The Nasty Spell of Winter

Lalmonirhat. The winter is difficult for everyone but it's unbearable for those living in the colder regions. Poor people, especially those living in the Teesta and Dharta river basin areas, are the most afflicted in this brutal weather as they are not able to afford clothes that can keep them warm. Hospitals and clinics are crowded with patients as cold-related diseases like fever, cough and cold, diarrhoea, dysentery, bronchitis and asthma see alarming rise. Over a thousand people including aged ones and children gathered as six volunteer youths from the town came to distribute 100 pieces of blankets at Baruya village of Kulaghat union in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila on December 26.





Victory Crushes Violence

All over Bangladesh. Hartals may come and go but candidates of this year's Junior Dakhil Certificate exams have proven that they can achieve success against all odds. The JCD exam results show that 91.11 percent students have come out successful this year. The pass rate was 90.87 percent last year. This has set a record boost in the number of students achieving the highest GPA. show The number of GPA-5, the highest grade point average, achievers has increased by a large margin this year as well. As many as 19,211 students have secured GPA-5 this year, marking almost seven times higher over the last year. The figure was 2,784 in the previous year. The success rate of boys is 91.47 percent, while the pass rate of girls is 90.79 percent. Our children have truly shown us that with determination and hard work, we can truly overcome any obstacle.

The Story of an Unusable Road

Jalakathi. People of ten villages use the Goghata-Ashiar Thoulkhola road in the Sadar upazila, which is in need of serious repair work. However, the concerned authorities seem to have turned a blind eye to the sufferings of these people as this road has been in a terrible condition for years. The road remains unuasable almost all of the years but despite repeated pleas, authorities are yet to take any steps to improve the condition of the only road of the area and alleviate the suffering of thousands of people, which include school and college students. Md Phulkam Badshah Mia, senior assistant engineer of LGRD, Jhalakathi, said they already wrote to the higher authorities for fund but to no effect yet. This road was built around10 years ago across the paddy fields and LGRD built the culverts on it but people of the area are yet unable to enjoy the convenience of a proper road.



14 Number of infants who have died of cold-related illnesses in Rangpur during the three-day spell of cold wave throughout the country.

40 Length in metres of an underground passage smugglers dug to connect Shenzhen, China and Hong Kong to ferry cell phones and tablet computers. The project was estimated to cost about half a million dollars.

2500 Number of roadside trees activists of the 18-party alliance, particularly Jamaat-Shibir men felled for putting up barricades on roads and highways in Sathkhira from November 26 to December 15.