayan Committee form a human chain at Power House intersection in the town yesterday protesting what they called harassment in the name of installation of digital meters by Power Development Board.

Factory worker electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A worker of Messrs Manju Ice Cream Factory was electrocuted in Postpara area of Patgram town on Wednesday night.

The deceased was identified as Shah Kamal Miah, 46, of New Purbopara area of the town.



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