



World Day Against Child Labour 2011, being observed today through numerous seminars and discussions, has little effect in the lives of these children toiling at Jamalkhan in the port city of Chittagong yesterday to earn their daily bread.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Workshop on disciplinary proceedings concludes

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A four-day training workshop on "How to handle disciplinary proceedings" concluded in the city Thursday, said a press release yesterday.

Training wing of A4 Consultants, A4 Institute of Human Resources Development conducted the programme and held a certificate awarding ceremony on the final day.

Chowdhury Golam Kibria, associate professor of Institute of Business Administration, Jahangirnagar University attended the ceremony as the chief guest.

Kibria stressed the need for knowing the legal issues related to disciplinary proceedings, as it is very important for the employer to be just and fair with all employees.

He also requested A4 consultants to continue this training programme for human resources and administrative professionals along with other relevant management staff.

The workshop was attended by participants from Sanofi Aventis Bangladesh Ltd, Beximco Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Mutual Trust Bank Ltd, Eastern Bank Ltd, Rahimrao Globatt Ltd, and non-government organisation Anando.

The programme was conducted by Adv ASM Zahidul Islam, in-charge of Corporate Affairs, A4 Consultants.

The next training programme on "how to handle disciplinary proceedings" will be held on July 4-7, added the release.

WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR TODAY Vow to end hazardous labour

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country will observe today the 10th World Day Against Child Labour with a vow to eliminate the worst forms of child labour within the next five years.

With this year's theme "Warning! Children in hazardous work: End child labour", the day will be observed by a number of organisations led by the labour and employment ministry.

The ministries concerned, International Labour Organisation (ILO), Unicef, Save the Children, Manusher Jonno Foundation, Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum, and Together with Working Children will jointly observe the day.

The organisations, on the eve of the day, held a news conference at the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday.

"The government is determined to address the worst and hazardous forms of child labour by 2016 and hope to achieve the goal by this time," said Abdur Razzaque,

joint secretary of the labour ministry, presenting the keynote paper.

He said, "The government has already recruited consultants for making an action plan to implement the National Child Labour Elimination Policy in a bid to eliminate child labour especially its hazardous forms."

ILO Director General Juan Somavia, in a message on the occasion, urged for a renewed effort to ensure all children below minimum age of employment are in education and are not exposed to hazardous work, and to strengthen workplace safety and health system of workers.

Sophea Mar, chief technical adviser of ILO, emphasised effective and efficient enforcement of relevant acts and implementation of the policies to eliminate the worst forms of child labour within the stipulated time.

ILO Country Director Andre Bogui, Unicef Communication Specialist Badrul Hassan, and Farzana Naeem, among others, attended the press conference.

Digital services to stimulate growth Speakers tell workshop

BSS, Khulna

Speakers at a workshop yesterday observed that the digitisation of both public and private services would lead the country to achieve double-figure growth in the next few years.

They said digital services like Union Information Service Centres (UISCs), e-governance, e-tender, e-info cell, and e-banking would ensure transparent, efficient, and corruption-free services at people's doorsteps.

Khulna Mayor Talukdar Abdul Khaleque was the chief guest at the workshop on A2I (access to information) organised for media professionals in Khulna division at Khulna Circuit House conference room.

The mayor said there is no option other

than implementing the vision for digital Bangladesh to make the country prosperous by 2021.

M Nazrul Islam Khan, prime minister's personal secretary-1 and the national project director of A2I Programme of Prime Minister's Office (PMO), presented the keynote paper and addressed the inaugural session as a special guest.

About 30 print and electronic journalists participated in the workshop moderated by M Rahmat Ali, consultant of BSS-A2I Media Campaign for Promoting Digital Bangladesh.

Ajit Kumar Sarkar, city editor of BSS and focal point of BSS-A2I Media Campaign, also addressed the inaugural session with BSS Managing Editor and Chief Editor Ihsanul Karim in the chair.

Sadat Salim made Social Clubs chair

METRO DESK

Sadat Hossain Salim, president of Dhaka Club Ltd, has unani-

mously elected the first chairman of the Foundation of Social Clubs in Bangladesh.

Hossain will head the newly formed joint forum of 22 Social Clubs of Bangladesh for the next two years, says a press release.

A non-political and non-profitable socio-cultural organisation, the Foundation launched on June 10, would work to uphold and promote social values.

CITY TRANSPORTS 'Use army to prevent public harassment'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Citizens Rights Movement yesterday demanded deployment of army personnel to stop harassments in city bus services and implementation of a bus fare policy based on the distances travelled, says a press release.

At a rally in front of the city's Jatiya Press Club, they also demanded intervention of the prime minister in the matter and erection of kilometre stones at the major city roads with Noor Hossain Square in Gulistan as the zero point.

The speakers said the communication minister had said that the route permits of defiant buses overcharging passengers would be immediately cancelled, but nobody knows how many route permits were cancelled and how many buses were sent to dumping sites.

They also demanded reform of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) to make the public transport authority more people-friendly.

Citizens Rights Movement president Maj (retd) Md Mafizul Haque Sarkar chaired the programme and general secretary Tushar Rehman, water expert Engr M Enamul Haque and Communist Party of Bangladesh leader Ruhin Hossain Prince, among others, spoke.

Two women commit suicide

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two women allegedly committed suicide by hanging in separate incidents yesterday in the city's Hazaribagh and Adabor.

The deceased are Shahida Akther Surobhi, 25, wife of Feroz Zaman, and Kamashree Mandal Kama, 34, wife of Sanjay Sarker.

Shahida was found hanging from the shower of her bathroom at Mansurabad Housing around, said Mohsin Hawlader, sub-inspector of Adabor Police Station.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Meanwhile, in Hazaribagh, police recovered the body of Kamashree, a law student, from her Bangla Sarak residence and sent it to Sir Salimullah Medical College morgue for autopsy.

Police said Kamashree quarreled with her husband and later hung herself from the ceiling fan.

Govt breaks polls pledge Says speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government broke its election pledge of bringing change into politics, said speakers at a meeting in the city yesterday.

The country's overall political environment is looking grim due to failure of the present government and the undemocratic attitude of opposition parties, they added.

Iktedar Ahmed, former chairman of Minimum Wage Board of Ministry of Labour and Employment, chaired the meeting, organised by Shadhinota O Nagarik Adhikar Forum, with eminent educationist Prof AKM Shahnawaz presenting the keynote paper.

Prof Kamal Ataur Rahman, Advocate Monjil Morshed, Arup Rai, Ismat Kadir Gama and Nurunnahar Lucky addressed the meeting.

Bangladesh Police bring out a procession from Rajarbagh Police Lines in the city yesterday celebrating Swadhinata Purashkar 2011 awarded to them in recognition of members martyred during the first hours of resistance built up by the force during the War of Liberation in 1971.

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Jono Udyog, People's Voice and Paribesh Chhatra Forum, light candles on Shaheed Minar premises in the port city of Chittagong yesterday in memory of the 127 people killed in a landslide there on June 11, 2007.

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