#### Seven get Prof Ibrahim award DU CORRESPONDENT

Seven persons were awarded Prof Mohammad Ibrahim Sammanona Padak 2013 yesterday for their outstanding contributions in the fields of medicine, research

and healthcare. The awardees are Prof Emeritus Rashiduddin Ahmad (neurosurgery), National Prof Shahla Khatun (healthcare), Prof Mridul Kanti Chakraborty (posthumously on teaching and research) and Dr Md Ekramul Hossain (posthumously), Nanin Gopal Banik, Abdul Manna and Khorsed Alam [on development of Bangladesh Institute of Research and Rehabilitation in Diabetes, Endocrine and Metabolic

Disorders (Birdem)]. Dr Ibrahim Smriti Parishad conferred the award in the capital's Birdem marking the 24th death anniversary of SEE PAGE 4 COL 2

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Md Ghulam Mortuza, an economist and senior advisor of the Research Cell

of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), died due to a cardiac arrest in the capital on Thursday.

He left behind his wife, three daughters and a son. He was buried at Azimpur graveyard.

Humayun Chowdhury STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Humayun Chowdhury, former head of news of Bangladesh Television, died in Iowa, USA on Friday. He was 74.

He will be buried today in the state following his namaze-janaza, said family sources. Information Minister

Hasanul Haq Inu, Cultural Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Azad and Director General of BTV M Hamid mourned the death, said a press release.



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A still from the "Banglalink 37th National Boat Race Competition 2013" organised by Bangladesh Rowing Federation in the Buriganga river yesterday.

## Posting of 124 new assistant judges underway

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

A total of 124 new assistant judges are set to be posted soon as the Supreme Court's (SC) general administration committee has accepted a government proposal in this regard, said SC sources.

The four-member committee, headed by Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain, decided on 17 agendas, including the aforementioned, at a meeting at the chief justice's office on Thursday and Friday.

The other members are Justice ATM Fazle Kabir, Justice Abu Bakar Siddiquee and Justice Md Nuruzzaman of the High Court.

SC Registrar AKM Shamsul Islam told The Daily Star recently that, though his office did not yet get the approval file, the judges should soon be posted as the president appointed them.

President Abdul Hamid appointed the judges last month,

bringing the total number of lower court judges to 1,660. Judicial Service Commission (JSC) selected them through due exams and the Ministry of Law, Justice and

Parliamentary Affairs sent the posting proposal to the SC. Assistant Secretary to the ministry Zahirul Kabir told The Daily Star that a gazette notification regarding the posting will be issued after getting the SC approval and the judges

will be sent letters asking to join offices.

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## Reintroduce 'no vote' in RPO

Speakers urge at SHUJAN press briefing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent citizens yesterday proposed inclusion of nine provisions in the Representation of the People Order (RPO), including reintroduction of "no vote" in ballot papers and of the term "defence forces" in the "definition of law enforcement agencies". Terming "no vote" a reflection of "the freedom of will

and a prerequisite for vibrant democracy", they suggested holding anew an election to constituencies where "no votes" are found to be highest. The inclusion proposals, alongside discussions on the

amendment to 28 RPO provisions proposed by EC to the law ministry on July 25, came at a press briefing in the capital's Jatiya Press Club. Shushashoner Jannoy Nagorik (SHUJAN) organised the

Election Commission". Both provisions centring the "no vote" and "defence forces" were used in the ninth parliamentary polls in 2008 but the present government removed those in 2009.

briefing, "Amendments to the RPO and Strengthening

The speakers yesterday referred to the Indian Supreme Court's landmark ruling on Friday which stated that voters have the right to reject all candidates contesting polls.

"No vote was introduced due to citizens' demand. I hope they will raise their concerns again for reintroducing it," said SHUJAN Secretary Badiul Alam Majumdar.

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**EDEXCEL WORKSHOP** 

#### School principals discuss English medium education

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

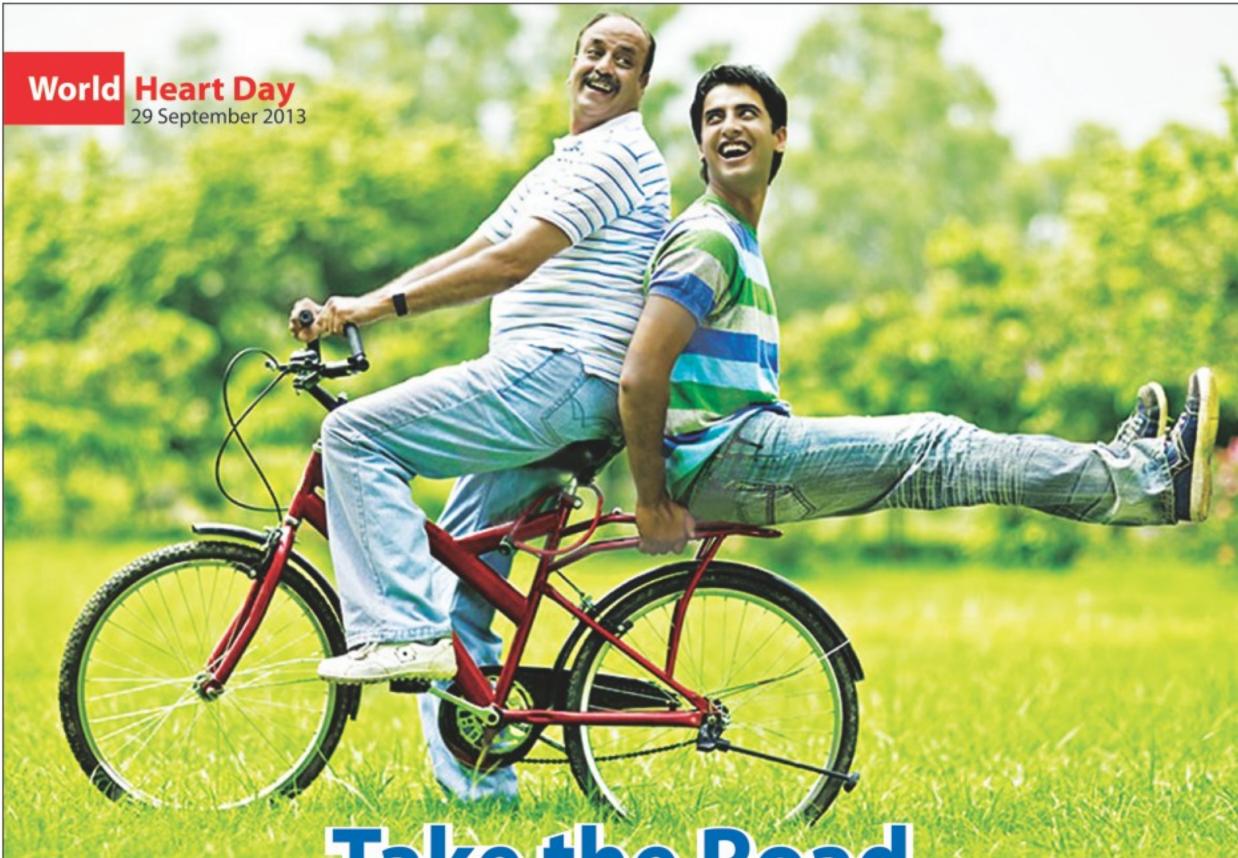
Principals and viceprincipals of more than 80 English medium schools in the country congregated in a workshop yesterday to discuss issues regarding improvement in education in English medium schools.

The workshop titled "Leading ideas-Leadership and Motivation for 21st Century Principals" was held at Ruposhi Bangla Hotel in the capital. Edexcel, an educational aptitude awarding body, organised the workshop.

Prof David Shaw imparted training in leadership among the attending school representatives.

Mr Saidur Rahman, country manager of Edexcel, Deep Audhikary, country examinations

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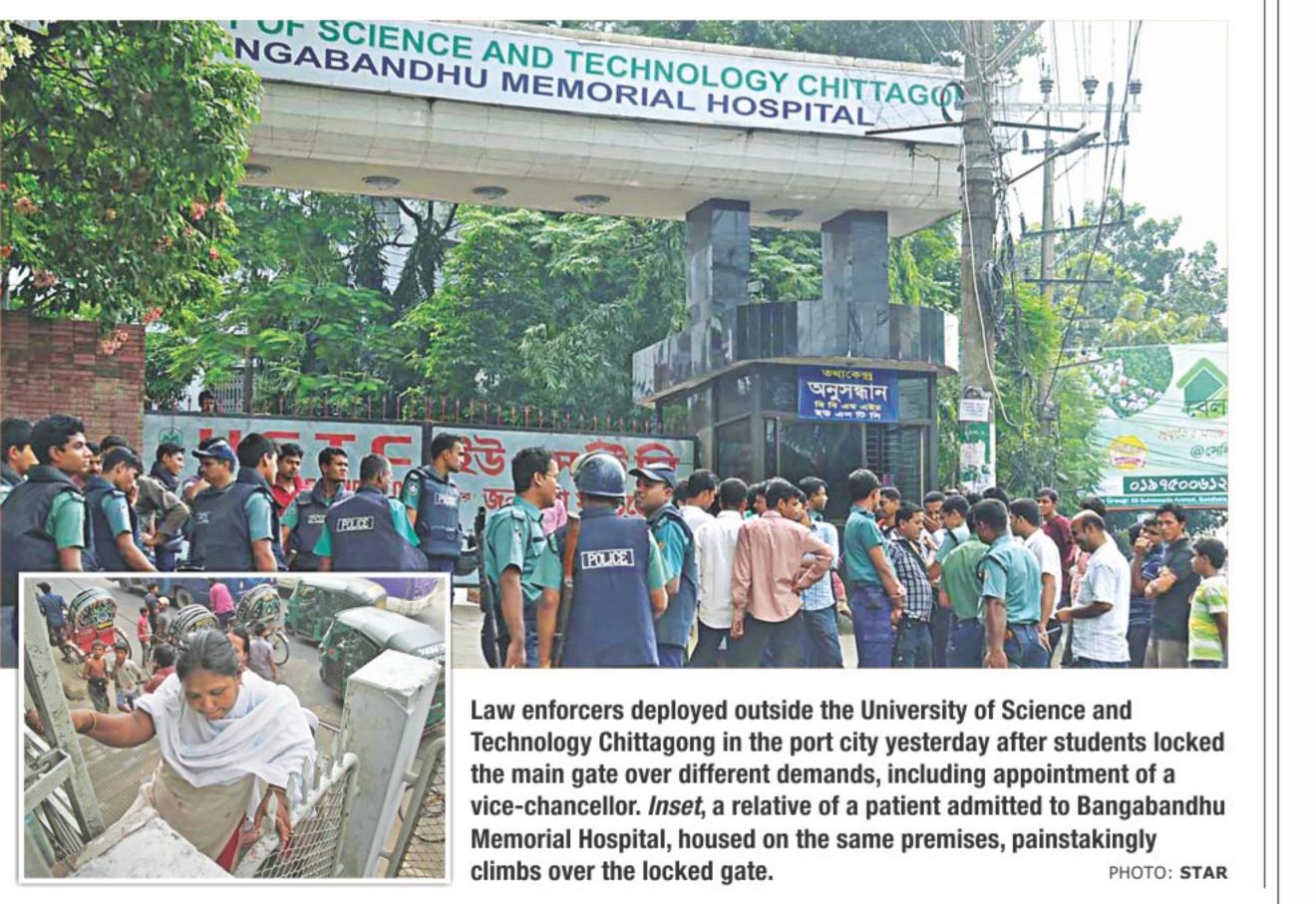
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