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Hundreds of admission seekers and guardians wait in long queue in front of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College in the city yesterday to collect application forms for admission to the college. As many a student achieved GPA-5 in the SSC examination this year, most students may not be able to get admission to the colleges of their choice.

'Set up day care centres at workplaces'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday stressed the need for setting up day care centres at workplaces where most of the workers are women to ensure early childhood development and women's contribution to national economy.

The government spends a lot of money on women's education but most of them have to be at home for caring their child causing a massive loss to overall economy, they said.

Phulki, a social organisation working for the rights of women and their children, organised the seminar entitled 'Child care will ensure women's participation in job market'

with a view to establish the right of working women.

The seminar was organised in association with Manusher Jonno and Plan Bangladesh at the Spectra Convention Centre in the city.

Haider Wasim Yaqub, programme support manager of Plan Bangladesh, said women's participation in the job market will help not only a family but also the country as a whole.

A day care centre can help build children as future asset providing stimulating environment to them, he added.

Anisul Haque, former president of BGMEA, called for enacting law to establish day care centre at

every workplace for working mothers.

Speaking as chief guest Kamal Uddin Siddique, principal secretary to the prime minister, termed the day care centre as the demand of time for working mothers.

He laid emphasis on action plan and brainstorming workshop to make people aware of the importance of day care centre.

Suraiya Haque, executive director, and Saber Raza Karim, president of Phulki also spoke.

Representatives of different organisations including Brac and Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum attended the seminar.

Training for people with disability begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Proper training, positive social attitude and good environment can offer the people with disability a life full of dignity, rights and freedom, speakers said at an inaugural ceremony of a training programme for the physically challenged graduates yesterday.

They said people with disability have wrong perceptions about the employers and they have psychological weakness for which there is high unemployment rate among them.

ActionAid Bangladesh, in association with HSBC Bank and Chittagong-based development organisation IPSA, launched a project to train the university graduate disabled persons. Its inaugural programme was held at National Disabled Forum's auditorium in the city.

The training will focus on communication skills, technology, language, information and living a self-reliant life.

Impact Foundation Director Mansur Ahmed Chowdhury inaugurated the programme, while Sayema Chowdhury of ActionAid presented the objectives and future plans of the project.

Actionaid Country Director Shoyeb Siddique, its Human Resource Chief Parvin S Huda, National Disability Forum President Khandaker Zahurul Alam and Director Dr Nasifur Rahman, National Disability Sports Association Executive Director MA Baten, IPSA Chief Executive Arifur Rahman Khan and chief of the training Vaskar Bhattacharya spoke on the occasion moderated by TIM Zahid Hossain of Actionaid.



Kamal Uddin Siddique, principal secretary to the prime minister, speaks at a seminar on 'Child care will ensure women's participation in job market' organised by Phulki, a social organisation, in association with Manusher Jonno and Plan Bangladesh at the Spectra Convention Centre in the city yesterday. On his left is Anisul Haque, former president of BGMEA, while on his right are Saber Raza Karim, president of Phulki, and Haider Wasim Yaqub of Plan Bangladesh.

B Chy urges opposition to unite against ruling alliance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

President of Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday urged the opposition parties to be united under a common platform with a view to defeating the BNP-Jamaat alliance in the next election.

"BNP-Jamaat coalition has totally failed to run the country. To defeat the alliance, it is imperative for the opposition parties to forge a unity over anti-government movement," he said while exchanging views with a delegation of the party's United Kingdom unit in the city.

He also alleged that the prime minister's son have amassed huge wealth through corruption.

Ahiduddin, convener of the UK unit of BDB, Imran Haider Chowdhury, Manzir Ali and Ashiq Chowdhury were present at the meeting held at the KC Memorial Clinic in the city.

CPB to put up 56 candidates in elections

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Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) at its central committee meeting yesterday discussed its plan to put up 56 candidates in the coming general election.

The meeting also reviewed the activities of the party's possible candidates in their constituencies, and called upon all concerned to play a greater role in waging a tougher movement against the government.

The party also called for realising its 53-point demand in order to ensure a free and fair election, said a press release.

The meeting observed that without radical reforms of the election process, the elections would turn out to be a mere competition among the millionaires.

The CPB also condemned Israel for its killing spree with the "help of the USA".



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Nagorik Sanghati forms a human chain at Shahbagh in the city yesterday demanding steps to ensure Bangladeshi expatriates' right to vote.