



Youth in Action on Climate forms a human chain at Shahbagh in the city yesterday.

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Take steps to keep global temperatures stable

Demand NGO activists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some NGO activists yesterday placed a six-point demand, including necessary measures to keep global temperatures stable, to face challenges posed by climate change.

Global temperatures now are around 1.5 degree Celsius more than that of the pre-industrial period, they said.

They placed the demands at a human chain programme organised by Youth in Action on Climate (YAC), a network of youths of Campaign for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods, in front of the National Museum in the city yesterday.

Addressing the function, they said Bangladesh has become vulnerable due to climate change caused mostly by the developed countries and their luxurious lifestyle.

Because of climate change numerous natural disasters are frequently hitting the coastal areas of Bangladesh, causing untold sufferings

to millions of people. But world leaders are now showing reluctance to provide compensation as per their promise, they alleged.

They also urged global leaders to design an effective plan of action in the upcoming climate change conference, scheduled to be held in Mexico, to face the challenges of climate change.

Their other demands include bringing the proportion of greenhouse gases under 350ppm (parts per million) globally, to control emergence of greenhouse gases and providing \$200 million per annum to least developed countries as compensation.

YAC Coordinator Sharifuzzaman Sharif, Green Voice Coordinator Alamgir Kabir and Online Knowledge Centre Coordinator Prodip Roy spoke at the function, attended by around 100 youths.

Later, they sent postcards containing their demands to the ambassadors of the G-8 countries and China and India.

Enrich skills on IT

Yeafesh urges youths

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State Minister for Science and Information & Communication Technology Yeafesh Osman urged the young generation to enrich their skills on information and technology to build a prosperous Bangladesh.

"Without advancement of information technology, it is difficult to ensure the country's entire development. You (youths) should work hard and enrich skills on information technology to present a prosperous and digital Bangladesh to the next generation," he said.

He was speaking as the chief guest at a function to celebrate binary moment (October 10, 2010) on Carzon Hall premises of Dhaka University (DU) yesterday.

Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS) and Bangladesh Math Olympiad (BdMO) jointly organised the event.

Speaking as the special guest DU Vice-

chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique termed October 10, 2010 an important day and urged the youth community to vow to do something important and significant for the welfare of the people.

Presiding over the function, BdMO committee president Jamilur Reza Chowdhury called upon the students of engineering to invent more technologies by using binary numbers (0 and 1).

BASIS President Mahboob Zaman, Secretary General Forkan Bin Kashem, Munir Hasan of BdMO, among others, were present at the function.

The function started with releasing of balloons. They also brought out a procession and marched different streets of DU and Bangladesh University of Engineering Technology (BUET). Quiz and ICT competitions participated by the students of different public and private universities were also held at the function.

Students' leadership programme launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangla Academy introduced a Student Ambassador Leadership Programme, aiming to create leadership among students in school and provide poor children with education facilities.

Bangla Academy yesterday launched the programme at a press conference in the National Press Club in the city. The academy launched the similar programme in Australia on August 22.

Anwar Akash, director of Bangla Academy, Australia said it would be an extra curricular programme, providing young people with opportunities.

They would be able to create networks and develop their qualities and skills via active engagement with the family and volunteering within the wider community, he said.

The programme will also train student to be leaders in their school, community and family, he added.

A student will have to pay a registration fee of A\$30 as membership and a monthly fee of A\$5.

This money will be spent to provide education facilities to poor students in remote areas of Bangladesh, said Anwar.

Appreciating the initiation of Bangla Academy, Prof Anisuzzaman suggested the academy to conduct the programme seriously and ensure accountability of the money collected.

Call to create awareness to stop stalking

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a programme yesterday stressed the need for creating mass awareness and establishing rule of law to prevent stalking in the society.

They also held the dominating attitudes of both male and female responsible for the spread of stalking in Bangladesh.

They told the audience at a Parliamentary Debate Contest Programme at Bangladesh Shishu Academy on the occasion of child rights week that ended yesterday,

says a press release.

Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Jatiya Kanyashishu Advocacy Forum (National Girls Child Advocacy Forum) and Debate for Democracy jointly organised the programme.

Dhaka Residential Model College and Shahid Police Memorial College took part in the debate titled "Proper Implementation of Law Could Prevent Stalking."

Speaking as the chief guest, Acting Secretary of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs Tarique-ur-Islam said people commit

stalking for doing fun, ignoring its impact on girls.

"Only implementation of the law could not prevent this social stigma. We need to increase social awareness [toward the bad effects of stalking]," he said.

Falguni Hamid, director of Bangladesh Shishu Academy and cultural person Rehana Siddique were the judges of the event.

Dr Badiul Alam Majumdar, president of Jatiya Konyashishu Advocacy Forum, presided over the programme.

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