A reply to "the deserving and the deprived"

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This is in response to Deeni Fatiha's article. I felt really troubled by the way she wrote the article.

First of all, the author claimed that her family and peers neglect the achievements of students from the British Curriculum and throw parties in honour of a cousin who has earned GPA5 in HSC exams. This is entirely a personal problem, because I never saw this kind of weird discrimination in my family. All achievements are celebrated in equal manner. I never heard anyone throwing party for getting GPA 5 either.

I believe that the government does not celebrate the achievements of O and A Level students because it is not the government's success. They are the students of private organizations. The government has got nothing to do with it. There are countless personal achievements of various people all over Bangladesh.

We all know that students studying the British curriculum get admitted in universities like Harvard, Princeton, MIT, the National University of Singapore, etc. I also used to admire them for their successes but the way the author wrote, it seemed like they are the only ones getting admissions and scholarships in internationally reputed universities. For her kind information, I would like to add that students from national curriculum achieve these as everyone else. Whereas both mediums have got their own potentials, the author wrote the article about their "negligence" in society but she herself seemed to be "neglecting" the others.

The national curriculum cannot emphasize English too much because Bangladesh is still on the way to improvising the curriculum. They are translating the Bangla books because this is the national curriculum. In India, they read books written by Indian authors and so do we. Maybe the writer does not know that even two years ago, these translated books were not available. Those students had to translate the Bangla books themselves!

And yes, winning a beauty pageant always gets huge media coverage. That is a completely different issue. The only things that I can say for this "issue" is that, government can impose a law on controlling the institutions' high tuition fees. And also political parties definitely should not call strikes on their exam dates. This is absolutely ridiculous and yes, overlooked by everyone.

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Feedback on The Deserving and The Deprived

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I am a regular reader of Star Campus. The write up on Nov 23, by Deeni Fatiha was excellent! She has just penned down our thoughts on discriminations faced by the English Medium students.

Thank you so much for writing all these on our behalf. Our elders always look down upon us as ill-mannered brats, just because we belong to English medium schools. For admission in public universities sometimes we have to complete 2 year's HSC syllabus in just 3 months! There are always discriminations, which piques our pride at times. I would like to thank The Daily Star for taking the initiative and awarding the students of O/A levels. Thank you once again for publishing her article in Star campus.

Dear Editor,
We the students of Chittagong Veterinary University want to see a column about the veterinary profession & veterinary Universities in your popular weekly magazine Star Campus because as of yet veterinary profession is not very well known to people in general.

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