

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 34.5 L 26.3	H 33.8 L 24.5	H 33.2 L 21.0	H 37.7 L 22.5	H 36.5 L 25.6	H 34.6 L 25.3	H 32.1 L 19.6	H 33.7 L 24.8

Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:19pm and rises tomorrow at 05:40am. Country's highest temperature 37.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 19.2 in Srimangal.



Some of the top achievers in the O- and A-Level exams, among 1,760 honoured by The Daily Star this year at its 16th annual award presentation ceremony, at a seminar, "Future Bangladesh: Share Your Dream", organised by The Daily Star at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday. Some 50 pupils reflected their thoughts and concerns on issues including agriculture, industry, urbanisation, education, culture, history, patriotism and parents' role.

Opportunities will move youths to nation building

Top scorers in O and A Level exams tell The Daily Star seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Proper opportunities will inspire brilliant young minds to build the nation, top achievers in the O- and A-Level exams told a seminar in the capital yesterday.

"There are many institutions in Bangladesh that brilliant people can greatly improve and help build the country instead of going abroad," said Shafique Choudhury from Mastermind.

The Daily Star organised, "Future Bangladesh: Share Your Dream", at The Daily Star Centre where some 50 pupils reflected their thoughts and concerns on issues including agriculture, industry, urbanisation, education, culture, history, patriotism and parents' role.

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Brilliant people will surely serve the country if provided opportunities, said Nabil Fazle Rahman from Bangladesh International School & College, while political stability was crucial, for politics affects everyone no matter whether one gets involved or not.

Creating adequate research facilities is vital in pursuing studies in the fields of science and technology, said Nahatul Jannat Huq Evana from Academia.

Focusing on the enormous economic disparity, she said while a handful was becoming extremely rich, the rest were starving. Sexual harassment of women must also be dealt with accordingly, said Evana.

Kahn Sajid Mahmood from

Mastermind said presently science and engineering graduates, no matter how meritorious they may be, have very little opportunity in the country's job market which offers meagre pay.

This will either prompt bright students aspiring to study science and technology to go abroad or demoralise them, he said.

Pointing at repeated public exam question paper leaks in recent years, Kazi Nazifa Dilruba from Maple Leaf International School said moral integrity, not undue advantage, was what should matter to society.

On urbanisation, Ahmed Zarif-ul-Kabir from Mastermind said Dhaka city should be decentralised by providing education, healthcare and employment opportunities in other cities.

Schools without playgrounds should not be allowed to run as obesity among young city people is a big challenge, he said.

"Mere buildings without parks and playgrounds should not be the pattern of urbanisation; young people are often seen hazardingly playing on the city streets," added Shafat Rahman from Sunnydale School.

Bushra Tasneen from Mastermind said mass media often exclude English medium students while celebrating public exam achievements of those under the national curriculum.

Mass media should not portray English medium education in a negative light, she said.

Terming the public university admission process discriminatory, Arpita

Maheswari from ABC International School of Narayanganj said English medium students who undertake international exams should be evaluated equally.

Saidur Rahman, country manager of Edexcel Bangladesh, said top public universities should provide an option to accommodate those studying international curriculum so that the best can get access.

Parents should not insist children on being what they wanted them to be, said Tamanna Zaman from Mount Royal Academy of Narayanganj. "All individuals are different and we are special in our own way," she said.

Independent University, Bangladesh Vice-Chancellor Prof M Omar Rahman said these Bangladeshi youths were truly the global changemakers.

Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, who moderated the seminar, said that one person's idea and dream bring about an enormous change towards nation building.

This happened with the innovative concepts of microcredit to fight poverty and non-formal education to eradicate illiteracy, both from Bangladesh, he said.

"So, let's not underestimate the power of an individual. One has to just have the aspiration to be good enough to bring changes to the society," he said.

Young Nation Builders' Club, an online forum enabling the best and brightest minds and future nation builders to stay connected, was also floated.

Fundamentalists rake in Tk 2,500cr yearly

Prof Abul Barakat tells seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The financial operations of fundamentalism see an approximate yearly net profit of Tk 2,500 crore, with banks, leasing and insurance companies generating about one third of the amount, economist Dr Abul Barakat said yesterday.

Twenty-seven percent of the total profit comes from banking, leasing and insurance companies, 18.8 percent from NGOs, 10.8 percent from trade, 10.4 percent from pharmaceuticals, diagnostic centres, and other health institutions, 9.2 percent from educational institutions, 8.5 percent from real estate businesses, 7.8 percent from media and IT industry, and 7.5 percent from the transport sector, the Dhaka University professor said, citing the 2014 figures from his study titled "Political Economy of Fundamentalism in Bangladesh".

In his keynote speech, he also urged creation of more tribunals to speed up the war crimes trial because, he said, it would take decades to finish the trial of, if ever, over 500 people facing allegations now.

The seminar on "culture of injustice and communalism-fundamentalism-extremism" was organised by Bangladesh Economic Association at the Institution of Engineers Bangladesh in the capital.

Health service a mess

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(2016-20) would be enhanced with health and education being a priority.

Dr Rashid-e-Mahbub, former president of Bangladesh Medical Association, said poor people have little access to health, which forces them to go to the quacks.

Grassroots health facilities like community clinics, union health and family welfare centres and upazila health complexes need to be equipped with quality health professionals and logistics, he said.

Bac Vice Chair Ahmed Chowdhury Mushtaque said that to achieve universal health coverage, the government could target social health insurance schemes for segments like garment workers, members of microfinance organisations, government and NGO employees and the people below the poverty line.

Dr Mukesh Chawla, adviser to the Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice of The World Bank, Birdem Hospital Director General Dr Nazmun Nahar, Gonoshasthya Kendra Trustee Dr Zafarullah Chowdhury and PPRC Executive Chairman Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman also spoke.

Mayoral campaigns shift

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Mahi B Chowdhury to run for mayorship in North.

ADARSHA DHAKA ANDOLON

Prof Emajuddin Ahmed-led Adarsha Dhaka Andolon, a pro-BNP citizens' platform, will unveil the BNP-backed mayoral candidates' manifestos today or tomorrow, said sources.

The platform is likely to put emphasis on keeping the administration corruption-free, building modern communication and traffic systems, public toilets, and covering all open manholes, among others.

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