

SSC EXAMS IN 2009
Guardians urge CG not to introduce SQ method

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Guardians of high school students yesterday urged the caretaker government not to introduce Structural Question (SQ) method for SSC examinations in 2009, as most teachers, guardians and students are still in the dark about the new system.

The SSC examinees who are due to sit for the exams in 2009 are worried about the new system as the National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) is yet to issue any guidelines on the SQ method,

they said at a press conference.

"We have already submitted a memorandum requesting the caretaker government to introduce the new system in 2010," said Shahela Parvin, a guardian.

The SSC examinees of 2009 batch have started their academic session around six and a half months ago, but they still do not know anything about the new system, said Parvin Akhtar, another guardian.

Guardians of Motijheel Ideal School, Willes Little Flower School and Motijheel Girls School were



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Salma Aktar, a girl from Sarail in Brahmanbaria who suffered acid burns, tries to hide her face as she sits on a bed at the burn and plastic surgery unit at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday. The girl, who passed SSC examinations this year, fell victim to acid attack at her house on July 10. Local people alleged that Syed Jahangir Alam, who claims himself to be a Pir, threw acid on her as she protested his 'immoral' activities. Salma was admitted to DMCH on Friday night.

Viewers of alternate films on rise

DU CORRESPONDENT

The number of audience who prefer alternate films that reflect cultural diversity, arts and values, to high-budget studio films, is increasing, speakers at a seminar on film said yesterday.

Although alternate films are apparently under pressure due to the influence of globalisation, in many cases their audience have outnumbered those of the commercial films.

They called for more efforts and creativity in making alternate films so that local films can get rid of the influences of globalisation and reach international audience.

The seminar on 'Globalisation and world cinema' was organised by the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism

(MCJ) Film Club of Dhaka University (DU) and Globalisation Study Group at RC Majumdar auditorium on the DU campus.

MCJ Chairman Prof Shaikh Abdul Salam presided over the seminar while filmmaker Tareq Masud, director of Matir Moina (The Clay Bird), delivered the keynote paper on the issue.

Tareq said Hollywood-oriented filmmakers have created a certain trend of 'proto-type films' with a 'constructed taste' for audience in a bid to make their films commercially successful and they are dominating the global film industry.

"There is still a trend of imposing these proto-type global films on other film industries across the world, marginalising cinemas worldwide made up with local taste.

\$3m IDB help to set up Fistula Centre

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Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has agreed to provide Bangladesh \$3 million for setting up a National Fistula Centre (NFC) at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) for the treatment of fistula patients.

A Skilled Birth Attendant (SBA) Training Institute in Comilla will also be set up under the project for conducting community-based SBA

training, official sources said here yesterday.

The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is implementing the project, the only such centre in South-East Asia, co-financed by the UNFPA through its regular fund under the 7th Country Programme.

Bangladesh has made significant progress towards achieving the Millennium Development

Goals (MDGs) for both children and maternal survival, the sources said.

But formidable challenges are still lying ahead, particularly in taking to national scale of coverage on CSBA training programme and fistula programme in Bangladesh with timely proven cost effective and efficacious interventions, they said.

The sources also said that maternal mortality and neonatal

mortality, estimated to be 320 per 100,000 and 41 per 1,000 live births respectively, are still unacceptablely high.

Setting up of a NFC in the DMCH and providing treatment to the fistula patients will help women improve their quality of life and reduce morbidity, the sources observed.

The DGHS will hold a workshop in this connection on July 17 at Hotel Sheraton.

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