



Informative Cover Story

The cover story on "A Life-saving Innovator" on June 23, 2006 has raised our hopes. We learned some new information about the off-pump beating heart arterial bypass surgery. I want to give special thanks to Dr Lutfur Rahman, the pioneer of bringing this revolutionary method of surgery into this country and Hana Shams Ahmed who wrote the story. Through it we have learnt many things like the effectiveness of the conventional open-heart surgery and this new method. I have a bitter experience with open-heart surgery when one of my relatives was admitted to the National Heart Foundation Hospital in the capital. We hope that through this revolutionary method our medical sector will improve a lot.

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Thanks for paying heed

There are about 10,000 people living in Shakhari Bazar and that too, within an area of 4.6 acres. Most of the buildings of this area are at risk of collapsing. On June 19, 2004 a 5-storied building caved in and killed 19 people. Recently a news report on The Daily Prothom Alo informed that 5 risky buildings have been renovated and 9 others are under renovation.

It is our duty to protect, preserve and conserve our heritage. I want to thank the concerned authorities for paying heed.

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Time to think of alternative power sources

With the rapid increase in the population, Bangladesh is suffering terribly from a shortage of power supply. We must understand that with this power shortage we are not going to get the full benefits of industrialisation. Our neighbour India secretly started working on their atomic reactors way back in 1969. Even in 1974 when France refused to help India with fuel India carried on their research and end up inventing new fuel themselves.

We cannot set up nuclear reactors overnight but isn't it high time to think about setting up a nuclear reactor as an alternate power source for the future? I wonder if our government has ever considered it or now.

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Mobile phones and teenagers

Mobile phones are a necessity for us these days. It keeps us in the touch with our near and dear ones at all times. But it has lots of adverse effects. In the cities we see mobile phones in the hands of school-going children. Most of them keep it as a fashion accessory. Sometimes they waste their valuable time either playing games or using internet. They also collect pornography. All these things are harmful for the teenagers. Every parent should think twice before giving a mobile phones to their children.

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