

NEWS IN *brief*

3 kids of Ctg central school qualify for Spelling Bee's div round

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three students of Chittagong Central Public School and College qualified for the divisional round of the Spelling Bee after the judges of champs21.com visited the school in Chittagong yesterday.

Tanjina Akter Fatema, Novera Jahan, and Imteyaz Uddin of classes VIII, IX and X respectively -- were adjudged the three best spellers among 25 contestants.

Hosted by champs21.com, an initiative of The Daily Star, "The Daily Star Spelling Bee - Powered by Horlicks, brought to you by champs21.com" comprises online, divisional, and TV rounds.

Detailed information on the competition is

15 visually challenged awarded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) on Friday organised an award giving ceremony for an essay competition for visually impaired students all around the country on the occasion of Eid-e-Miladunnabi.

In the programme organised with an aim to educate the participants about the teachings of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) on love and humanity, fifteen visually challenged students of different educational institutions were awarded.

The event was sponsored by Lake Shore Hotel while the prizes sponsored the Centre for Zakat Management and the Sony Rangs Group of Companies.

Capt (ret) AB Tajul Islam, state minister for the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs, and Afrasiab Mehdi Hashmi Qureshi, high commissioner of Pakistan, spoke at the event.

Inclusion of informal workers' rights in labour law stressed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The rights of informal workers should be included in the labour law after amending it, said speakers at a programme yesterday.

The informal workers are robbed of their rights as they are excluded from the labour law that only protects the rights of formal workers, they added.

They said this at the conclusion of a two-day national conference "Rights of manual labourers: Solutions to overcoming discrimination and unfairness; demand for guarantee of work, wages and safety."

The conference was organised by the Bangladesh Labour Rights Forum at the National Academy for Planning and Development in

Two die from electrocution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two young workers died after they came in touch with live electric wire while working at an under-construction building in Sadarghat in Chittagong city yesterday noon.

Sumon of the city's Ambagan, and Motaleb of Comilla died at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Passers-by Alamgir, 45, and Mahbub, 30, were also injured while trying to save the workers, said police. The injured were also taken to the hospital.

Small, frequent meals improve lifestyle: Dr Subhagata

METRO DESK

A once-in-every-two-week health lecture session on "Healthy Lifestyle" started at Ahmad Medical Centre in Dhaka yesterday to create awareness among people how to make small changes which can improve health and make life easy and comfortable.

Prof Dr Subhagata Choudhury, noted medical writer and director, Laboratory Services, Birdem, said in the first-ever lecture that taking food in smaller amounts and five times a day instead of three times could radically improve lifestyle.

The lecture will take place regularly on every alternative Saturday, says a press release.

Health Prior 21, a health care solution portal and health care management centre, hosted the lecture. The portal (www.healthprior21.com) aims to help people as well as doctors and health care providers in South Asia especially Bangladesh, India, Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar with easy access to comprehensive information on health care initiatives around the world.

Create body with journos to ensure ethical journalism

Discussion told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a roundtable in the capital yesterday called for creation of an organisation consisting of experienced journalists to establish ethics and rules for fair journalism, thus preventing government intervention and helping journalists maintain standard and practice ethical reporting.

"We don't want a government body to dictate what we should or shouldn't write, as it goes against the very principle of journalism," said Dr Sakawat Ali Khan, supernumerary professor of mass communication and journalism of DU.

He also viewed that news reporting had been too capital-centric and suggested shifting the focus to other cities and rural areas.

The speakers also called for projecting more positive news at the discussion, organised by the Department of Television and Film Studies (TFS) of the University of Dhaka and Unesco Bangladesh to celebrate 50 years of communication and journalism education in the country.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu said journalists needed to present true, accurate information in its full form. "When mass media or journalists conceal the truth or present partial and false information, they are committing a crime against society," he said.

He hoped that four policies on national broadcast media, online media, private television channels, and films would be finalised within three months.

Chairman of TFS department Dr AJM Shafiul Alam Bhuiyan moderated the programme.

4 killed in road crashes

METRO DESK

Four people were killed and 10 others injured in separate road accidents across the country on Friday and yesterday.

Our Munshiganj correspondent reports, a five-year-old girl was killed as a truck hit the bicycle she was riding near Fire Service Station in Munshiganj town yesterday.

The deceased is Archi Akther, daughter of Jahir Uddin of Munshiganj Sadar upazila.

Our Magura correspondent reports, a bicyclist was killed when a bus of Eagle Paribahan knocked him down while he was crossing Magura-Dhaka highway in Boro-Kasundi area of Magura Sadar upazila yesterday.

The victim is Mohammad Shoeb Ali Khan, 62, of Khordo Kasundi village in the upazila.

Our Brahmanbaria correspondent adds, a passenger was killed and ten others were injured when a bus fell in a roadside ditch when the driver lost control over the steering on Comilla-Sylhet highway at Bariura village in Sarail upazila early Friday.

The deceased is Alam, 40, of Comilla.

The injured were sent to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital.

Our Pabna correspondent reports, Shahbul Sardar, 36, of Ishwardi upazila, was killed as a truck hit his bicycle while he was crossing Pabna-Kushtia highway in Shahpur area on Friday evening.

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