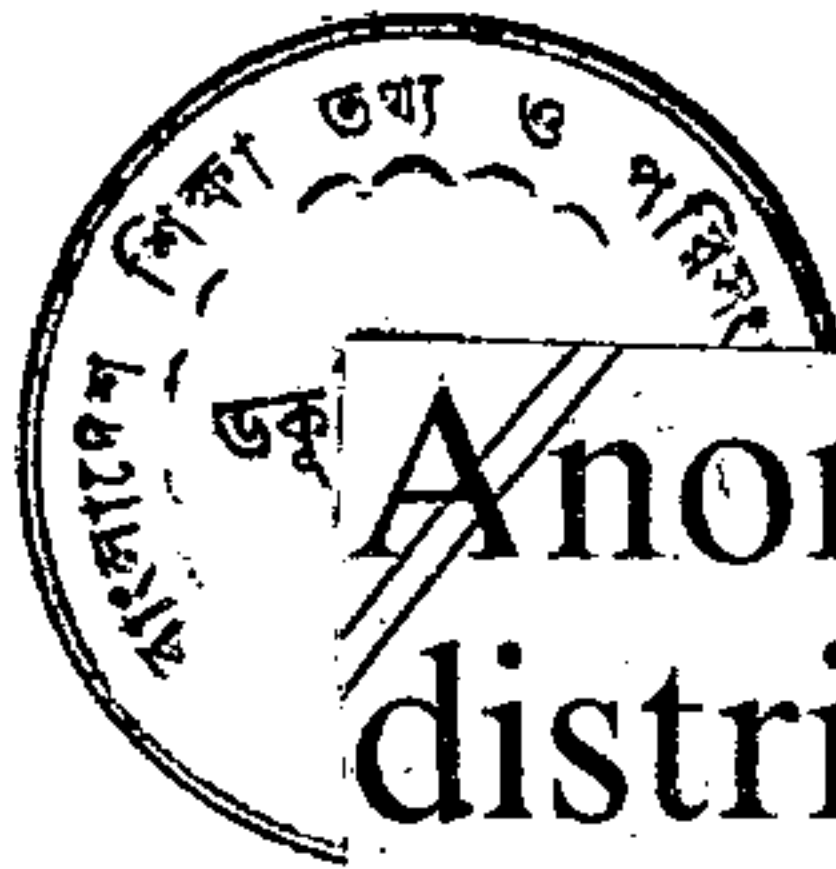


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## Anomaly in pry. school book distribution alleged

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COMILLA, Mar. 5:—Delay, anomaly and irregularities in the distribution of books have created scope for the book sellers who are trading books at the cost of thousands of Primary school students, it is alleged.

Though the stock of books is more than the Primary School students in the district, anomaly and irregularities in distributing has created an artificial crisis of books and compelled the guardians to buy books from open markets at exorbitant prices.

According to an official source, the total number of students in all six classes including pre-one class in 1332 Govt. Primary Schools and 199 Non-Govt. Schools is 4.65 lakh but the total number of books meant for distribution free of cost available for distribution is 5.57 lakh sets including 55,300 sets of last year's stock. But an artificial crisis of Primary school books has been created compelling the guardians to procure the books from market at exorbitant price. Delay and anomalies in distribution of Primary books has created the present situation it is alleged. Many of the Non-Govt.

Primary School students did not get any books and in same Govt. Primary Schools money is being realised from the students in the name of conveyance, it is alleged.

### Threat to widow

A widow subjected to threats and atrocities by a group of criminals after she lodged a case against them for murdering her husband, it is alleged.

One Shafiqur Rhman (27) of village Sreepur under Bhulain Union in Laksam Upazila was murdered allegedly by his enemies in the night, following January 31. He was suffocated to death. His wife despite threats on her life and chestity instituted a case in the court of Upazila Magistrate against 7 persons.

After institution of the case the accused persons have took away a pair of bullocks belonging to late Shafiq worth Taka 15,000 and mortgaged his lands at Taka 20,000.

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A scout rally was held in the premises of Mohanpur High School under Devidwar Upazila recently. The three-day rally was formally inaugurated by Mr. Abdul Bashir Bhuyan, Upazila Chairman, Devidwar Upazila amidst a gathering of local elite, teachers and students.

### Books distributed

In a meeting of the local elite, teachers and students, organised by "Nabam Gram Palli Jagarani Sangha," held in Sriyang High School under Laksam Upazila, clothes,

book and materials worth about Tak. 15,000 were distributed among meritorious students of the school.

The meeting held on February 21 was presided over by Mr. Ruhul Amin while Messrs Amin Ulla and Serajul Islam were the chief and special guests respectively.

The biennial conference of "Comilla Press Sramik Union" was held recently. It was presided over by its President Kazi Mamtazuddin Ahmed. The report of the union was presented in the meeting.

The meeting unanimously resolved to submit a 7-point demand to the Press Malik Samity. It also elected messrs Mohd. Ali Mia Rafiqul Islam and Narayan Chandra Chakravorty in the vacant seats of Vice-President, Joint Secretary and E.C. Member respectively.

### Final matches

The final matches of "Dariabandha" competitions, organised by "Agra Doot Kanchi-Kanchar Mela" was held in Bharasar High School premises between "Akashi and Nill" in senior group and "Padma and Meghna" teams in junior group.

Akashi in senior group and Meghan in junior group annexed the championship. The games were conducted by Mr. Abdul Hamid.

The trophies were distributed in a function where Mr. Golem Mostafa Chowdhury was the chief guest and Messrs Yousuf Jamil, Secretary Comilla Zila Sports Association and Abdul Matin Khashru Advocate were the special guests. Mr. Yousuf Jamil Babu distributed the trophies.