### The Daily Star - ata ENGLISH FAIR



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Prize winners of different events at yesterday's English language fair at Shibganj Model Government Boys' High School flash V-sign.

### Kids from six more schools learn amid fun and games

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Students of six schools in Chapainawabganj and Khulna districts yesterday took part in the English language fairs held under English in Schools (EIS) programme, a joint initiative of The Daily Star and mobile operator Robi. Adcom Ltd is the cre-

ative and event partner of the English language fairs.

Shamim Ahsan, headmaster of Shibganj Model Government High School in Shibganj municipality under Shibganj upazila, inaugurated the English language fair at the school auditorium at around 10:30am, reports our Chapainawabganj correspondent.

Around 600 students of Shibganj Model Government High School and Shibganj High School participated in the programme.

The event started with screening of globally renowned movie The Lion King, followed by test, one-word question and quick questions -- all based on the movie. Selected students also took part in extempore speech on different topics and role-play.



Headmaster Shamim Ahsan distributed prizes among the 18 winners of different programmes at the end of the programme.

Over 450 students of Rohonpur AB Government High School of Rohonpur municipality and Choudala High School in Gomostapur upazila of Chapainawabganj district joined the English language fair at AB Government High School auditorium at around 11:30am.

Mohammad Mainul Haque, headmaster of Rohonpur AB Government High School inaugurated the fair.

He later distributed prizes among the 18 winners of different events at the programme.

Our Staff Correspondent reports from Khulna: Over students' participation in 400 students of Paikgachha spot quiz, vocabulary Government Girls' High School and Paikgachha Government Boys' High school in the district took part in the English language fair held at the girls' school

yesterday. Inaugurating the fair,

Suraiya Yasmin Dolly, headmaster of the girls' school, expressed hope that The Daily Star and Robi will continue organising such programmes in future to encourage students to enrich their knowledge of English language.

The fair included screening of The Lion King, quizzes on vocabulary, extempore speech, one-word questions and role play.

Eighteen students won different competitions as per judgement of a panel of three English teachers of the two schools. Later, prizes were distributed among the winners.

Aiming to promote English language learning among school students across the country, The Daily Star in cooperation with Robi undertook English in Schools programme in 2009.

Under the initiative, each of one thousand schools selected from 64 districts of the country receives three complimentary copies of The Daily Star five days a week.

The ongoing English language fairs at different schools across the country are being held in coordination with the education ministry as part of the three-year-long programme.

## Bumper mango if all go well

Growers, experts in C'nawabganj take good care of the delicious fruit

RABIUL HASAN, Chapainawabganj

Growers and agriculture officials expect bumper production of mango in the district this season as favourable weather conditions have helped about 70 percent flowering of the trees and smooth growth of the delicious summer fruit.

This season around two lakh tonnes of mango production is expected in the famous mango-producing district that yielded 1.85 lakh tonnes of the fruit last year, district agriculture officials said.

There will be bumper production of mango this year if there is no prolonged drought, storm or foggy weather, said Dr Shafikul Islam, chief scientific officer of Chapainawabganj Regional Horticulture Research Station. At this time of the season

mango trees need much water.

Mango growers, who started taking good care of the fruit trees from December last year, are now spraying pesticides to protect the fruits.

According to traditional yielding nature, mango trees flower and bear fruits in abundance in alternative years and this year can be considered an 'on year' in view of last year's less production.

Owners of most mango orchards in the district lease them out for 1-5 years.

The lessees, who take responsibility for maintaining the orchards, ploughing the fields, applying insecticides, and plucking and selling the fruits, enjoy the benefits as owners of the produced fruits.

However, ownership of the trees remains with the orchard owners.

Chapainawabganj, known as 'mango capital' of Bangladesh, has a long tradition of producing around 150 varieties of high quality tasty mangoes including fazli, langra, gopalbhogh, khirshapat, khirshabhogh, lakhna, bombai,

mohonbhogh and ashwina. There are 17,81,365 mango trees on 23,480 hectares of land in five upazilas of Chapainawabganj district this season, Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) sources said.

Last year, 1,85,000 tonnes of mango was produced from 17 lakh trees on 23,070



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Green mangoes in trees at an orchard in Chapainawabganj. Framers and agriculturists expect bumper yield in the district famous for high quality tasty varieties of the delicious summer fruit this season.

hectares of land in the district, they said.

Farmers are cultivating different varieties of mango on more areas of lands in the district following repeated bumper production, DAE officials said.

"If the good weather continues, it will lead to bumper production and we hope a good earning this season," said Shahidul Islam, a mango grower of Nayalavanga village in Shibganj upazila.

Sadekul Islam, a mango trader of Mistrypara moholla i n Chapainawabganj town, also expressed hope of good earning with the prospect of bumper mango production. The district produces

mango worth Tk 2500 crore to 3000 crore every year, said Abdul Wahed, president of Chapainawabganj Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Mango cultivation is a

profitable venture in Chapaianwabganj as well as a few other districts in the northern region.

A large number of people are employed for nursing the trees, harvesting the fruit and packing and transporting to different areas of the country during the mango season every year.



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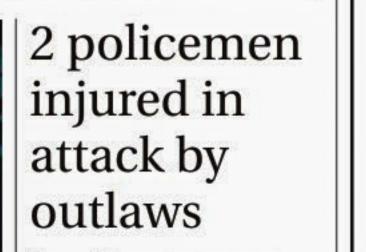
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STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Two police officers sustained bullet injuries as a gang of alleged outlaws attacked them in Phultala upazila town on Tuesday night.

The injured, additional police superintendent Md Nasirul Islam and subinspector of Phultala police station Mukto Roy Chowdhury are now undergoing treatment at Khulna Police Hospital.

Elias Fakir, officer incharge of the PS, said acting on a tip-off, a team of police, led by Nasirul, raided a fish market at around 10:30pm while the outlaws were holding a secret meeting there.

Sensing the presence of the law enforcers, the gang opened fire on them, leaving the duo injured.

Later, police arrested two members of the gang--Mithu Sheikh, 28 and Habib Sheikh, 30-- from the spot along with two pistols, two bullets and three magazines, the OC said.

The arrestees are wanted in several criminal cases including for murders and robberies, he added.



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