Criminology: The power to control crime

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WE are the citizens of a country that has been branded as a corrupt country. Today corruption is found in every spheres of life in Bangladesh.

Education, Culture, Politics everywhere corruption is spreading tentacles to damage the social fabric. As a result, Bangladesh is lagging behind other developed countries of the world. It therefore became necessary to study the nature of crime and trends of criminality in a structured manner. With this goal in view, late Dr. Yusuf Sharif Khan Ahmed started Criminology and Police Science (CPS) subject in 2003. And Mawlana Bhasani Scince and Technology University (MBSTU) has included this subject in Life Science (LS) faculty. Bangladesh is the 2nd country to have this subject in M.Sc. level in a public university in Asia

The meaning of Criminology is study of crime and all the topics related with crime. What is crime, who is called a criminal, who is the victim, place and time of crime etc. are being explained by Criminology or crime science. And it shows the way to control crime rate of any country in the world. CPS resuscitates the consciousness on this topic. It plays a vital role to make expert, well trained criminologist who will change the status of Bangladesh in the sector of corruption with the help of their experience.

Very few people in this country know that a very essential subject is being taught in our country to build up experts to control crimes in various sectors. I think this massage should be disseminated widely throughout the country and the objectives of the subject should be made clear to the countrymen. At the same time, parents/guardians should be inspired to send their children to study the subject.

One common question is that, is there any demand of CPS in the job market in our country? I have mentioned that, MBSTU is the only institution which has been teaching the subject to produce well educated criminologist since 2003. Now, 6th batch is getting their B.Sc degree and 1st batch is doing internship. They have already showed their excellent performance in their work and administrative departments are trying their level best to appoint them in different sectors according to their capability. There are many other job opportunities, such as Police Service, CID, Forensic department of CID, Criminologist or Crime specialist and so on.

Yusuf Sir dreamt that in the near future Bangladesh will be a corruption free country with the help of vigilant Criminologists produced by MBSTU. If he was with us today, he would have definitely become sad to hear such questions, 'what will a girl do by studying CPS?' Standing on this 21st century, it is totally unnecessary to answer such questions. We can go ahead with the confidence that the day is not far when crime and corruption of our country will be controlled or handled by our own smart, clever criminologists. We feel proud to be students of the said faculty and we will be the future criminologists of the country.

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Radiant School celebrates three literary giants

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THE greatest English playwright Shakespeare, Nobel Laureate Tagore and the national poet of Bangladesh Kazi Nazrul Islam were honoured by Radiant International School on their birth anniversaries.

On 23rd April a small programme was arranged to commemorate the 445th birth anniversary of the Bard of Avon, William Shakespeare. As the honourable Principal Dr. Nazma Yeasmeen Haque, declared the programme open, she talked about her visit and her reactions to Shakespareare's birthplace at Stratford-upon-Avon which she had visited a couple of years back. Her descriptions were so vivid that the students as well as the teachers seemed to be transported to the far away England of Shakespeare days. A couple of papers on the life and works of the playwright, recitation of some poems/songs and a scene from 'The Taming of the Shrew' followed. The programme was rounded off with the recitation of some beautiful sonnets.

Soon after, on 12th May, the school arranged a cultural function on the occasion of Tagore's birthday. The beautiful songs and dances captivated the audience. Two students read out 'Postmaster', a famous short story by the Nobel laureate while some others recited a number of his popular poems. The highlight of the programme was a discussion between Tagore and Einstein when the former visited the scientist at his country home. This was acted out by the special guest Syed Badrul Ahsan and teacher of Radiant, Rafiqul Momen.

27th May was another special day for the school as it celebrated the 110th birth anniversary of the national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam with another short cultural programme. The best part of the programme was when the honorable Principal herself recited the revolutionary poem 'Bidrohi' in a fiery and enthusiastic way, holding the audience spellbound.

All the three programmes helped to enrich the knowledge of the students about the life and works of the three great writers as well as awakening more interest in the beauty of literature in them.