

Save river, protect Chalan Beel

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Natore*

Save the River committee in Natore held a boat march in Chalan Beel area from Gurudaspur to Bagatipara upazilas in the district yesterday.

Shah Newaz Ali Mollah, mayor of Gurudaspur municipality, led the programme.

The boat march started from the Gurudaspur at about 8:00am and reached Ramaigari area of Bagatipara at about 2:00pm.

The organisers held a rally there.

The speakers at the rally demanded the removal of the sluice gates and other barriers in the Baral river flowing through Chalan Beel, a vast water body.

Around 20 rivers in Chalan Beel area are drying due to the shortage of water and so, the crop cultivation in the nearby areas is hampered, they said.



A scene of yesterday's boat march on the Baral river, aiming at creating awareness to save the important water body, at Gurudaspur in Natore district.

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BUILDING COLLAPSE

Death toll rises to 5 in Rangamati

A CORRESPONDENT, *Rangamati*

The death toll in the building collapse in Rangamati on Tuesday rose to five as the body of a boy was recovered from the lake yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Zahidul Islam, 45, his daughter Pinky, 13, honours student of Rangamati Government College Umme Habiba, 22, Shahidul, 10, and Saidul, 4, said Dr Liton Kumar Palit of Rangamati Sadar Hospital.

A three-member committee led by Md Moazzem Husain, additional deputy magistrate of Rangamati, was formed to investigate the incident. The other members are Executive Engineer, Rangamati Municipality Dilip Kumar Biswas, and Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Om Prakash Nandi. The committee will have to submit the report within 15 work-

Artificial insemination boosts livestock output

The sector plays role in food security, nutrition

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Livestock sector has an immense role in ensuring food security, nutrition and overall socio-economic development. Its contribution to the GDP is 2.51% and the growth is 3.39%. Even after facing many difficult barriers, livestock sector is moving ahead.

As per the government accounts, in almost 50% areas of the country, artificial insemination (AI) has reached quite successfully.

The AI Research Centre of Savar is moving onward with specific plans and objectives. Good news is we now have the proper AI system, semen testing, packaging and preservation capacity.

The state-of-the art system also includes strict bio-safety measures. Alongside the facilities, the centre also has the technologies for checking the quality and health of the semen, its growth percentage and many more.

"The centre is equipped with modern technologies and the results we get are wonderful," says Shan-E-Khoda, scientific officer of AI Research Centre.

"There was a time when all these were just impossible, but with the effective application of technologies now we can ensure the best for livestock," says MA Awal, assistant director of the research centre.

Semen packaging is a fine art and it needs a high concentration. With perfect cooling system, semen is preserved and kept for delivery.

"It's a world class preservation facility, I ensure you," added MA Awal.

The scientists working at the research centre gave me the most astonishing information that they can preserve the semen in the centre for 100 to 200 years.

In the gene banks there are many storage tanks filled with liquid nitrogen where the different varieties of semen are being preserved.

Scientists said they have preserved semen of different varieties of bull, including Friesian, Shalial, local and Friesian cross of four varieties, local and Brahman cross, and Red Chittagong Cattle.

"In the research centre we have in total 258 bulls, among them 170 are

fit to give more production of calves," says Abdul Awal.

It surely indicates that AI will go far in the coming 15 years and we would be able to produce even more developed cattle.

Dear readers, for many reasons, our livestock sector couldn't achieve the success the way it should by this time. It could have been a huge success, if only our plans were visionary and complete. For the very first time, we are now also working on beef cattle breeds. The project for beef cattle is working pretty well. And farmers are becoming hopeful to make more profits.

I hope the Savar AI research centre will implement its plans and initiatives with success. I also hope the authorities concerned should rightly address the problems in the sector and act accordingly with the help of government and international expertise.

If the research and extension goes on with a reasonable pace, in a short time, Bangladesh will be self sufficient in meeting the demand of meat and gain success in milk production.

30 houses for landless families

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Gaibandha*

Thirty destitute and landless families under Bongram union in Sadullapur upazila have been allocated dwellings last week at Salaipur Ashryan (cluster village) Project.

Assistant Commissioner (land) Abu Raihan Dolan, also a member-secretary of the cluster village construction committee, said the government allocated Tk 45 lakh to construct 30 houses under the cluster village project.

The dwelling were built on government khas land and each consisted with a tin-shed room, a tube-well for pure drinking water and a toilet on three decimals of land, added the assistant commissioner.

Project Implementation Officer Moniruzzaman said to avoid controversy they decided to go for an open lottery to select the beneficiaries among the 143 applicants.

Irregularities in rice distribution

FOOD-FRIENDLY PROGRAMME FOR POOR

People in four districts blame food officials, dealers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Dinajpur*

Anger mounted among the people of Rangpur, Dinajpur, Joypurhat and Naogaon due to mismanagement of food officials and dealers in distribution of rice under the government's food-friendly programme ment for the ultra-poor.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the Food-Friendly Programme in September to ensure food security for 50 lakh poor people.

Three people were caught selling rice illegally in Khansama and Birganj upazilas of Dinajpur. Sale of rice was suspended in Kaunia upazila of Rangpur.

In Panchbibi upazila of Joypurhat, several hundred poor people staged a demonstration at the upazila nirbahi officer's (UNO) office complex on Tuesday, protesting the irregularities in distribution of rice.

In Biral upazila of Dinajpur, villagers of Polashbari union alleged that Helal Uddin, a dealer, sold 6,810 kg of rice in the market.

In Parbatipur upazila of Dinajpur, Abdul Mannan, a landowner in

Dakkhinpara village under Mominpur union, and his son also got cards, alleged Faizul Islam, a ward member of the union.

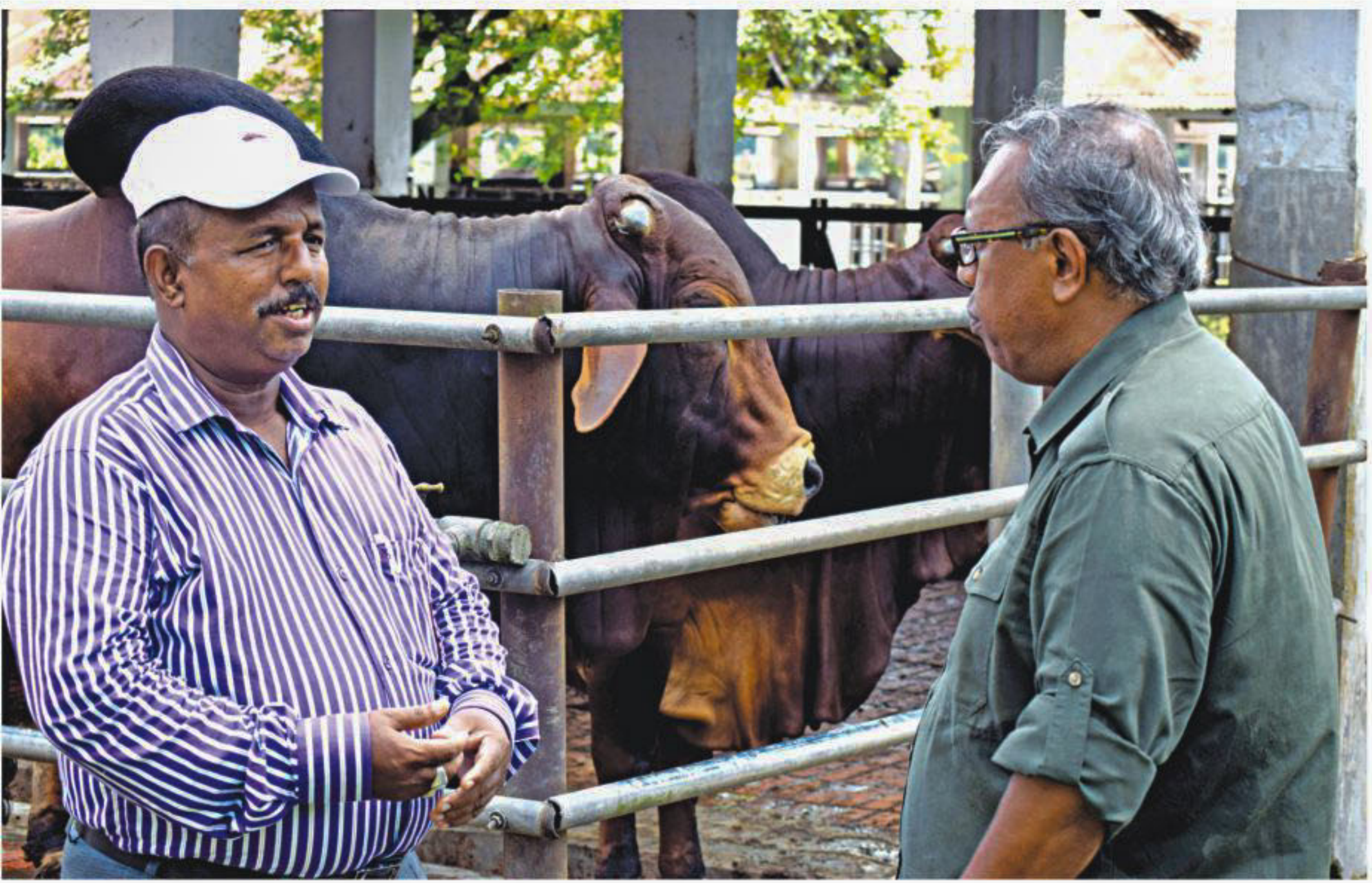
In Kaunia upazila of Rangpur, sale was suspended following a complaint of excessive broken grains in cheap rated rice.

Chairman of Balapara UP Ansar Ali alleged that unscrupulous dealers are mixing the broken rice with normal rice. Besides, each card holder was getting one to two kg less, he alleged.

A mobile court of Birganj upazila in Dinajpur led by UNO Md Alam Hossain seized 350 kg of rice from a market at Pochishmile area on Tuesday and arrested Rustom Ali and Kamini Roy.

A mobile court led by Sazibur Rahman, UNO of Khansama upazila, seized 400 kg of cheap rated rice on Monday and arrested Pulin Chandra Roy, a dealer and also president of ward No five of Goaldihhi union.

In Badalgachhi upazila of Naogaon, many traders, government servicemen and affluent people of Bilashbari union were getting the cheap rated rice, villagers alleged.



Shykh Seraj talking with an official at the Artificial Insemination Research Centre in Savar. PHOTO: COLLECTED

2 JMB men surrender to home boss

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Hasan alias Bijoy, 17, of Haat Bhorotkhali village in Gaibandha's Shaghata upazila.

Hakim was a close associate of Khairul Islam alias Payel, one of the slain Gulshan café attackers. After passing Alim examinations from Bihigram Fazil Madrasa in Shajahanpur in 2015, he along with Payel went to Dhaka for taking preparation for university admission tests, according to a Rab press release.

During that time, Hakim and Payel were involved with JMB. They went missing afterwards, the release added.

Bijoy is a student of Bogra Polytechnic Institute. He was involved with JMB through local leaders of the militant outfit in Gaibandha and Bogra. They surrendered to the minister at

a programme organised by Rab-12 at Shaheed Titu Auditorium in the district town.

They admitted that they were misguided by some "big brothers". They said they were misguided by the misinterpretation of religion to kill people.

The two added that they became interested to surrender after the prime minister and Rab officials announced that the government would cooperate with militants to come back to normal life.

At the beginning of the event, Hakim and Bijoy each received cheques for Tk five lakh from the home minister.

Speaking at the programme, Asaduzzaman urged people to campaign against militancy at the root levels.

A vested quarter wanted to destroy peace by targeted killings and militant

activities and all should fight against them, he said, adding that the people of Bangladesh were peace-loving.

Director General of Rab Benazir Ahmed said militancy would be uprooted from the country.

He said those who wanted to shun the path of militancy would be rehabilitated and that some families of militants contacted the elite force to talk about their family members' surrender.

Hakim's brother Abdul Halim and Bijoy's mother Akhtar Jahan were present at the event.

They said they realised the true meaning of their lives and that they were very shocked by the evil deeds of their dear ones.

Local lawmaker Nurul Islam Omar and Commanding Officer of Rab-12 Shahabuddin Khan, among others,



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