

DAILY STAR-ROBI ENGLISH IN SCHOOLS

BU Centre for Languages contents for another 2yrs



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Brac University Centre for Languages (BU-CfL) will provide educational contents on English language to The Daily Star's special page 'English in Schools' published every Monday.

The Daily Star and BU-CfL yesterday renewed their agreement in this regard for the next two years.

Robi-The Daily Star English in Schools (EIS) initiative is being executed with the assistance of telecom operator Robi.

It may be recalled that The Daily Star and Robi, with the support of the education ministry, has been conducting the EIS programme in 1,000 schools across the country since September 2009.

The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam and BU-CfL Director Lady Syeda Sarwat Abed signed the contract for renewal of the agreement on behalf of their respective organisations.

The contract signing ceremony was held at The Daily Star Centre in the capital where Robi Executive Vice President (corporate regulatory and legal) Mahmudur Rahman was also present.

BU-CfL had been providing educational contents for the EIS page of The Daily Star for the last two years.

Addressing the programme, Mahfuz Anam stressed the need for enhancing linguistic skills of school-going students in a bid to give the future generation the competence to be on a par with the developed world.

"We always want to do things to make the English language more attractive to students," he said.

Lady Syeda Sarwat Abed expressed her happiness over the renewal of the agreement.

"Brac, through its activities, always wants to contribute to the country," she said.

BU-CfL Academic Coordinator Shafaat Bari Ivan, its visiting Prof Dil Afroze Quader and lecturer Mohammad Aminul Islam, Robi General Manager (corporate affairs) Shayaka Sharmin and its Manager (corporate affairs) Faruq Hossain, and a number of The Daily Star officials were also present at the programme.



Lady Syeda Sarwat Abed, director of Brac University Centre for Languages (BU-CfL), and Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, agreed a renewal contract whereby BU-CfL will provide educational contents for the English in Schools page of The Daily Star for two years. The contract signing ceremony was held at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Judges have to work with honesty

Says Qamrul Islam
BSS, Dhaka

State minister for law Qamrul Islam yesterday said judges have to perform their duties with honesty for ensuring fair judgment.

"Judges have to work with honesty and sincerity to ensure fair judgment with minimum cost in the earliest possible time," he said while addressing as the chief guest the inaugural ceremony of 114th judicial administration training course at Judicial Administration Training Institute.

Director General (in-charge) M Mafizul Islam of the institute chaired the function where course director M Zakir Hossain addressed the 39 learners at the 13-day course.

Missing minor girl found dead in Ctg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police recovered the body of a three-year-old missing girl from Bagmoniram residential area in the port city yesterday.

The deceased Afrat Tasnin Ria, daughter of late Mafzal Hossain of Paltan Road in Bagmoniram area.

Police said they recovered Ria's body from a drain near their residence around 5:00am.

"Ria was strangled and her body was dumped in the drain," said officer-in-charge (OC) of Kotwali Police Station Mohiuddin Selim.

The OC quoting the victim's family said Ria's uncle was involved in the killing as there was a conflict between two families.

Police detained Ria's uncle Shamsul Haq Badsha, 32, a CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver, based on the complaint of Ria's mother Rehana Akhter.

Ria went missing on Thursday noon and later a general dairy was lodged with Kotwali Police Station.

The body was sent to Chittagong Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Now a murder case was filed with Kotwali Police Station.

First ever environment Olympiad to start Jun 30

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country's first ever Environment Olympiad will begin on June 30 in the capital with a goal to create awareness among everyone and engage the younger generation in protecting the environment.

Brainchild of late Prof Muzaffer Ahmad, the Olympiad will be jointly organised by Bangladesh Paribesh Andolan (Bapa) and North South University (NSU). The eminent economist and former president of Bapa was a strong advocate for environment protection.

The announcement was made yesterday at a press conference titled "Inaugural Environment Olympiad-2012" at Dhaka Reporters' Unity in the capital.

Former University Grants Commission Chairman Prof Nazrul Islam said the campaign for protecting environment needed to be intensified through participation of everyone in the country.

Besides students, other people should engage in the competition, he added.

The Olympiad will be held annually. Initially, it will be held in the capital with around 500 students of colleges and universities participating in the programme. Later, students from all over the country will be included in the competition.

The Olympiad was the brainchild of economist, green campaigner Muzaffer Ahmad in creating awareness about protecting environment

Academic Institution.

Academic institutions willing to participate in the contest are requested to send the names and contact numbers of the candidates via email to Sirajul Islam, convenor, Inaugural Environment Olympiad-2012 organising committee by June 15 at sirajul@northsouth.edu

VITAMIN A PLUS CAMPAIGN Ensure sound child health: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon all, including parents, public representatives and health officials, to work sincerely to ensure sound health for the country's future generation.

"We want our country to be developed and prosperous one... the future generation will have sound health and lead the country ahead," she said while inaugurating the countrywide National Vitamin 'A' Plus Campaign at her Gono Bhaban residence.

She administered the children aged between 6 and 11 months the blue Vitamin A capsule while children of 1-5 years age group the red Vitamin A capsule.

The prime minister also fed the children of 2-5 years of age the de-worming tablets.

A de-worming tablets and other vaccines are needed in due time to help build a healthy and strong nation. She directed the public representatives, including lawmakers, members of Zila Parishad, upazila and union councils, to give special attention to whether all children are brought under the immunisation programme.

Under the campaign, more than 2.20 crore children, aged six months to five years, are being fed high-powered Vitamin A capsules while more than 1.90 crore children are being given de-worming tablets across the country.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurates the 'National Vitamin A Plus Campaign' at Gono Bhaban yesterday.

PHOTO: PMO

Discussion
Sammilita Nagarik Samaj will hold a discussion; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

Rally
Gono Sanghati Andolon will organise a protest rally; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 4:30pm.

Human chain
Dakhkhin Banga Nagarik Samaj will form a human chain; Venue: Jatiya Press Club.



PHOTO: PROTHOM ALO

Participants at a roundtable titled 'Recent incidents and accountability of police' organised by the Prothom Alo at its office in the capital yesterday. (Story on Page 20)

3 of a family die in Ctg road crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three people of a family were killed and three other people injured as a bus rammmed a CNG-run auto-rickshaw in Mirsarai Bazar area yesterday.

The dead are Liton, 35, his wife Nasima, 27, and their two-year-old son Raihan. Another son of the couple Rakib, 6, was also injured in the accident.

Liton was driving the auto-rickshaw with his family members towards their home at Baro Awlia under Sitakunda of Chittagong from his in-law's home at Mirsarai, police said.

Injured Amir Hossain and Nuruzzaman, the bus passengers, were taken to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Sources said around 2:15pm, a Noakhali-bound bus

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