

Include youth leadership programme in curriculum

BYLC president urges authorities



Ejaj Ahmad speaks at the seminar.

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As automation is changing the global job scenario rapidly, young Bangladeshis need to prepare themselves accordingly, Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center President Ejaj Ahmad said yesterday.

He said academic institutions need to focus on developing skills among students that are required for the 21st century job market and also suggested authorities concerned to incorporate youth leadership programmes as part of the curriculum.

Ahmad was addressing a seminar on "Future of youth leadership: Bangladesh perspective" organised by Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) at a city hotel.

"In future, five persons will not be required in a communications team... one individual will be able to do everything with help of automation," he said.

Impact of automation is already visible globally and it is even more important for Bangladesh because 52 percent of the population are aged below 25, he added.

Ahmad said the government needs

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Padma bridge could be ready before target date: Quader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday said all 41 spans of the much-awaited Padma bridge will be installed by July 2020 if no natural disaster occurs.

The 20th span of the bridge will be installed today. Later, three spans will be installed every month, he said.

Quader, also general secretary of Awami League, was talking to reporters after a meeting with the Japanese ambassador at Setu Bhaban in Dhaka.

"Our target was that the Padma bridge would be open for vehicles by June 2021. It might be possible to do so before the target date, if we do not face any natural disaster," he said.

The overall progress of Padma bridge is 75 percent while main bridge structure has reached 85 percent and river training is 66

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11-POINT DEMAND

Undeterred by cold wave, jute mill workers' hunger strike goes on in Khulna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Amid the ongoing cold wave, several thousand jute mill workers of Khulna and Jashore industrial belt continued their indefinite hunger strike for the second consecutive day yesterday, to press an 11-point demand including formation of national wage commission.

Under the banner of "CBA and Non-CBA Sangram Parishad", the workers started an indefinite hunger strike at 3pm on Sunday on BIDD Road in Khulna city's Khalishpur area.

Sahana Sarmin, president of Platinum Jute Employees' Union, said, "Many workers, especially aged ones, have fallen ill due to starvation and dehydration in cold weather as they are staying on the street round the clock."

"We will not leave until our demands are met," she added.

Visiting several tents set up by the demonstrators on BIDD Road, this correspondent found many workers lying on carpets.

Monowara Begum, who has been working at Star Jute Mill for 39 years, was

one of them. The 65-year-old took part in the movement despite suffering from respiratory problems.

"My husband, also a jute mill worker, died 20 years ago. We are yet to get all his arrears," said Monowara.

"I earn only 2,150 taka per week," said Monowara, adding, "The amount would be 4,000 taka if wage commission is implemented."

"I have three unemployed children and I am the breadwinner of my family," she added.

Another widow Morzina, a worker of Star Jute Mill, told The Daily Star, "My husband died five years ago. The authorities are yet to pay us the Tk 5 lakh that the mill owes him."

The workers' other demands include payment of regular wages, cancellation of public-private ownership, necessary fund for jute sector, insurance for families of deceased workers, provident fund and gratuity facilities for retired workers, and regularisation of temporary workers.

Murad Hossain, former president of Crescent Jute Mill Workers' Union, said,

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Khairul Majid Mahmud elected Dhaka Club president



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Khairul Majid Mahmud, chairman and managing director of Caldwell Group of Companies, has been elected president of Dhaka Club Limited for 2019-2020.

This is his fourth tenure as the president. The annual general meeting and election of DCL was held on Saturday.

Newly elected members of the executive committee are Abu Muhammed Sadat (Omi), Tanvir Ahmed Mickey, Mozibur Rahman Mridha, Aminur Reza Khan (Dulal), Iftekhar Rahman (Mithu), Syeda Nilufar Yasmin, Nilufar Karim, Ahmed Askari, Mohammad Ali Deen and HM Murshed.

ACC sues former AL lawmaker AKMA Awal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday filed three separate cases against former Awami League lawmaker of Pirojpur, AKMA Awal, for misappropriating khas (government) land.

His wife Laila Parvin was also made accused in one of the cases over the same allegations, said ACC Public Relations Officer (PRO) Pranab Kumar Bhattacharya.

ACC Deputy Director Ali Akbar filed the case with the Commission's integrated district office in Barishal.

Awal was MP from Pirojpur-1 between 2014 and 2018.

On December 23, the three-member commission approved the cases. On the following day, ACC requested Special Branch of Police to take steps to prevent Awal and his wife from leaving the country.

According to one case statement, the former lawmaker took lease of a khas land using fake documents and built a three-storied building on it. The building was later rented out to Pirojpur Rural Electricity Cooperative at the rate of Tk 17,250 per month since October 1, 2017 for about three years.

His wife Laila is made accused in the case.

In the second case, Awal is accused of illegally grabbing a government land near Swarupkathi upazila bungalow and building another modern bungalow there. He also constructed Awal Foundation and Library on it.

According to the statement of the third case, Awal grabbed a 44 decimal pond known as "Rajar Pukur" in Pirojpur town and erected a boundary wall to keep it in his possession.

SAGAR-RUNI MURDER

Probe report delayed for the 70th time

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday again asked Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) to submit by February 10 the probe report of a case filed over the murders of journalist couple Sagar Sarwar and Meherun Runi.

With yesterday's date, the investigation officer has so far taken 70 dates to complete the investigation.

Metropolitan Magistrate Debbrata Biswas passed the order after Khondker Shafiqul Alam, and investigation officer of the case, failed to submit the report yesterday.

Earlier on November 11, the High Court expressed disappointment at the lack of significant progress in the investigation into the sensational Sagar-Runi murder case.

Sagar -- news editor at private TV channel Maasranga -- and Runi -- a senior reporter at ATN Bangla -- were killed on February 11, 2012 at their flat in the capital.

After investigation by Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police, Rab started probing into the murder on April 18, 2012.

Creating employment key to dev

Says renowned economist Dr Rizwanul Islam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

GDP growth alone cannot be the indicator of development, and improvement of living standards is imperative along with GDP growth, said renowned economist Dr Rizwanul Islam yesterday.

"Bangladesh is achieving GDP growth but it couldn't create employment, specially in manufacturing sector," said Rizwanul, also former adviser to International Labour Organisation, in a lecture at Dhaka University.

Banglar Pathshala organised the programme at RC Majumdar auditorium on "Economic growth, structural transformation and employment".

Dr Rizwanul said quality employment is necessary for good income, and it is vital for eradication of poverty and improvement of living standard.

To achieve this, the renowned



The noted economist speaks at the programme.

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economist advocated for structural transformation in economy.

"Structural transformation in economy is significant because with this what will happen is that low-income people will be able to develop their living standards through increasing production and income,"

he added.

Asserting that the share of the industry sector in creating employment is only 14 percent, Dr Rizwanul said industries like RMG, leather, non-leather and electronics need to grow.

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Star journo wins 2 awards

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mohammad Jamil Khan, staff correspondent of The Daily Star, was yesterday named winner in two categories of "Crime Reporters' Association of Bangladesh (CRAB) Best Reporting Award-2019", for his reports in print media.

Jamil won the award in investigative report on drug abuse category for his report, "Yaba, charity: hand in glove?" published in The Daily Star on February 11. The other award -- on repression on women and children -- was for the report "Trafficked into nightmares", published on July 22.

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1,175 killed in workplace accidents in 2019: report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The number of workplace accidents and incidents of violence against workers increased significantly in 2019 compared to last year, according to a report launched yesterday.

Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS) said at least 1,175 workers were killed and 659 were injured in various workplace accidents across the country since January.

Besides, some 329 workers were killed and several hundred were injured in a total of 1,285 instances of violence -- including murder, torture and rape.

Last year, the number of deaths in workplace accidents was 1,020, and the total incidents of violence was 764, said the report, based on news published in different national dailies throughout the year.

The findings were unveiled at a seminar held at BILS office in the capital.

The report said transport workers suffered the highest number of casualties, while migrant workers faced violence the most.

It also said at least 36 women were raped and 27 were gang-raped within the timeframe. Most rape victims were garment workers and domestic helps, the report added.

Reviewing the report findings, BILS Advisor Amirul Haque Amin said it is a matter of concern that the number of workplace accidents and violence against workers are increasing gradually.

"Ensuring a decent salary and safe workplace environment for workers are imperative if we want to make the country's economic progress sustainable," he added.

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e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for

1. Construction of 3 Storey Office Building for Nobigonj RDO at Salamatpur Nobigonj, Hobigonj. (ID # 398110).
2. Repair and Maintenance work of Chattack RDO office building & other ancillary works at Chattack, Sunamgonj. (ID # 399881).

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, Registration in the National e-GP portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the e-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered Banks branches up to **11.00 am on 20.01.2020**.

Further information and guideline are available in the e-GP system portal/ e-GP help desk and also e-mail: civildesignccd@gmail.com or call to 0821-714395.

Interested Persons can communicate with the undersigned during office hours.

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PEC, JSC results today

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The results of Primary Education Completion (PEC), Junior School Certificate (JSC) and equivalent exams will be published today.

Education Minister Dipu Moni will brief the media on the results of Junior School Certificate and Junior Dakhil Certificate (JDC) examinations for eighth-graders at a press conference at 11:30am at her secretariat office.

Primary and Mass Education Minister Zakir Hossen will announce the results of primary and Ebedayee education completion at a press conference at 1pm at his secretariat office.

Prior to that, copies of results will be handed over to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Both results will be published simultaneously across the country.

Examinees can get results at respective schools.

Primary students can get results on the website dpe.gov.bd. JSC and JDC students can get results on educationboardresults.gov.bd, or via SMS.

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NOTICE

49th International Letter-Writing Competition for Young People-2020.

The Universal Postal Union (UPU) organizes letter-writing competition for young people each year with an aim to improve literacy through the art of letter-writing. Targeted at children and young people, the annual competition encourages participants to express their creativity and refine their language skills. For the year 2020, the International Bureau of the UPU has selected the theme of the letter writing competition "Write a message to an adult about the world we live in". Bangladesh Post, in consistent with the theme of UPU, is also organizing a letter writing competition nationally. Interested enthusiastic young people are invited to participate.

Theme: "Write a message to an adult about the world we live in".

Instructions for the writer:

- a) The letter must not exceed the limit of **800 words** and must be recent, unpublished and computer-composed in English.
- b) The criteria that would be used to judge the quality of the letters are structure as a letter (date, opening & closing salutation and signature), adherence to the theme, creativity and use of language. Writing in any other form except letter would lead to its outright cancellation.
- c) When writing, one side of a paper (A4 size, 80gm offset paper) should be used and original handwritten manuscript letter must be submitted. Writing on both sides of a paper would not be accepted.
- d) Each participant is required to write in English his/her own name, class, name of educational institution, address and name of parents along with the full address of residence and telephone/mobile number (if any) at the end of the original letter.
- e) Only the letter of the participant securing the first place at the national level competition will be forwarded to the UPU International Bureau (Berne, Switzerland), to be included in the competition at the international level. All letters submitted to the UPU would become the property of the Universal Postal Union.

Attachment:

- a) Participating boys/girls (Students) must be permanent citizens of Bangladesh. Birth certificate Issued by Ward Commissioner/UP Chairman attested by his/her Head of the educational institution must be submitted.
- b) His/her age (as on 05-05-2020) must not exceed 15(Fifteen) years.
- c) The certificates confirming the citizenship and age of a participant by his/her Head of the educational institution must accompany the letter. The certificates must bear the name of the participant along with name of parents, school, class, date of birth, and permanent address.
- d) 5(Five) copies of recent passport size good quality photograph (Lab print) to be attached.

The top three participants according to merit list would be called upon to Directorate of Posts and they would be rewarded. The date and time would be informed in due course.

Prizes:

SL. No	Prizes	International Competition	National Competition
1.	First prize	special medal (gold), certificate, as well as other prizes to commemorate their win (such other prizes to be decided by the UPU) The gold medalist may also be offered a trip to the UPU headquarters in Berne, Switzerland, or an alternative prize to be decided at the sole discretion of the UPU.	Prize bond worth taka 5,000/- (Five thousands), an album of postage stamp and a certificate (less/more).
2.	Second prize	special medal (silver), certificate, as well as other prizes to commemorate their win (such other prizes to be decided by the UPU)	Prize bond worth taka 4,000/- (Four thousands), an album of postage stamp and a certificate (less/more).
3.	Third prize	special medal (bronze), certificate, as well as other prizes to commemorate their win (such other prizes to be decided by the UPU)	Prize bond worth taka 3,000/- (Three thousands), an album of postage stamp and a certificate (less/more).
4.	Special mention	Writers awarded a special mention will also receive a certificate as well as other prizes (such other prizes to be decided by the UPU).	-----

Contact Details:

- a) The words 49th International Letter-Writing Competition for Young People-2020. Should be written on top of the envelope.
- b) Any letter received after the below-mentioned deadline and sent through any service other than the registered/GEP services of the Bangladesh Post would not be considered for this competition.
- c) Further information regarding this may be collected from www.upu.int/en/ilwc.
- d) The complete letter must reach to Md. Golam Mostafa, Director (UPU Affairs), Directorate of Posts, Dak Bhaban (Room-369), Dhaka-1000 no later than **05/03/2020**

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