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Govt planning to set up respiratory unit in medical colleges

Some 30 per cent of the patients suffer from chest ailment. Health Minister Salauddin Yusuf said yesterday quoting a survey report, reports UNB.

Terming chest disease as a major problem, the minister said the government is considering setting up respiratory unit in all medical colleges in the country. Such facility is now already available in the Bangabandhu Medical University.

Addressing a workshop on Chest Disease and Heart Ailment at BCPS auditorium at Mahakhali, Salauddin Yusuf said a national health policy aimed at ensuring medicare facilities in far flung areas of the country is at final stage.

He said the government is determined to ensure treatment by specialised physicians to all and for better treatment to those patients who wants to go abroad.

The activities of National Asthma Centre will start functioning sometime this year, the minister said.

The inaugural session of the day-long workshop was presided over by Prof AKM Shamsul Huq and was addressed by Prof Md Shafiqullah, Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Dr Yunus Ali Sarkar and Dr Kurshidul Islam.

Six killed in bus plunge

From Our Correspondent
NARAYANGANJ, Dec 17: Six people were killed and at least 30 others injured when a Chittagong-bound bus fell into a roadside ditch at Malibagh area under Bandar thana at around 1 pm Wednesday.

Three of the dead were identified as Arif Hossain, 16, and Rafiqul Islam, 25, of Chandpur and Alamgir Hossain, 27, of Gendaria, Dhaka. The rest could not be identified. All the six were travelling on the rooftop of the bus.

All the bodies were sent to Narayanganj General Hospital for autopsy. The injured were admitted to different hospitals and clinics in the city.

The bus driver escaped soon after the incident. A case has been lodged with Bandar thana.

'Conspiracy to destroy spirit of Liberation War still on'

CHITTAGONG, Dec 17: War Resources Minister Abdur Razzak has said the conspiracy to destroy the spirit of the War of Liberation is still on and called for a strong resistance against such a heinous design, reports BSS.

"Let all pro-liberation force unite on a solid footings and work together so that even a single person does not starve in the country," he said, adding that the soil of Bangladesh is rich in immense treasure of natural resources which can eradicate poverty if distributed evenly among all in the country.

The minister was addressing as the chief guest a reception accorded to meritorious students at the local stadium.

Muktijuddher Bijoy Mela Parishad organised the function marking the 28th Victory Day of the country. Mayor of Chittagong ABM Mohiuddin Ahmed and Awami League central leader Aktaruzzaman Chowdhury were present.

With the co-chairman of the Mela, Khalequzzaman in the chair, the function was also addressed by ABM Abul Kashem, MP, Maj Gen (ret'd) Sayed Mohammad Ibrahim (Bir Protik) and Awami League leaders MA Salam, Dr. ABM Faizur Rahman and Kazi Akramuddin Ahmed.

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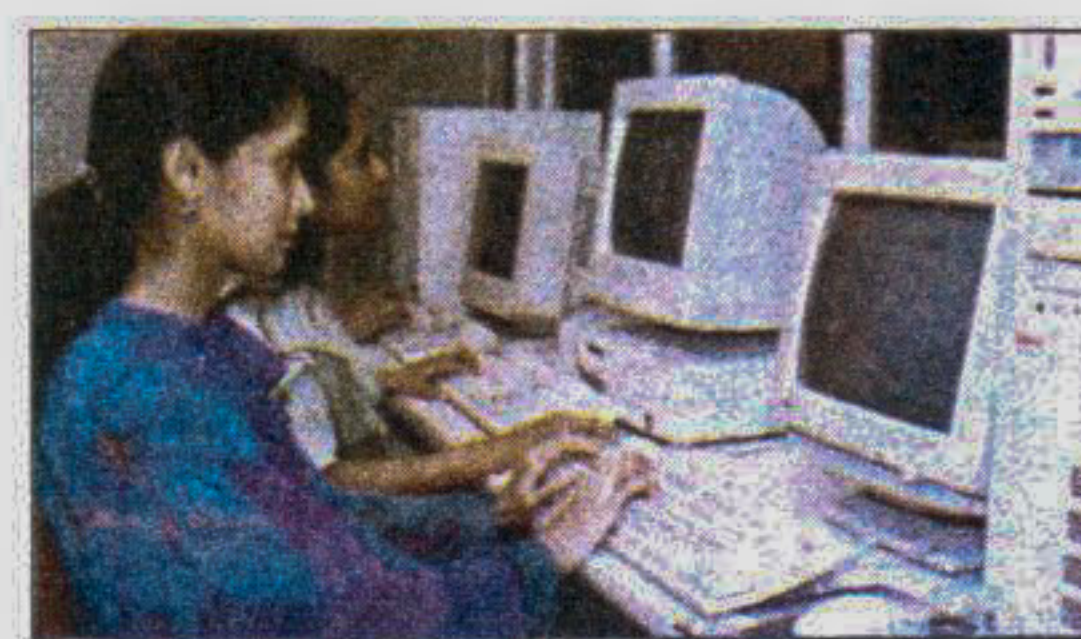
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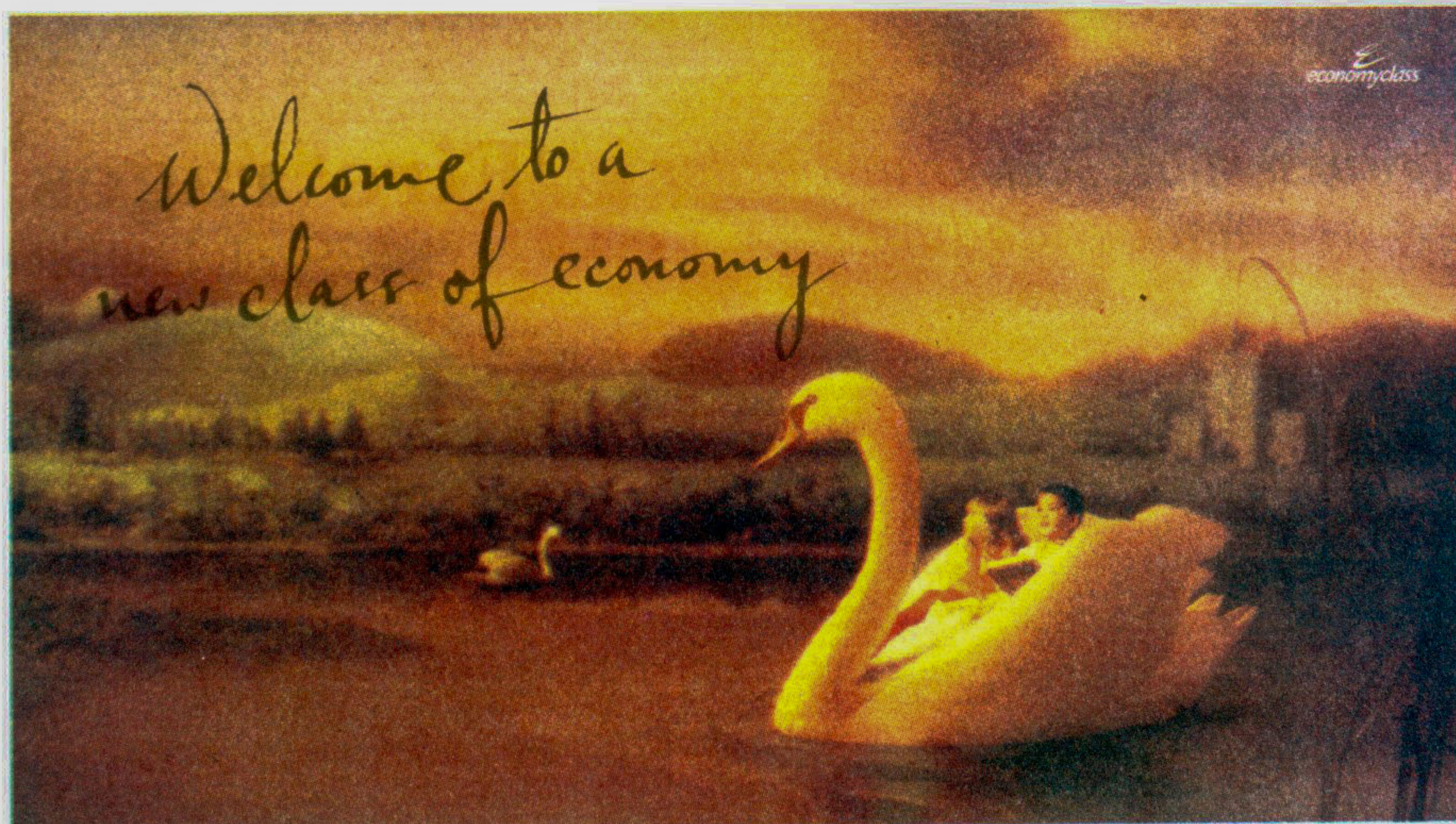
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