

Parenting 101

The cover story came at a time when a lot of parents are wondering about where they have gone wrong in raising their children. I am not a mother yet. So I am not much of an expert on how to raise children. But I have parents and I know how they tried to raise me. Instead of lecturing me to "do the right thing," they always led by example. Integrity is something that has to be instilled in children at an early stage. Spending quality time with them is a must, as the cover story points out. Children must be taught to respect their fellow humans regardless of race, creed and colour. Teachers play one of the most important roles in the lives of children. So teachers must act accordingly. We must remember that today's child is tomorrow's citizen.

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The cover story makes some good points about how to become good parents. Spending quality time with children is one of the most important factors of good parenting. I think good parenting is about teaching children to read good books, become compassionate to others, know our culture, be respectful to elders and above all, be honest. Parents must first practice before they can preach their children.

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A Really Bad Habit

A few months ago, the British Prime Minister David Cameron announced a sweeping censorship plan that would block the internet users in the UK from accessing online pornography. I think it is a milestone step by the British government. I wish our

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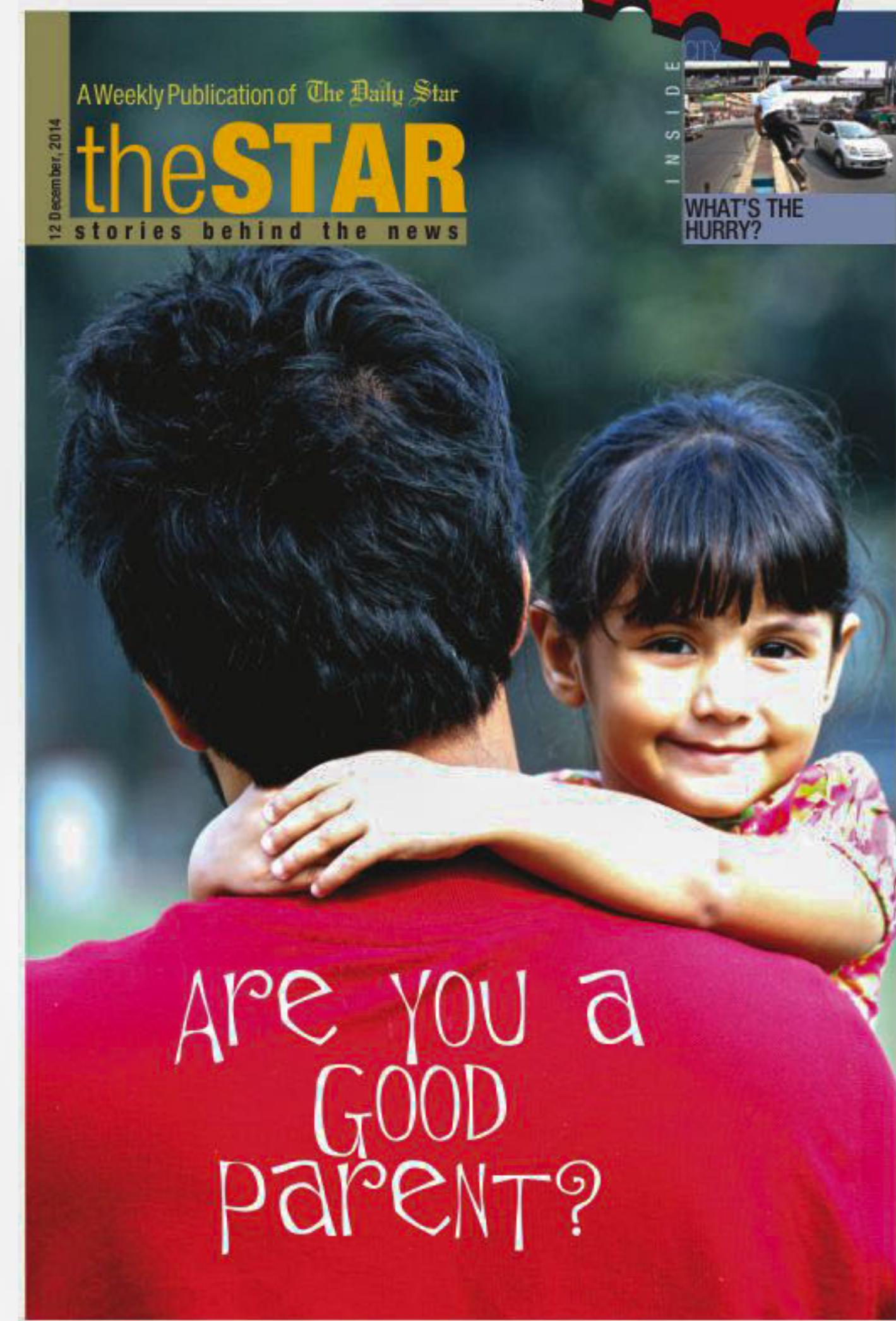


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government took similar steps because it is much more important in our country's perspective. Many students at the school, college and university level visit porn sites on a regular basis, wasting valuable time which they could have used to study or play sports. Watching pornography has many bad effects. Studies show that men who regularly watch porn generally look at women with less respect than non-watchers. Other studies show that watching porn is highly addictive and may cause depression. With the rise of cell phones and internet just a click away, we really need to come up with a comprehensive plan to censor/stop the spread of pornography in this country.

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