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Draft population policy reviewed

UNB, Dhaka

A meeting on "Review of Draft Revised Population Policy of Bangladesh" was held at BRAC Centre in the city on Thursday with Health and Family Welfare Secretary M Fazlur Rahman in the chair.

Prior to finalising the Population Policy, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare arranged the re-

view of the policy by a two-member UNFPA technical assistance team who placed their observations as well as some recommendations.

In the last six days since Jan 12, the team members -- Dr Anthony Theodore Abeykoon, Director, Population Division, Ministry of Health in Sri Lanka, and G Giridhar, Adviser Management of Population Programme, Country Support Team, Nepal -- held separate meetings with development partners, government, NGOs, civil society and policy drafting committee.

The team placed their nine point objectives in the draft policy.

In an effort to achieve a stable population size as early as possible, the team suggested adopting strategies of reducing the fertility level by providing family planning

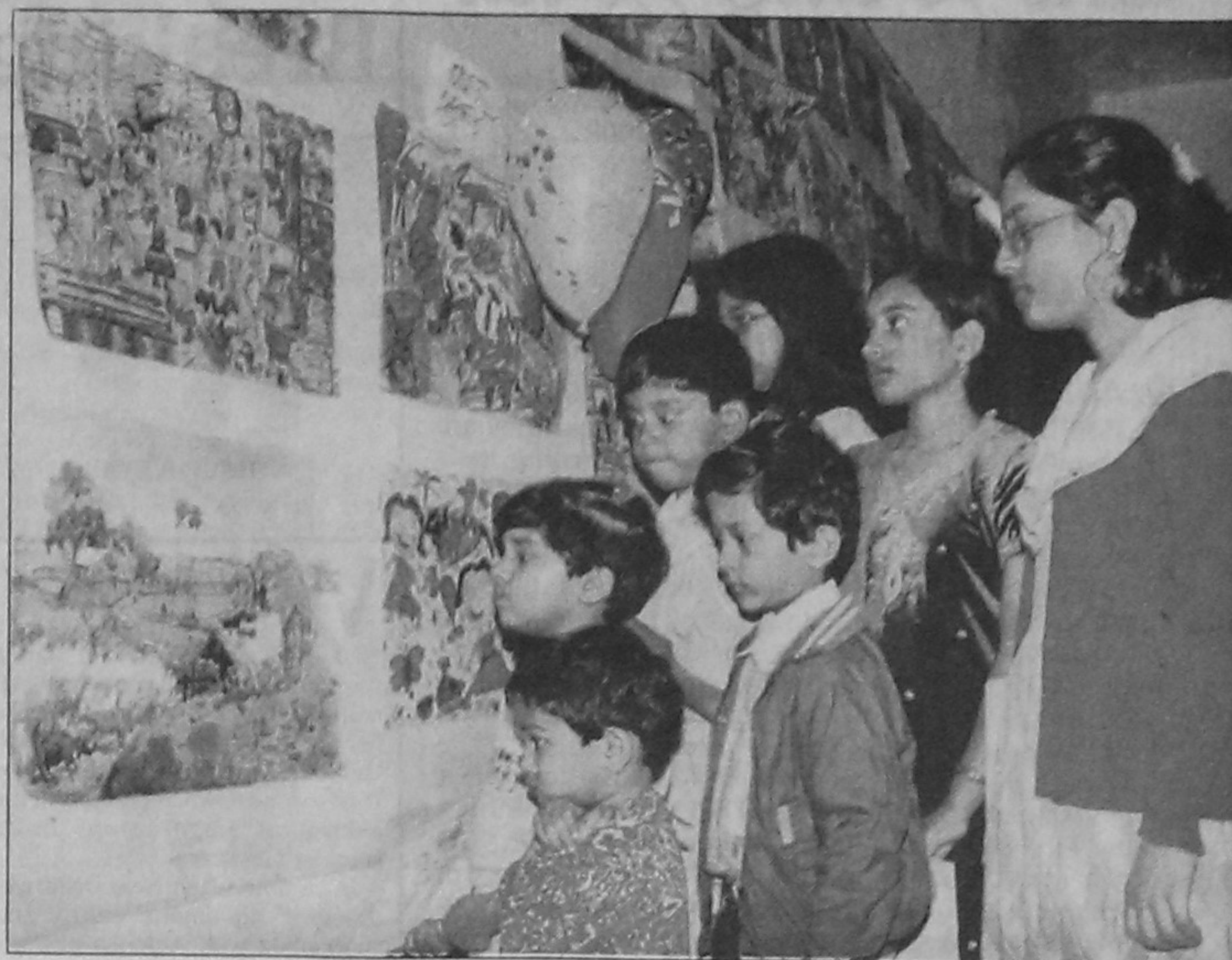
services and encouraging late marriage through education and legislation.

In this regard, it recommended incorporating some issues like education of girls, particularly beyond the primary school level, which in turn will have positive impact on the age at marriage and contraceptive use.

Emphasis has been made on reproductive health, women empowerment, gender issues, migration, environment and vulnerable groups in the draft policy.

At present, the country's total population is 130 million with annual growth rate of 1.4.

The meeting noted that economic progress or poverty alleviation in the world's one of the most populous countries, Bangladesh, is almost impossible if population size is not stabilised.



An exhibition of children's paintings was held at the Teachers' Training College auditorium in the city yesterday on the occasion of birth anniversary of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin. Samakal Shilpi Goshthi organised the show.

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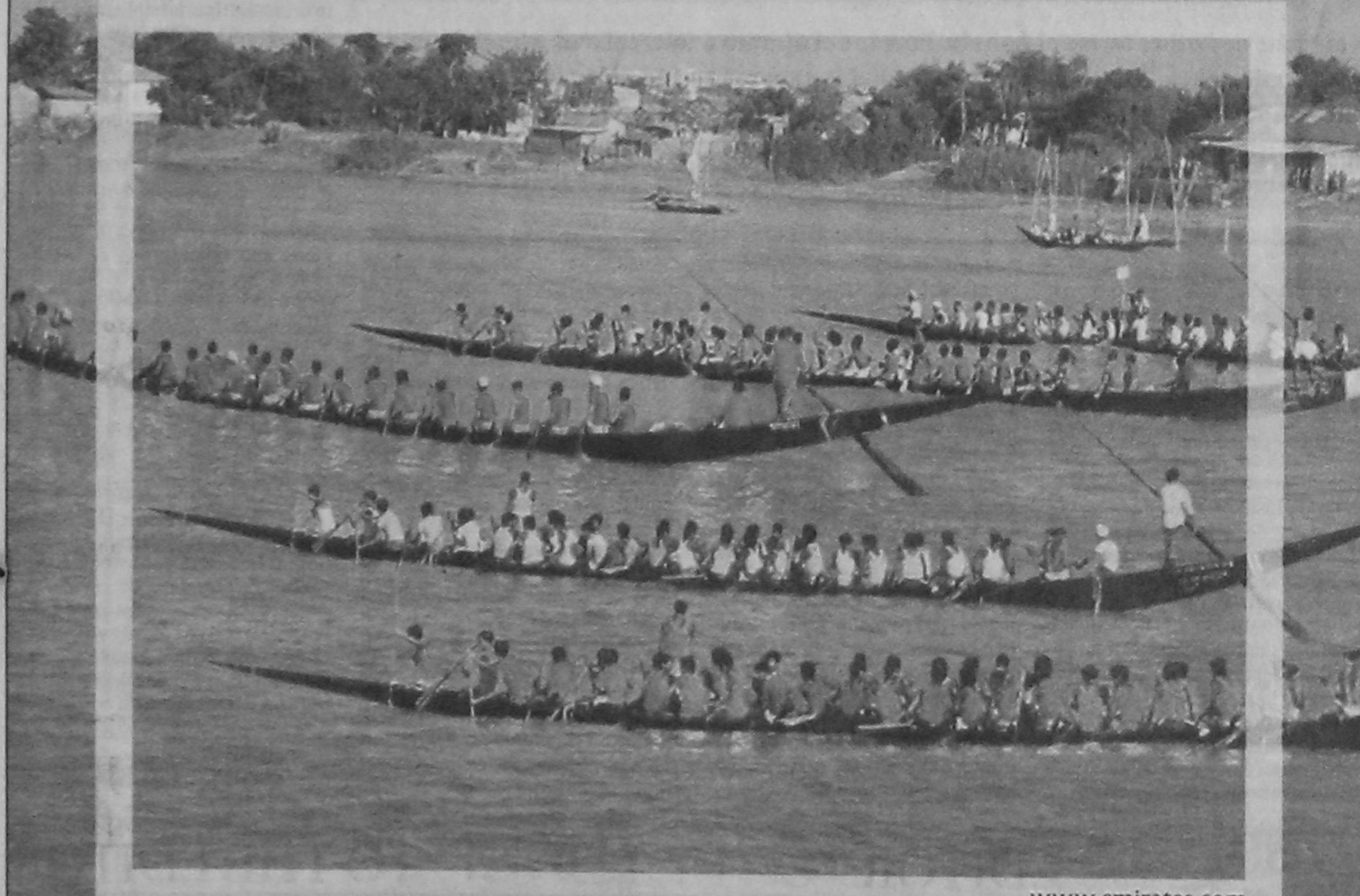
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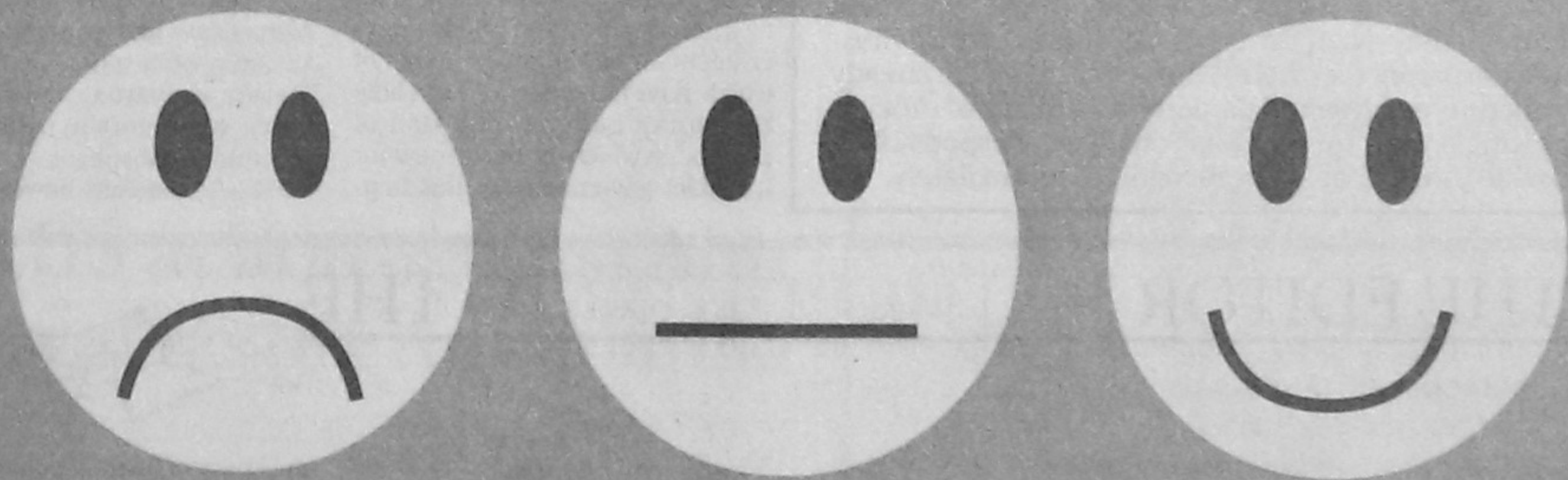
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