

'Overpopulation not problem for dev'

BSS, Chittagong Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan has said overpopulation is not necessarily a problem for national development if it could be turned into human resources through proper education.

Morshed Khan was addressing as chief guest a review meeting of secondary education and prize giving ceremony of Gomdandi Pilot High School here on Saturday.

Proshika to distribute WFP biscuits among schoolchildren

BSS, Dhaka Proshika, a leading NGO of the country, has been entrusted with the responsibility of distributing protein-rich biscuits among 60,000 schoolchildren of Dhaka city by the World Food Programme (WFP).

Presided over by Boalkhali Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Farid Ahmed Bhuiyan, the function was addressed by former controller of examination of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Chittagong, Ranjit Kumar Dhar, District Education Officer Kazi Salim Ullah, former MP Rozi Kabir, president of Chittagong South BNP unit Ahmed Khalil Khan, former Upazila Chairman Shamsul Islam and joint secretary of city BNP Abu Sufian.

Under the first phase of this 3-year project, a pilot programme of 8-month duration would be implemented at 61 government and 474 non-government primary schools of Pallabi of Mirpur and Kamrangirchar of Mohammadpur area.

The foreign minister said the government has laid emphasis on improving the quality of education. In that line, highest allocation has been given to education sector in this year's budget, he added.

With the logistic and financial support of WFP, Proshika would carry out this job of distributing biscuits among 60,000 children everyday.

He said the government has introduced stipend for higher secondary-level female students.

Meanwhile, Proshika signed a Letter of Understanding (LOU) with the WFP for distributing biscuits under its School Feeding Programme.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia addressing the Air Force officers at a function at the Falcon Hall of Bangladesh Air Force in the city yesterday.

JU Bangabandhu Hall opens to students

BSS, Savar Jahangirnagar University (JU) authorities yesterday opened the new Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall for students. In its first phase, around 200 students of the session 2001-2002 were provided accommodation out of around 280 earmarked for the session, hall sources said.

Telecom regulatory bodies should be independent: Experts

BSS, Dhaka Stakeholders and experts from South Asia yesterday unanimously resolved that the telecommunications regulatory bodies should be truly independent. "The regulatory bodies should be independent for proper market development as well as to implement the government policies, but they must be accountable to the parliament," said senior fellow of Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI) Dr SK Sarkar while presenting the resolution of a two-day workshop on legal aspects of regulations in South Asia at its concluding session.

The participants exchanged their experiences, ideas and observations on the functions and legal aspects of the telecommunications regulatory bodies of their respective countries. State Minister for Post and Telecommunications Ahsanul Hoque Mollah attended the concluding session of the workshop as chief guest.

months back under Bangladesh Telecommunication Act 2001 with full powers to regulate the telecommunication sector including its development through efficient regulation as an independent body. The government retains only the power of policy-making, international relations, foreign contract and training.



Congratulations Taneem Ibrahim, a Bangladeshi student, has been selected for membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS), USA, says a press release. The NSCS, a highly selective and non-profit organisation, recognises first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically.

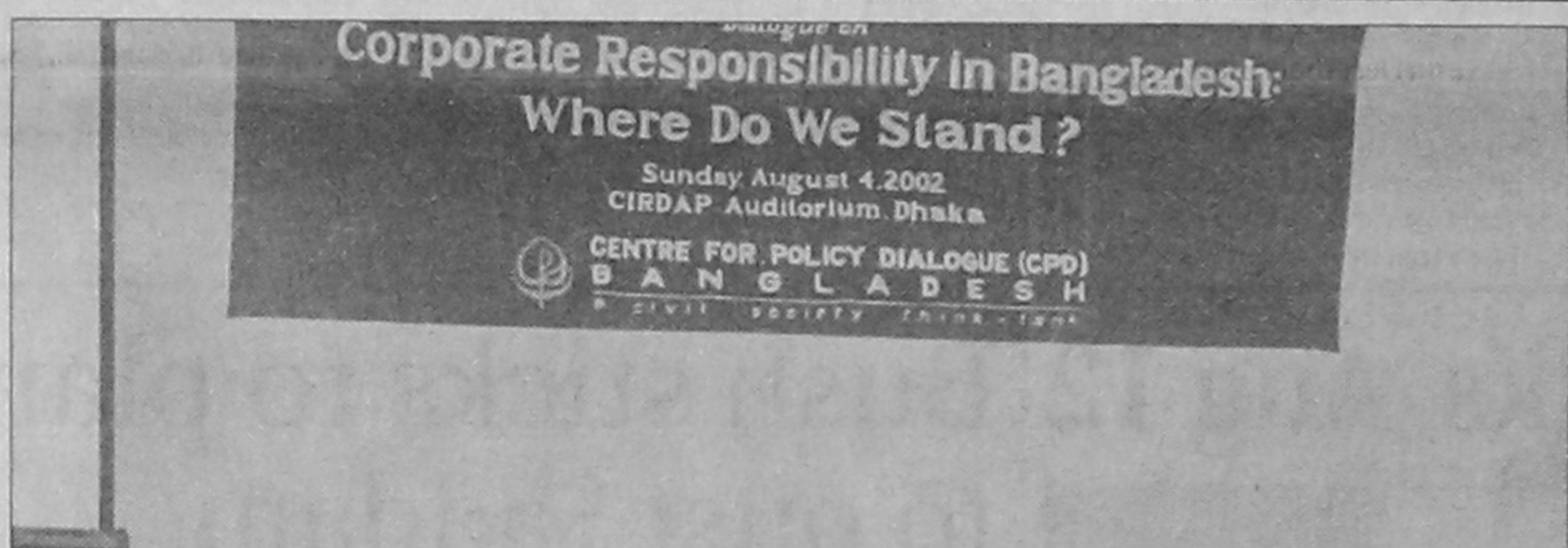
Senior members of the judiciary, lawyers, telecommunications experts, regulatory body officials and other stakeholders from Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and host Bangladesh took part in the workshop held in the city.

The state minister said Bangladesh government is fully committed to the policy of privatisation of the utility service sectors to be regulated by independent regulatory body.

The state minister said that in the interest of unfettered growth and development of national economy through commercial competitions by private investors, the need for speedy disposal of dispute assumed momentum, which led to the alternative dispute resolution mechanism.

Indian cultural show in Ctg August 7-8

BSS, Ctg A two-day cultural show, to be organised by the Deputy High Commission of India, will be held in the auditorium of Chittagong Engineers Institution on August 7-8.



The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) organised a dialogue on 'Corporate Responsibility in Bangladesh: Where Do We Stand?' at the CIRDAP auditorium in the city yesterday. From left are Ahsanullah Master MP, Syed Manzur Elahi, member of CPD Board of Trustees, and Md Lutfor Rahman Khan, State Minister for Labour and Employment.

The workshop was jointly organised by the South Asia Forum for Infrastructure Reform (SAFIR) and Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI) in association with the Bangladesh Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (BTRC).

The experts said the regulatory bodies should address various concerns considering the affordability and accessibility of the public and their interest, and if necessary, the bodies must consult with the ministers and parliamentary bodies to protect the public interest.

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DHAKA TODAY Discussion In observance of death anniversary of poet Rabindranath Tagore, Bangla Academy organises a discussion meeting. Memorial discussion An emergency meeting of the central working committee of Bangladesh Awami League will be held. Publication ceremony The University Book Publishers organises the publication ceremony of a book titled 'Bengali Love Poems Bangladesh and India'.

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