

## Meghna River erosion continuing in Chandpur

# Newly-constructed primary school building devoured

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Sept. 1:—The river Meghna devoured the buildings of West Zafrabad Govt. Primary School of Ibrahimpur Union under Chandpur thana recently. The thana parishad constructed the school buildings only a few months ago at a cost of Taka 4 lakh.

Meanwhile, erosion is going on unabated and the river is devouring lands and properties everyday in Chandpur, Haimchar and Matlab thanas.

The centuryold Akhand Hat is threatened causing panic among 300 shopkeepers of the bazar. There are also 25 big fish shops in the bazar. The bazar feared to be eroded any day.

### Launch tragedy of '94

In remembrance of the victims of Dinar-2 launch disaster of 1994, a meeting was held recently at Puranbazar under the auspices of Puranbazar Jubo Merchants Association. Mr. Faiz Ahmed Mantoo presided over the meeting. In Gouranga Saha, Subhas Saha, Gobinda Mondal, Jayanto Nandi and Amit Acharjee spoke in the meeting.

The speakers remembered the tra-

gic accident and prayed for the salvation of departed souls.

It may be mentioned here that on August 20, 1994, the launch Dinar-2 sank in the afternoon in presence of hundreds of witnesses at the confluence of the rivers Meghna and Dakatia near Chandpur terminal. There were about 200 passengers, of whom only 60 have been rescued by the river police and the local people. The fate of the rest passengers is still unknown.

About 60 bodies were recovered from the river. A joint search operation by BIWTA, Bangladesh Navy, Fire Service and the local administration failed to trace out the sunken vessel. The search operation has been abandoned after one month futile efforts.

### Centenary of pourashava

The centenary of Chandpur Pourashava will be observed in November or early December in a befitting manner. In this connection 101-member organising committee has been formed with Mr. Md. Yousuf Gazi, Chairman, Pourashava as convenor.

Besides seven sub-committees

have been formed. The first meeting of the organising committee was held recently at Pura Pathaghar with Mr. Yousuf Gazi, Chairman in the chair.

The chairman in his speech urged the residents of pourashava to cooperate with parishad in observance of the centenary of the pourashava. He said that Prime Minister will be invited to grace the occasion as chief guest. The Chandpur Pourashava was established on October 1, 1896.

### Rotaract club meets

The 22nd charter night of the Rotaract Club of Chandpur was held recently at the Rotary Bhavan. Mr. Mizanur Rahman, President of the club presided over the function and Mr. Quamruzzaman Choudhury, President, Chandpur Press Club was the chief guest.

Among others Messrs. Amin Ahmed, Rashid Ahmed, Shafiqur Rahman, Kamaluddin Ahmed spoke on the occasion.

The President of the club in his speech urged the members of the Rotaract Club to motivate the youths against all kinds of terrorism and anti-social activities.