

'Launch social movement against phensidyl'

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Speakers at a discussion yesterday called for building up social movement against phensidyl, a deadly drug responsible for large scale addiction of the young people.

They said different social, professionals, and government organisations should work together to create awareness among the young generation about the harmful effects of drugs specially phensidyl.

The discussion on 'Building Social Movement to Prevent Drug's Entrance', was organised by Janaudyog, an environmental organisation in the city.

The speakers said to control the marketing of Phensidyl from the neighboring India, a high level talk between the two governments could be held to save young generation.

At the same time the narcotics

control department has to be strengthened and the law enforcing agencies more vigilant to stop the entrance and marketing of Phensidyl, they noted.

The speakers suggested the formation of the community-level committee involving local youths and respectable persons to stop the sale of phensidyl.

Quoting a recent survey, Janaudyog said more than 71 percent drug-peddlers are youth aged between 18 to 32 years.

The young generation is getting addicted due to unemployment and easy availability of the drugs, it added.

Prof ASM Shahjahan, former advisor of the caretaker government, Prof M Abdus Salam, principal of Sarkari (Govt) Biggan (Science) College, and M Hafizur Rahman, assistant director of the narcotics control department took part in the discussion.



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina addresses a grand rally of Bangladesh Non-government Primary Teachers' Association at Paltan Maidan in the city yesterday.



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Int'l Confce of Mechanical Engineering begins

UNB, Dhaka

The Fifth International Conference of Mechanical Engineering began at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) yesterday.

Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj inaugurated the three-day conference at the BUET central auditorium.

About 112 research papers, including six keynote papers by eminent academicians, will be

presented in the conference, organised by the BUET Mechanical Engineering department.

Representatives from the USA, the UK, Japan, Korea, India, Malaysia, Canada, Iran, Singapore and different universities and organisations of Bangladesh are taking part in the conference.

An international exhibition on 'Engineering and Technology' also began on the BUET playground yesterday.

1,685 more held, 10 firearms recovered

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,685 more people, including two identified criminals, during their ongoing countrywide drive in last 24 hours till 6.00am yesterday.

The law enforcers also recovered 10 firearms, seven other weapons and 66 bullets. Seven cases were filed against 17 people under the Arms Act, a handout said.

Separation of judiciary a must for rule of law

Speakers tell law association confce

DU CORRESPONDENT

Separation of judiciary is a must for the rule of law and good governance, speakers said at the 18th annual conference of Bangladesh Law Association (BLA) yesterday.

They also called on the lawyers to play a vital role in establishing the rule of law.

The conference was held at the Science Annex Bhaban of Dhaka

University, with Speaker Jamir Uddin Sircar as chief guest.

The Speaker said the practice of good laws could make a good society.

Stressing the need for good behaviour, he said one could become a good lawyer after practising the law for at least ten years.

The Speaker also assured that the judiciary would be separated.

To make parliament effective, he said, every lawmaker should attend

the parliament regularly.

Speaking as special guest, Barrister Moinul Hosen said the country needs the rule of law instead of the rule of leaders.

Regretting the divide among the lawyers, he said it the duty of all lawyers to help establish the rule of law and ensure good governance.

"Thirty-two years have elapsed after we have achieved independence, but the judiciary could not be separated yet due to pressures from different quarters," he said.

Prof. Azizur Rahman Chowdhury of the Department of Law, DU, also spoke as special guest. The BLA President Aminur Rashid Khan presided over the conference while General Secretary Monzur Mohammad Sahnewaz Tipu conducted it.



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A visitor admires flowers at the Ninth National Flower Exhibition at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city yesterday. The exhibition began on Wednesday.

DHAKA TODAY

British film

Under its annual film event, British Council will screen two recent British films titled 'Croupier' and 'Bloody Sunday'. Venue: British Council Auditorium, Fuller Road. Time: 3.00pm and 6.00pm.

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen a French comedy film titled 'Le Diner de Cons'. Venue: Society auditorium. 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Discussion

A discussion on the 'Independence of Bangladesh and contemporary thoughts', organised by Jatiyatabadi Peshajibee Parishad, will be held with Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3.00pm.

Prize giving ceremony

The annual prize giving ceremony of Bangladesh International School will be held with Prof Bazul Mobin Chowdhury, vice-chancellor of Independent University Bangladesh, as chief guest. Venue: School premises, DOHS, Mohakhali. Time: 3.00pm.

Rotary meeting

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club Limited, Ramna. Time: 7.00pm.

Meeting

A joint meeting of the executive committee of Rajshahi University Old Students Association and Rajshahi University Golden Jubilee Celebration Committee will be held. Venue: Swanirbhar Bangladesh, 5/5 Block-C, Lalmatia. Time: 5.00pm.

Prize distribution

Zia Shishu Kishore Songothon

organises a discussion, prize distribution ceremony and cultural function to mark the Victory Day with City Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Art competition

An art competition for the children on Bird, organised by a voluntary organisation BANDHU, will be held. Venue: BANDHU office premises, Madhubagh, Moghbazar. Time: 10.00am.

British film

Under its annual film event, British Council will screen two recent British films titled 'Happy Now?' and 'Emperor's New Clothes'. Venue: British Council Auditorium, Fuller Road. Time: 3.00pm and 6.00pm.

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen a feature film titled 'Eat Drink Man Woman'. Venue: Society auditorium. 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Talk

A talk on 'Global peace and security: Recent events in perspective', organised by Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA), will be held with Irene Z Khan, secretary general of Amnesty International, as guest speaker. Venue: BILIA auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 2.00pm.

Seminar

A seminar on 'Identifying issue of advocacy regarding child labour', organised by Social and Economic Enhancement Programme, will be held with Dr Hamidul Haque, chairman of Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum, as chief guest. Venue: WVA auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 10.00am.