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ACCESS TO NEWS

Most students use mobile, social media

Survey finds lack of media literacy among secondary school goers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Most secondary school students use mobile phones, computers and have access to social media and about 55 percent of them use Facebook as their medium for getting news, according to a survey.

The survey, carried out on 483 students at 16 secondary schools in Dhaka and Tongi between February and May 2018, found a "serious lack" of media literacy among the students.

Even though 52 percent of the students claimed to read daily newspapers, a staggering 80 percent could not name three national dailies. Over two out of three students could not name five TV news channels.

The survey, on media access assessment of students, found that more than 82 percent students have internet access, but only 46 percent claimed that they visit online news portals.

However, only 6 percent could name three such portals. South Asia Centre for Media in Development (SACMID), a non-government organisation, with support from Netherlands-based organisation Free Press Unlimited, carried out the survey.

The findings were revealed yesterday at a roundtable

SURVEY ON 483 STUDENTS

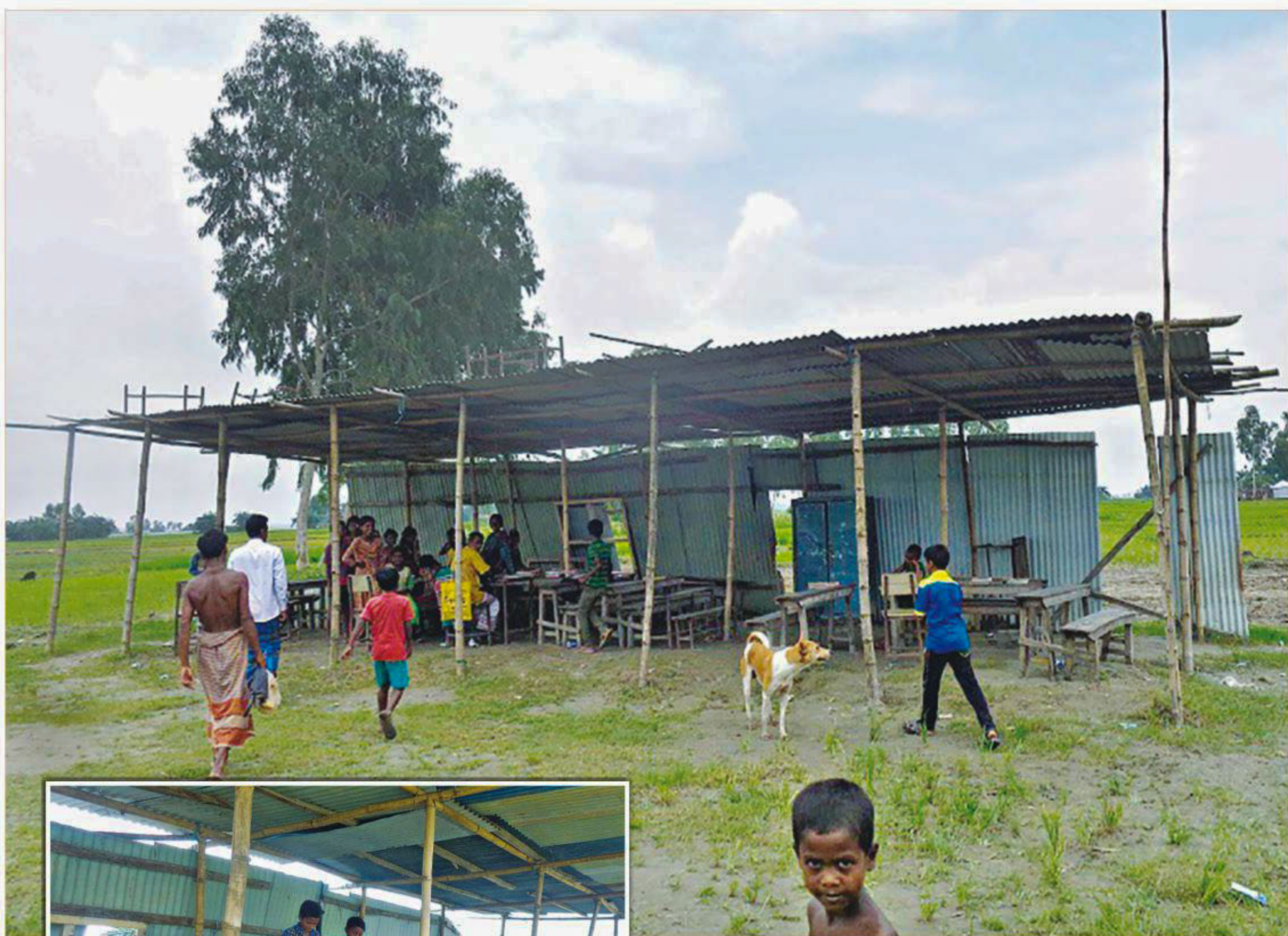
92% use mobile phones

46% visit online news portals

55% rely on Facebook for news

79% watch cable TV

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It is hard to believe this makeshift structure, made of corrugated iron sheets and bamboo poles, is Purba Satunama Aminpara Government Primary School in Nilphamari's Dimla upazila. Inset, students attending class. The photos were taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

Studying in total mess

Students attend classes in makeshift structure after flood destroys school

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

Sheets of corrugated iron tied to bamboo poles make the roofs and the walls on one particular side. The remaining sides are left open. The floor is left in its natural state with parts of it growing clusters of grass. Benches, strewn inside the structure, are the only indication that this building is the Purba Satunama Aminpara govt primary school.

Situated in the inaccessible Satunama Char, a shoal of the Teesta river, at Junagas Chapani union of Dimla upazila in Nilphamari, this has been the condition of the school since 2017, when the school building was washed away during a flood.

While visiting the school on Wednesday, this correspondent found a bearded teacher in a lungi teaching 10-12 students. Some of the pupils were bare-chested and most were more focused on gossiping rather than anything.

The teacher, identifying himself as Abul Bashar, said,

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Two 'drug peddlers' killed in 'shootouts'

STAR REPORT

Two suspected drug peddlers were killed in "gun-fights" with police in Kushtia and Mymensingh early yesterday.

With these, at least 186 alleged drug peddlers have been killed since the ongoing countrywide anti-narcotics drive began on May 4, with most deaths resulting from so-called shootout incidents involving police and Rab.

The man killed at Haripur village in Kushtia Sadar upazila was identified as Shahar Ali, 38, son of Monwar Box of Mazampur area of Kushtia town.

Nasir Uddin, officer-in-charge of Kushtia Police Station, claimed the "shootout" took place around 3:30am when a police team raided the area on information of a secret

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Tk 8.61CR EMBEZZLEMENT

ACC sues 5 doctors, 4 staffers at RMCH

Accused also broke rules over Tk 9.54cr tender

OUR CORRESPONDENT, DINAJPUR

The Anti-Corruption Commission has sued 13 people, including nine doctors and employees of Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH), for embezzling Tk 8.61 crore of the hospital's fund and awarding a tender of Tk 9.54 crore without proper procedures.

Mohammad Sirajul Haque, assistant director of the ACC in Dhaka, filed the case with Rangpur Sadar Police Station on Saturday, said Babul Mia, officer-in-charge of the police station.

The nine accused are: former director of RMCH ASM Barkat Ullah, former assistant director Bimal Kumar Barman, former deputy director Paritosh Kumar Dasgupta, former deputy director Zahirul Haque, assistant director (finance and store) Shafiqul Islam, pharmacists and in-charge of medicine store Anisur Rahman and Moksedul Haque, and stewards Azizul Islam and Md Asaduzzaman.

Four other accused are: Monjur Ahmed, proprietor of Manila Medicines, Mosaddeque Hossain, proprietor of MH Pharma, Joynal Abedin, proprietor of Ovi Drugs, and Alamgir Hossain, proprietor of Alibaba Pharmacy.

According to the case statement, the accused misappropriated Tk 8.61 crore from medicine and patient's food allocation.

The nine doctors and employees of RMCH were also involved in giving work order of Tk 9,53,61,036 without floating any tender.

The corruption and irregularities happened in 2015-16 fiscal years, the statement added.



Four killed in Cox's Bazar road crash

3 Rohingyas among dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

At least four people, including three Rohingyas, were killed, and 10 others injured, in a road crash in Ukhia upazila on the Cox's Bazar-Teknaf highway yesterday.

The dead are Nur Kayes, 25, Tosrin, 20, and Tosrin's five month old baby Moshrefa Akhter, who are all Rohingya refugees of Balukhali camp, and Rozina Akter, 26, of Balukhali Paanbazar area.

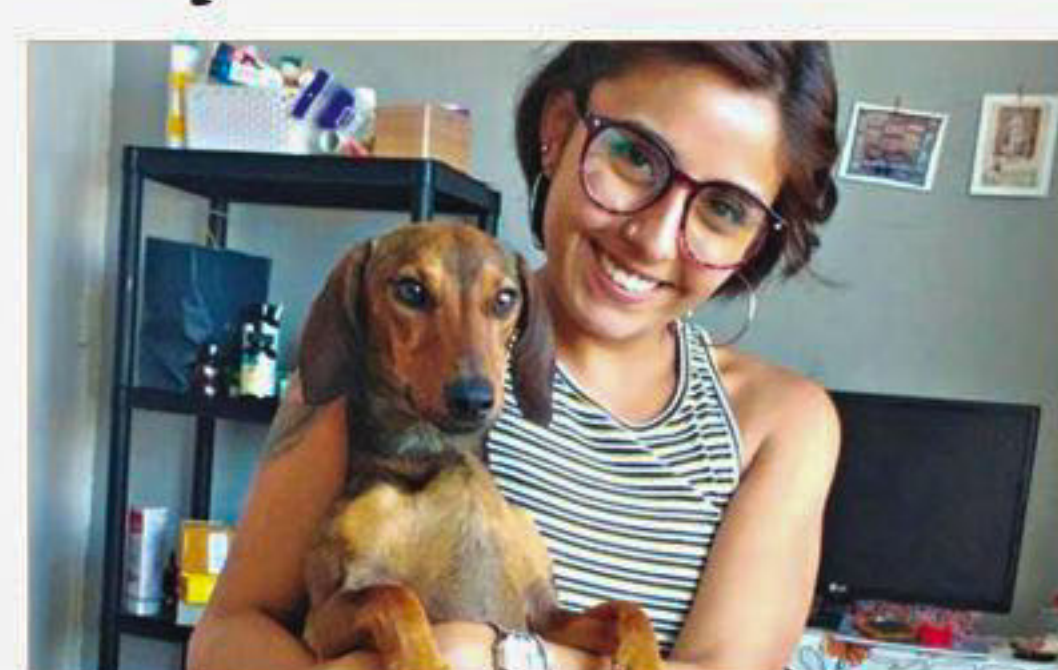
Army officials stationed in the area began a rescue operation immediately after the accident, and recovered the bodies and rescued the injured.

The injured -- Helal Uddin, 21, of Haldia palong union, Fatema Begum, 27, of Teknaf Naityong Para, Hamidur Rahman, 16, of Balukhali village, Anwara Begum, 25, of the same village -- were taken to Kutupalong Red Crescent Field Hospital for treatment, said Chailau Marma, additional superintendent of police (ASP) of Ukhia circle.

The accident occurred at around 9:00am at the Bangladesh-Myanmar

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Dog falls from plane, survives days in desert



AGENCIES

After falling from an airplane and roaming through the Atacama Desert for 6 days, "Gaspar the miracle dog" was recently rescued and reunited with his owner.

Surviving the harsh Atacame Desert for almost a week is a challenge for any human, let alone a scared dachshund that happened to have fallen out of an airplane at landing. So it's no wonder that 2-year-old Gaspar has been dubbed a "miracle dog" for defying the odds and making it out alive out of the driest desert on Earth.

Gaspar's epic adventure began on June 29th,

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EU protects firms from US to save Iran nuclear deal

AFP, Brussels

EU countries yesterday gave European firms legal cover to operate in Iran despite the US pullout from the nuclear deal, after a report that the Trump administration has rejected calls by Brussels for an exemption from sanctions.

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Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Donald Trump shake hands before a meeting in Helsinki, yesterday.

SHIP STRANDED OFF SUNDARBANS

India conducts ops to prevent major oil spill

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

India has roped in international expertise to prevent a major oil spill from a stranded cargo ship that caught fire in the Bay of Bengal close to the Sundarbans even as the government yesterday said a "minor oil leakage" took place from the vessel.

India's Directorate General of Shipping and its allied office, Mercantile Marine Department, Kolkata, the Indian Coast Guard and various authorities have been constantly monitoring the developments as efforts to salvage MV SSL Kolkata continued, said a statement issued by the defence ministry.

"There is no apparent damage caused to the environment as of now except a minor oil leakage from vessel which is being attended to with means of oil spill combating gear. Investigation by the directorate is under progress."

The vessel has been grounded at about

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TRIBUTE

We deeply mourn the demise of **Mrs. Dil Afrose Begum** (72), the virtuous Mother of **Mr. Zayedur Rahman (Izel)** Senior Executive

Director of MAX Infrastructure Ltd. & Mother in Law of **Mr. Ghulam Mohammad Alamgir** Chairman of MAX Group, who passed away at United Hospital, Dhaka on 14th July 2018 at 7 a.m due to old age ailment.

She left behind two sons, two daughters and other relatives to lament her death. May Allah - The Most Merciful bestow divine blessings upon her departed soul and endow her bereaved family members endurance and fortitude to burden grief and to tranquil their afflicted hearts.

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