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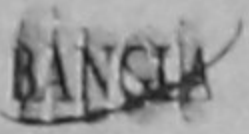
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President Shahabuddin Ahmed exchanging greetings with the members of the Buddhist Community during a reception hosted by him at Bangabhaban on the occasion of Buddha Purnima yesterday.

Use high-speed gateways to boost software export

Experts tell seminar

BSS, Dhaka

Leading engineers and educationists urged the IT professionals of the country yesterday to use existing digital data networks (DDN) in Dhaka, Khulna, Sylhet and Bogra along with high-speed gateways to boost software exports.

Pointing to several loopholes including lack of optimum bandwidth, absence of fibre-optic backbone and indirect access to information superhighway, they said our bright students and young professionals are equipped with good command over English and they have an analytical mind, talents, vision and willingness to break the barriers.

They were speaking at a seminar titled "Development of young engineers and educated youths as international standard IT professionals" in the conference hall of IT training centre ExecuTrain at Dhanmondi.

Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) task force for development of IT professionals in association with ExecuTrain of Bangladesh and 'Bangladesh-2000' organised the seminar.

Chairman of Bangladesh-2000 Engineer M Shahjahan Khadem delivered the keynote speech. Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof A K Azad Chowdhury, Housing and Public Works Secretary Engineer Quamrul Islam Siddique, Chief Engineer of PWD Eskender Hayat, and Engineer Hafizur Rahman of BITB addressed the seminar.

Prof Azad Chowdhury said people of the least developed countries like Bangladesh would

be marginalised further in the globalised economic order. He said the only silver lining is the access to global knowledge.

By 2005, he said, our close-door neighbour India has set up strategic plans to earn 20 billion US dollars by exporting software and IT-enabled services.

The VC said our boys and girls who received graduation in various disciplines are better equipped as they possess good command over languages, sound analytical mind and 16 years of schooling.

He said in a knowledge-based society, all university students have rights to have at least one personal e-mail account and unlimited access to the Internet. But due to bandwidth problem, lack of necessary hardware and financial constraints, we have failed to meet their basic IT needs, he added.

Quamrul Islam Siddique said optimum development of the IT sector is never possible without proper telecommunications infrastructure.

He said that the 'concern' authorities should try to establish "Cyber-kiosks" in all upazila headquarters. Primarily the government should take the lead while the private entrepreneurs would start their own IT-kiosks, later, he said.

Myanmar has already established links with global fibre-optic backbone of the information superhighway in Akiab region, he said, adding that more high-speed data gateways should be created by BITB in shortest possible time.

M Shahjahan Khadem said the government's efforts in this sector was not implemented properly and the five leading institutions - Dhaka University, BUET, Khulna University, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet, and Chittagong University - are yet to receive government funds for producing quality IT professionals.

BCL accords reception to Hasina May 17

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Ruling party-backed students organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) will accord a reception to the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on May 17 at the Paltan Maidan in the city for her successful leadership.

Leaders of BCL in a press conference yesterday said that Awami League government under the leadership of Sheikh Hasina has

established 'good governance' in the country and achieved massive success from self-reliance in food production to internal and regional peacekeeping.

At the press conference held at the DUCSU building of the Dhaka University yesterday noon, the BCL leaders said that a total of seven thousand representatives of BCL will also meet with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Ganabhaban office on May 18.

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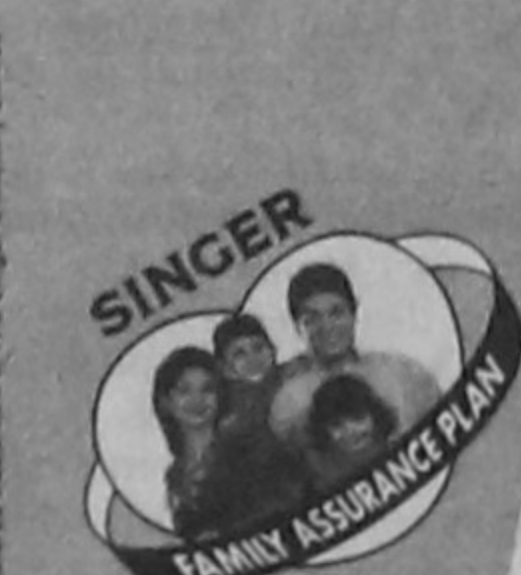


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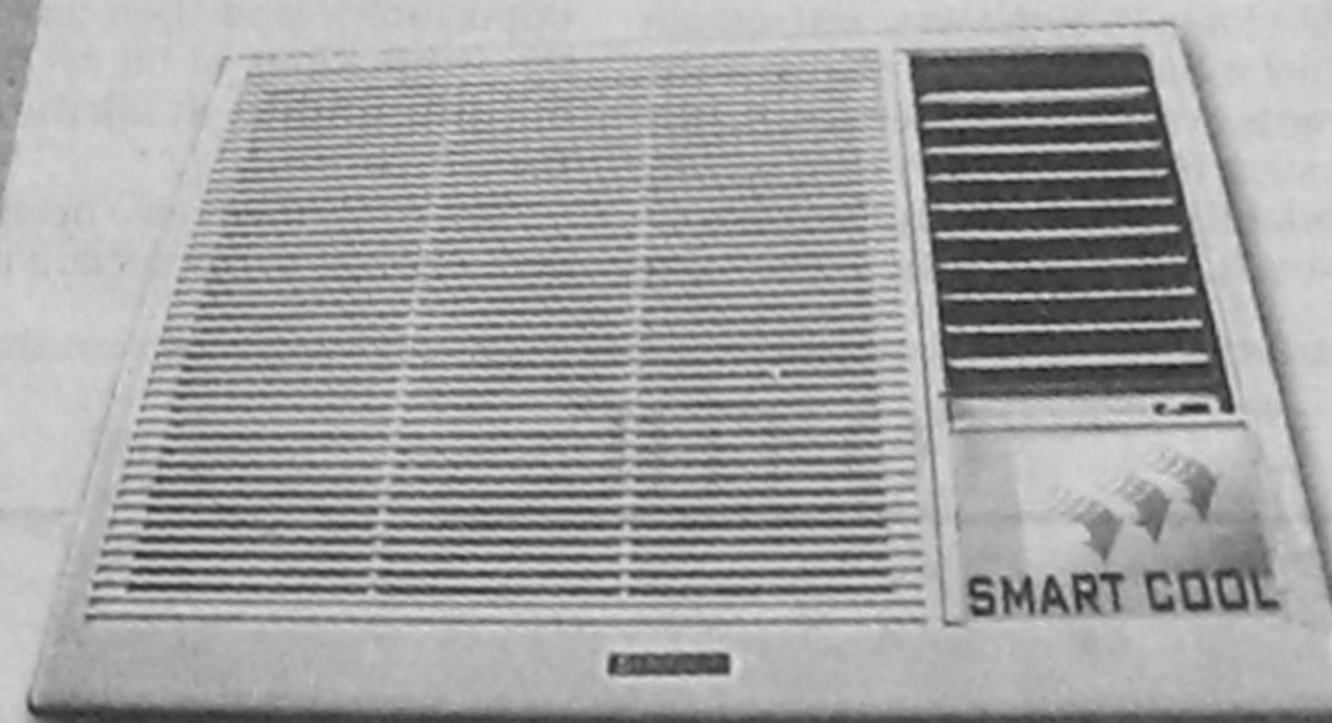
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