Creative question method to be introduced in 2010

Students to take 2 exams initially

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid at a press briefing yesterday said the government ence for those of science group, he added. decided to introduce the much-talked-about examinations in 2010 by phases.

1st paper and Religious Studies -- will be held under the new method from the next year as per the earlier announcement, the minister added.

exams in 2011 will have to take their exams on creative question method." four subjects under the newly introduced question pattern, as the government changed subjects under the system from 2011.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid disclosed the information at the press confercity.

"Examinations on two subjects will be held remain unchanged. under the creative question method in 2010 as per the earlier announcement and along with Joint Secretary (secondary) Moyjuddin Ahmed, these two subjects examinations of two more subjects for every groups will be held under the Secondary Education Directorate Prof M method from 2011," he said.

The two subjects are geography and general Shamsul Haque were also present.

science for the students of arts group, business introduction and general science for commerce students and chemistry and social sci-

The newly introduced question method was creative question method from the next SSC supposed to be applied fully for all subjects from the SSC examination 2011, but the government The examinations of two subjects -- Bangla decided not to hold examinations on all subjects under the method in the wake of protests from guardians, teachers and students.

The minister said, "As many as 1.22 lakh class teachers and 18,364 headmasters have The students who are going to sit for the SSC been given training so far for introducing the

A total of 1,200 teachers selected by respective education boards were given special trainthe previous decision of holding exams of all ing for making, correcting and evaluating answers to creative questions, he added.

Nahid said the pre-test and test examinations on the two subjects will be held on unience at his ministry's conference room in the form question in one day in all secondary schools in the country and the exams fee will

> Education Secretary Syed Ataur Rahman, Director General of Secondary and Higher Noman-ur Rashid and Dhaka Board Chairman



Workers of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) demolish illegal structures on the river Shitalakkha in Narayanganj

vesterday.

Sahara seeks help from all to ensure justice

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Mahila Parishad President

Ayesha Khanam and

ble groups get justice.

She urged the NGOs to join

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Sahara Khatun yesterday sought help from everyone to ensure justice for all and improve the country's law and order situation.

She was speaking at the inauguration of a project 'Coordinated effort to access to justice for vulnerable groups' at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city.

AID-Comillais carrying out Stefan Frowein said the the project funded by the European Commission.

Sahara said the constitu- vulnerable groups to justice. tion has given both men and women equal rights but women's rights are yet to be established.

"In the rural areas women Executive Director of Acid are being deprived of justice, Survivors Foundation Monira as the formal legal system is Rahman also spoke.

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World Day Against Child Labour today costly and takes time, whereas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Day Against Child Labour will be observed in the country today.

Different organisations will mark the day with a call for Women and vulnerable action to tackle the underlying poverty that leads to child education under the project to labour.

Some 1.3 million children are still involved in hazardous child labour in the country.

Head of the delegation of Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies in cooperation with International Labour Organisation will bring out a colorful rally from Centra Shaheed Minar at 10:00am. Lawmaker of Comilla-6

Domestic Workers Rights Network will hold roundtable on 'Girl child at domestic work: Our duty and responsibility' at National Press Club at 11.00am.

Agreement on Trans-Asian Railway Network comes into force 1.14 lakh km railway links 28 countries in Asia and to Europe

REZAUL KARIM

Countries throughout Asia committed to coordinate the development and operation linking 28 countries, as the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian the region. Railway Network entered into force yesterday.

forward for regional integration was marked with a ceremony at the regional arm of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) -- featuring of railways from the eight, countries who have ratified the agreement.

"Modern economies canand employment without with a high level of integration," said Dr Noeleen Heyzer, UN and Executive Secretary of ESCAP, according to an ESCAP release received in Dhaka.

the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok yesterday, States." he said "The timing of this agreement is particularly effect 90 days after China

significant as leaders from our became the eighth country to region promote intra-regional trade to stimulate recovery from the economic crisis. It will provide a more cost-effective of international rail routes way of doing business and ensure the benefits of trade are more evenly distributed across

The network comprises 114,000 km of rail routes of This momentous step international importance linking 28 countries in the region. The aim is to offer efficient rail transport services for United Nations -- the the movement of goods and passengers within the region and between Asia and Europe. The network will also provide video messages from ministers improved access for landlocked countries to major ports.

The entry into force of the agreement today carries more significance because it finally not generate long-term growth lays the groundwork after the launch of the project -- led by highly efficient transport ESCAP half a century ago -- in networks that are developed the 1960s," said Jang Hyun Choi, vice minister of Land, Transport and Maritime under-secretary general of the Affairs, Republic of Korea "The agreement will provide the institutional foundation for this historic project. Addressing the ceremony at believe this is a great achievement of ESCAP Member

The agreement comes into

have ratified the treaty. The other parties to the agreement are Cambodia, India, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Thailand.

ESCAP for the overall benefit and prosperity of the region,' said SS Khurana, the Railway Board Chairman of India.

Separate directorate for children affairs stressed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday called upon the government to introduce a separate directorate for children affairs to ensure child rights as well as to eliminate They said this at-a-seminar.

titled 'Elimination of worst forms of child labour: Our role' organised by Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF) at LGED conference room in the city.

The national and international organisations have to work with the government to eliminate the worst forms of child labour, said Meher Afroz Chumki, chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Women and Children Affairs Ministry.

issues can be addressed unless

there is a separate directorate,' she said, adding that the government is pondering over the issue. Chumki also said that the

government should immedi-

"Promoting the Trans-

Asian Railway is indeed a step

taken in the right direction by

ately finalise the Child Labour Policy 2008. About the elimination of the worst forms of child labour,

lawmaker Tarana Halim said, "It should start from individual Senior Research Fellow of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)

Abdul Hye Mondal read out the keynote paper at the seminar while Country Director of Teree des Hommes -Netherlands Mahmudul Kabir, Officer-in-Charge of International Labour Organisation (ILO) Dhaka "No way the child rights Arthur Shears and Chairperson of BSAFWahida Banu also spoke.

Bangladesh's capability to combat natural calamity lauded

UNB, Dhaka

Retired US army General Ed Smith, director of the Asia-Pacific Centre for Security Studies (APCSS), yesterday made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office and discussed adverse impacts of global warming on the environment and various ways of mutual cooperation.

Lt Gen (retd) Smith praised Bangladesh's capability to combat natural calamities, including floods and cyclones. "Bangladesh is acclaimed

worldwide for its capacity to face natural disasters," he was quoted as saying.

US Ambassador James F Moriarty, PM's adviser Maj Gen (retd) Tarique Ahmed Siddique, PM Office secretary Mollah Wahiduzzaman, press secretary Abul Kalam Azad and former ambassador Ziauddin were present during the meeting.

Fresh remand for Pintu sought

Hearing on Jun 16 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has identified some people from the call list of former BNP lawmaker Nsiruddin Pintu's cellphone during the BDR carnage, but the rest in the call list are yet to be identified, according to a report placed before a Dhaka court yesterday. The CID placed the report

with a fresh ten-day remand prayer for Pintu and also produced him in the court. Metropolitan Magistrate

Mominul Hassan, however, deferred the remand hearing due to Pintu's illness and sent him to jail.

The court also fixed June 16 for the next hearing.

In the report, CID's Senior Assistant Superintend of Police (ASP) Abdul Kahhar Akond, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, mentioned that during the two. phases of remands, Pintu gleaned important information, including the call lists and several names of his

accomplices. ASP Kahar Akond also said he could identify some people form the call list but to find out the rest, Pintu needed to be quizzed in a fresh remand as the three-day remand ended yesterday.

Pintu had been on remand for eight days in two phases in connection with the BDR mutiny case so far.

Former chief adviser to the caretaker government Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman looks at METRO DESK artworks after inaugurating an exhibition of Patua Quamrul Hassan Art School at the Zainul Gallery of

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2nd info boat launched

Grameen Phone and CARE country, says a press release.

Dignitaries from Kishoreganj on Wednesday. The purpose of such boats is to haors through the ICT facilities on board each boat.

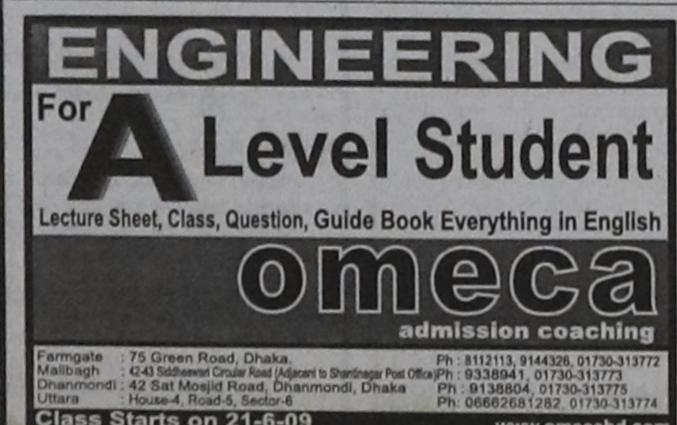
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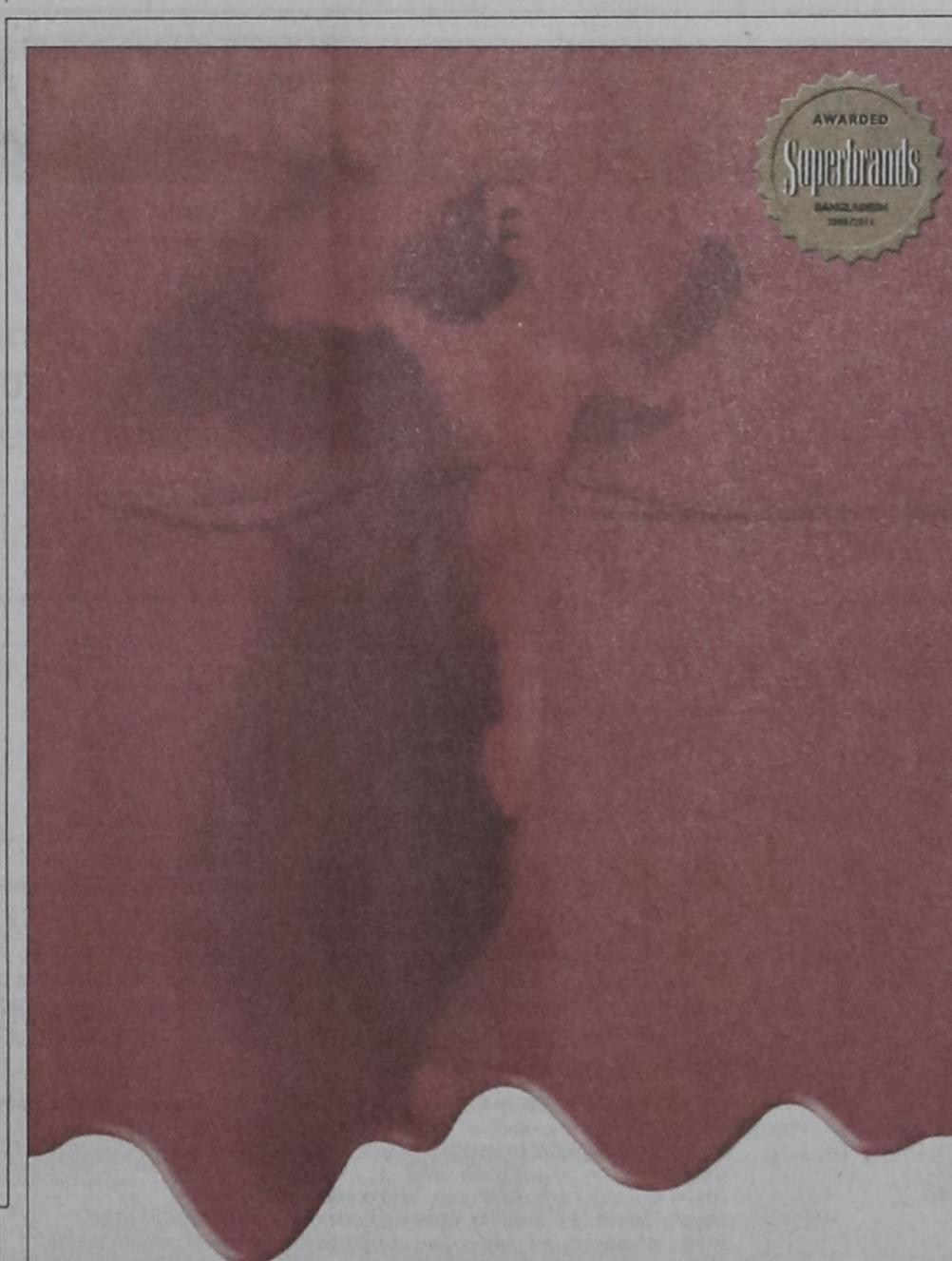
internet connection, camera, printer, mobile phone, infokit, TV and power generators Bangladesh launched a sec- through which villagers get ond information boat called information on agriculture, 'Tothya Tori' in the haors of fisheries, livelihoods, job northeastern region of the opportunities and school

The boat also arranges GrameenPhone and CARE periodic medical service for were present during the the haor people. Computer launch at Bajitpur in training is provided as an additional service, and the boat also provides a little disseminate information to entertainment corner for the the people residing in remote children of the haor who get to flip through pages of children's books and watch TV. Tothya Tori serves villagers Technical support such a with utmost sincerity amidst helpline service and information database is to be provided



Rubaba Dowla Matin of GrameenPhone and Nick Southern, country director of CARE Bangladesh, and others pose for photograph at the launching ceremony of 'Tothya Tori' at Bajitpur in Kishoreganj on Wednesday.





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