

Metropolitan

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 Zillur Rahman Siddiqi, Kazi Faizur Rahman, Eng L K Siddiqui, Mushtarrif Hossain Shahjahan, Prof S H Yusuf Jai, Kalluddin Mahmud, K M Rabbani, Prof Jahanara Huq, Dr S K Maksud Ali, Prof Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, A H M Nouman, Dr Badur 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 noting 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 working 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 reviewed to make it helpful for use at work.

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

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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 nationwide 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 Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal held rallies and brought out separate processions on the campus in protest and in support of the hartal, respectively.

Other participants, while agreeing with the main trends of thinking of the two speakers, suggested greater attention to problems of implementation, said a press release.

Education should no longer be allowed to remain a preserve for minority elite, the speakers said at the meeting which was presided over by A M Moshabuddin, a former secretary and Chairperson of CMS.

Death anniversary

CHITTAGONG, Feb 3: The 6th death anniversary of Hasan Imam Chowdhury, an eminent shipping personality and former journalist will be observed here tomorrow, reports BSS.

Programmes of the death include 'qurankhawani, milad mahfil and feeding of destitutes.'

A 'milad mahfil' will be held at his Feroja Manjil residence, House No: 730, Road No: 26, CDA residential area. Chittagong, after Asr prayers on that day.

Chowdhury began his career as journalist in now-defunct 'The Evening Chronicle' in the early 50s in Chittagong. He, later, switched over to shipping career and served several multinational shipping companies in different capacities. He had been in Cho Yang Lines of Korea till his death in February 1994.

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 Shrimul, 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 Ahsiqur 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.

Norwegian envoy calls on Khasru

Norwegian Ambassador to Bangladesh Gerd Wahlstrom called on Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru yesterday and discussed bilateral issues, including the judicial reform and other projects undertaken by his Ministry, reports BSS.

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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.

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