

DEMARCATION OF DCC AREAS EC to appeal to HC for quick disposal of issue

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DU CORRESPONDENT

Chief Election Commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda yesterday said the Election Commission will appeal to the High Court to dispose of a rule regarding demarcation of Dhaka City Corporation areas immediately so that the election to DCC can be held in March.

"The issue of demarcating areas is not too important. But the important matter is to ensure that every voter can cast his vote," he said, adding that the issue of demarcation can also be resolved later.

The chief election commissioner said this while talking to reporters at the reunion of Dhaka University History Department Alumni Association at the Teacher-Student Centre on the university campus.

On January 25, The High Court issued a rule upon the authorities to explain within four weeks why they should not be directed to demarcate the areas and determine the number of the wards of DCC on the basis of equal number of population before holding the election to the corporation.

"The Dhaka City Corporation election is long overdue -- about two and a half years. The corporation

has become ineffective. The city dwellers are being deprived of various facilities. We will try to make the court understand it," Huda said.

He said it would take at least six months to demarcate the areas and make separate map of each ward.

Huda also said the commission has a plan to hold elections to the Union Parishads, municipalities and Chittagong City Corporation in this year.

Earlier, addressing a discussion at the TSC auditorium on the occasion of the reunion, the chief election commissioner stressed the need to revive the past glory of Dhaka University by improving the quality of education.

Adviser to the Prime Minister Dr Gauhar Rizvi, senior Awami League leader Suranjit Sengupta, former advisers to the caretaker governments Abdul Mueyed Chowdhury and Dr Akbar Ali Khan also spoke at the reminiscence session, with alumni association president Prof M Mofakkkharul Islam in the chair.

Hundreds of alumni participated in the daylong programme and exchanged greetings with old friends.

A cultural session was also held in the evening.



Bipradas Barua, a naturalist, identifies trees to the enthusiasts at Ramna Park in the city yesterday. Tarupallab, an environmental organisation, arranged the tree identification programme yesterday.

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Chief Election Commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda inaugurates the reunion of Dhaka University History Department Alumni Association by releasing balloons at the Teacher-Student Centre.

DHAKA DIVISIONAL MATHEMATICS FESTIVAL HELD

'Eliminate math phobia'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka Divisional Mathematics Festival was held at Govt Laboratory High School in the city yesterday amid festivity with a call for eliminating math phobia.

As many as 1,231 students from 100 schools of Dhaka, Gazipur, Narayanganj, Narsingdi, Munshiganj and Manikganj districts took part in different events, including math quizzes, a friendship session, a question-answer session, spot quiz and launching of a water rocket.

Based on their performances, 120 students were selected for the two-day National Mathematics Festival-2010 and 8th Bangladesh Math Olympiad to be held on February 12 and 13 at St Joseph Higher Secondary School in the city.

The participants were divided in four groups -- Primary (Class III-V), Junior (Class VI-VIII), Secondary (Class IX-X and SSC examinees) and Higher Secondary (Class XI-XII and HSC examinees).

Bangladesh Math Olympiad Committee (BMO) organised the festival in collaboration with the Dutch-Bangla Bank Ltd (DBBL) and the daily Prothom Alo.

The talent hunt has been divided

into 14 math divisions comprising Dinajpur, Rajshahi, Bogra, Jessore, Khulna, Barisal, Faridpur, Tangail, Dhaka, Comilla, Noakhali, Chittagong, Rangamati and Sylhet.

Around 60 winners were selected from each divisional festival who would participate at the National Math Festival and 8th Bangladesh Math Olympiad.

The students with the best performance in the National Olympiad will

flag of the Math Olympiad.

Editor of The daily Prothom Alo Matiur Rahman, noted writer Prof Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, Bangladesh Computer Society President Mustafa Zabar, DBBL Managing Director Yasin Ali, Prof Khodadad Khan, noted mathematician Prof Lutfuzzaman, Joint Editor of Prothom Alo Abdul Quayyum and BMO General Secretary Munir Hasan were also present at the festival.

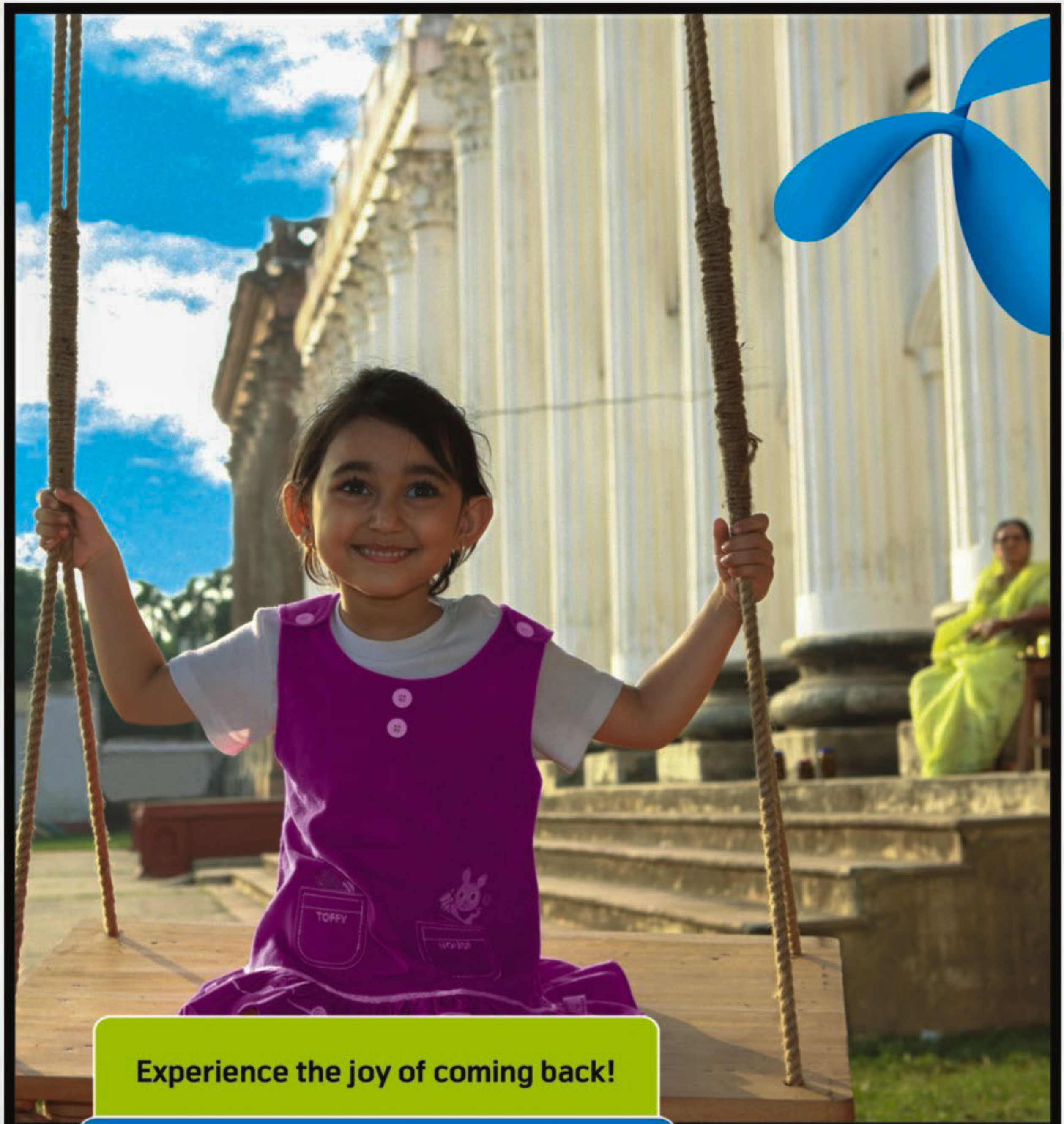
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get the opportunity to participate in the 51st International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO) in Kazakhstan. This is the sixth time Bangladeshi students will be taking part in the esteemed event.

Headmaster of Govt Laboratory High School AKM Mostafa Kamal inaugurated the math festival by hoisting the national flag on the high school premises while BMO President and Brac University Vice Chancellor Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury hoisted the

The speakers at the programme said mathematics is an easy subject if practised well enough, adding that the objective of the festival is to popularise mathematics among the students.

Bangla Innovation through Open Source (BIOS), a voluntary organisation, mobilised visitors and participants at the programme to cast their votes for Sundarbans to nominate it as one of world's new seven natural wonders.




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