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Preface

This report is about my internship period as a sub editor at a prominent English online news portal **dailyasianage.com**. It consists of my experience, observations and all the things I have learned during this ten-week period. It has the information about the organization, Its structure and the people behind it. It also has information about my industrial supervisor, weekly activities as a subeditor, Connection between work and academic learning, Tools and technologies used, and the skills I have gathered in this time. The differences and similarities between academic and practical work are also stated here.

Along with other things I have also done a SWOT analysis of **dailyasianage.com** describing the strengths and weaknesses with also the threats and opportunities it has.

Letter of Transmittal

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Honorable Sir,

I am pleased to submit the Internship Report as a partial fulfillment of BSS (Hons.) in Journalism and Mass Communication. I concentrate my best to present this report on my internship from the dailyasianage.com.

It was great opportunity for me to acquire knowledge and experience in respect one of the renowned online news portal in Bangladesh. I believe that the knowledge and experience I have gathered during my internship period will immensely help me in my professional life and my career.

I have given my best efforts to achieve the objectives of the practical orientation and I hope that my endeavor will serve the purpose. However, I will always be happy to welcome any further clarification that you may require.

Sincerely



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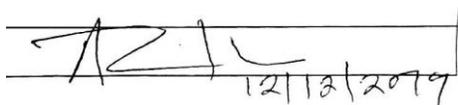
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I am pleased to certify that the Internship report on 'dailyasianage.com' prepared by **Spita Akter**, bearing ID No: 153-24-505 of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication has been approved for presentation and defense. She has worked in as an intern under my supervision and completed the work during the Fall-2019 semester.

I am pleased to certify that the data, the findings presented in the report are the authentic work of **Spita Akter**.

Spita Akter bears a good moral character and a very pleasing personality. It has indeed a great pleasure working with her. I wish her full success in life.


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Letter of approval from Industrial supervisor



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Chapter One

INTRODUCTION

1.1 What is Internship

An internship is an opportunity offered by an employer to potential employees, called interns, to work at a firm for a fixed period of time. Interns are usually undergraduates or students, and most internships last between a month and three months. Internships are usually part-time if offered during a university semester and full-time if offered during the vacation periods.

An internship should give you practical skills, workplace experience and greater knowledge of that industry, in exchange for the employer benefiting from your labor.

An internship can be either paid or voluntary. The trend is increasingly (and rightly) towards the former, as voluntary internships are often cited as exploitative. As you would expect, internships that pay well are usually the most competitive.

1.2 Significance of Internship

Experience is becoming a crucial factor for employers when deciding who gets their foot in the door. It's strongly advised that students and graduates take the opportunity to complete a period of work experience to ensure they have a competitive advantage over their peers and that's where an internship can make all the difference.

In internship period it helps a student to improve their academic knowledge and practical knowledge by working on the field and origination.

It also helps to develop skill and motivates the student for being professional. Internship creates the professional confidence to a student for future carrier. Academic and professional life is very different from each and other. It helps to make future carrier.

1.3 Background of the Daily Asian Age (dailyasianage.com)

The **dailyasianage.com** is a leading English news portal of Bangladesh, published in English language from Dhaka. Latest Business news stories are always uploaded here.

Its Editor in Chief Dr. Jesmin Chowdhury, Editor in Charge Sayed Badrul Ahsan, Executive Editor is Shiabur Rahman Shihab, Published by Al Amin Chowdhury from Express Media Ltd. Daily Asian Age head office is at S.R Tower (2nd & 6th floor), 49th old Airport road Tejgaon, Dhaka.

It has been published since April 2015. Though it is a miniature published newspaper but already got popularity.

This section's association with the internet has added a new dimension. It not only created a new platform but also a medium for interaction between readers and writers. For instance, online readers can easily comment and share a news article after reading it in the online version of **The Asian Age**.

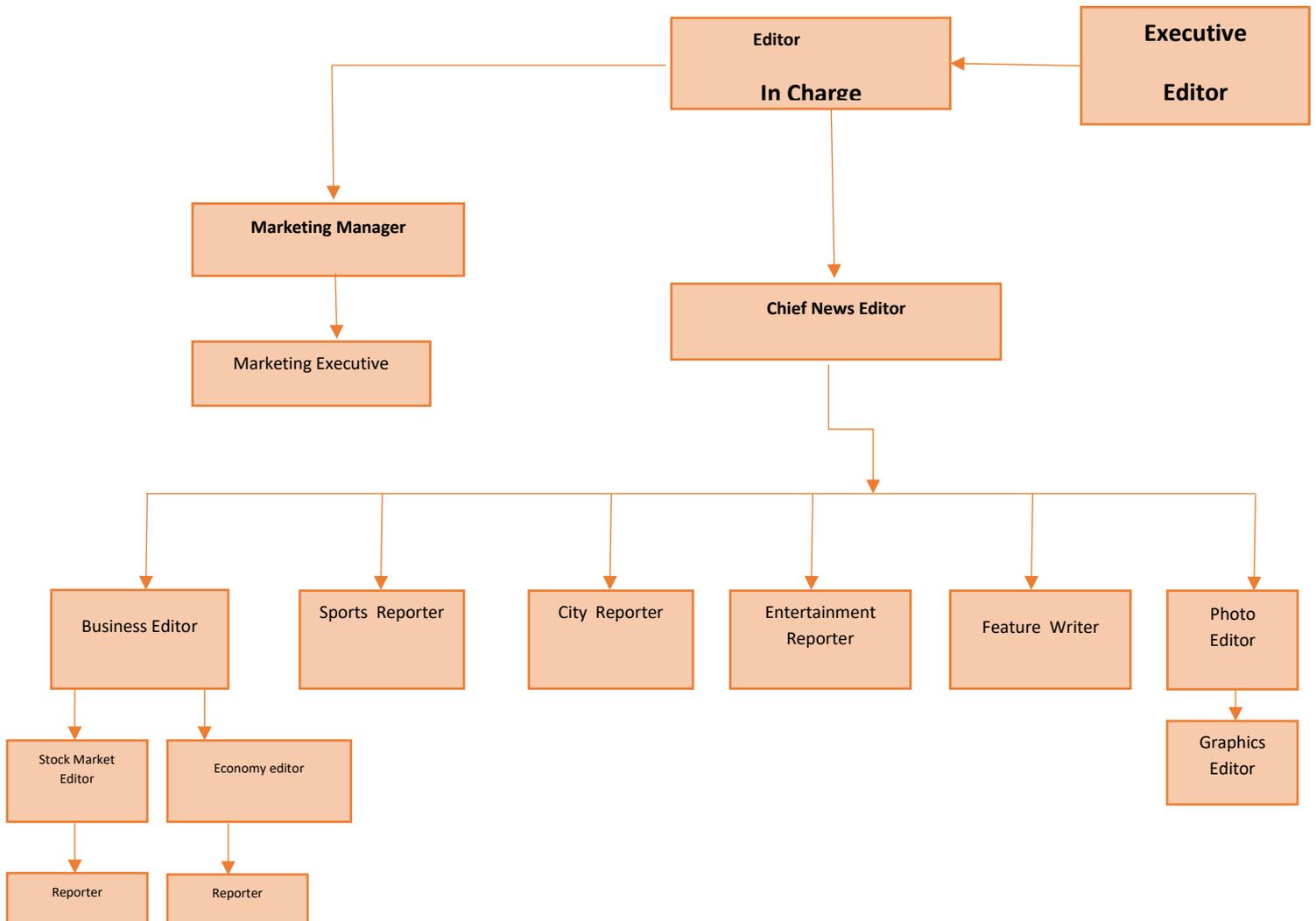


Appearance of the Newspaper

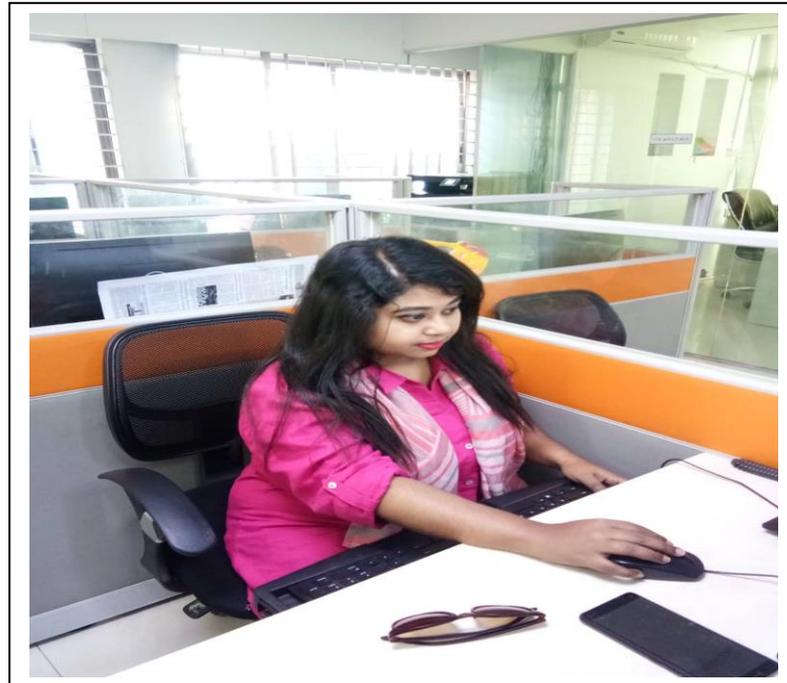
Product Overview of The Asian Age

- Country Wide
- Global-Business
- Entertainment
- Sports
- Digital Ages
- Commercial Capital

Organogram of The Daily Asian Age



1.4 Supervisor at the Daily Asian Age



While I was interning at the Asian Age, my supervisor was Tasrifa Trisha. She is the Jr. Sub-Editor of the newspaper, who simultaneously works as Jr. Sub-Editor. She supported me in every way possible. She has been a great mentor. I've learned many important things from her. She guided me throughout my entire period of my internship.

1.5 Duration of Internship

As an Intern Editor at Daily Asian Age, I have worked for more than ten weeks [3 months]. My internship at Daily Asian Age starts at 01 October 2019 and it officially ended at 12 December 2019.

Chapter Two

ACTIVITIES DURING INTERNSHIP

2.1 List of Weekly Activities

First Week (1st October to 8th October 2019)

- Introduced with Industrial Supervisor.
- Got instructions from my Supervisor.
- Got knowledge about editor sector.
- Got knowledge about responsibilities of an office

Second Week (9th October to 15th October)

- Got idea about print news editing.
- Followed previous newspapers reports.
- Read and Observe the all editing Newspaper.
- To know how to wrote Journal.

Third Week (16th October 22nd October)

- Got assignment from my supervisor.
- Got knowledge about editing software.
- Made news for online news portal

450 illegal structures demolished, 8 acres land recovered in Khulna

AA News Desk

The ongoing eviction drive on both banks of the River Mayur and 26 canals, the economic life line of Khulna, continued for the sixty six consecutive days on Tuesday.

The district administration has been conducting the drive in collaboration with Khulna City Corporation (KCC), Khulna Development Authority (KDA), Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) and Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP), reports BSS.

Executive magistrates of KCC and District Administration Khan Masum Billah and Md Mizanur Rahman, Officials of District Administration and KCC are leading the drive beginning from September 1, said Estate Officer of KCC Nuruzzaman Talukder. Around 450 illegal structures in different areas including Sonadanga Bus Stand, Buro Moulvir Dargah, Nirala Prantika area, Kashem nagor, Gallamari, Adorsho Pally, Hafiz Nagor, Tutpara and on the banks of the River Mayur and 26 canals, have been freed from illegal occupation in more than two months long drive.

The drives also recovered nearly eight acres of land bulldozing 450 illegal structures, he said. Talking to BSS, Khulna Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Helal Hossain said drives will continue until eviction of all illegal structures situated on the banks of the River Mayur, Bhairab, Bura and 26 canals.

Fourth Week (23rd October to 31st October)

- Took advice from my supervisor.
- Made Country wide news for Online News Portal.

Kishoreganj former UP chairman Aiub Ali death

Khadamul Murshalin Shakir, Kishoreganj.

Former chairman of chadkhana unions council Aiub Ali to die in Rangpur medical college hospital around 7am on Wednesday morning. At death time he was in 65 years old, in his death time he left two wife, three boys, six daughters and so many friends and relatives. Because of his death Nilfamari-4 parliamentarian Ahasan Adalur Rahman Adal, upazila council chairman Shah Md. Abul Kalam Bari pailot, upazila executive officer Abul kalam Ajad, upazila Awami league chairmans Md. Jakir Hossian Babul, upazila council former chairman Md. Rashidul Islam, Chadkhana UP chairman Md. Hafijar Rahman Hafi, former chairman Najim Uddin Alam Shobuj, Magura unions former chairman Mukul Chawdury, upazila national party's convenor and MP representative Rajauil Alam Shopon, press club convenor Abu Hasan Shaik, juggno convenor Khadamul Murshalin Shakil, Kishoreganj central govt. primary school's headmaster A F M kadir, Daliy news representative Abdur Rauf Haiwder condole of bereavement family.

Fifth Week (1st November to 7th November)

- Learned advance editing.
- Identified lack of my skill.
- Published my editing newspapers.



People taking a risky walk on the awfully dilapidated bridge to cross the Jhenai River in Basail of Tangail. The photo was taken on Monday. —Abul Kashem

Bridge turns death trap for Basail people

■ **Abul Kashem, Basail, Tangail**

The bridge on the Jhenai River at Dapnajor area under Basail Upazila of Tangail is in a dilapidated condition. The soil under the pillar of the bridge has eroded due to heavy flow of water as a result the bridge became collapsed from the middle two months ago. As there is no other alternative way of communication, the people of two sides of the river using this bridge with a huge risk of losing lives.

While visiting the spot, locals informed our correspondent that this bridge is the only medium of communication of the people of Aishora, Akdala, Dohar, Dapnajor, Deuli, Joshihat, Hakimpur,

Mocakos and other villages of Basail Upazila. The bridge was build through a project of LGED on 1995 but the building materials were in low quality as a result a pan of the bridge became collapsed while building it. The contracting organization somehow finished the construction of the bridge carelessly. Locals also claimed that concerned authority visited the bridge two months ago but didn't take any steps. It is demanded by the locals that the bridge should be reconstructed as soon as possible.

Shafiqul, Farvez, Manju, Alam and other sufferers told that because of illegal sand lifting from the nearby areas of the bridge and the Jhenai

River every year, many riverside houses have been floated away due to river erosion. On top of that the bridge is in very risky situation and people have made a bamboo bridge for an alternative way of communication but any time the bamboo bridge can be collapsed.

Basail Upazila Engineer Rojdid Ahmed said, 'We have visited the bridge and announced it as banned. I have also talked with Upazila Chairman and members to take adequate precautions so that no one can use the bridge before repairing it'. He also added that the authorization of the proposal of building new bridge on the Jhenai River is now waiting for the tender to be passed.

Sixth Week (8th November to 15th November)

- Practiced more and more about photo editing.
- Analyzed difference between news writing and feature writing.

Seventh Week (16th November to 22nd November)

- Collect all of my editing news from newspapers.
- Practiced advance editing.
- Learned prove reading of print news.



Students of Jhenaidah Government Model Pilot High School suffering because of water logging on their school ground in Jhenaidah of Sherpur. The photo was taken on Monday. - AA

'Bangladesh bright example of communal harmony'

► AA News Desk

Discussions at a view-sharing meeting on communal harmony in Rajshahi unanimously observed that Bangladesh has set a bright instance of communal harmony in the world.

They also viewed people of all faiths are now living in the country amid peace and tranquility as the present government under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is pledged bound to establish communal harmony in the society.

They made this observation while addressing a meeting titled "Bangladesh on way to Coexistence and Bangladesh is of Harmony" organized by Samprity Bangladesh at city bhawan on Tuesday evening.

Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) AHM Khairuzzaman Liton addressed the meeting as chief guest while convener of Samprity Bangladesh eminent actor Fejush Banarjee spoke as focal person, reports BSS.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Rajshahi University Prof Ananda Kumar Shaha, former secretary to the govern-

ment Nasir Uddin Ahmed, valiant freedom fighter Dr Abdul Mannan and social worker Shahben Akter Raitry, also spoke. Mayor Liton said the present government has been working relentlessly for ensuring peace and communal harmony and it has attached top priority to all sectors.

He said a responsive and positive role by all quarters is very important for maintaining peace and communal and social harmony.

For the sake of building the nation as a peaceful motherland, all conscious, patriotic and peace-loving people should come forward and work together, he added.

Fejush Banarjee said that the nation would get rid of conflicts and confusion of the people of the society as well as the state machineries took a positive approach to establish peace and amity from their own position. The mass people should take steps to build a national unity to free the nation from the clutches of conflicts, feud and violence, he added. More than 100 people comprising people's representative, political leaders, members of the civil society, religious lead-

ers and government and non-government officials concerned joined the meeting sharing their views on the issue.

Student killed in Nabinagar road accident

► AA Correspondent, Bafra/Barisal

A school student has been killed in a road accident at Narayanpur under Nabinagar upazila at Brahmanbaria on Wednesday morning. The victim has been identified as Tamim (7). He was a student of class 2 at Narayanpur North Government Primary School. Sources said, while crossing the road at Narayanpur, a fast moving 'auto' ran over Tamim. He was on his way to school. Locals rescued him in a critical condition and took him to Nabinagar Sadar Hospital. The duty doctor declared him dead after they took him to the hospital. Locals in the meantime captured the driver Jaynal Mia.

Eighth Week (23rd November to 29th November)

- Continue writing.
- Discussed news report with different media house reporters.
- Practiced advance editing.

Nineth Week (30th November to 6th December)

- Analyzed different formation of news writing.
- Wrote article about Country wide news for online news portal.
- Published news in The Prominent (Online news Portal of The Asian Age).

Tenth Week (7th December to 12th December)

- Attend the meeting
- Discuss about my activities.
- Made a list of my work output.
- Checking mail and documented.
- Practice news writing

Chapter Three

LEARNING AND EXPERIENCE

3.1 Knowledge gathering

Through my internship at Daily Asian Age, I had many sweet and bitter experiences which gave me valuable insights on how online journalism works and how I perform in future. Knowledge that I had gathered during my internship are listed below

How online journalism works:

In the world of online Journalism, I was a fresher. Fast, short and less insightful is online journalism that has more chance to connect with readers in a modern world.

Practical Experience:

Editing a news report is very hard task to complete. One needs to have a very good news sense and have very good idea on what happened and update any breaking events or moments.

During my tenure at the Daily Asian Age my written news was edited by my senior members. But later, my written reports were edited by myself as well. This experience gave a boost to my capability of haunting down news and selecting the necessary parts and make attractive, meaningful headlines.

Policy:

My internship also gave a clear idea on how house policy affects the news covered by a media house.

3.2 Tools and technologies Used

During my internship at the Asian Age I have to use many technologies for my work. I used PC for my every work.

I also have to use many applications for my work, such as Microsoft word, Gmail.

I also needed to use google for searching several websites. And use e-mail.

Chapter Four

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

4.1 Academic learning and practical work

There are huge difference between academic learning and practical work. Before I only read what I will have to do but in this stage I have to do practical work about my subject. To be master on a work, one should have the experience of both practical work and academic learning. Those two things go hand in hand and each has their own importance.

As a student of Journalism and Mass Communication, I have gained lots of academic knowledge in last four years with lot of fieldwork experience. But the practical working situation and environment is quite different from academic learning.

During our academic practicing, we do not need to think much about time. Our teachers have given us enough time to complete our course assignment. But in our professional life, punctuality should be maintained. We know that in this digital era every news and information spread around the world within very short time. We must have the ability to realize the value of real time news. So, it is easily understandable that there are several distinction between the professional and academic life.

4.2 Skills developed during my internship

I had done my internship as a Editor in Daily Asian Age. I also work as a sub-editor During my internship. I have written and edited many report about business or economy as usual desk report. During my internship I develop many skills. They are given bellow:

- ✚ Collecting resources
- ✚ Covering events
- ✚ Developing social relationships
- ✚ Time management
- ✚ Office rules & regulations
- ✚ Translating
- ✚ News writing
- ✚ News formatting
- ✚ Headline writing
- ✚ Intro creating
- ✚ News editing
- ✚ News Body setting
- ✚ Newspaper Reading skill
- ✚ Professionalism confidence

Chapter Five

CONCLUSION

5.1 SWOT Analysis

Strengths

- ✓ Always updated and latest news published
- ✓ Has goods readership
- ✓ Covers vast area, just not Dhaka- centric
- ✓ Trustable news portal

Weaknesses

- ✓ Lacks Of photographers
- ✓ Office management has room for improvement
- ✓ Lacks Of reporters
- ✓ Lacks sufficient technology and tools to support every employee
- ✓ Do not have enough employees to cover news

Opportunities

- ✓ Arrival of new technologies
- ✓ Office space can be increased.
- ✓ More employees can be employed to improve news qualities.
- ✓ The facilities current employees enjoy, can be increased.

Threats

- ✓ Political Influence
- ✓ Becoming less credible.
- ✓ Lawsuits for misrepresentation of any news or information.

Conclusion

Overall, I think my internship experience at The Asian Age was extremely good. I was happy that I was fortunate enough to work with so many talented people of Daily Asian Age. My internship period I earned so many knowledge and experiences that helps my professional and career life.

My internship journey started at 1st October 2019 and it officially ended at 12th December 2019. This three-month journey has not only taught me how to be professional life in a work environment, but also helped me to use my theoretical knowledge in real-life situations as well and I feel very proud to be the part of Daily Asian Age. Thanks to my university, university teachers and The Daily Asian Age staffs.

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Annex

Youth Development Department becomes boon for women

► AA News Desk

Rupali Khatun, 35, a housewife of Nalkhola village under Paba Upazila of Rajshahi district, has become a successful woman entrepreneur after eradicating her deplorable condition. Within a gap of six years, she is now the owner of Toha Boutique where four women are working permanently and around 300 others are getting benefits either directly or indirectly from the enterprise.

Simultaneously, she has also a fish farm on 30-bigha of water body and a poultry farm with around 1,500 chicks creating jobs of around 50 people.

"I got a huge response from the people that inspired me to do the work vigorously," she said, adding that her monthly income is now around Taka one lakh on an average, reports BSS. But the success didn't come overnight as she had to face

various types of constraints and hurdles to attain it. Rupali said she had to face an awful situation for around two years when her husband incurred a huge financial loss in his fertilizer and insecticide dealership business in 2011. Initially, she took a 14-day institutional training on sewing and tailoring from department of youth development in 2013. After taking loan from the department and some of her neighbors, Rupali started her sewing and tailoring business the same year.

Within the next two years, she was given the national youth award as a successful woman entrepreneur in 2017 as recognition to her remarkable achievement in the field of women empowerment. This year, she was also given an acknowledgement of successful young woman. Nasima, a resident of Bhadra area in the city, got training from the Department of Youth Development, and started

block and boutique business on a small-scale in 2010. Around 1,000 women coming from poor and underprivileged families got employment in Nasima's Block and Boutique House. Nasima Khatun, mother of three daughters, is now a successful entrepreneur in Rajshahi city.

She said many underprivileged and distressed women have become self-reliant through working in boutique houses in the metropolis contributing a lot to the society. Not only Rupali Khatun and Nasima Khatun, many other women entrepreneurs are contributing a lot to intensifying the local economy.

Department of Youth Development imparted training to more than 2,035 unemployed women on various trades like modern tailoring, block-boutique, fisheries, livestock and electronics in order to improve their living and livelihood condition.

Males need to change mindset to stop domestic violence

► AA News Desk

Speakers at a function in Gaibandha on Thursday underscored the need for changing mindset of the males to root out domestic violence from the society. "The males should come forward with positive attitude and play a significant role in preventing violence against women and adolescents", they said.

They made the comments while addressing an advocacy dialogue on 'Responsibility and Role of Male in Preventing Gender Based Violence' at the conference room of District Collectorate Building in Gaibandha on Thursday afternoon. BRAC, an international development organization based in Bangladesh,

arranged the function under Gender Justice and Diversity Program in cooperation with district administration. Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abdul Matin addressed the function as the chief guest while Sadar UNO Uttam Kumar Roy and Probationary Officer of Department of Social Services Nazmul Hossain were present at the event as the special guests, reports BSS. Additional deputy commissioner (General) Alamgir Kabir Saikat presided over the function.

Councilor of Gaibandha Municipality Tanzimul Islam Piter and journalist Sarker M. Shahiduzzaman spoke at the function, among others. Gender Technical Manager of GJD program Zahidur Rahman made a power point presentation at the event.

Community Policing Day observed in Rajshahi

► AA News Desk

The Community Policing Day 2019 was observed in Rajshahi city on Saturday with the call of combating the crimes related to terrorism, drug-addiction and militancy with joint efforts of police and the public in general.

To mark the day, Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP) organized a colorful rally from Alupatty crossing largely attended by police men, members of the local community policing, political leaders and other leaders of influence and students. After parading some of the city streets the rally ended at Rajshahi College auditorium where a discussion was held on the issue with RMP Commissioner Humayun Kabir in the chair, reports BSS. Additional

Inspector General of Police Abul Kashem addressed the meeting as chief guest while Advocate Adiba Anjum Mita, MP, and Advisory Council Member of Bangladesh Awami League Prof Abdul Khaleque spoke as guests of honor. Rajshahi City unit general secretary of Awami League Dablu Sarker and Bagmara Upazila Parishad Chairman Anil Kumar Sarker also spoke on the occasion.

Abul Kashem said the community people should extend cooperation towards police with specific information about the criminals.

Crimes-free society, particularity free from terrorism and drug addiction, must be established to protect people and the young generation, in particular. To attain the cherished goal, the law-enforcing agencies and

the community people should have to work together as the law-enforcers alone aren't capable to overcome the crisis.

He added that police-citizens joint patrolling and drives against the social crimes are the main objective of the community based policing and there is no alternative to activating it to free the society from the crimes.

The community based policing had been introduced in the metropolis with a noble view, but the community people should take the responsibility of making it effective.

"If you give us authentic information about the criminals and other anti-social elements, we will put in our best efforts to bring those to book as early as possible," he reminded the community people.

Panchagarh ready to welcome winter

▶ AA News Desk

Bangladesh's northernmost district has been shrouded by fog and morning dews over the last few days, giving off telltale signs that winter is creeping ever closer.

Temperature in the district dropped below 20 degrees Celsius in the last week. During an early morning visit on Friday outside the town, the UNB correspondent saw people walking through dense fog, shivering in cold. Thick fog is forcing vehicles to keep their headlights on in the morning, too. "Winter is set to arrive with its full force when the south wind and deep depression weaken," said Rahidul Islam, in-charge of Panchagarh meteo-



rological observatory office. People have already started buying clothes for winter. Those travelling in the morning wear warm clothes now. Nazma Rahman of Dokropora area of the town said she has already prepared thick blankets and clothes for her children ahead of the cold season, reports UNB.

Golam Kibria Mukul, geography

and environment science department head of Panchagarh Government Women's College, said the temperature is falling gradually. "Cold wind from the north will start blowing over the district when the monsoon wind stops," he said. Asked if the rain in recent days will affect farm outputs, Abu Hanif, deputy director of Department of Agricultural Extension, said light rain will not damage winter vegetables. "But cultivation will be delayed if there's heavy rainfall," he said. During every winter, hundreds of people are hospitalised with cold-related diseases. Dr Md Sirajuddoula Polin, medical officer of Panchagarh Model Sadar Hospital, said they are yet to get any such patient.

Programs taken to celebrate Mujib Year in Barhatta

► **F Babul**, *Barhatta*

Barhatta Upozila Administration has taken elaborate programs to celebrate the "Mujib Barsha" on 2021 in Netrokona. The programs were adopted at a joint meeting of the upozila administration, leaders of Awami League (AL), Jatio Party, Ganatonry Party and different political parties, freedom fighters, heads of educational institutions, journalists and representatives from various socio cultural organizations. Upozila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Golam Murshed chaired, Mohammad Mynul Hoque was the chief guest in the meeting held at Upozila Development Centers Hall (UDCH) in Netrokona on Tuesday. The programs including establishing Bangabandhu Corner, placing wreaths at the portrait of Bangobondhu, Cake cutting, Children's gatherings and rally, drawing of pictures and essay writing competitions, organizing cultural program, screening of documentary films on Bangobondhu and Independent, discussions and cultural ceremonies. UAO Mohaiminur Roshid, AL President Ajijur Rahman and Secretary Kazi Abdul Wahed and Organizing Sercretary Depok Kumar Saha Sentu, former Mukti Juddha Commander Shah Mohammad Abdul Kader, Mohila Awamileague President Amirunnahar Khan Joba, Barhatta College Vice Principal Md. Abdul Wadud, UzCh Vice Chairman Anowar Hossain Azad, Pressclub secretary Ferdous Babul and a large number of people including GO and NGO officials and the journalists were attended the meeting, among others.

Gopalganj district administration pays homage to Bangabandhu

► **AA Correspondent,**
Gopalganj

Secretary of Rural Development and Cooperative Ministry Helaluddin Ahmed and Chief Engineer of the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) Md. Khalilur Rahman paid tribute at the tomb of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Tungipara in Gopalganj.

They reached Tungipara at 10am on Saturday and paid homage to Father of the Nation by giving flowers at the shrine altar of tomb. After this, a special prayer was performed to seek peace of the souls of all the martyrs of 15 August including Bangabandhu. Gopalganj Deputy Commissioner Shahida Sultana, Gopalganj LGED Executive Engineer AK Fazlul Haque, Tungipara Upazila Parishad Chairman Solaiman Biswas, Tungipara Municipality Mayor Sheikh

Ahmed Hossain Mirza, Tungipara Upazila Awami League President Elias Hossain, Secretary Sheikh Abul Bashar Khayer, Asst. Commissioner (Land) Shyamol Chandra Basak, LGED Upazila Engineer Hasan Ibne Mizan were present along with others. Then, they then wrote a comment on the inspection book kept at Bangabandhu Bhavan.

Later, at 11am, an exchange view meeting was held at Upazila Parishad conference room with all the public representatives of all levels of Tungipara-Kotalipara Upazila. During the meeting, there was wide-spread discussion about the construction of all the raw roads. Officials from various sectors of Gopalganj district and Kotalipara and Tungipara upazilas, public representatives and politicians of different levels of local government were present in the meeting.