

JHENIDAH GOVERNMENT VETERINARY COLLEGE

Teacher crisis hampers education

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Eleven grand buildings: an academic building, a laboratory, girls' and boys' dormitories and a VIP guest dormitory; lecturer quarters, a principal's residence, employees' buildings, garage, poultry shed and mosque; the fashionable, new campus of Jhenidah Government Veterinary College just about sparkles. What more could students enrolled at Khulna Division's only veterinary college institute possibly ask for?

Well, they could ask for teachers...

According to office assistant Jahidul Islam, the veterinary college was built at a cost of Tk 35 crore on 10.17 acres of land beside the Jhenidah-Chuadanga road in two phases, with construction running from 2009-2012. On 8 October 2013, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the fine institution. Yet to date, not a single teacher has been permanently assigned.

The first 60 students took admission in the 2014 session with just 12 teachers posted on deputation against 109 posts.

"Classes don't run smoothly because of the teacher shortage," says student Nitya Nanda



Haldar. "Besides, we have an electricity problem. We need proper connection to the national grid in order to run multimedia equipment and microscopes."

"Not all classes are being held," says the principal, Aminul Islam, "It's difficult to run the college efficiently with only

deputed teachers who may not stay here in the long term." To add to the college's woes, its non-

teaching employees have been working without salary for the past 22 months.

Jhenidah's deputy commissioner Shafikul Islam says it is a matter of sorrow that such a grand and expensive veterinary college lacks teachers. He says he has raised the matter with the education ministry and that it is awaiting the availability of revenue. "Teachers will

be recruited very soon," he says, optimistically.

Undoubtedly the students hope so. For the 2015 session a further 60 students are due to be admitted with a corresponding need for 14 more teachers to maintain the most basic education services. Without adequate manpower, this palatial institution is at risk of looking like a white elephant.

Infant's body exhumed in Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

The body of an infant boy was exhumed for autopsy on Wednesday, after 16 days of his burial at Sreepur village in Harinakundo upazila.

The deceased is 38-day-old Marfat Hossain, son of Masud Ali of the village.

Ershadul Kabir, officer-in-charge of Harinakundo Police Station, said on the night of September 29, Masud beat up his wife Juthi Begum mercilessly over a family feud, when Marfat was in her lap, leaving the kid dead and his mother unconscious.

They buried the kid hurriedly the same night to avoid 'police trouble'.

On October 1, Juthi filed a murder case with Jhenidah Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court, accusing her father-in-law Omar Ali, husband Masud Ali and his three siblings--Roni Ahmed, Rana Ahmed and Rehana Akhtar.

Following a court order, Marfat's body was exhumed in presence of Harinakundo Upazila Nirbahi Officer Monira Parvin and taken to Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

50,000 cattle fattening tablets seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized 50 thousand cattle fattening tablets from Hakimpur upazila in the district on Wednesday.

Acting on a tip-off, the border guards raided Fakirpara area in the upazila and seized the tablets at night.

However, none was arrested in this connection, said Atahar Ali, BGB camp commander of Hilli camp.

Two girls drown

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Two girls drowned in a pond at Berabaria village in Bagatipara upazila yesterday.

The deceased are Pushpa Khatun, 14, daughter of Mhamun Hossain of Chawk Goas village in the upazila, and her cousin Tripti Khatun, 12, daughter of Hanif Ali of the village.

Quoting locals, police said Pুষpa and Tripti went to visit their cousin's house at Berabaria village.

The duo went to take a bath in a nearby pond around 10:00am and drowned. Locals spotted their bodies around 11:00am and took them to Bagatipara Upazila Health Complex where the doctors declared them dead.

4 return from Indian jail

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

Four Bangladeshi teenage girls returned home through Benapole check post on Wednesday after serving three years in an Indian jail.

Indian Immigration Police handed them over to their Bangladeshi counterpart at night, said Mominur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Benapole checkpost immigration police.

The returnees are from different areas of Magura, Mymensingh, Jessore and Gaibandha districts.

Immigration Police handed them over to Benapole Port Police Station the same night.

Indian police arrested the four from Kolkata in the Indian state of Paschim Banga for entering the country without necessary documents three years ago.

Indian police later produced the arrestees before a Kolkata court that sentenced them to jail.

Ruling party man faces public wrath for giving 'illicit' proposal to woman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A local Swechchhasebak League leader faced public wrath for giving 'illicit' proposal to a young woman in Natunbazar area in Parbatipur upazila town under the district on Wednesday.

He is Akhter Hossain, 45, president of Parbatipur upazila unit of Swechchhasebak League.

The woman alleged that six months ago, Akhter took Tk 3.50 lakh from her father with a promise of giving her a job of police constable. Later, he also

took Tk 25,000 and Tk 17,000 separately from her father.

As Akhter failed to give her any job, the 18-year-old woman of Haldibari village in the upazila urged him to return the money. But he proposed her for illicit affairs to get the money back.

Being informed, the villagers and relatives of the woman swooped on the business centre of the ruling party leader on Wednesday evening and asked for the money.

As he declined to pay back the money, the

angry villagers started slapping him. They also hurled shoes at him, said locals.

On information, law enforcers rushed to the spot, rescued Akhter and took him to Parbatipur Police Station.

Later, Local Awam League men, led by Nu Mohammad Reza, joint secretary of the upazila unit of AL, took away Akhter, the woman and her family members to resolve the problem, said Mahmudul Alam, officer-in-charge of the police station.

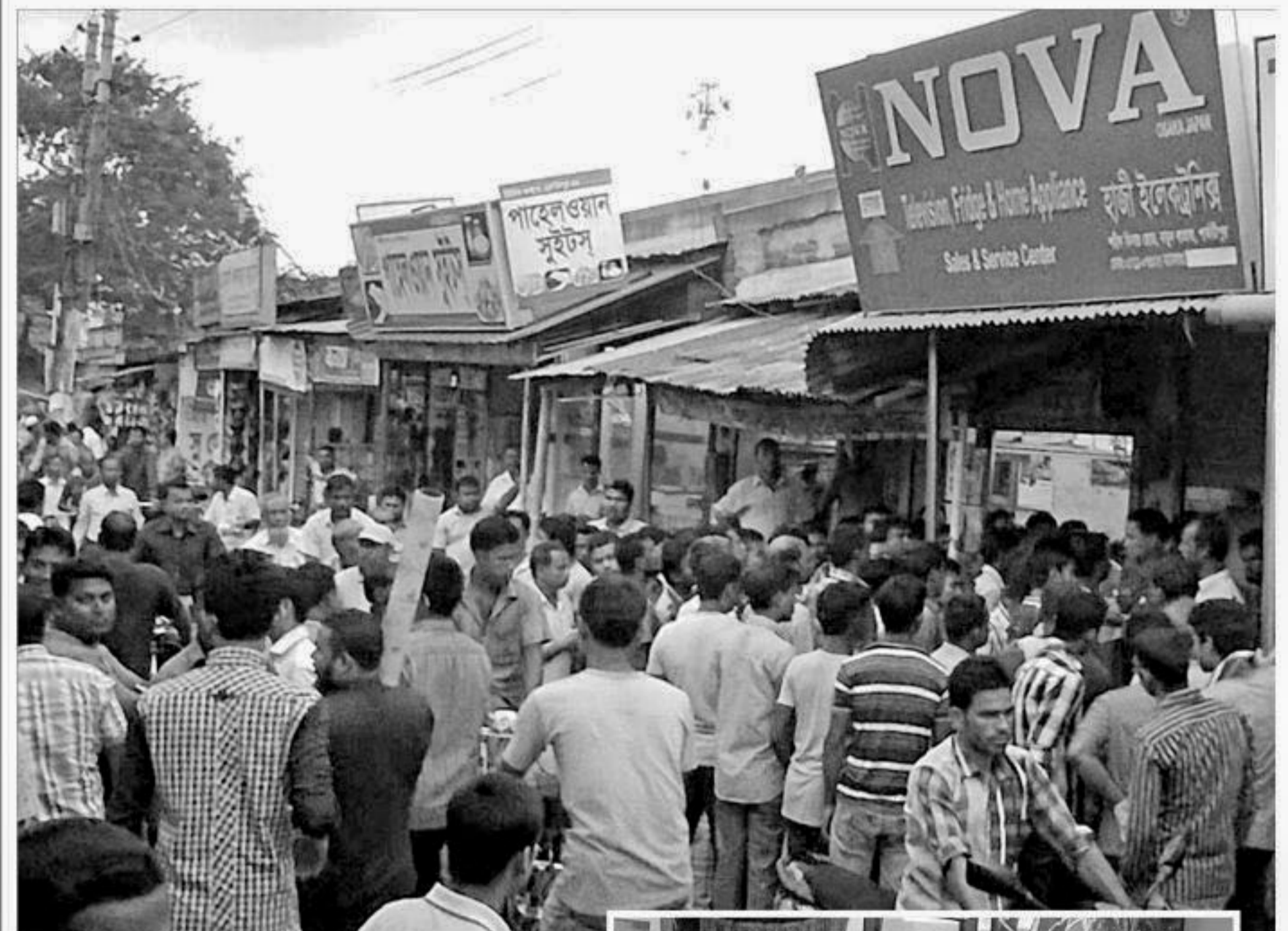


PHOTO: STAR

Villagers and relatives of a young woman besiege the shop of a local Swechchhasebak League leader at Natunbazar in Parbatipur upazila of Dinajpur Wednesday evening as he gave 'illicit' proposal to the woman who demanded return of the money the leader had earlier taken from her family with a promise of giving her job of a police constable.



Inset, relatives of the woman assaulting the offender inside the shop.

LALMONIRHAT SADAR HOSPITAL

X-ray, ultrasound machines lie inoperative for months

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

The ultra-sonogram machine and the x-ray machine at Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital have been inoperative for a long time, much to the sufferings of the patients.

Aklima Begum, 25, who was suffering from severe stomach pain, went to Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital from Dharla River char Kharuya. Ultra sonogram test was essential for her, but she didn't get this facility in the hospital as the ultra-sonogram machine has been lying inoperative for the last six months.

Azizar Rahman from Teesta char village Kalmati needed x-ray of his broken hand, but he didn't get it in the hospital as the x-ray machine has been lying inoperative for the last 18 months. Both the patients

had to go to a nearby clinic for getting their tests done, spending a lot of money.

Twenty-nine posts of doctors out of 40 have been lying vacant for a long time. Only 11 doctors, mostly junior consultants, are running the health care facilities in the hospital. Also, 33 of 110 posts for nurses, brothers, medical technologists and staffs are vacant.

Jahir Ahamed Khan, 64, a patient from Jumma para area in the town, said the hospital has become sick and needed treatment. "We the patients are not getting proper treatment in the hospital," he added.

Manowar Hossain, 55, an outdoor patient from Char Kulaghat village, said the people of the district mainly depended on the government hospitals. "The government declares that there are 100-percent

healthcare facilities in the government hospitals, but we get only 10-percent facility because there are no doctors, no staff and no machines," he added.

"We are poor, we come from remote villages, so we depend on government hospitals for getting proper healthcare facilities, but we are not getting them," said Nurul Islam, 62, from Karnapur village in Lalmonirhat sadar. "We cannot go to clinics or private hospitals because of the cost," he added, demanding filling of all the posts of doctors and installation of necessary machines in the hospital.

Aynal Haque, the machine technologist in Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital, said he is passing the idle days as all the machines have become inoperative. Patients, especially poor patients from

chars and remote villages, are suffering as they are not getting facilities, he added.

Admitting the problems, Dr Nuruzzaman Ahmed, the superintendent cum deputy director of the hospital, said he had written several times to the Rangpur Divisional Health Director seeking filling up of all the vacant posts, especially doctors' posts, but has not received any response as yet. "I have sent a letter to the chief technical manager of National Electro-Medical Engineering Workshops in Dhaka, asking them to repair the inoperative machines in the hospital, but I have not received a reply till now," he added.

The people of Lalmonirhat urged the authorities concerned to fill up the vacant posts and repair the machines immediately.



PHOTO: STAR

Patients have to go to private clinics for getting their tests done as X-ray and ultrasound machines of the hospital have remained inoperative for 18 and six months.

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