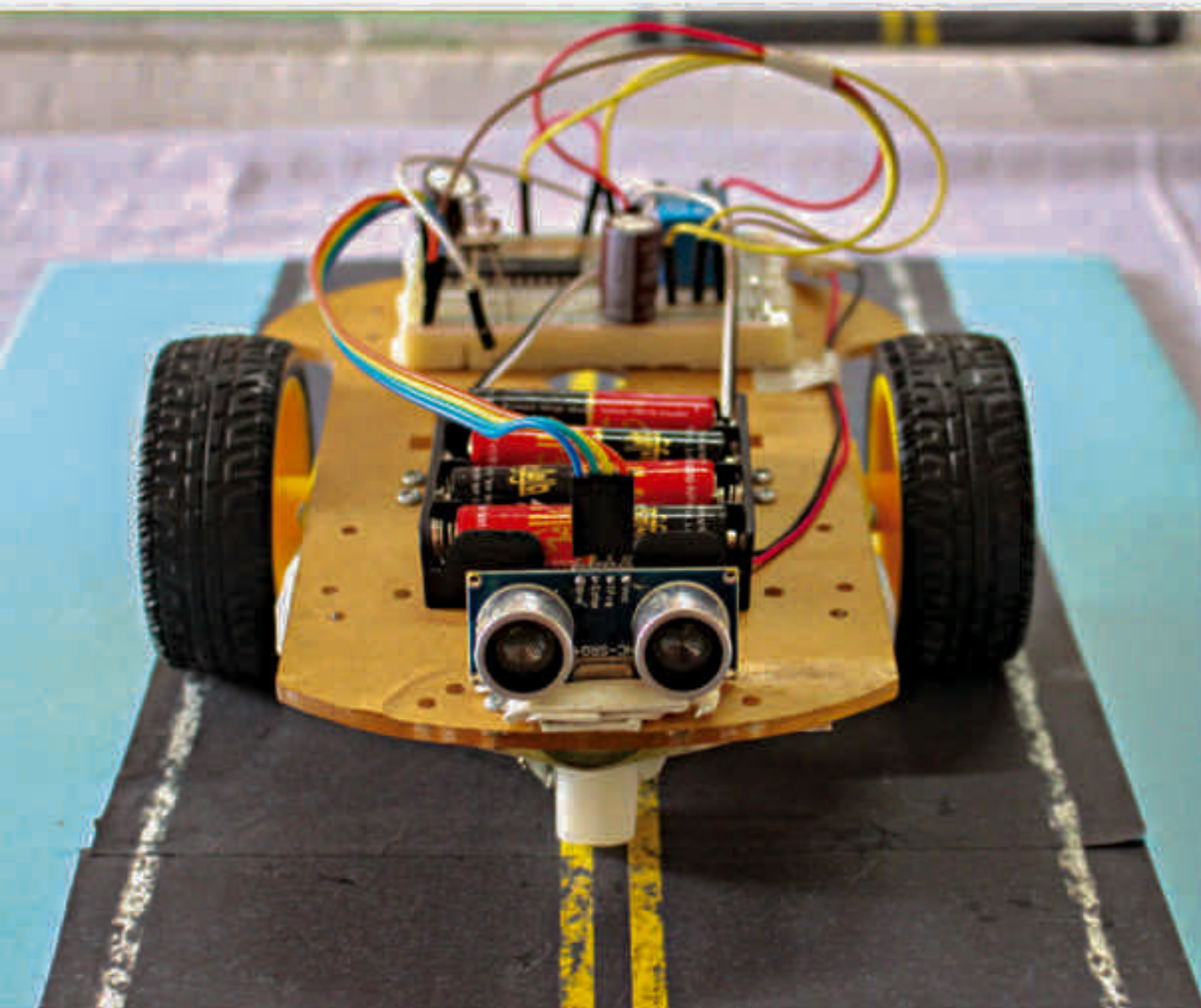


Inspiring Interest in Science

Adamjee Cantonment College hosts science festival



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The Pran Mango Fruit Drink Science Festival turned Adamjee Cantonment College (ACC) into a science hub. Between September 16 and 17, long banners of the festival decorated the buildings and posters with tidbits of scientific knowledge dotted the corridors. The campus was abuzz with young science enthusiasts exhibiting their ideas through wall magazines and projects.

The festival was organised by the Neutrino ACC Science Club (NASC). Its title sponsor was Pran Mango Fruit Drink; magazine sponsors were Kishor Alo and SHOUT; and radio partners were Radio Shadhin and Jagofm.net.

On the first day, students from education institutions in Dhaka took part in project display, wall magazine display, Olympiads on various subjects, quizzes and Rubik's cube competitions. Visitors thronged the classrooms and listened with keen interest to the students' presentations.

The grand prize giving ceremony, held on the second day, brought the festival to a close. The chief guest was

Brigadier General G.S.M. Hamidur Rahman, Commander of Adhoc Army Aviation Group and Chairman of the ACC governing body. The special guest was writer Anisul Hoque. In their speeches, both guests appreciated the endeavour. They said events like this helped students apply their classroom learning and therefore were very important. The Principal of the college, Brigadier General Tameem Ahmed Chowdhury OSP, NDC, PSC expressed his joy at being able to host the festival at ACC and thanked everyone for their cooperation. Then, they gave away the prizes. The winners were given crests and certificates.

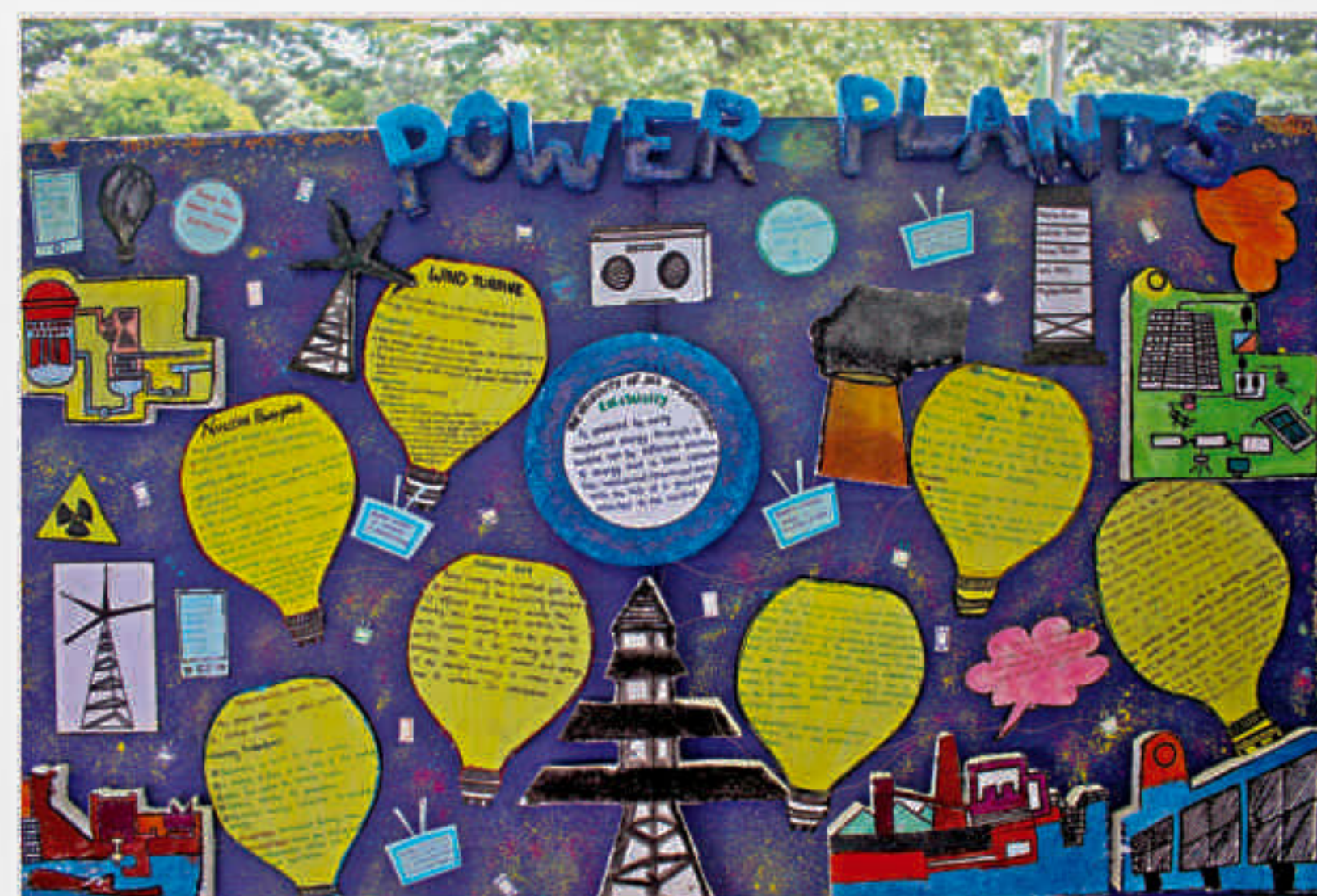
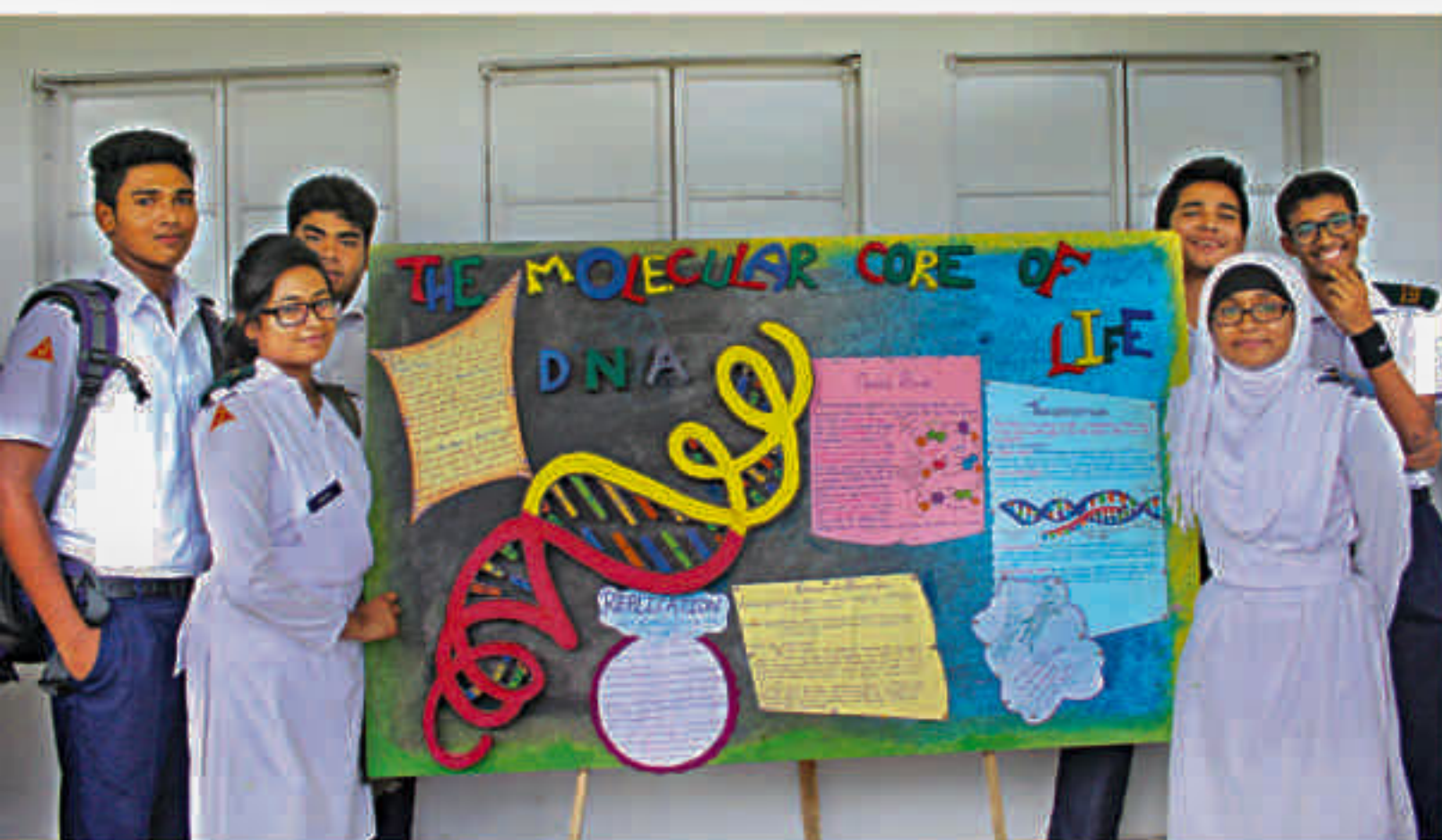
'Saving Electricity using DTMS' won the first prize among the IT projects. It showed how electricity flow could be turned on or off via phone calls. 'Algae to Bio-Fuel' was awarded first prize among non-mechanical projects. It demonstrated the cultivation of algae which could use the carbon dioxide gas produced by brick factories to produce bio-fuel. The mechanical project 'Match Box Headphone' also got a prize. To build the headphone, the students

used everyday items like pencils and wires.

Behind the scene, NASC put in a lot of effort to make the event a success. Club Moderator and Assistant Professor of the Physics Department, Mizanur Rahman, inspired ACC students to be participants and organisers. Support from the Principal also proved invaluable. Lastly, it was the students of the executive panel of NASC, led by their President Wasi Ahmad Ananto, who ensured that the festival progressed smoothly.

Beginning its journey on February 26, 2014, NASC has since then had its members participate in various events across Dhaka and organised International Math Week and a number of seminars with Muhammed Zafar Iqbal and Dipen Bhattacharya in attendance. NASC is dedicated to generating knowledge among science students and hopes to arrange more events like this in the near future.

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Scholastica Interschool Volleyball Tournament 2015

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The annual Scholastica Interschool Volleyball Tournament took place this year from September 10 to 12.

With Aga Khan School, Bangladesh International Tutorial (BIT), SFX Green Herald, South Breeze, Mastermind, Sunnydale, American International School Dhaka (AISD), Sunbeams, Grace International School, International School Dhaka (ISD), Viqarunnisa Noon School and the hosts, Scholastica, fighting it out in both boys' and girls' categories, the tournament kicked off with the BIT girls facing Scholastica, with the latter prevailing victorious.

The tournament was well-organised with the volunteers and organisers



helping out the spectators and participants. SIVT had its moments with the players giving their hearts out for their teams. One such memorable match

was between AISD-A and Mastermind. It was a David versus Goliath match and although AISD won the match in both sets, the second set was breathtaking as

both teams gave their best with AISD winning by a hair's margin at 25-23.

At the end of it all, Scholastica and AISD remained as the finalists in both categories. The girls' final was indeed awe-inspiring – AISD Tigers won the first set (25-17); the second set saw the Scholastica girls fight back but their valiant efforts were not good enough as they fell short by losing out (27-25).

The boys' final saw AISD defending their trophy against the hosts. AISD won the first set (21-25) and the pressure fell on the hosts. But they kept their composure by winning the second set (25-19). In the deciding set, Scholastica won (15-10) and after two years, crushed AISD's winning streak and emerged champions.