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Grand Finale of Socio Camp 8

NSUSSC

The Grand Finale of the idea generating competition for raising social awareness Kurkure presents Socio Camp 8 powered by NRB Bazaar was held on Friday, November 17, 2017, at the North South University Plaza Area. The event was graced by a star-studded judging panel that included Abdun Noor Tushar, Chief Operating Officer, Nagorik; Rehnema Karim, Founder and

Executive Director, Heroes for All; Khurshid Imbisat Chowdhury, Head of HR & Development, Transcom Consumer Products Ltd. and Aupee Karim, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, American International University Bangladesh. The Chief Guest of the Grand Finale was Mohammed Shajahan, Chairman, Board of Trustees of North South University. Dilara Afroz Khan, Club Coordinator of Extracurricular Clubs of

North South University, along with other executive officers from various multinational and national companies and faculty members of different universities were also present during the event.

The best six teams that qualified to the Grand Finale pitched their ideas on the topic 'The Importance of Strong Family Bonding' in front of the judges. The judging panel evaluated them based on their presentations and their promotional video clips. In the

end, the three best teams, PowerMerge, ICONS and Crime Master Gogo, were awarded with the titles of Champion, First Runner-Up and Second Runner-Up respectively. The champion team received BDT 120,000, the first runner up received BDT 70,000 and the second runner up received BDT 40,000.

The North South University Social Services Club (NSUSSC) has been organising 'Socio Camp' every year to generate

innovative and feasible ideas from several competitive teams that can be implemented to solve our social problems and develop a better community. A total of 539 teams from 44 different universities from all over the country participated in this idea generating competition with a view to change the society. The competition was conducted in multiple rounds and workshops and the top six teams qualified to the Grand Finale after crossing all the hurdles.



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The Matasa Fellows Network 2017



Matasa Fellows network seeks to develop a cohort of young African researchers with the skills and commitment to engage in policy-oriented research around the challenges of young people and employment in Africa. Its aim is to contribute to the development of outstanding young researchers who will ultimately become established policy researchers in their chosen fields.

Deadline: December 7, 2017 | Fellowship

RTI Award - 2017

Community Radios Promoting Right to Information



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MOHUA MOULI

On November 8, 2017, during a lovely afternoon, a room in Press Institute of Bangladesh was filled with young dreamers who have been serving their communities with information and guidance through community radio shows.

The RTI Award 2017, jointly organised by Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication and Press Institute of Bangladesh, was held to recognise some of the best community radios based on their contribution in promoting Right

to Information Act-2009 and its implementation at the community level. The programme was supported by the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, Bangladesh.

The event kicked off with a seminar on promoting Right to Information through community radio where AHM Bazlur Rahman, CEO, BNNRC, spoke about the purpose of the programme and why community radio is needed. The event also included Chief Guest Professor Dr Golam Rahman, Chief Information Commissioner, and special

guests Dr Najmul Hossain, Country Representative, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom and Shah Alamgir, Director General, Press Institute of Bangladesh.

The event awarded six community radios in two categories. The first, second and third prizes in the category of "Radio Magazine" went to Naznin Naher, Programme Producer of Community Radio Borendra; Shahana Parveen, Station Manager, Community Radio Padma; and Boshir Ahmed, Station-In-Charge, Community Radio Chilmari,

respectively.

Farhad Hossen, News Producer, Community Radio Sarabela; Abida Sultana, Programme Producer, Community Radio Lokobetar; and Noyon Ali, Assistant Producer (Programme & News) bagged the first, second and third prizes respectively in the category of "Investigative Radio Reporting".

The Grand Jury included Dr S M Morshed, Media and Communication Specialist, and other prominent members of Media and Journalism.



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"Spirit of Ramadan" is an online campaign by Unilever's brands Knorr and Pureit, which helps to make a positive impact on the society by minimising food wastage and encouraging to donate food and pure drinking water to people in need. Unilever, in collaboration with Bidyanondo and its volunteers, distributed food among underprivileged children and families in Dhaka both in 2016 and 2017. The initiative made it to "Think with Google".

A small leap to brand Bangladesh!

KAHKASHA WAHAB

It took one month of campaigning, two grooming sessions and a final round of contest for PATA Bangladesh Dhaka University Student Chapter to find the best posters created by University of Dhaka students through its "Branding Bangladesh" campaign, which started back in September 15, this year.

The competition to design posters on different destinations of Bangladesh was aimed at educating everyone about the less visited tourist sites of the country and also, to learn how to brand these exotic spots.

The initial grooming sessions were followed by a contest round, where graphics design enthusiasts were provided with one and a half hours to design posters on destinations of their

choice. Dozens of posters were submitted by the participants. A group of judges evaluated the designs and they also groomed the participants on how the posters could have been made better, allowing to make further changes accordingly, only to let them practice the knowledge they gathered from the grooming session.



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On October 21, 2017, a prize giving ceremony was arranged where the best designer and the two honourable mention achievers were awarded by the department's Chairman, Professor Shaker Ahmed, at the office of the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management.

The organisers hope that the best posters will be handed over to the Bangladesh Tourism Board and the Tourism and Hospitality Management Department.