



Participants of the 5th HSBC-Prothom Alo Language Competition applaud during the inaugural of its final round on the Viqarunnisa Noon School and College premises in the city yesterday. PHOTO STAR

NUR MOHAMMAD RIFLES SCHOOL & COLLEGE
Distribution of HSC exam admit cards
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The admit cards for the ensuing HSC examinations will be distributed among the students of Bir Shreshtha Nur Mohammad Rifles Public School and College tomorrow and the following day, says a press release.

The students are requested to enter the college through the Pikhana gate No 4. They must be in uniform and carry their ID cards.

A total of 227 students of science group comprising B and C sections will receive their admit cards from 8.30am tomorrow, while another 229 students of D and E sections will get the same from 10:00am.

A total of 245 students from section A, science and humanities groups will get their admit cards on Monday from 8:30am and 197 students of commerce group (A and B sections) will get the same from 10:00am.

HSBC-PROTHOM ALO LANGUAGE CONTEST ENDS
Vow to protect country from evil, injustice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 5th National HSBC-Prothom Alo Bhasha Protijog (language competition) ended in the city yesterday with a vow to protect the country from all evil and injustice in the future.

The final round of the year-long festival was held with the participation of the winners of eight regional competitions.

"We feel very proud of our language. We feel proud of those who laid down their lives for our language. Our proud knows no bounds when we become part of the process of upholding the dignity of our language," said Prof Anisuzzaman, convener of the contest, at the inaugural ceremony at Viqarunnisa

Noon School and College in the city.

He also urged all to practise proper pronunciation and writing of Bangla language.

Matiur Rahman, editor of the Prothom Alo, said, "We want a beautiful and progressive Bangladesh. We must change ourselves at first to achieve this goal."

After the Principal of Viqarunnisa Noon School Rokeya Akter Begum inaugurated the final round, the participants rushed to the examination centre at the venue.

A total of 80 students were selected as winners from the participants. Apart from first, second and third prizes in various categories, awards were also given to 17 contestants under special category.

They were given crests.

"Do not memorise any of your academic studies. But memorise poetry. Memorising poetry does not have any negative affect," said Prof Mohammad Zafar Iqbal, calling on the participants to practise writing more and more.

Abdun Nur Tusher, Munir Hasan, Sayeduzzaman Roushan, Prof Bhismadev Chowdhury, Sayed Azizul Haque, Ferdous Ara Begum and Kabita Goshwami were present at the programme conducted by Arun Basu.

Khairul Anam Shakil, Mita Haque, Fahim Hossain, Chowdhury and Kalpona Anam rendered songs, while Bhashmar Bandopadhyay recited poems at the closing session of the festival.

Three power plants being set up in Ctg to ease crisis

UNB, Chittagong

Power crisis is likely to ease in Chittagong with two rental and one state-run power plants expecting to generate 227 megawatt more power by April next year.

Of the three plants, a 22-MW rental power plant at Barabkunda in Sitakunda will go into operation by this month.

Regent Power Limited, a private firm, set up the gas-fired plant at a cost of Tk 100 crore and would get gas for generation from the pipeline of Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited (BGSL), said sources at the Power Development Board (PDB).

Besides, construction work is going on in full swing for another 73.8-MW capacity furnace oil-fired rental power plant at Shikalbaha in Patiya upazila, which aims to go into operation by June this year.

Energies Power Corporation Limited, a private firm, started constructing the plant in January this year.

According to the agreement with the government, the furnace oil-fired plant at Shikalbaha will supply 55 MW power to the PDB and the rest to private firms, sources at the PDB said.

They said a readymade

power plant will be brought from Germany by a ship next month and set up on the under construction structures. Royce Power, a Hong Kong-based company, will provide technical assistance for the project.

Another state-owned 150 MW Peaking Power Plant is being set up in Shikalbaha area at a cost of Tk 534 crore. The plant is likely to go into generation by April next year.

PDB Chief Engineer Jyotish Chandra Biswas told UNB that the 22MW plant would go into test operation by next two or three days and in regular operation by this month.

"We will get 55 MW power from the 73.8MW plant which will start generation on June 28, if no unexpected problem

arises," he said adding that the state-run 150MW plant will provide power to the consumers by April next year to reduce the ongoing acute crisis to a great extent.

Due to lack of gas and fall of water level in the Kaptai Lake, one 210 MW capacity unit at Raosan Thermal Power Plant produces on an average 150 MW power during daytime while another two units of Kaptai Hydroelectric Power Plant with 50 MW capacity each add on an average 80-85 MW in the peak-hours of night against total capacity of 766 MW in ten power units under the three existing power plants in Chittagong.

The PDB gets 150-200 MW power from the national grid during daytime and 140-150

MW during peak hours.

As a result, the power consumers under Chittagong PDB have to experience on an average 120-140 MW load shedding during daytime and 200-220 MW in the peak hours while the total demand stands at 550-575 MW.

However, a 210 MW unit of the Raosan plant generated 100 MW power temporarily from the early hours of Thursday since the BGSL spared gas following regular maintenance at the Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Limited (CUFL) factory, said the sources.

Against the demand of 100-102 million cubic feet for running all the gas-fired plants in Chittagong, the PDB normally gets 40 million cubic feet gas.



Children look at a project at the science fair organised by Sunbeam School on its premises at Uttara in the city yesterday. The students of the school displayed a total of 90 projects at the fair. PHOTO STAR

Call to protect playground from fair organisers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several hundred local people and environmental activists staged a demonstration in front of Senpara Parbata Govt Primary School at Mirpur in the city yesterday demanding steps to protect the playground of the school.

They said that some influential people of the area have been using the playground as a venue of various types of fair for the last eight months. As a result, schoolchildren are being deprived of open space required for their play. At the same time, their academic activities are also being hampered.

The demonstrators held a rally and formed a human chain with a call for the administration to take step to remove stalls from the playground.

A two-month fair ended recently and the influential quarter has again started preparing to hold another fair on the playground.

Speakers at the rally said this playground is the lone open space in this densely populated area.

"We cannot play here for a long time because of fairs," said Rakib, a 14-year-old boy, who joined the demonstration.

The fairs also contribute to massive traffic congestion and create noise pollution in the area.

Environmental activists Abu Naser Khan, Pijush Kanti Saha, Khalilur Rahman and Ikma Hossain spoke at the rally. Save the Environment Movement, Peace and some local sport organisations took part in the demonstration.



Save the Environment Movement forms a human chain on the playground of Senpara Parbata Govt Primary School at Mirpur in the city yesterday protesting the use of the playground as a venue of various fairs throughout the year. PHOTO STAR

Chairman, nasir-ur-rahman sinha Orion Auditor, Mr. Fred Nelson

ACME's Quality Management System has been updated from ISO 9001:2000 to the latest version ISO 9001:2008. US certification body Orion Registrar Inc has made this recommendation after successful completion of transition assessment headed by Mr. Fred Nelson during March 23-25, 2009. Board of Directors of the company appreciates the concerted effort of all members of ACME family, which made this remarkable achievement possible.

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