

CHILD WELFARE Govt must allocate resources

Discussion told

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The government should find out the amount of resources needed for child welfare and allocate accordingly in the national budget, said speakers at a views-exchange meeting yesterday.

In the current fiscal year, the government allocated an inadequate amount of Tk 50 crore for child welfare, but did not evaluate how much resources are actually needed for this, they added.

The discussion was organised by Child Budget Forum, a platform of several NGOs, which was launched through the programme held at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.

Opportunities should be created for children to give their opinions, while formulating the national budget, said Dr Abul Hossain, chairperson of the platform.

Asserting that poverty and discrimination of children are the major hurdles to the country's development, he said ensuring the rights of children and equal opportunities for all children are the keys to becoming a middle-income country.

Chowdhury Md Tayub Tajammul, senior manager (civil society) of Save the Children, said, "Besides providing a block allocation for children, the authorities concerned should also publish a performance report on the programmes funded from the allocated money."

Mahbubul Islam, executive director of the Bangladesh Association for Community Education, hailed the government for initiatives like framing the National Child Policy 2011 and enacting the Child Act 2013.

Md Shahidullah, member secretary of Child Budget Forum, and Sharifuzzaman, member of Nagorik Sanghati, among others, spoke at the event.

Incidin Bangladesh, National Children Task Force, and Save the Children are some of the NGOs under the platform.



Bangladesh Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali meets his Indian counterpart Sushma Swaraj in New Delhi yesterday.
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Prime Bank Foundation

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Addressing the ceremony, Bangladesh Bank Governor Atiur Rahman called upon all private banks to help disadvantaged students under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) schemes.

The government will soon formulate a CSR policy to impose some obligations on banks towards the betterment of the underprivileged section of society.

On ensuring good governance in the economic sector, he warned that chief executive officers and board of directors of banks

will be removed if any irregularity like the Hallmark scam takes place.

Prime Bank Ltd Chairman Azam J Chowdhury chaired the function while eminent jurist Rafiq-Ul-Huq and noted educationist Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed spoke among others.

Since 2007, the Prime Bank Foundation under its Education Support Programme has provided stipends to 2,072 students who are meritorious and come from underprivileged families. Of them, 174 already got themselves respectable jobs.

Four held for cheating in JU

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exchanged their answer sheets with each other.

Exams of Nur Mohammad was also cancelled as invigilators suspected that he attended the exam as proxy since the photo on

his admit card looked a bit different and he also could not write his father's name properly.

Except for Kaiser, the other three were freed. JU Proctor Tapan Kumer Saha said steps will be taken after proper investigation.

Shajahan

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Saying that mafias murder people and are involved in drug peddling, money laundering and corruption, he asked if any such thing was going on in the port or not.

He said Mohiuddin earlier placed a 10-point demand at the port advisory committee's meeting but he could not show any logic for his demands.

Chittagong city Mayor M Manjur Alam, Chittagong Development Authority Chairman Abdus Salam, lawmaker Nazrul Islam, and Awami League city unit general secretary AJM Nasir Uddin also spoke.

First batch

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Jubo League goes

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Sylhet Metropolitan Police on condition of anonymity. Afterwards, around 100 Jubo League men arrived at Airport Police Station and demanded their release. Denied, they moved to Ambarkhana, some three kilometres away, and went on the rampage. The three were released yesterday around 1:00pm after the Awami League high-ups called for their release, added the ADC. It is still unclear who had signed the undertaking.

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Relocation likely to

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Hazaribagh tanneries have been dumping 22,000 cubic metres of liquid waste and 200 tonnes of solid waste during peak season and 5,000 cubic metres of effluent and 100 tonnes of solid waste during off-season for a long time.

Because of this, the level of concentrated oxygen in the Buriganga water has been too low to support aquatic life like fish or for purification for drinking.

Against this backdrop, the government took an initiative to relocate the tanneries in 2002, and initially the process was supposed to be completed by 2005. But it was first extended till June 2012 and then again till June 2016, chiefly because of the owners' protests.

The cost of the relocation project has also jumped sixfold to Tk 1,078 core, from Tk 175 core initially.

Poba officials said the tanneries must relocate by March 2015 because the Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) would start operation at that time and all the tanneries must be connected to it before that.

The CETP will treat 20,000 cubic metres of effluent during high season and 5,000 cubic metres regularly.

CU BCL halts shuttle

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a "symbolic barricade" and moved away from the tracks around 9:30am after CU administrative officials assured them of taking the matter to police for action against the muggers, said the officials.

Deb Dutta Roy, a master's student of journalism, who missed two classes due to the delay, said, "The political bodies halted shuttle trains often at their will... General students have become hostage of them...if anybody protests, they beat him up."

The shuttle train is the main transport for over 10,000 non-resident students. The six dormitories for male and three for female students can house only 8,000 out of the total 20,000 students of CU.

On Friday evening, local muggers took away the phone of a BCL activist at Sholoshahar station and attacked his co-activists when they chased the criminals, said MA Malek, a BCL leader of CU where the committee is dissolved now. One of the injured was treated in Chittagong Medical College Hospital, he told The Daily Star.

Malek said, "We filed a case on Friday evening and today we observed a symbolic barricade to draw the attention of the authorities to arrest the muggers." He added that the barricade was in the interest of general students and their safety.

About all this, Proctor Siraj-ud-Daula only said it was a very bad practice that shuttle trains were halted over any trifling matter. "It is the duty of police to arrest the muggers. What will the university administration do here?"

Yasin Faruk Majumder, officer-in-charge of Government Railway Police Station, Chittagong, said they had arrested a suspected mugger.

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