

Still Occupied

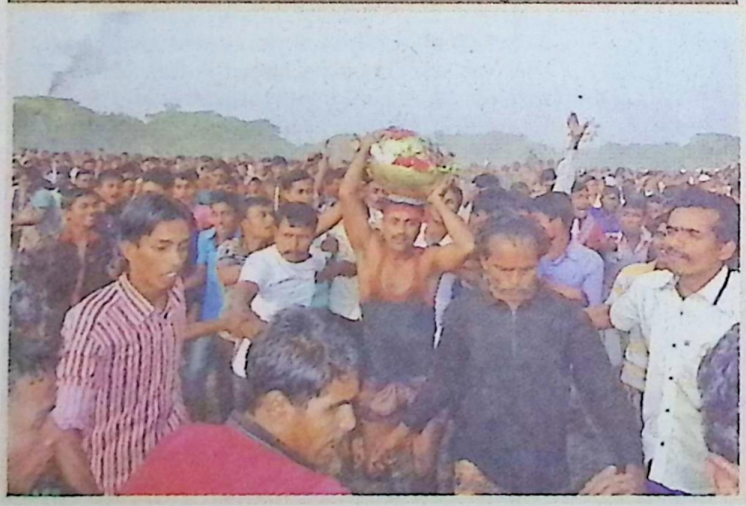
Pabna: Suchitra Sen may have passed away earlier this week but her memories will forever remain fresh in the hearts of the millions who adored her. Sadly, the silver screen legend's first home in Pabna is still in the hands of others. Her home in Gopalpur of Pabna has been occupied by the Jamaat backed institution Imam Gazzali Institute. The little that the government had done to free the house from the said institution got caught in legal tangles. However, there is an organisation in Pabna that wants to preserve the home and memories of Suchitra. Sen was born on April 6, 1931 at her grandfather's home at Vangabari of Belkuchi upazila of then greater Pabna, but her first home was in Gopalpur, her father Karunamoy Dasgupta's house.

Spirit Wins Against All Odds



Tangail: It was willpower that gave him the strength to overcome all setbacks and move on with his life as he was supposed to before the Rana Plaza disaster. Saddam Hossain Laskar took his master's exams less than two months after he had lost his right hand to the worst ever industrial disaster on April 24 last year. But his result, just 19 marks short of the first class distinction, in no way reflects what he has been going through. The 27-year-old had graduated in economics from Tongi Govt College taking the help of a proxy writer in the exams.

Century-old Tradition



Phulbaria: When most age old traditional games are disappearing from our urban culture, people of some localities of the country are passionately preserving a century-old traditional game called 'Hoomguti Khela'. Like every year, on the last day of Bengali month Poush (Tuesday), the game was held at Laxmipur and Dewkhola villages last week. The players of the game have to send the 40-kg brass-made ball – locally called *guti* – to its destination, and the group that succeeds is declared the winners. People in thousands from adjacent areas flocked at the venue to enjoy the traditional game.

65 Number of people, mostly Hindus, killed by Razakar force formed by Jamaat-e-Islami leader AKM Yusuf in Bagerhat on May 13, 1971, according to a testimony Dilip Das, a freedom fighter gave to the International Crimes Tribunal-2.

200 Number of families yet to find the remains of their loved ones since the collapse of Rana Plaza on April 24 last year, according to estimates by workers' rights groups.

4 Number of people killed as lightning struck a light aircraft in eastern Indonesia.