

Present education system benefits few

Speakers at a discussion expressed the view that the present education system is of no interest to a large segment of society as it does not offer any assistance to the overwhelming majority of workers in their day to day lives, reports BSS.

The speakers, at the meeting on 'Primary Education System' organised by an association of retired professionals — Centre for Micro Studies (CMS) on Wednesday, emphasized on dedicated teachers and inclusion of occupational education at primary as well as higher levels of education.

Prof Muzaffar Ahmed and Abdullah Siddiqui were the main speakers, while Prof Zilur Rahman, Eng L K Siddiqui, Musharraf Hossain Shajahan, Prof S H K Yusuf Jai, Kafiluddin Mahmud, K M Rabbani, Prof Jahannara Huq, Dr S K Maksud Ali, Prof Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, A H M Nouman, Dr Badiur Rahman Majumdar and researcher Prof A N Rasheda took part in the discussion.

Judging from the progress in mass literacy, primary education related programmes, and the findings of the Child Labour Survey, Abdullah Siddiqui observed that majority of primary and secondary school graduates as well as dropouts from these streams, actually face reality when they join work.

Siddiqui said different incentives were not likely to produce lasting results unless these graduates can derive benefits for their future jobs from the primary and secondary school syllabi. At the same time majority of these workers as well as skilled workers do not possess literacy, he added.

He said that the society does not recognise the skills of these people as their working conditions, wages and related indicators show. The mass literacy programme should cover these workers on a priority basis, and the syllabus should be revised to make it helpful for use at work.

Prof Muzaffar Ahmed observed that primary and secondary education, today was be-

Classes disrupted at DU

By DU Correspondent

Classes and academic activities of the Dhaka University were not held for the second consecutive day yesterday due to the 36-hour countrywide shutdown called by the BNP-led Oppositions alliance.

Campus sources, however, said that administrative work at the Registrar's Building of the university were held partially yesterday.

Central Library of the university also remained open during the hartal hours under the police protection. A small number of students from various residential halls were seen at the library.

Meanwhile, both the ruling party-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League and opposition supported Jatavabadi Chhatra Dal held rallies and brought out separate processions on the campus in protest and in support of the hartal, respectively.

Nafiya Gazi Debate 2000 begins at DU today

By DU Correspondent

The fifth Nafiya Gazi Debating Competition 2000 begins at the TSC auditorium on the Dhaka University campus today with slogan "Look at tomorrow's world through today's debate".

A total of 32 departments of Dhaka University will take part in the eight-day debate competition organised by the Dhaka University Debating Society (DUDS).

Tariqul Islam Liton and Shaikh Imtiaz Shihul, the president and general secretary respectively of the DUDS disclosed it at a press conference at TSC yesterday afternoon.

State Minister for Environment and Forest H N Ashiqur Rahman will inaugurate the competition as chief guest at 10 am while Director General (DG) of Bangla Academy Dr Syed Anwar Hossain and moderator of DUDS Prof Syed Monjurul Islam will be the special guests at the opening ceremony.

The closing and prize distribution ceremony of the competition will be held at the same venue on February 11.



A scene from a street drama presented by Ganochhaya at the Central Shaheed Minar premises yesterday. Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation holding a week-long Street Drama Festival. —Star photo

BGMEA calls on garment factory owners to make use of facilities

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) has urged owners of the garment factories to avail of the facilities being extended on Friday and Saturday to maintain the normal flow of the garment exports from the country, reports BSS.

According to a BGMEA press release yesterday, the Chittagong port and the customs along with the concerned banks will remain open on coming Friday and Saturday for the purpose of keeping the normal activities of the industry.

Four hospitalised after taking alcohol

Four youths were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday after they fell ill after taking poisonous alcohol, reports UNB.

The victims were identified as Mofiz, 24, Shawkat, 25, Joyanal, 30, and Bellal Hossain, 26, of Dari Belanagar village in Bancharampur thana of Brahmanbaria district.

Hospital sources said the four fell ill after taking alcohol Wednesday night.

They were rushed to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital, and later shifted to the DMCH when their condition deteriorated rapidly.

President, PM greet Lankan president

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday greeted Sri Lankan President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga on the occasion of national day of the island nation, reports BSS.

"I have the great pleasure in conveying to your excellency my sincere greetings and warm felicitations on the happy occasion of the national day of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka," Justice Shahabuddin said in a message on the eve of the day.

He wished Kumaratunga good health and long life, and the people of Sri Lanka continued progress and prosperity.

In a similar message, Sheikh Hasina expressed the hope that bonds of friendship and cooperation between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka would be further strengthened for mutual benefit in the days ahead.

"Please accept assurance of my highest consideration and my best wishes for your good health and happiness," her message read.

Seven robbers caught in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Feb 3: A group of seven robbers were caught by the villagers after the armed group robbed two families at Laksmandia village under Shailakupa thana of the district.

The robbers armed with two pipe guns, five hand made bombs and knives, were later handed over to the local police.

After robbing two houses in the village in the early hours of Thursday the robber entered a third one. By then a large number villagers who had begun chasing the group caught them near BLK Bazar at around 3:00 am.

The arrested are Manik Khan, 30, Elam Khan, 24, Abdullah, Jainal, 23, Akhtar, 30, Mazharul Islam, 22, and Azad, 28.

'Govt attaches priority to dev of healthcare for mother & child'

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Sheikh Fazul Karim Selim yesterday said the present government is attaching greater priority to the development of mother and child health with a view to building up a healthy and prosperous nation, reports BSS.

He said this while addressing the members of the Management Board of Shishu Hospital in the conference room of the Health Ministry.

National Prof Dr M R Khan, Chairman of the Management Board Prof, Syeda Feroza Begum, Director of Shishu Hospital Prof. Monzur Hossain, eye specialist Dr Sharfuddin Ahmed and senior officers of the ministry were present.

The Health Minister said the number of child patients is rising with the increase of population in the country. In light of this the government is considering to give special emphasis for ensuring better health services to the child patients with a view to improving health of the children, the minister said. He said the government has been installing the most modern treatment instruments in the Shishu Hospital along with its expansion.

Selim directed the hospital authorities to complete the process of setting up Referral Ward by February 15 to ensure proper treatment for the referred child patients by the thana and district level medical authorities.

The meeting was told that at present the Shishu Hospital is running with 345 beds.

Clinton's visit Left-leaning student bodies planning agitation

A section of leaders and activists of left-leaning student bodies are planning to launch an agitation programme in Dhaka University protesting the planned visit of US President Bill Clinton to Bangladesh.

The leaders and activists under the banner of 'Platform to Resist Oil-Gas Looting' will set ablaze Foreign flag, gherao the processions and held rallies to register their protest against Clinton's visit, general secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra Federation (BCF) Ujjal Balo told UNB yesterday.

US President Bill Clinton is scheduled to visit Bangladesh on March 25 at the invitation of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. This will be first ever visit of any US President to Bangladesh.

Ujjal said activists from different left-leaning student bodies formed the platform. "We have been united on a platform to protest Clinton's visit despite our ideological differences," said another BCF leader.

Ujjal said their detailed programmes will be announced within two days or three. "Bangladesh Chhatra Union and Samajtantrik Chhatra Front are also with us," he said replying to a query.

Meanwhile, various posters of the Platform have been hung in various points of the campus.

Mugger arrested in city

Ramna police has arrested an alleged mugger from near Shikha Bhaban yesterday afternoon while he, along with his three accomplices, were tried to mug a government employee, reports BSS.

Ramna police said they arrested one Ekramul Kabir from near Shikha Bhaban at about 4 while he was trying to flee from the spot after snatching a gold chain and cash money from Aziz Uddin Miaze, an official of the Facilities Department. The others managed to flee.

A case was registered with Ramna police in this connection.

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