

# Education policy should reflect changing realities: speakers

**CITY DESK**

The national education curriculum should be reformed to reflect changing global realities and train students to gain better opportunities in the job market, said participants at a roundtable arranged by Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC) yesterday.

Speakers at the event -- joined by educators, development activists, and students -- stressed the need for teaching soft skills, practical skills, and 21st century skills, said a press release.

To facilitate a broader conversation on issues that matter to the youth, BYLC organised a youth leadership summit in 2018 where 350 university students and young professionals co-created a youth manifesto, outlining the youth's priorities for the future.

The findings of the manifesto, which focused on quality of education and development of relevant skills, were presented at the roundtable.

"The government's role is to act as a catalyst and set the tone for reform in education, and to create an innovative platform for students to express and learn. It's our job to support the government in this



regard," said special guest, Dr Erum Mariam, director of Brac Institute of Educational Development.

Shah Ali Farhad, special assistant to the prime minister, who was also a special guest, stated that in the past, the government worked to fill gaps in basic education infrastructure, but in the last five years, its focus has been on improving quality of education.

The government will work with teachers, students, and other stakeholders to chalk out a comprehensive plan on education for the next five years, he added.

"It's the collective responsibility of policymakers, development practitioners, teachers, and parents to help prepare the youth to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world, while also ensuring their mental and physical wellbeing," said Ejaj Ahmad, president and founder of BYLC.

BYLC, the country's first leadership institute, exists to build connections among youths from diverse backgrounds, equip them with leadership skills, and enable them to have high impacts in public, private, and civil sectors.

## Kuet gets new buses for students, staff

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna**

Two buses and one mini bus were inaugurated yesterday at Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (Kuet), to be used by teachers, officials and students.

Prof Quazi Sazzad Hossain, VC of Kuet, inaugurated the vehicles as the chief guest where students and staff of Kuet were also present.

At the event, the VC said these vehicles would ease travel sufferings of university students and staff.

Prof Mihir Ranjon Halder, president of transport committee, Kazi ABM Mohiuddin, director of planning and development, GM Shahidul Alam, registrar, and Sadman Nahiyen Sejan, member secretary of students' welfare committee, were present and spoke among others at the session.

## 'Milk Vita is better than imported milk powder'

**State minister for co-operatives tells parliament**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

There is no formalin or arsenic in the milk of Milk Vita, State Minister for Rural Development and Co-operatives Division Shawpan Bhattacharjee said yesterday.

"No sign of formalin and arsenic has been detected in the liquid milk of Milk Vita," he said at parliament while participating in a discussion on the proposed budget.

Referring to a recent test report of Dhaka University, he said "unscrupulous" businessmen are perpetuating a propaganda that there is arsenic and formalin in the liquid milk of Milk Vita.

He also claimed that imported milk powder is substandard and not nutritious.

"The milk powder that is being imported into our country is not nutritious. The milk powder is abandoned in Denmark and other European countries. Milk powder is being imported as bulk milk product -- giving only five percent tax," he added.

The state minister said a nefarious effort against sale of Milk Vita continues. After realising this, the prime minister and finance minister have increased import duty on milk powder from 5 to 10 percent, which he claimed was "a timely step".

Bhattacharjee said they already went over the test report from BSTI, but formalin was not mentioned in it.

A test has already been carried out in Singapore, which termed the milk of Milk Vita "complete" as nothing harmful was found in it, said the state minister.

"I want to assure the nation through this parliament that the milk of Milk Vita is much better, more acceptable and nutritious than the imported milk powder," he said.

## Rehabilitate rickshaw pullers

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MP Shamsunnahar Bhuiyan, general secretary of Jatiya Mahila Samik League, said rickshaw pullers should be included in the social safety net programmes.

BILS Chairman Habibur Rahman Siraj chaired the event, where Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Samik League General Secretary Insur Ali, Jatiyatabadi Samik Dal General Secretary Nurul Islam Khan Nasim and Rickshaw O Van Malik Samity President Harunur Rashid Khan also spoke.

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### Hill people's

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said Babul Chowdhury, chairman of Lakkhichhari upazila.

Rise of local armed groups has created obstacles and posed threats to people's lives in recent times, said Rangamati Sadar upazila Chairman Shahiduzzaman Mohsin.

At least four armed groups are involved in extortion in different areas, he alleged.

Rafiqul Alam, mayor of Khagrachhari municipality, said questions still remain whether initiatives taken for bringing peace in the region have worked.

"If the initiatives worked, why are bloodshed and armed conflicts still happening?" he questioned.

Although significant development has been made and people's living standards have also changed, peace still remains elusive in CHT, he said.

Speaking as chief guest, CHT Affairs Minister Bir Bahadur Ushwe Sing said at present development projects worth about Tk 8,500 crore are underway in the CHT region.

The prime minister has directed to speed up the peace process there, he said, adding that recently rules for the CHT Land Dispute Resolution Commission Act has been finalised and it will be formulated soon.

Chairing the roundtable, Muhammad Zamir, former ambassador and chairman of ICLDS, said CHT has great potential and destabilising the region should not be allowed.

"The region's importance comes to the fore significantly in light of present day regional and international politics, especially 'potential risk' imposed by Myanmar on Bangladesh like the Rohingya crisis, increase of maritime importance of the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean, and because of the rise of both China and India as well as their 'rivalry'," said Prof Delwar Hossain of Dhaka University's international relations department.

Indigenous community leader Sanjeeb Drong said, "To bring peace, hill people's problems should be seen from their perspective."

Referring to increase in violence against women, Prof Amena Mohsin of DU's international relations department said mutual respect for each other is necessary to ensure coexistence of hill and Bengali population.

Presenting a keynote paper, former caretaker government adviser CM Shafi Sami said slow implementation of the CHT Accord was a reason for delay in bringing peace to the region.

Moderating the roundtable, Editor of Bangla daily Bhorer Kagoj Shyamal Dutta said they would arrange similar roundtables in the CHT districts soon.

Bhorer Kagoj and private television channel Ekattor TV were media partners.

### Man held in Sylhet

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by suicide, but we found injury marks on her body, and have enough reasons to believe that she was murdered."

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## Ershad's condition

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low hemoglobin, and high bilirubin," said Ershad's Press Secretary Shunil Shuvo Roy on Wednesday while talking to this correspondent.

Quader, Ershad's younger brother, yesterday said, "It'll take some time for him to recover."

Meanwhile, participating in a discussion on the proposed budget for 2019-20 fiscal, opposition chief whip Moshirur Rahman Ranga told the parliament that Ershad's condition is not stable enough to take him abroad for better treatment.

Due to his poor health, Ershad on April 6 reinstated Quader as party chairman in his absence and a day later, he donated his assets to a trust.

Since formation of the current parliament, Ershad could attend the maiden session only once.

The five-time MP flew to Singapore's National University Hospital for medical treatment on January 20 and returned to the country on February 4.

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DCAB President Raheed Ejaz and General Secretary Nurul Islam also spoke.

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