In-laws kill pregnant woman for dowry

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

In-laws allegedly killed a pregnant woman for dowry at Bhuakandi village in Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased was Sharmin Akter, 22, daughter of Manik Pramanik of Kamlapur area in the town. "Sharmin married

farmer Md Nasir of the village three years ago. Nasir and his family members often tortured her for dowry. For this reason she came to her father's house one month ago. Sharmin went back to her husband's house a few days

Nasir and his family members took Sharmin to Faridpur Medical College Hospital yesterday and left the hospital when on-duty doctor declared her dead," said victim's uncle Abdus Samad Sardar.

"Sharmin hanged herself yesterday, but I don't know why she did it," said Nasir's elder brother Md Masud.

House of honeybees

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur Believe it or not, honeybees have built 50

colonies on the boundary walls and other places of a house in Naogaon's Atrai upazila. Villagers said such a scene is very rarely

seen and a large number of curious peo-

ple visit the house in Bhabanipur village in Shahagola union every day to see the beehives. Locals have named the onestorey building 'Bee House.' Owner of the house Ahmed Ali said bees started building the hives around five years ago and the number of hives

has reached 50 this year. "You can see the colonies on the walls, window shades and extended parts of the roof," he added.

The buzzing sound of the bees fills the surrounding areas of the house all day, and it becomes silent at night.

Ahmed told this correspondent that the honeybees have not attacked any villager or his family members. The bees attempted to build a hive inside his house several times, but his family members prevented them, he added.

"The number of hives fluctuates every year. During the flowering season of The number is around 10 during the dry cerned about it," he said.



Honeybees have built 50 hives in various places of a house in Bhabanipur village in Atrai upazila of Naogaon.

season," said Ahmed Ali.

every year," Ahmed said, adding that he could collect more honey if he had mustard, mango and litchi, the number training on bee farming. "I am plangoes up, while it goes down in summer. ning to contact the officials con-

Selina Khatun, wife of Ahmed Ali, said "I collect 60 kg to 70 kg of honey her family members have adjusted to living with the honeybees. "Some visitors get scared when they see the bees, but my family members are not afraid," Selina said.

now become something to see for the the house as soon as possible.

villagers and the curious people who visit the place every day to see the hives, said Jalal Uddin, a neighbour.

Atrai Upazila Agriculture Extension Agriculture Officer KM Kawsar Hossain These honeybees and their hives have said he has heard about it and will visit

College boy beaten dead over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A college student, who was beaten over land dispute in Panchagarh Sadar upazila on Saturday, succumbed to his injuries at Rangpur Medical College Hospital yesterday.

The deceased was Yunus Khan, 18, son of Safijul Islam of Garinabari Kalikhapur village, and a student of Panchagarh Makbular Rahman Government College.

Police said Safijul has a longstanding feud with his neighbours Hasibul Islam and his brother Jabirul Islam over a disputed land.

On Saturday, Hasibul, Jabirul and their supporters came to set up a room on the land near Yunus's house.

At the time, they mercilessly beat up Yunus, leaving him critically injured when he tried to resist them. He died at the hospital early yesterday.

Police arrested the two brothers in connection with the incident, said an inspector of Panchagarh Sadar Police Station.

Pledge against militancy

Schoolboys also say no to early marriage

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Hundreds of students in the town yesterday pledged not to get involved in social menaces like drug addiction, early marriage, militancy, sexual harassment and question paper leak.

They also showed red cards to such destructive activities at a programme organised by Lal Sabuj Unnayan Sangha, a voluntary organisation, on Harimohan Government High School premises where students of the institution took part. Chapainawabganj Deputy Commissioner (DC)

Mahmudul Hasan was the chief guest and Superintendent of Police TM Mujahidul Islam was present as special guest. Kawsar Alam Sohel, president of Lal Sabuj Unnayan Sangha

central committee, said the first phase of the programme started from Panchagarh's Tentulia upazila on March 7 to create awareness among the students about the social menaces.

The speakers at the programme also urged them to respect the senior citizens of the society.

JMB suspect on remand

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

A court here yesterday granted a three-day remand for a suspected member of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), who suffered injuries in a crude bomb explosion in Burichong upazila on March 8.

Judicial Magistrate Nurul Afsar granted the remand after DB police produced Rezaul, a student of a local college, before the court with prayer for 7day remand, said Court Inspector Subrata Banerjee.

DB found his link with the banned organisation after investigation, police said.

'Punish attackers of indigenous woman'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Hundreds of indigenous people joined a human chain and rally in front of Natore Press Club at Kanaikhali of the town yesterday protesting attack on a woman belonging to the community. "Five to six people came to my house at Betla village in

Singra upazila and demanded a mat for gambling on Saturday evening. As I refused, they beat me with wooden sticks," said victim Minoty Rani Orawn. She received treatment at Singra Upazila Health

Complex.

Upendranath Orawn, member of Adivasi Parishad's Natore unit, presided over the protest programme.

The victim's family lodged a complaint with Singra Police Station but no action has been taken yet, the speakers said, adding that they will go for hard programme if police does not take quick action.

Manirul Islam, officer-in-charge of the police station, said action will be taken after investigation.

Concern over decision to acquire temple land

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Committees of 321-year-old Doyamoyee Mandir and adjacent 121-year-old Radhamohon Mandir expressed their deep concern over a decision by the district administration to acquire 13.5 decimals of lands of the two ancient temples.

They expressed this at a press conference on Doyamoyee temple premises in the town on Sunday after the decision was made at a meeting of the district administration on February 11 to acquire 8.5 decimals of Doyamoyee and 5 decimals of Radhamohon temples for the ongoing under construction project 'Cultural Village' by Local Government and Engineering Department.

Presidents Gopal Chandra Saha and Birendra Chandra Das of Doyamoyee temple and Radhamohon temples said

Doyamoyee Mandir has 26 shops built on 8.5 decimals while Radhamohon has 15 shops on 5 decimals of land, which are the earning sources of the two temples.

But the district administration has decided to acquire the lands and demolish those business structures.

They demanded that the administration refrain from implementing the decision. If the authorities concerned don't take any initiative to withdraw the decision, they will go for a tougher movement.

They hope for action by the prime minister in this regard.

Lokman Hossain, additional deputy commissioner (revenue), said the administration has decided to acquire 13.5 decimals of lands of the two temples as the under construction project requires the lands.

Organic pest control popular with Mymensingh farmers

Increasing use of pheromone traps a win for public health, environment

MD AMINUL ISLAM with ANDREW

Among Mymensingh vegetable farmers, a methodological revolution is underway. Hundreds of farmers have turned their back on chemical pesticides in favour of pheromone traps for pest control, leading to cost-effective, organic vegetable production.

"This year I grew sweet gourd on forty decimals, with sixteen pheromone traps set to protect my crop," says Abul Monsur, a farmer from Dakkhin Kakonhati village in Ishwarganj upazila. "Each trap costs around Tk 50 to set up, which involves buying a lure and a plastic pot." Monsur has been using the

method for the last three years. This time around he spent a total of Tk 800 on pest control, which is a substantial saving. "I used to have to factor in a cost of up to Tk 3,000 on preventing insect attack," he says, "before I started to use pheromone traps."

Another farmer, Muslem Uddin from Dorpanchashi village has a similar experience. "In my 25 decimal brinjal field I put ten pheromone traps," he says, "and it's 🔓 much cheaper to protect the vegetables from insect attack with this method."

The traps work by using phero- ₹ mones to attract pests looking for mating partners. When attached to conventional traps such as bottle traps, the attracted insect is effectively taken out of the ecosystem. Alternately the pheromones themselves disrupt breeding cycles by covering a male insect, for example, with female pheromones which then attracts other males for unsuccessful breeding attempts.

According to Ishwarganj upazila's sub-assistant agriculture officer Mustag Ahmed Khan, as many as 200 farmers in the area have switched to pheromone traps over the last couple of years, with proven results inspiring more to follow both expense and the environ- to environmentally friendlier ance are winners."



Abul Monsur of Dakkhin Kakonhati village in Ishwarganj upazila of Mymensingh uses pheromone trap, a costeffective organic method, to protect his sweet gourd field from harmful pests. Hundreds of farmers in the district are doing the same, paving the way for a methodological revolution to produce chemical-free vegetables.

their lead each season.

"Per ten decimals, four traps are enough to kill the male insects and prevent breeding, which brings relief to farmers," says Mustaq.

Extension has been active in training farmers how to install and manage the traps, which is easy enough to do. 'Field days' for farmers, during which the trap technology is explained, are held several soil health too." times per year.

Ishwarganj, Rahima Khatun.

different upazilas of Mymensingh a decade ago," says the depart-The Department of Agriculture ment's district-level deputy director Md Abdul Mazed. "Already we have around 25,000 farmers using pheromone traps. The traps not only facilitate chemical-free vegetable production but are good for

ment," says the agriculture officer in farming techniques. Farmers are also being encouraged to use "It's a change that started in organic vermicompost and livestock manure in place of chemical fertilisers. "The biotechnology of

pheromone traps is a blessing that prevents the use of toxic pesticides, which was often applied indiscriminately," says Toufique Ahmed Khan, assistant deputy director of plant protection at the depart-From the department's per- ment's Mymensingh branch. "With "Pheromone traps are a good spective, pheromone traps are the pheromone method, both alternative to insecticides, saving one part of broader commitment public health and ecological bal-

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