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Participants of a debate workshop titled "Star Campus-Drishly School of Debate" pose with the guests at the Theatre Institute auditorium in the port city of Chittagong yesterday. Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam, sitting second from right, inaugurated the workshop.

STAR CAMPUS-DRISHTY SCHOOL OF DEBATE

Grooming of 70 debaters begins in Chittagong

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A two-month-long debate workshop, "Star Campus-Drishly School of Debate", was launched in Chittagong city yesterday aiming at grooming 70 schoolchildren in the practice of logic and the art of debating.

The Daily Star and Drishly Chittagong, a cultural organisation of the city, jointly organised the training.

Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, inaugurated the launching ceremony at Theatre Institute in Chittagong as chief guest.

The significance of logic is so vital that there is no alternative to it in attaining success in life, said Mahfuz Anam.

"The world is moving ahead and therefore we need to grow as global citizens and in order to be global citizens, we need to ignite the spirit of logic. The practice of debate in English will simply open the door to our destination," he said.

Drishly Chittagong Founder Adviser Bilkis Rashed, chairing the ceremony, said the present generation must reflect on everything with logic

to achieve success in every area of life.

Chittagong University marketing department Chairman Prof Ahsanul Alam Parvez said, "We are going through moments of great crisis in our national life.

"We are moving forward on seeing the illusion of some false hopes and bright balloons of dreams, but we do not know the consequences. As a result, to avoid any drastic failure, we need to be realistic and being logical human beings is just the perfect match."

Drishly Chittagong President Kashaful Hoque and founder of Drishly Chittagong Masud Bakul were also present at the ceremony.

The participating students are from 10 schools, namely, CIDER International School, Sunshine Grammar School, Chittagong Grammar School, Child Heaven School, Cantonment English School, Silver Bells Girls' High School, Bangladesh Elementary School, Presidency International School, Mastermind International School and William Carey Academy.

Worker dies in 5th floor fall

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A worker died after falling from an under-construction building in the city's Rampura yesterday.

Abdul Kader, a co-worker of the dead, said no measures had been taken in the seven-storey building to ensure workers' safety.

He said seventeen-year-old Zahurul Islam fell from the fifth floor when he was working with three others on a makeshift bamboo stage outside the building at block D, road 3, Banashree in Rampura.

With severe injuries, he was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where around 5:30pm doctors declared him dead.

Zahurul was from Chapainawabganj and had been working there for about a month, said Kader.

Delwar Hossain Khan, officer-in-charge of Rampura Police Station, told The Daily Star that he had sent a police team to the spot to investigate the incident.

A case would be filed against the building authority if police found any negligence in ensuring workers' safety, the OC said.

Safety and Rights Society, a non-government organisation that works to ensure safety and rights of workers, in a report last year said the highest number of workers, which was 183, died that year at different construction sites.

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