

Govt urged to introduce SQ method from class six

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Academics and guardians at a view exchange meeting with top officials of education ministry yesterday suggested the government to introduce new examination system titled 'Structured Question (SQ)' method from class six instead of SSC

examinations so that students can adjust the newsystem properly.

Education Adviser Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman as the chief guest said education ministry will take the decision within a few days evaluating the proposal made by academicians and guardians.

A website is likely to be opened in

a week where new rules, regulations and model questions about SQ examination system will be clearly mentioned, the adviser added.

Education ministry organised the meeting on 'SSC Examination Reform' at Biam Memorial Hall in the city. Noted academicians including Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, Prof Zafar

Iqbal, Prof Moniruzzaman Mian and Prof Emajuddin Ahmed and guardians from different parts of the country took part in the meeting.

Academics and guardians blasted the government due to lack of preparations like failure in providing proper training to sufficient teachers and printing new textbooks on SQ method, the new type of question pattern for SSC examinations to be introduced from 2010.

"We are trying to introduce the SQ system in order to improve the quality education in secondary level. But now a question has arisen that the new examination method should be introduced from class six instead of class nine. For taking the decision, we will hold discussions with relevant experts," the education adviser said.

Admitting communication gap about new SQ method among teachers, students and officials of education ministry, he also said all teachers, students and guardians do not have clear idea about the new examination system due to communication gap.

Former vice chancellor (VC) of Dhaka University Prof Moniruzzaman Mian said discussions and proper trainings are needed for introducing the new examination system. But the government did not take sufficient measures of making awareness in introducing the new SQ method in SSC examinations.

Former VC Prof Emajuddin Ahmed also suggested the government to introduce the SQ examination system gradually from class six instead of class nine.

Prof Abdullah Abu, Prof Zafar

Iqbal and Guardians' Forum Convener Advocate Abed Raja addressed the meeting.

Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE) Director General Prof KM Aurangzeb presided over the meeting.

Joint Secretary of Education Ministry Nazrul Islam Khan,

NCTB Chairman Prof Dr M Masir Uddin, Secondary Education Sector Development Project (SESDP) Director MAM Siddique, educationists Ali Azgar, Prof Muhammad Ibrahim and Dr Selina and media expert Muhammad Jahangir also took part in the meeting.

Worker beaten to death

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A plastic factory worker was beaten to death allegedly by his owner and colleagues at Islambagh in the city's Lalbagh area yesterday.

The victim, Amir Hossain, 25, a worker of Hajji Ismail Plastic Factory, was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where the on-duty doctors

declared him dead.

Police said factory workers caught Amir red-handed at around 10pm while he was stealing raw materials.

Later, the matter was informed to the factory owner. He along with some workers allegedly beat him with sticks, leaving him seriously injured.

Police arrested a worker named Ayub on charge of beating the victim.

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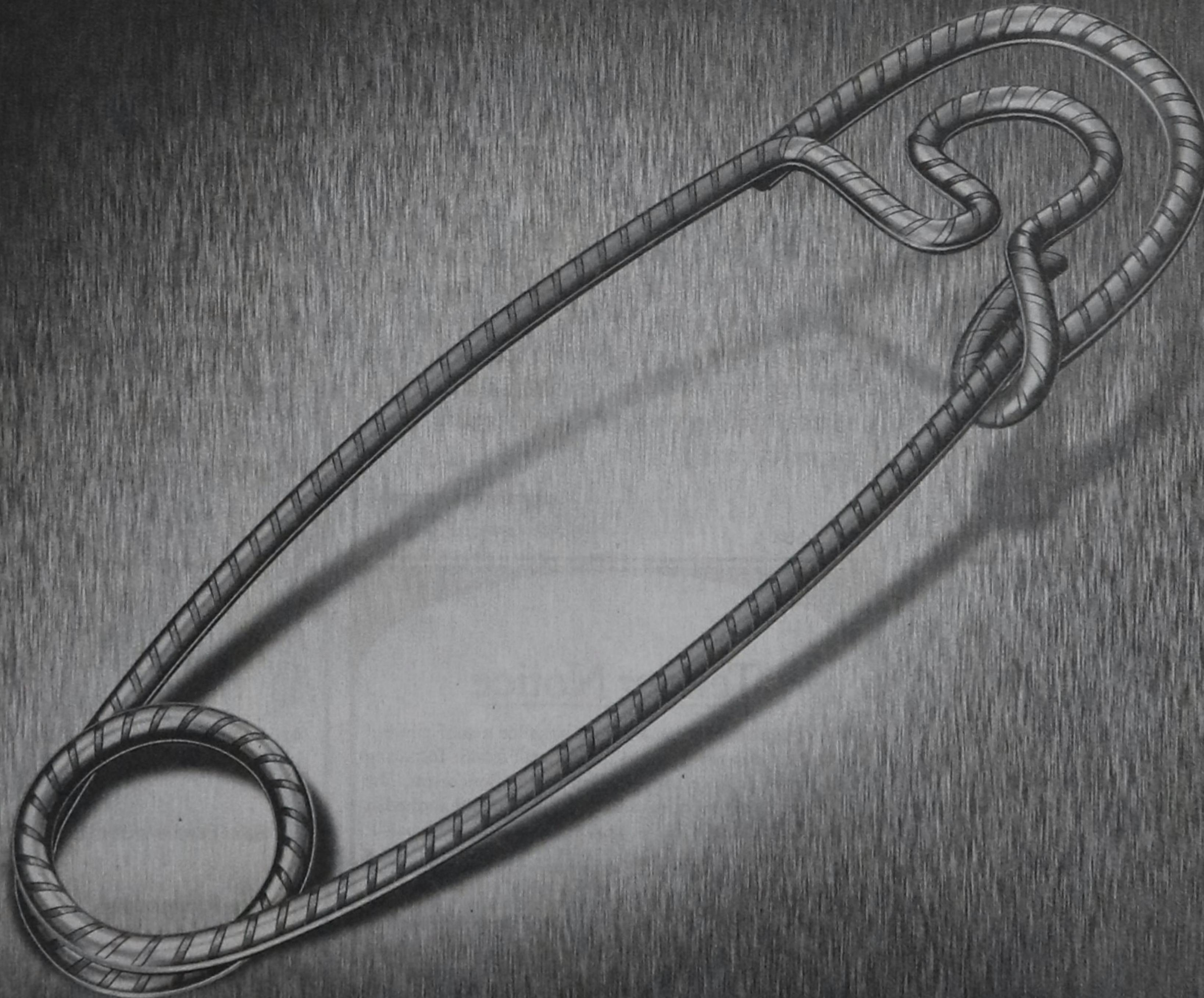
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