

VOICES ... Young People Speak Out

The Trivia Question

by Adnan R Amin

I consider myself as a person, who has an inherent propensity to keep himself aloof from politics as possible. I am also very happy that the new government has been elected through a free and fair election. And what we expect from such a government is that they will at least try to establish stability in the political arena...

was in session a discussion about the budget was being held. Now this was supposedly very important. But somehow, every single person, to whom the floor was given by the Speaker, constantly dived on about how actually it was their party and their leader that won the Independence War...

But we must realise this has got to stop. Our country is a poor one. And most of its people live in distressing poverty. And to make things worse, the geographic location of the country is such that it is frequently visited by natural calamities. Every year, typhoons, cyclones and nor-westers strike, and leave numerous people homeless...

Nation's Pride Going Down the Drain

by Shehriyar Rahman

WHAT do fabric, string, twine, buttons, zippers and \$2 billion have in common? To us, not much, but to Bangladesh's garments entrepreneurs, it means a lot because they had made over 60 per cent of the above amount in 1992 in exports...



The work should be worth it

started booming around the early 90s when it reached its peak with about 1,500 factories. In 1992, the garments industry brought in 60 per cent of the two billion US dollars that Bangladesh had earned in exports. Today, there are about 2,200 factories. Because the labour prices have gone up...

ing what it needs, sends an order to another company that produces these materials. This is done because Bangladesh hardly produces few raw materials of its own. In Bangladesh, about 95 per cent of the raw materials used are imported. After the material is bought, it is shipped by sea where it reaches its port city of Chittagong...

causes more delay in a factory's work. The export of finished products and the import of raw materials which needs shipping also involves customs before they are allowed inside the country. During hartals, custom houses are closed and thus the formalities of customs cannot be taken. During the hartals, the goods either stay at the factory or reach the port and lie there until they are cleared by the customs when they could have been on a ship and sailing for their destination...

When Coaching Centres Count

COACHING centres have mushroomed all over the country during the last decade or so. But unlike mushrooms which grow naturally, these institutions are set up to meet financial needs. Today, any school-going child who has not ever been to a coaching centre could well be considered a rare specimen in this article...

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our education system has come to a state where the bland textbooks, churned out every year, are not even nearly enough for us. Often it is seen that these textbooks contain very old data and statistics and consequently remain pretty backdated. For example, the geography book published in 1995, still claimed that there were nine planets in the solar-system. Yet, on the other hand, most coaching centres have detailed information on 'Vulcan' and 'X' — the two latest members of the solar-family, to offer to the students...

ciency and note-dependency's blame is not to be attributed fully to the coaching centres: the students are at fault too (to a certain extent, of course). Another thing is that as most coaching centres charge up to 1200 to 1500 taka, only the affluent ones are usually able to avail themselves of this privilege. And, moreover, the boys and girls living in the rural areas are generally deprived of such organised assistance. Thus at college level, when they come to study in the capital city, the difference between their standard and that of the local students become obvious, and in most cases, the former lag far behind in academic achievements...

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