'Unite against corruption'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Executive Director of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) Dr Iftekharuzzaman has urged everyone to be united against corruption.

Addressing a programme as chief guest in the city yesterday he said it is possible to eradicate corruption if everyone works in this regard.

The cultural programme was organised by TIB to mark the International Anti-Corruption Day at Rabindra Shorobor.

Iftekharuzzaman said everyone has to be active to resist corruption by creating awareness among the people.

It is not possible to curb corruption only through formulating law and giving punishment, he added.

The programme started with a song rendered by the artistes of Chhayanaut to make people aware about corruption.

Padatik Natya Goshthi staged a drama titled 'Chor' while a Gambhira group from Chapainawabganj presented gambhira songs on this occasion.

During the break, the artistes also urged the audiences to become aware about corruption while the audiences also expressed their support to the campaign.

Kamal Uddin, principal officer of Uttara Bank who came to enjoy the programme with his five-year-old son Jawad Kamal, said he was happy to be a part of the campaign.

He said it is very important to elect honest people in the upcoming elections to combat corruption.

Israt Nijhum and Rafiul Haque, two youths, suggested area-based programmes to raise awareness against corruption.

Nirjona, a student of standard two of Bangladesh International School, said she does not like a person who is involved in corruption.

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Artistes perform at an anti-corruption cultural programme at Rabindra Sarobar in the city yesterday. Transparency International Bangladesh organised the programme to mark the International Anti-Corruption Day.

One feared drowned in boat capsize

UNB, *Dhaka*

A young man is feared drowned as a boat capsized in the river Buriganga after being hit by a launch yesterday afternoon.

The victim was identified as Kamaluddin, 18, of Bhola.

Police said the boat carrying four members of a family was heading towards Keraniganj to reach a Bhola-bound launch anchored there. But the launch started moving to Sadarghat Launch Terminal and hit the boat in the mid-river at about 2:30pm.

All the family members except Kamaluddin managed to swim ashore.

ARTISTS, CULTURAL ACTIVISTS FORM NEW PLATFORM

Punishment to sculpture attackers demanded

DU CORRESPONDENT

Students and cultural workers are going to start a fresh movement in the city from a single platform to protest attacks on Lalon and Balaka sculptures.

Students of the Institute of Fine Art at Dhaka University and workers from different cultural sections, including drama, film and music, would carry out the movement under the banner 'Banglar Sangskriti Andolon'.

They demanded exemplary punishment to the culprits and called for an environment conducive to free practice of art and culture.

Protesting the attack on Lalon sculptures in front of Zia International Airport, they have been demonstrating for one month and a half under the banner 'Sachetan Shilpi Samaj'.

DU students who had been demonstrating on the campus protesting attack on sculpture Balaka at Motijheel under the banner 'Sangskriti Rakkha Andolon' would continue their demonstrations from the new platform.

Media worker Ahmed Moniruddin Tapu said this at a press conference at Fine Art Faculty office yesterday afternoon.

The attacks on the sculptures and other cultural activities in the country were not isolated incidents. A vested quarter is involved in the incidents. So, a long-term and integrated movement is essential to realise the demands, he added.

Cultural activists and students at the programme called on the countrymen to raise their voice against any kind of conspiracy against culture.

Under the banner, they would observe the Martyred Intellectuals Day. On the occasion, they declared a three-day programme that includes processions, rallies, oath taking to protect culture and cultural programme.

Artist Bipul Shah, singer and poet Kafil Ahmed, actor Azad Abul Kalam, Krisno Koli, Saiful Islam Omi, Imran Hossain Bipul, Mizanur Rahman and Shahana Majumder Nila were present at the press conference.

'Inculcate spirit of liberation war in children'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a painting competition yesterday called on all to inculcate the spirit of the liberation war in children as they are the future of the country.

The painting competition for the children was organised by the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) as part of its month-long Gono Jagoron (Mass Awakening) programme at the Central Shaheed Minar.

CPB General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim said there will be no development if the war criminals and autocrats are selected to govern the country through a political polarisation in the name of grand alliance.

He called upon the countrymen to be aware of the conspiracy.

He also demanded restoration of 1972 Constitution for the ultimate welfare of the people.

CPB leaders Ruhin Hossain Prince and Hasan Hafizur Rahman Sohel also spoke on the occasion.

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Children engrossed in drawing pictures at an art competition organised by Communist Party of Bangladesh at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday.

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