



Stalls are being set up on Bangla Academy premises in the city as preparations for upcoming Ekushey Book Fair is going on in full swing.

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TIB invites reports for Investigative Journalism Award 2007

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Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) has invited reports on corruption from journalists of print and electronic media for Investigative Journalism Award 2007, said a press release.

This year the award will be given in three categories such as reports published in dailies and magazines under National Newspaper, reports published in regional dailies and magazines under Regional Newspaper and reports telecast by BTV and other private TV channels under Television.

Reports published in print media or telecast in electronic media from January 1 to December 31, 2006 are eligible for inclusion in the competition.

The reports will have to be sent to Advocacy Department, Transparency International Bangladesh, Progress Tower, House- 1 (6th floor), Road- 23, Gulshan- 1, Dhaka- 1212 within April 15, 2007.

The main copy of the report will have to be submitted as photocopy is not acceptable.

TV reports will have to be submitted with full script after converting them into CD.

One participant cannot submit more than one report except series report.

Investigative feature report may also be included.

The report will contain a photograph of the participant, contact address and telephone number. It is requested to write "Investigative Journalism" on the envelope.

The TIB has been offering the award every year since 1999 to increase professionalism in investigative journalism on corruption.

The award carries Tk 60000, crest and certificate, the release added.

70,000 die of TB a year

Speakers tell workshop

BSS, Rangpur

Speakers at a daylong workshop said about 70,000 people die of tuberculosis (TB) a year --one in every 10 minutes -- and one gets infected in every two minutes in the country.

They said tuberculosis is a completely curable disease and the number of both the death and the patients could be reduced to a great extent by ensuring proper awareness about the disease among the people.

The workshop was held at the office of Rangpur-Dinajpur Rural Service (RDRS) at Hatibandha in Lalmonirhat on Thursday. RDRS organised the workshop under its Social Health Project to create mass awareness about tuberculo-

sis and the latest treatment method adopted for controlling the disease.

RDRS Trainer (TB-Leprosy) Moshir Rahman presided over the workshop with Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer Dr Noim Uddin as chief guest.

Medical Officer Dr Ramzan Ali, UP Chairman Abdus Sattar, Osman Goni and Bahar Uddin, RDRS Assistant Manager (Health) Mohon Barman, UP members, local elite, professionals, imams, purohits, journalists and community leaders were present in the workshop, among others.

The speakers at the discussion introduced the participants about the Direct Observation and Treatment on Spot (DOTS) method, recently adopted at national level, and pointed out

different reasons behind the infection of tuberculosis disease.

The sources said, under the DOTS programme, the voluntary medical teams will visit home to detect TB patients and will provide them with free treatments if they were detected as TB patient. The people can also get the treatment at different TB treatment and testing centres set up at several parts of the country. United Nations is assisting the programme, the sources said.

The speakers also stressed the need for cooperation from all quarters of the society to make the people aware of the treatment of the disease for eradicating the disease from the country within the shortest possible time.

29 houses, 4 shops gutted in Ctg

BSS, Chittagong

At least 29 houses and four shops were gutted in separate incidents of fire in the city yesterday.

Valuables worth about Tk seven lakh were burnt to ashes in the fires, Fire Brigade sources said.

They said at least 18 dwelling houses at Port Connecting Road under Halishahar police station were damaged in a fire that originated from an electric short circuit at about 1.30am yesterday.

Firemen with the help of local people extinguished the flame at about 3.35am.

Fire Brigade authorities said valuables worth about Tk four lakh were damaged in the blaze.

In another incident, 11 residential houses and four shops were gutted in a fire in Textile Gate area under Bayezed thana in the city at 6.20am yesterday.

The loss was estimated at Tk 3 lakh, the sources added.

Mayor seeks cooperation for healthy environment

BSS, Dhaka

Mayor of Dhaka Sadek Hossain Khoka yesterday sought sincere cooperation from the city dwellers to make the city truly livable for the future generations.

"We must ensure spacious, comely and healthy environment for the next generations by keeping the city's open public spaces, footpaths, roads and streets neat and clean and also freeing them from the unauthorised and illegal occupation," he said.

While exchanging views with elite and senior citizens at Free School Street in Hatirpul area on expansion of roads here, the City Mayor also stressed the need for active participation of each individual in ensuring peace and tranquility in the city.

"The city dwellers also have the equal responsibility to ensure healthy environment here side by side with the DCC and the government," he said and urged all to contribute their best in making Dhaka really clean and peaceful city.

CG urged to stop demolition of city slums

Nagorik Udyog, a human rights organisation, yesterday urged the caretaker government to stop demolition of the slums and eviction of its habitants and hawkers without providing them alternative housing and employment, says a press release.

It seems that the government has planned to drive away the poor to the village from Dhaka, they observed.

They also hoped the caretaker government would consider the matter and will take necessary measures to ensure their rights to live and work.



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Bishwa Lalitakala Academy organises a children's art competition on Jagannath Hall premises at Dhaka University to welcome the New Year.



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A big pothole in front of Postogola Fire Services Station in the city poses danger to pedestrians as well as passengers, but the authorities remain indifferent.