

Govt mulls integrated pry edn system

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Primary and Mass Education Adviser Rasheda K Chowdhury said yesterday the government is thinking of plan-

ning an integrated primary education system comprising both formal and non-formal education to achieve a higher literacy rate. While discussing the causes of

unsatisfactory literacy rate, the adviser said formal education has been the main focus on our primary education system, adding that those who were left out, missed out and dropped out from formal education could not get any further chance of education.

She was speaking at a roundtable to mark the International Literacy Day-2008 jointly organised by Bureau of Non-Formal Education (BNFE) and Bangladesh National Commission for Unesco (BNCU) at the Banbeis auditorium in the city.

Presided over by M Musharrat Hossain Bhuiyan, secretary to the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, the meeting was attended by Unesco Representative Malama Meleisa and Buet Prof MM Shafiqullah were present as the guest of honour and as special guest respectively.

Rasheda said, "The government is now thinking of taking an integrated primary education system consisting both formal and non-formal education which is badly needed to achieve a satisfactory literacy rate."

She said there had been a misconception about investing on adult education and for that adult literacy rate is not up to the mark. Emphasis should also be put on adult education to ensure education for all by 2015.

"Though there had been a lot of projects and programmes taken up in the country but those did not succeed much for lack of long-term vision and proper planning," added the adviser.

Presenting a keynote paper at the meeting, Chairman of Bangla department at Dhaka University Prof Abul Kashem Fazlul Haque said that for achieving a satisfactory literacy rate, quality education should be imparted and economic opportunities be created for the people during and after their education.

Prof Nazrul Islam of Brac University said also spoke at the programme.

DU teacher mugged, thrown out of microbus

UNB, Dhaka

A Dhaka University teacher was injured as muggers threw him out of microbus after snatching his purse and cell phone in front of Institute of Engineers on Monday night.

M Bahauddin, 30, a lecturer of Persian language and literature, was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). He got into the microbus from Shahbagh at about 10:30pm to reach home at Jatrabari. But soon the muggers, who were already in the vehicle in guise of passengers, gave ointment in his eyes and snatched away the purse containing Tk 5,000 and the cell phone.

After robbing Bahabuddin, the muggers threw him out of the microbus in front of the Institute of Engineers.

Pedestrians rescued him and took to the residence of his colleague Dr M Ohiduzzaman at Fuller Road. Later he was taken to DMCH.

Ctg sweetmeat shops fined

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three sweetmeat shops in Chittagong were fined Tk 25,000 in an anti-adulteration drive yesterday.

A mobile conducted the anti-adulteration drives at Khaja Road of Bahodderhat area and fined sweetmeat shops Fulkoli and Bonoful Tk 10,000 and Tk 5,000 respectively for preserving rotten food items in refrigerators.

The court also realised Tk 10,000 from another shop Fulkuri in the area in the same allegation.

Executive magistrate Mafidul Alam of the district administration conducted the drives with the help of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) and Bangladesh Standard Testing Institute (BSTI) officials.

5 top brass transferred in admin shake-up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday transferred five joint secretary level officials as part of its ongoing reshuffle in the administration, says a PID handout.

Director of Secondary Education Sector Development Project MAN Siddique was made director general of the office of chief adviser while Dr AHM Mostafien Billah, joint secretary of Economic Relation Division (ERD), was transferred to environment and forest ministry.

Mohammad Kamar Munir, joint secretary of environment

and forest ministry, was made special acting official (joint secretary) of the establishment ministry and was also attached with home ministry for serving in National Identity Registration Authority as its member.

Besides, Ayubur Rahman Khan, joint secretary of health and family welfare ministry, was transferred to Bangladesh Bridge Authorities as director.

Saheduzzaman, director of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, was transferred to labour department as director.

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