

'Math curriculums fail miserably'

BSS, Dhaka

Mathematicians at a seminar in the city yesterday said the existing mathematics curriculums of SSC and HSC level have failed to fulfill the expectation in math education miserably.

They said the current secondary curriculum which was introduced in 1976, is rich in contents. But the result of the SSC examinations of the last few years show that the new curriculum has failed miserably.

At the higher secondary level, the present curriculum was enforced in 1998. It appears from the recent public examination results that the situation at this stage is no better than the secondary stage, they added.

Bangladesh Mathematics Society (BMS) organised the seminar on "Mathematics in the 21st Century: Bangladesh Perspective" at TSC auditorium of Dhaka University (DU) in observance of BMS 30th founding anniversary.

Eminent mathematician and Prof of DU Mathematics Department AFM Khodadad Khan presented the key note paper while BMS president Prof Mohibur Rahman chaired the session.

Science, Information and Communication Technology Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan

attended the function as chief guest.

Vice-chancellor of DU Prof SMA Faiz, DU Mathematics Department chairman Prof Aynul Islam and Amal Krishna Hawlader spoke on the occasion.

AFM Khodadad Khan said BMS should set up a committee to review undergraduate level mathematics and suggest a standardised curriculum consistent with 21st century's expectation.

The minister said no nation can achieve prosperity without practicing free thinking and mathematics is the basis of all science and progressive thinking.

Golden jubilee

BSS, Dhaka

The Golden Jubilee and Reunion-2002 of school section of Shaheed Ramuzuddin College was held on Dhaka Cantonment College premises yesterday.

Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury inaugurated the function as the chief guest, a press release of the college said.

Among others, Station Commander of Dhaka Cantonment Col Salahuddin and Principal of the college Dr Mohammad Humayun Kabir also spoke on the occasion.

Principal Staff Officer, Army Formation Commanders and former students of the school, teachers and a large number of students of the school and college and their guardians were also present.

Later, a cultural function was held on the occasion.

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Muktijuddho Jadugar lottery tickets from Jan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muktijuddho Jadugar (Liberation War museum) has got government approval for selling lottery tickets to raise fund for the development of the museum, said a press release yesterday.

The tickets will be available for the public from January to March next year.

The museum authorities will arrange a function at its auditorium on December 31 to formally inaugurate the sale of tickets.

State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Redwan Ahmed is expected to attend the function as chief guest.

Air Vice-Marshal (Retd) A K Khandaker will preside over the function.

2 JCD activists assaulted on DU campus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two activists of the Jariyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) were assaulted by the activists of their rival faction on the Dhaka University campus yesterday.

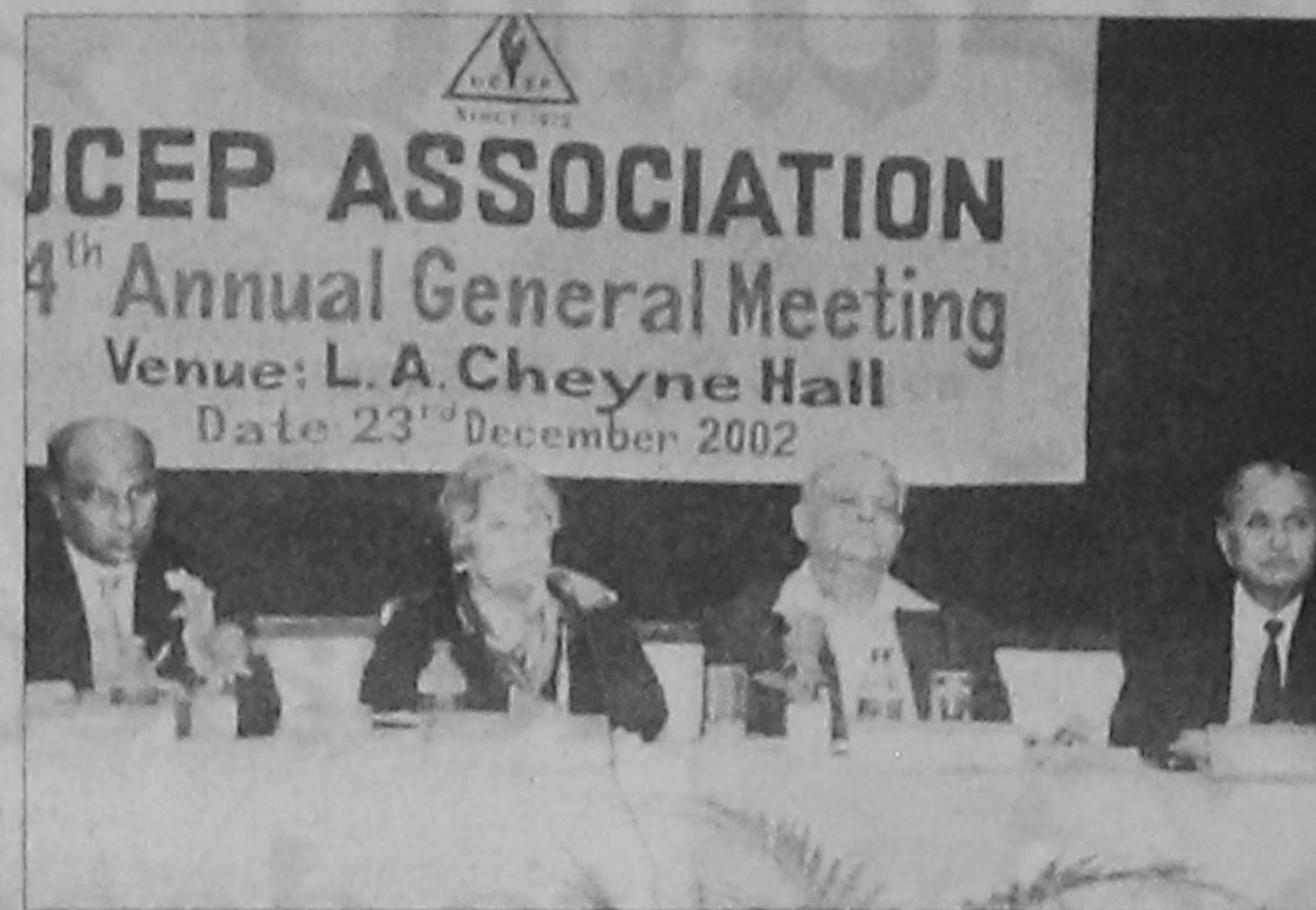
Campus sources said some activists loyal to Shahabuddin Laitu, convener of JCD, beat and ousted Raju, who is loyal to Monir Hossain, from Room No. 415 of Jasimuddin hall yesterday.

They also beat Billal Hossain Tareq, a member of the convening committee, in front of the Surya Sen Hall cafeteria as he protested the incident.

Charmonai mahfil concludes

BSS, Barisal

A three-day Charmonai Mahfil was concluded here Tuesday with the offering of Akheri Munajat seeking divine blessings for the peace and prosperity of the country and the Muslim Umma.



The UCEP Bangladesh held its annual general meeting at its Head Office at Mirpur in the city on Monday. UCEP Chairperson Zeba Rasheed Choudhury presided over the meeting.

'Set up Bangla Academy branches abroad'

BSS, Dhaka

Expatriate Bangladeshi writers and academicians yesterday urged the government to set up branches of Bangla Academy and other cultural offices outside the country.

"Don't confine the activities of Bangla Academy to Bangladesh. Expand its activities abroad like the British Council and American Cultural Centre," Executive Director of Chicago-based Bangla Literature and Cultural Ink said at a literary conference in the city.

The Bangla Literature and Cultural Ink, Chicago organised the conference styled as 7th Bangla Literature and Culture Conference 2002 held at a local hotel. A number of expatriate writers and cultural personalities took part in the two-day conference.

Education Minister Dr Osman Faruq spoke at the conference as chief guest while State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman as special guest.

Vice-chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Dr SMA Faiz, Dr Mohammad Sirajullah, Prof Dr Mostafizur Rahman, Mohammad Didarul Alam also spoke at the conference chaired by Prof Dr Wakil Ahmed.

Education Minister Dr Osman Faruq underscored the need for nurturing the Bengali culture as it is the national pride.

"The culture of West Bengal and ours are not the same. Maybe our language is the same, but there are differences in uses and accent. Our culture is purely Bangladeshi," he said.

Publication of medical journal

The medical services department of the Unihelth Pharma held a meeting on the publication of a medical journal, 'The Unihelth', at a city hotel on Tuesday, says a press release.

The meeting was presided over by MA Qaderi, former vice-chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University.

Among others, Prof. Mirza Mazharul Islam, Prof. Mustafizur Rahman, Prof. Harun-or Rashid, Prof. Ferdous Ara, Prof. TA Chowdhury, Prof. Ruhul Huq, Prof. MN Islam, and AIM Azizur Rahman spoke on the occasion.

Earlier, M Mosaddeq Hossain, managing director of Unihelth, delivered welcome address.

CPA directed to ease ship movement

BSS, Ctg

Shipping Minister Lt Col (Retd) Akbar Hossain has directed the Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) officials to make ship movement easier by rescuing and removing sunken vessels at the port channel and outer anchorage in the Bay of Bengal.

The minister made the directive on Tuesday while visiting the port channel and outer anchorage to see the cargo handling at the outer anchorage.

He also directed the CPA officials of take effective measures to

1288 more held

BSS, Dhaka

Police arrested 1288 people, including three identified criminals and seized four firearms along with three other weapons and 135 bullets during their countrywide drive in the last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

Two persons were arrested in connection with the seizure of weapons and two cases were filed against them under the Arms Act, a police headquarters press release said.

Among the arrested, 740 were under warrant of arrests and 543 in connection with different under-investigation cases, the release said.

During the drive, police also seized 2,404 explosives. Of the explosives, 1525 were recovered from Mymensingh, eight from Narayanganj and 871 from Cox's Bazar district.

speed up the cargo handling at the outer anchorage.

Later, he held a meeting with Port Users' Forum and listened to their problems.

The minister asked the committee, formed earlier, to find ways and make recommendations

as how the cargo handling in the country's main sea port could be made easier with less cost and time by January 15.

CPA Chairman Commodore (Retd) Zulfiqare Ali and other senior officials accompanied the minister during his visit.



Dry weather with cloudy sky

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain dry with partly cloudy sky over the country today.

Moderate to thick fog may occur at many places over the country during midnight till morning. Met office said predicting fall in night temperature by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country. Country's highest temperature 28.1 degree Celsius was recorded at Teknaf and lowest 11.0 degree at Ishurdi yesterday. The sun sets in the capital at 5:19pm today and rises at 6:40am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	23.8	12.5	97	69
Chittagong	26.4	14.5	88	45
Rajshahi	20.3	11.2	100	91
Khulna	24.9	13.5	98	79
Barisal	25.3	13.2	100	84
Sylhet	25.0	13.3	84	72
Cox's Bazar	26.5	14.0	77	64

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Obituary

Begum Razia Altaf, wife of late Kazi Altaf Hossain (Jail Superintendent), of Singair, Manikganj breathed her last on 22nd Dec, 02 at 4.00 AM (Inna..... Rajeun). She was 72 years old. She

left behind three sons, two daughters, grand sons and gr. daughters.

She was daughter of late Khan Bahadur Shamsuddin Ahmed and sister of Ex. Member of Parliament late Borhanuddin Ahmed Gogon.

Her Qulhwani will be held at Mohammadpur (3/1), Nobodoy Housing So., Road No-6, Tel: 9128107 after Maghrib prayers today, 26th Dec. 2002. C-2721

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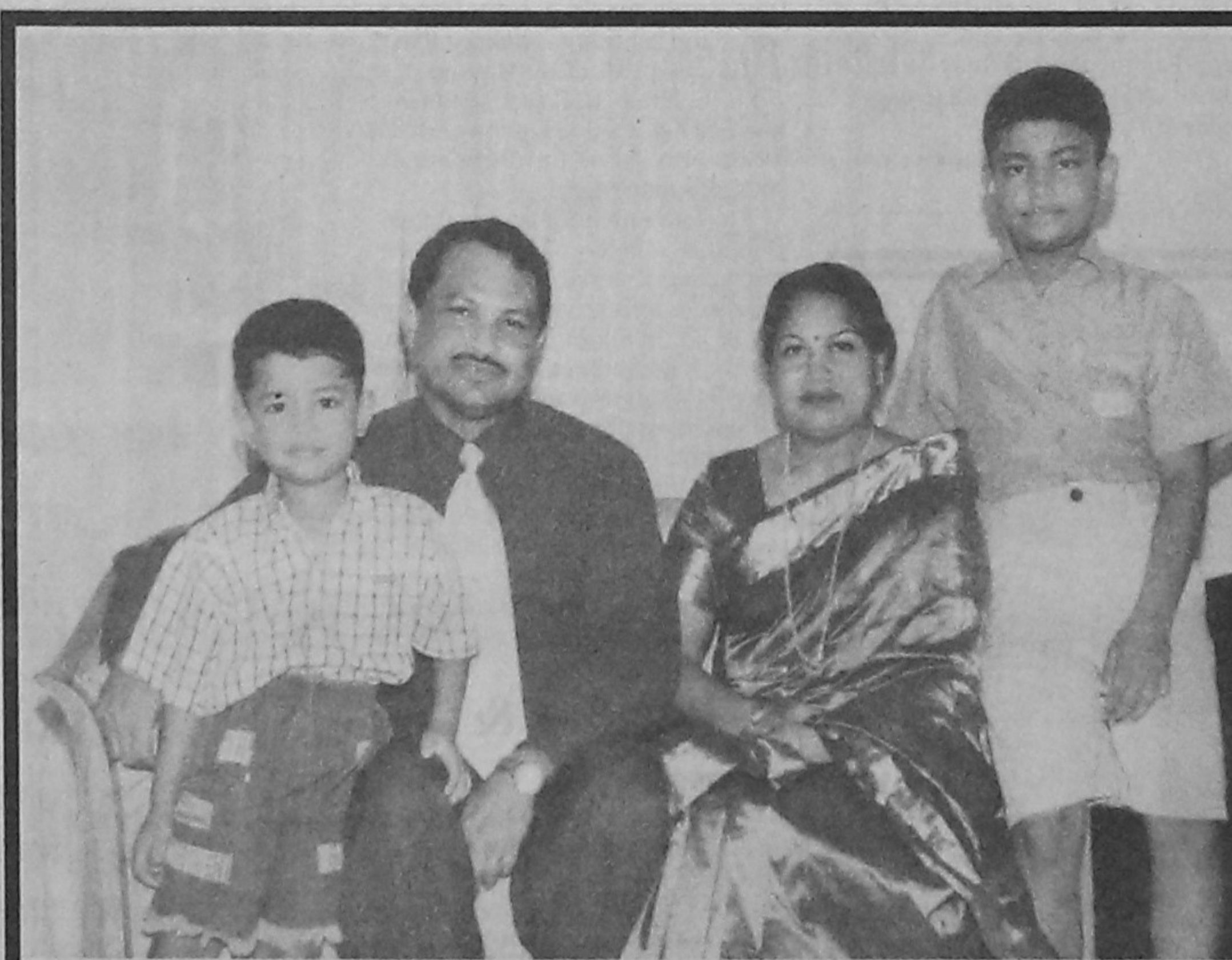
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