

# 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.

Incident 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 Kumar 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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Beauty Akter, a deck cadet who was appointed for training on Banglar Shikha, told The Daily Star that she was now very close to achieving her dream of being a professional marine.

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1. The Tender Receiving Date to be read as "October 1, 2014" instead of September 22, 2014.
2. The Tender Opening Date to be read as "October 1, 2014" instead of September 22, 2014

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