



Eminent citizens, celebrities and people from all walks of life at Rabindra Sarobar at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday pledge to change themselves to bring about a positive change in the society as part of the 'Bodle Jao, Bodle Dao' (Change yourself, change others) campaign of the daily Prothom Alo.

CAMPAIGN OF PROTHOM ALO Pledge for positive change reiterated

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Eminent citizens, celebrities and people from all walks of life yesterday pledged to change themselves to bring about a positive change in the society for building a democratic, progressive and secular country.

Urging all to discharge their duties sincerely, they said if a person changes himself or herself for a noble cause, he/she can change the whole world.

They were speaking at a programme at Rabindra Sarobar at Dhanmondi in the city as part of the 'Bodle Jao, Bodle Dao' (Change yourself, change others) campaign of the daily Prothom Alo.

The daily Prothom Alo launched this campaign last month to mark its 10th founding anniversary with a view to bringing about positive changes in the society.

As it was a holiday, people participated in the campaign with much enthusiasm, writing their pledges on the banners to promote good work and eliminate malpractices.

The programme started with songs rendered by the artists of Surer Dhara, a music school. Noted singer Rezwana Chowdhury Banya led the performance.

Speaking on the occasion, Founder of Bishwa Sahitya Kendra Abdullah Abu Sayeed said he who can change himself

can change the world.

"We have to believe that we can do it," he said and pledged that he would try to do something good everyday.

Founder and Chairperson of Brac Fazle Hasan Abed said he had promised to eradicate poverty from the country 36-37 years ago and the work is still going on.

He had recently pledged to give up smoking and he has kept the promise.

Urging the teachers to refrain from beating children with cane, former adviser to a caretaker government Rasheda K Chowdhury pledged that she would never misbehave with any children.

Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam said it is very easy to utter the words 'Bodle Jao, Bodle Dao', but it is very tough to change one's self.

Urging all to give up the unhealthy practice of spitting on the roads, he said, "We could prevent many contagious diseases if we can change this unhealthy practice."

He also urged everyone to be modest and humble.

Salma Khan, member of Cedaw committee, urged all to work for eliminating discrimination and violence against women.

Dr Samanta Lal Sen pledged that he would not take any fee from any victims of violence against women

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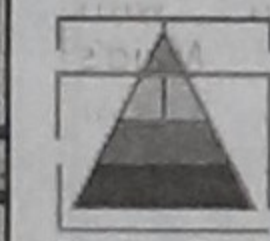
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