



Meritorious students from 10 city schools along with guests pose for photograph after the students were awarded scholarships at "Fantasy Kingdom-Concord School Scholarship Programme 2010" at Fantasy Kingdom of Ashulia yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

## 40 STUDENTS GET FANTASY KINGDOM SCHOLARSHIP Education with healthy entertainment stressed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, back from Fantasy Kingdom

It was an unforgettable day for schoolboy Azizur Rahman yesterday when he was honoured for his brilliant result and enjoyed the thrill of amusement park rides and captivating entertainment in a cultural programme.

"I am speechless. This is the first time I received any award and passed such a wonderful day with my peers," said Azizur, a class IX student of Engineering University High School of the city, after receiving a scholarship.

Like Azizur, 39 other meritorious students from 10 city schools received scholarships for their outstanding academic performance at a programme titled "Fantasy Kingdom-Concord School Scholarship Programme 2010".

The programme was organised by Concord Entertainment Company Ltd, a concern of Concord Group, as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility, on Fantasy Park premises in Ashulia.

The schools are Agrani School and College; Azimpur Girls School and College; Dhanmondi Government Girls High School; Engineering University High School; Government Laboratory High School; Ideal School and College; Motijheel Model High School and College; Shiddeshwari Girls High School; and Viqarunnisa Noon School of Azimpur and Shiddeshwari branches.

The students were also treated with all the rides of the theme park and Heritage Park.

Guardians, teachers, and renowned personalities attended the programme where the students rendered songs and dances, recited poetry and staged drama.

"This reward is inspiring me to do something good in the coming days. I will try my best," Azizur, who obtained GPA-5

in Junior Certificate Examination (JSC) 2010, told The Daily Star.

Tazrin Sultana Ankhi, a class-six student of Ideal School and College, echoed Azizur. "I'm extremely delighted to get the scholarship and had a really fun time."

The scholarships were given in two categories for brilliant result in the primary terminal and JSC examination and to meritorious students of the schools.

Winners in the first category each received a cheque of Tk 25,000 while those in second category got Tk 20,000. They all received a crest and a certificate.

Awarding the scholarships, Concord Group Chairman SM Kamal Uddin said improvement in education and a flourishing culture are the preconditions to a country's development.

He also said the vast population living below the poverty line has many talents.

"Many of these talents drop out due to lack of proper educational plan and patronisation," he said, adding that it is imperative to ensure quality education in a healthy entertainment to develop Bangladesh.

"I believe a good citizen can be made by providing the next generation with proper education and healthy entertainment," he said, stressing on the need for integrated efforts of all.

Future leaders need the support to develop their intellect, said Shahriar Kamal, deputy managing director of the group, adding that the main aim of the programme is to ensure that none stops education due to lack of patronisation.

The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam, Concord Group Managing Director SK Lala, Dhaka University Prof Dr Shoumitra Shekhor, sculptor Ferdousi Priyabhashini, artist Bulbul Mohalanobish and Radio Today Managing Director Rafiqul Haque also spoke.

## Border killing decreases in last two years Says Uttaradhikar 71

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The number of Bangladeshis killed by Indian BSF decreased during the past two years while it was highest during the four-party alliance government, said Uttaradhikar 71, an organisation formed based on the spirit of the liberation war.

Azmal Hossain Shimu, president of Uttaradhikar 71, presented the statistics at a meeting titled "Spirit of the War of Liberation and border security," organised by the organisation, at Dhaka Reporters Unity in the city yesterday.

Of the 671 people killed from 2001 to 2010, around 400 were killed during the four-party alliance government, it said adding that this number is decreasing due to improvement in India and Bangladesh relations.

The number of deaths was 55 in 2009 while 31 in 2010, the lowest in recent past.

Former vice chancellor of Dhaka University AK Azad Chowdhury, Gano Forum leader Pankaj Bhattacharya and President of Prajanma 71 Shahin Reza Noor also spoke.

## Abandoned newborn dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A newborn baby boy found abandoned in a garbage pile in the city's Badda, died one hour after admission to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday.

Some workers of an under construction building beside the pile at Bashundhara residential area found the baby wrapped in a polythene around 11:00am.

Firoza Parvin, one of the rescuers, said the baby moved his limbs, prompting locals to take him to a nearby hospital where doctors tied up his bleeding umbilical cord and shifted him to DMCH.

DMCH doctors said the baby was premature, underweight, suffering respiratory problems and bleeding profusely.

## Youth lynched in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Angry mob beat to death an alleged burglar and seriously injured his associate on allegation of stealing a mobile phone from a house at Dhalpur in the city early yesterday.

The deceased Siddikur Rahman alias Tiger Siddiq, 28, of Dhalpur of Sutikharpur area in the city, was a listed criminal, involved in mugging and theft, said AKM Abul Kasem, officer-in-charge of Jatrabari Police Station.

His associate Mohammad Rana, 28, of Nurpur of the area was also accused in several burglaries and snatching cases, he said, adding that after the beating, Siddiq went to his house and died.

Police sent the body to Sir Salimullah Medical College morgue for autopsy while Rana's family members admitted him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, he added.



PHOTO: STAR

Alamtaz Begum of Bogra village in Dashmina upazila of Patuakhali shows holes in the shed of Corrugated Iron (CI) sheets caused by a sudden hailstorm recently. The hails damaged over 2,000 CI sheet-roofed houses in Bahrapur union of the upazila. (Inset) Hails that fell on Alamtaz's house.

## Saidpur airport resumes soon: Qader

BSS, Nilphamari

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister GM Qader has said the government would resume Saidpur Airport very soon to boost trade and commerce in the northern districts of the country.

The minister said this while exchanging views with the Nilphamari leaders and workers of Jatiya Party here on Thursday.

The minister said Biman would resume its flights between Dhaka and Saidpur to increase domestic and foreign investment in northern EPZ for boosting economic prosperity.

The flight of Biman on Saidpur-Dhaka route was cancelled in 2003 due to losses.

With district president of Jatiya Party Mahub Ali Bulu in the chair, it was addressed, among others, by district Mukhtijoddha commander and Jatiya Party leader Joynal Abedin.

## Child marriage stopped

A CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Local administration with the help of people stopped a child marriage at Golora village in Sauria upazila yesterday.

Labourer Riazuul Islam and Moyna Begum were marrying off their ten-year-old daughter Sathi Akter, a class five student at Golora Govt Primary School, to Shah Alam, 22, son of Saijuddin of the upazila's Katigram village.

Being informed, Upazila Nirbahi Officer Syed Rabiul Islam and Sub Inspector Abdur Razzak of Sauria Police rushed in and stopped the marriage.

## Body found in Keraniganj

UNB, Keraniganj

The body of a young man was recovered from Jhilmil residential project area on Dhaka-Mawa highway in South Keraniganj yesterday.

Receiving information from locals, police recovered the body of unidentified youth, aged about 35, from under the earth at noon. The body was sent to Mitford Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Police suspected that criminals might have kidnapped him from somewhere of the country, killed him and later put the body under earth in a bid to hide the killing.

A case was filed with the police.



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