

# Allocate one fifth of budget for edn to ensure EFA by 2015

Speakers urge govt

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Speakers at a press conference yesterday demanded the government allocate one fifth of the fixed budget for education sector in order to keep its promise to ensure education for all (EFA) by 2015.

Despite interventions of different government and non-government organisations, the current literacy rate of the country is 49.7 percent, they said, urging the government to take sector-wise planning for increasing literacy rate and standard education.

Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) organised the press conference at the National Press Club in the city to highlight the events it is going to organise in observance of the Global Action Week (GAW) 2009.

Every year the Global Campaign for Education (GCE) marks the week in April across the world. CAMPE in collaboration with its partners is organising different events to observe GAW 2009 (20-26 April) at national and local levels.

The theme of GAW this year is "Youth and adult literacy and lifelong learning."

Adult literacy gets less



Tasneem Athar speaks at a press briefing at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. On her right is Muhammad Azizul Haque and on her left is Rajasri Gayen.

importance though it is very important for a country's overall development, the speakers said, adding that according to the Unesco report the number of adult illiterate across the globe is around 774 million and 64 percent of them are women.

Citing statistics from Literacy Assessment Survey 2008, KM Enamul Hoque, programme manager of CAMPE, said though the net enrolment rate in the primary school is 98 percent, 48 percent of them drop out before completing primary education.

The main reasons behind

the dropout rate are social and financial constraints, he said, adding that the government has to play a vital role in ensuring quality education and completing the education cycle for poor people.

"It is not possible to increase literacy rate without ensuring participation in the primary education," he said.

Tasneem Athar, deputy director of CAMPE, said education and literacy widen potential of the people and also increase the ability to take decisions.

Mentioning the week-long

programmes, she said they would organise a big reading programme at Central Shaheed Minar tomorrow where thousands of people will read an inspirational story.

"Millions of people across the globe will read the same story at the same time to move forward the education and literacy programme further," she said, adding that women activist Rokeya Rafiq will read out the story.

Muhammad Azizul Haque, acting director of CAMPE, said it is important to increase budgetary allocation for education sector and ensure its proper utilisation at the same time.

The demands placed by CAMPE include formulation and implementation of the National Education Policy with the participation of all, giving importance on informal education, ensuring modern and effective training for teachers, creating opportunities for the deprived and underprivileged children.

CAMPE also demanded the developed countries and international organisations spend \$16 billion for achieving the EFA target and billion dollars for adult literacy.



Jatiya Sramik League, labour front of ruling Awami League, holds a rally at Muktangan in the city yesterday, causing a gridlock in the Paltan area.

## China offers improved tech for power generation

UNB, Dhaka

China yesterday offered its improved technology for power generation, better use of energy and production of hydro and solar energy to overcome the mounting electricity crisis facing Bangladesh.

"Bangladesh is facing various challenges and we want to support our friend... We want to see Bangladesh achieving prosperity and improving the living standard of its people," new Chinese Ambassador Zhang Xianyi told reporters after nearly an hour-long meeting with Foreign Minister Dipu Moni.

The Ambassador said he would encourage Chinese businessmen and entrepreneurs to come to Bangladesh and explore potential fields for investment.

Asked if they discussed the proposed nuclear power plant in Bangladesh, he said the issue was not raised yesterday but China is positive in extending assistance to Bangladesh in this

regard.

He said there is a good sign that the last year's volume of bilateral trade has doubled. He hoped Bangladesh would send business teams to Canton and Kunming fairs, and exhibits Bangladeshi products to make those familiar with Chinese companies and consumers.

On cooperation in education and cultural fields, the Ambassador said presently 70 Bangladeshi students are studying in China and the number would increase to 100 next year.

He underscored the need for exchange of cultural groups between the two countries and increasing people-to-people contact. The envoy said direct airlines between the two countries help tourists visit each other countries.

The envoy expressed satisfaction over the existing excellent relations between Dhaka and Beijing, and hoped that the comprehensive cooperation and partnership between the two countries will enhance to a new height during his tenure.

## Bangladesh achieves remarkable success in many fields

Dr Yunus says at lecture in New York

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Nobel laureate Dr Muhammad Yunus has said despite becoming champion in corruption, Bangladesh has been achieving success in different fields.

He said Bangladesh is ahead of many big countries including India in women and children's healthcare, poverty reduction and women's education and empowerment.

Dr Yunus was speaking at a lecture organised by a voluntary organisation 92Y at Manhattan in New York.

Known as the pioneer of micro-credit, he said more than 50 percent of people in Bangladesh drink arsenic-contaminated water, but neither the World Bank nor any other donor agency has taken any step in this regard.

Dr Yunus said Grameen

Bank has started a programme to supply arsenic-free water to people in Bangladesh.

"Neither I nor my Grameen Bank is part of the government. But we are working for the overall welfare of the people. I think if we can provide pure water to 50,000 people a year that will be a big work. In this way, the scope of supplying pure water will be expanded every year," he added.

Noted economist and UN secretary general's special envoy Dr Jaifrey Sachs moderated the programme.

A huge number of Bangladeshi expatriates in USA attended the lecture.

Former MP and Chairman of Thikana Group of Publications MM Shahin exchanged greetings with the Nobel laureate.

After the lecture he gave

autographs to the buyers of his book titled 'Creating A World Without Poverty'.

Dr Yunus is now in the USA to take part as a special guest in a four-day international

conference on health.

This time his mission is to seek international support for multilateral plan to ensure healthcare to women and children of Bangladesh.

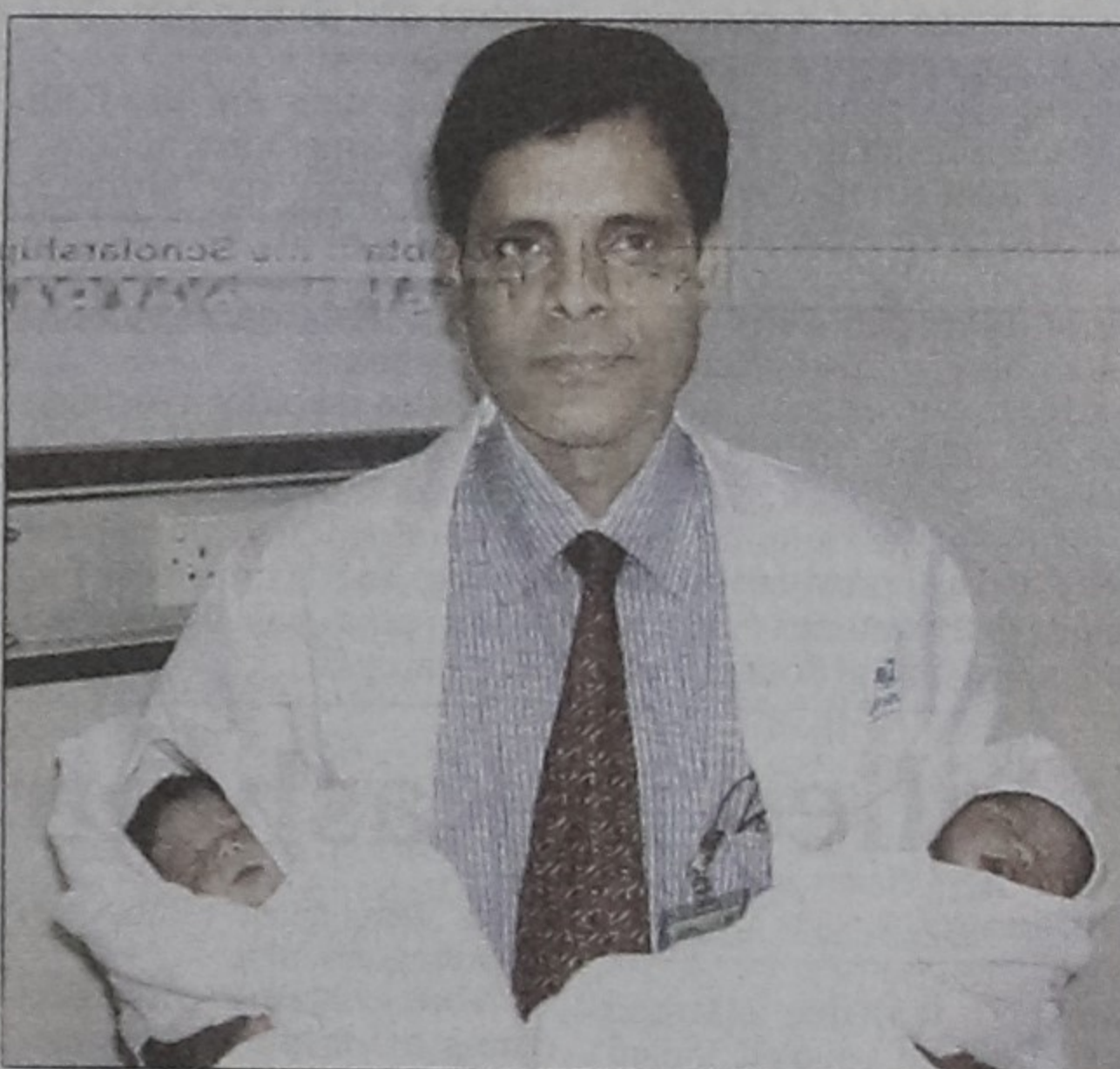


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A doctor poses for photograph with the twin test-tube boys born at the fertility centre of Apollo Hospitals Dhaka yesterday.

## Twin test-tube boys born at Apollo Hospitals

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A set of twin test-tube boys was born at the fertility centre of Apollo Hospitals Dhaka yesterday.

Dr Mrinal Kumar Sarkar, head of fertility centre of the hospital, conducted the caesarean section operation.

However, the parents of the newborns preferred anonymity.

The babies and their mother are fine now.

The In Vitro Fertilisation, mostly known as Test Tube Baby method, is a popular treatment for infertile couples.

The couple got enrolled with the fertility centre of the hospital when it was set up in 2008 and they had been going through the IVF treatment.

## 25 more leaders quit Ahle Hadith Andolon

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A total of 25 leaders of Ahle Hadith Jubo Sangha, an organisation of Ahle Hadith Andolon, resigned protesting the autocratic and anti-party activities of its chief Dr Muhammad Asadullah al Galib.

Meanwhile, A Dhaka-based organisation titled 'Ahle Hadith Jubo O Chhatra Parishad' was formed at a meeting with

Muhammad Abdul Wadud, former general secretary of Ahle Hadith Jubo Sangha, as convenor.

A 21-member convenor committee of the organisation was also formed.

The committee decided to form its convening committee within two months after visiting different districts and educational institutions across the country.

So far 49 leaders resigned from the organisation.



Building Technology and Ideas (BTI) Ltd holds an awareness rally as part of its daylong cleanliness programme at its own project at Uttara Sector-7 in the city on April 17. Chief Operating Officer engineer Ahsanul Hoque and other staffs were present.

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