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## Teacher shortage hampers agriculture education

From Our Correspondent

MADRIPUR, Aug. 28.—The agriculture education is being hampered in the schools of the district due to inadequate number of teachers and educational appliances.

The District Education Office sources said that only a few schools in urban areas have agriculture teachers while most of the schools situated in the rural areas have no agriculture teachers.

The government made agriculture education compulsory in high and junior high schools since 1994. The district has some 72 high and 11 junior high schools, having about 32000 students, most of them are deprived of agriculture education.

Where contacted some headmasters said that well-trained and agriculture diploma-holder teachers are hardly available. In some schools science teachers are taking agriculture classes.

A total of 40 marks have been allocated for practical test in agriculture in the SSC Examinations, but the students suffer as most of the schools cannot hold practical classes.

Female students are also suffering as agriculture has been made an alternative subject for them instead of home economics.

### 3 minor boys drown

The brother and his sister drowned in a canal at village Baradia of Rajoir thana recently.

Sapan (5) and Bethaka (7), son and daughter of Anukul Biswas went to the canal for bath. But suddenly they slipped into the deep canal. Both of them met the water grave.

Local people recovered the bodies.

Rana (7) son of Shajahan Mia of village Lundi under Rajoir thana drowned in a pond recently.

### Mourning day observed

Different socio-cultural organisations observed the National Mourning Day to mark the 21st death anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

National flags were hoisted half-mast atop of all public and private buildings to mark the gruesome killing of the Father of the Nation and all the members of his family.

Awami League, and Muktijoddah Sangsad brought out a mourning procession in the town.

The District Administration, Islamic Foundation, Legal Aid, Shishu Academy, Madaripur Alia Madrasah educational institutions and various

socio-cultural organisations chalked out separate programmes to observe the day.

Milad mahfil, quran khwani, discussions, feeding of the destitutes, blood donation, cultural function and staging of patriotic drama were the highlights of the day.