No rickshaw on Road No. 32...why?

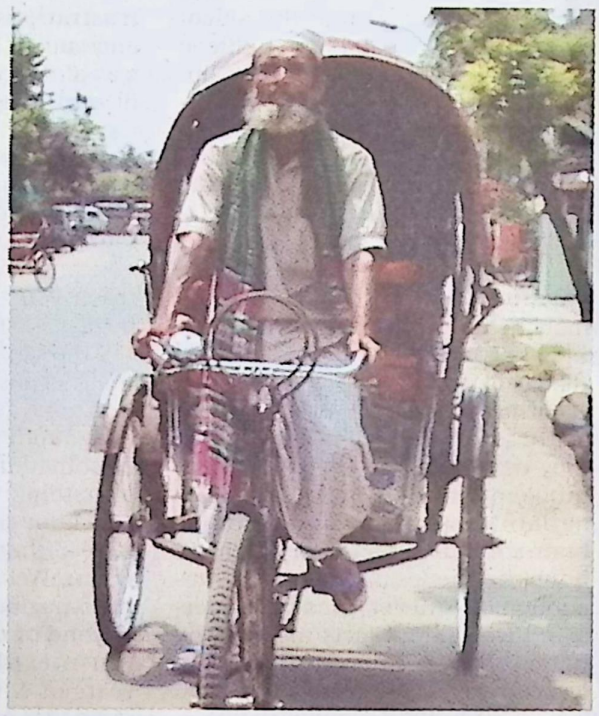
Rubaiyat Eshna,

BANGABANDHU Sheikh Mujibur Rahman fought for the right of the people of Bangladesh during his entire life. In recognition to his leadership he is called "Bangabandhu".To stay near the people he decided to live in his own house at Road no.32, Dhanmondi instead of the state designated place. After his death his house has been converted into a museum and a monument was built opposite his house, where many people from all walks of life come to show respect to him.

Rickshaws are not allowed to ply on road no.32 but all other vehicles pass without any restrictions. Ordinary people who commute through rickshaws are barred to pass in front of the house wherein other vehicles are allowed to move freely. Does it mean that people who own a car are more important in this country. Sometimes cars with music turned on in full volume and in high speed pass the road where Bangabandhu's house resides. Many old sick people and regular students have to step down from rickshaws and are compelled to walk.

I don't understand being a student whether this sort of restriction for rickshaw passengers only is in line with the ideologies of Bangabandhu who always wanted to eliminate discrimination between peoples. The present leaders of Awami League please look into the matter so that general people can pass freely through rickshaws in front of Bangabandhu's house.

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More Feathers to the Crown

Masudur Rahman

THE convocation of the Purbokone Drishty School of Debate was held at a restaurant in the port city on the third Friday of Ramadan, last month.

City Editor of local daily Suprobhat Bangladesh M Nasirul Haque, Sunshine Grammar School Principal Safia Gazi Rahman, teacher Jahanara Begum and story writer Jinnah Chowdhury attended the ceremony as the guests with Drishty Chief Adviser Farid Ahmed Chowdhury in the Chair.

Speakers at the function said the debate practice of Drishty, a cultural and educational organisation in the port city Chittagong, has successfully passed its glorious 16 years.They said it has been trying to develop quality of debaters of Chittagong.

Drishty President Masud Bakul, General Secretary Saif Chowdhury, Coordinator Adnan Mannan, Vice President Rashedul Amin Rashed and Kashshaful Haque Shehjada spoke at the convocation.

Later, the guests handed over certificates and prizes among the students of the 4th Batch of the School of Debate. In this ceremony, Mottakin Chowdhury of Chittagong Government High School was awarded the Award of Excellence. Also, Nazmus Sakib, Nur Anas Abir of Chittagong Government High School, Farzin Hassan Moumita of Silver Bells High School and Taohida Jahan Yousra of Ispahani Public School were awarded the Award of Success. In this batch, 45 students took part on behalf of 22 institutions.

The session was also graced with the presence of renowned debaters from several debating clubs in the city, likewise, Chittagong University Debating Society (CUDS), Chittagong University of Engineering & Technology Debating Society (CUETDS), University of Science & Technology Chittagong Debating Society, Procchaya Debating Society, International Islamic University Chittagong Debating Society and Drishty Chittagong.

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