



Prof Anisuzzaman speaks at the publication ceremony of a book 'Agunmukhar Meye' by Nurjahan Bose at the Bilia auditorium in the city yesterday.

265 arrested in special drive

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Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) arrested 265 people on various charges and seized firearms and stimulating drugs from different parts in the city yesterday, the third day of its special drive.

Of the arrestees, 10 are muggers, three listed criminals, three extortionists, 70 drug peddlers, 47 wanted in different cases.

During the drive, police seized 3.593 kilogram of cannabis, 84 Yaba tablets, one pistol, one motorbike and two cellphone sets.

Additional Deputy Commissioner of detective branch (PR) of police told The Daily Star that the drive is being conducted as per existing criminal list, which will continue till April 30.

DMP Commissioner Shahidul Haque asked all the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to update the data of the criminals in their respective zones and submit it by April 30.

Against the backdrop of increasing criminal activities in DMP areas, the police launched the drive.

In the last three days, the police arrested a total of 564 criminals.

Programme for child domestic helps held

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A daylong programme for child domestic helps was organised on the T&T colony playground in the city on Saturday.

A total of 240 child domestic helps who also study in schools run by Shaishab Bangladesh participated in the programme that featured sports and art competitions and cultural function, says a press release.

Farzana Naim, director (governance) of Manusher Jonno Foundation, and local people were present on the occasion.

This is the third time Shaishab Bangladesh has organised such an event. Prizes were distributed among the winners following the competitions.

Allocate 6pc GNP for education sector

Experts urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Experts at a consultation yesterday suggested the government allocate at least six percent of gross national product (GNP) for education sector to achieve the education for all (EFA) target by 2015.

They also called on the government to allocate six percent of the total education budget for adult literacy.

Laying stress on taking a holistic and lifelong learning process to promote literacy, the experts called for taking sector-wise action plan on literacy and quality education, including health, education, agriculture, livestock and livelihood.

Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) organised the consultation on 'Youth and adult literacy' at LGED Bhaban in the city to mark the Global ActionWeek.

Speaking as the chief guest, State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Motahar Hossain said the government is committed to bring all the children to schools and reduce the dropout rate down to nil by 2011.

"The government would start the activities in full swing from January 2010. In 2011, it would concentrate on adult education and skilled training for youth through local administration," he added.

Stressing the need for cooperation among the government

and NGOs to achieve the target, the minister said regardless of political affiliation, all parties should come forward to take strategies at community level to help the government materialise 'Vision 2021'.

Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed, chairman of Foundation for Research on Educational Planning and Development, said a continuum approach is needed to sustain the achieved literacy rate.

"The government should establish a research centre nationally to identify different problems, causes or difficulties in education sector and accordingly it should launch a

programme to solve the problems to get the desired result."

Termining increasing enrolment not enough to ensure EFA, Dr Manzoor Ahmed, senior adviser of Brac University, suggested the concerned body take initiatives to launch a community network of learning centre across the country.

Coordinator of South Asia Advocacy and Campaign Md Muntasim Tanvir presented the keynote paper.

With Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) President Kazi Rafiqul Alam in the chair, the programme was also addressed by acting director of CAMPE Md Azzul Haq.



Child domestic helps take part in a drawing competition organised by Shaishab Bangladesh on the T&T colony playground in the city on Saturday.

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