

Help build country by using IT

Experts tell youths at seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Experts at a seminar have called upon the youths to come up with their full potentials to help build the country by using information technology (IT) in all spheres of national life.

The seminar on 'IT-based Higher Education in Bangladesh' was organised by the Rotary Club of Dhaka, Buriganga and Ramna in the city on Thursday.

"Still now by IT we mean only Internet, telephone, newspaper, television, but IT, in fact, is a vast area for data analysis and research," said Dr A Majeed Khan, vice-chancellor of the University of Information, Technology and Sciences (UTIS).

He said IT in the developed countries is intensively used for research and development of agriculture, industry, business, management and accounting which contributed to the immense development of those countries.

After the emergence of high-tech information technology, Bangladesh has been trying to develop the sector in various ways, but due to lack of quality IT education, the standard is still below the optimal level, Dr Majeed pointed out.

"We have a lot of human and natural resources, but we could not use them in proper manner,"

said Prof Mizanur Rahman of UTIS.

"Our talents are going abroad and investing themselves in the development of those countries," he added.

Rotaractor M Mosharraf Hossain urged the youths to overcome all social and economic hurdles and prepare themselves as qualified professionals for the development of the nation.

Manpower agent flees country with Tk 50 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A manpower agent has fled the country allegedly with Tk 50 lakh.

Police said, manpower agent SK Zaman Khoka, owner of 'Pan Pacific Consultants' at Jalil Tower, received over Tk 50 Lakh as security money from 30 people giving them false hope that they would be provided with lucrative jobs abroad. But Khoka fled the country on July 16, police said.

Other employees of the manpower agency are also absconding. Meanwhile, one of the victim's Ujjal Debnath filed a case with Khulna thana on July 27 accusing 11 people of misappropriating Tk 50 lakh through forgery.



Winners of the book reading programme 2002-2003 for higher secondary students pose with the guests at the prize giving ceremony organised by the Bishwasahitya Kendra at its auditorium yesterday. Mahfuz Anam, editor of The Daily Star, was present as chief guest while Syed Lutfur Rahman, senior vice-president of Delta Life Insurance, as special guest. Prof. Abdullah Abu Sayed presided.

Cancel Madhupur Eco-Park Project, withdraw false cases

Indigenous People Forum urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Forum for Indigenous People (BFIP) yesterday reiterated its call for cancellation of Madhupur Eco-Park Project in Tangail and withdrawal of 'false cases' against the indigenous people.

"Eco-Park will destroy the ecological balance of Madhupur Forest area and force the indigenous people to leave their own land," said Sanjib Drong, secretary general of the forum while addressing a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city.

"Madhupur Eco-Park is not a project for forest conservation, rather it is a project of massive corruption," he added.

Sanjib said the indigenous people are frequently accused of being involved in anti-state activities, although they are fighting only for establishing their rights on their own land.

"Listed criminals are easily released on bail but the 'innocent' indigenous people are never granted bail," he regretted.

Sanjib alleged that the indigenous people in other parts of the country are also subjected to harassment due to encroachment

to their lands by vested quarters.

He also demanded the establishment of the constitutional rights of the indigenous people.

Prof Mejbah Kamal of Dhaka University (DU) said the government is creating a situation that has forced the indigenous people to leave the country.

"We have failed to establish the country as a non-communal state even after three decades of independence," he added.

DU Professor H K Arefin con-

demned the government's 'inhuman' attitude to country's indigenous people.

Nirmal Chatterji, general secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra Jubo Oikya Parishad, said there is hardly any representation of minority communities in any state affairs although the government always termed the country a non-communal state.

The forum leaders said they will announce their next course of action from a grand rally at

Madhupur on August 2 if the government does not meet their demands.

Earlier, they paid tribute to Pinen Snaal who was killed in police firing on January 3 while protesting the construction of a boundary wall for the proposed Madhupur Eco-Park Project.

Garol leaders Albert Mankin and Rajesh Rema and Gono Forum Presidium Member Pankaj Bhattacharya also addressed the rally.



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BANGABANDHU GRAVEYARD COMPLEX

AL protests sacking of 15 employees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League Joint General Secretary Obaidul Kader has protested the sacking of 15 officials and employees of Bangabandhu Graveyard Complex Project at Tungipara pending their salaries and allowances for 19 months.

In a statement yesterday, he demanded their reinstatement and allocation of fund for the maintenance of the project.

Obaidul Kader said the government is tarnishing the image of the country by declaring former president Ziaur Rahman as proponent of independence in the representation of Swadhinata Juddher Dalilpatra.

He said the vested quarters will never be successful in their heinous attempt to erase Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from the heart of the people.

DHAKA TODAY

Drama

The Swapna, a socio-cultural forum, will stage a drama titled 'Zwala' written by Ritik Kumar Ghatak. Venue: Mohila Samity Auditorium, New Bailey Road. Time: 7.00pm.

Lecture

Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies will hold a lecture on Hiralal Sen. Venue: Bishwasahitya Kendra Auditorium, Bangla Motor. Time: 6.00pm.

Forum

The Association of Management Development Institutions of Bangladesh organises a management forum on 'Business education with focus on faculty development, quality assurance, curriculum and pedagogy, mode of delivery with IT integration and future trend' with Science and ICT Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan as chief guest. Venue: IBA Auditorium, Dhaka University. Time: 9.30am.

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen a British film titled 'Veronica Guerin' (2000), and an American film titled 'Sexual Roulette' (1996). Venue: Society Auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

AGM

The 13th annual general meeting of Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum will be held. Venue: IDB Bhaban Conference Room, Agargaon. Time: 10.00am.

Rotary meeting

Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club, Shahbagh. Time: 5.30pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Russian film show

Zahir Raihan Film Society, in association with Russian Cultural Centre, will screen two recent films from Russia. These are 'Russian Riot' directed by Aleksander Proshkin, and 'Tchaikovsky' directed by Igor Talankin. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm and 6.00pm.

Academy film show

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HALF-YEARLY ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2004

This is for information to all concerned that the half-yearly accounts (un-audited) of the Company as at June 30, 2004 has been dispatched to shareholders DSE, CSE and SEC on July 31, 2004.

M. Shamsul Alam
Managing Director

July 31, 2004

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MANIK SAHA MURDER Docket submitted to CMM's court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Docket of Journalist Manik Saha murder case has been submitted to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court on Wednesday.

Investigation Officer Md Mosharef Hossain, OC of Khulna thana submitted the docket.

Trial of the case is likely to begin in the first week of next month, Mosharef said. Manik Saha, Khulna correspondent of the New Age, was killed in a bomb attack on January 15 this year near Khulna Press club.

'Interventional Neurology a ray of hope for stroke patients'

BSS, Dhaka

The 'interventional neurology' ushered in a ray of hope for the patients vulnerable to stroke, the third leading cause of death after heart disease and cancer every year.

Nearly five lakh people of Bangladesh suffer from stroke, 85 percent of them sustain blockage of the artery called 'infarction' while 15 percent become victims of rupture of the artery leading to 'brain haemorrhage'.

Of them, 35 percent die after 'infarction stroke' within a month while 55 percent die after brain haemorrhage. Dr Mohammad Abdul Hayee, a fellow of the New Delhi based Sir Gangaram Institute, the lone organisation of its kind in South Asia, said here yesterday.

"People suffer from stroke for at least six reasons including old age, hypertension, diabetes, paralysis, smoking and hyper lipemia," Dr Hayee said. People aged 45 years and above are generally vulnerable to stroke in Bangladesh, he added.

He said 'stenosis' is the disease of artery into the brain where the lumen is reduced by these six reasons, slowing the flow of blood. Ultimately the stenosed area becomes blocked by the blood clots over the stenosis area leading to stroke, he said.

LOST

I lost my USA Passport No. 112359906 issued in New York along with air tickets and some important papers. I have already filed GD (No-531, dated June 10, 2004) with Sutrapur Police Station in Dhaka.

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