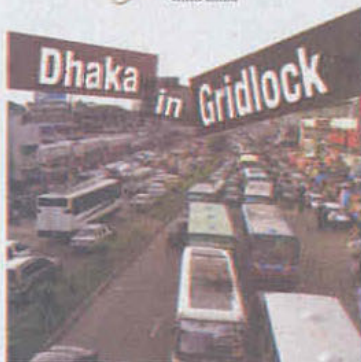


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Ban corporal punishment

I think it's about time the government in this country banned corporal punishment in our schools. There is no corporal punishment in most of development countries and so what justification is there for having it in Bangladesh? Is it so that teachers can bully the children, take out their frustrations from home and mentally scar them for life? There is an interesting article in this month's Readers Digest about why the children in Finland are ahead of the children in the rest of the world in reading and science education. Needless to say, beating the children is not part of the learning process there.

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Thanks and some corrections

I/we would like to thank you for publishing the feature "Arch.Kids Take Wings". It was very inspiring to our combined effort of creating awareness among the future generations to make them conscious about the environment and its architecture.

I would like to clarify some of the information that appeared in the feature. Arch.KIDS is an ongoing outreach programme of the Department of Architecture, BRAC University. Among various programmes organised for the Arch.KIDS, 'My Dream Street' was a workshop session. It was a combined effort of the teachers and students of the Department of Architecture of BRAC University. The Arch.KIDS workshop was not initiated by me as the feature suggests, I worked as the workshop coordinator. In future, Arch.KIDS has the intention of working with different groups of children, enabling them to take leadership roles in building a better environment and to support good architecture. Also, a slip in the feature needs to be mentioned. Only Sunbeams school has its premises in Road 27, not Sunnydale School which is located in Road 7 in Dhanmondi.

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