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Garbage, mostly vegetable peelings and scraps, are being dumped on the banks of the Buriganga from the nearby wholesale kitchen market in the capital's Shyambazar area. While these scraps are biodegradable and pose no serious harm to the soil, their unplanned disposal not only pollutes the riverbed but also its water, posing a significant risk to the marine life. The photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION

# Use more pictures to boost learning: speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The "pictorial technique" of teaching should be followed nationwide as it significantly boosts interest in learning among pre-primary children, said teachers and practitioners at a discussion yesterday.

In pictorial technique, a card is printed with a picture and a word. Then, a set of such cards, both in Bangla and English, arranged in a pocket board, are introduced to the students by a teacher.

The students are then called to pick up a picture and identify the object.

Findings of a study on "Kajoli Early Childhood Learning Model" was revealed at the discussion, organized by Research Initiatives Bangladesh, at a city hotel.

Pictorial technique is a part of the Kajoli learning model.

The study assessed 129 children at six Kajoli learning centres in Nilphamari, and found about 98 percent of them being able to correctly identify a Bangla word from a set of



Speakers at the discussion yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

words and write it on blackboard.

In the case of English, about 95.3 percent children could correctly do so, while 99.2 percent children could correctly count, add or subtract a number, it said.

Overall, 92.2 percent of children could correctly answer questions on Bangla, English and arithmetic, it added.

The report's author Prof Monirul Islam

Khan of Dhaka University said the ultimate goal of the model, implemented among children belonging to low-income families, is to "educate the nation".

He also said the learning method is "non-formal" and stressed the need for institutionalising it.

The main objective of Kajoli model is to

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## Four more die of dengue

Death toll rises to 1,543

STAR REPORT

Four more deaths were reported from dengue in 24 hours till yesterday morning, raising the fatalities from the mosquito-borne disease in Bangladesh to 1,543 this year.

During the period, 914 more patients were hospitalised with the viral fever, according to the DGHS.

A total of 5,186 dengue patients — including 1,307 in the capital — are now receiving treatment at hospitals across the country.

So far, the DGHS has recorded 2,99,964 dengue cases and 2,93,235 recoveries this year.

## Ayman Aftab Khan no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ayman Aftab Khan, a child education philanthropist, died yesterday at a

Combined Military Hospital in the capital. She was 78.

She was the wife of Brig Gen (retd) Shahedul Anam Khan, former associate editor of The Daily Star.

Ayman was the former headteacher of Torch International School, formerly known as Torch Kindergarten.

The deceased, sister of Shaheed Munier Chowdhury, National Professor

Kabir Chowdhury, noted actress Ferdousi Majumdar and Language Movement activist Nadera Begum, has left behind her husband, son Khurshed Khan, and daughter Atia Anam.

She will be buried at Banani Army Graveyard after a namaz-e-janaza at Mohakhali DOHS mosque after Zohr prayers today.



## AL sells 1,074 nominations for Tk 5.37cr

Shakib Al Hasan collects forms for 3 seats

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League yesterday formally embarked on its journey ahead of the upcoming 12th national election by starting to sell the party's nomination forms among aspirants.

AL President Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the selling of nomination forms at party headquarters on Bangabandhu Avenue at 10:30am by collecting the first form for herself for Gopalganj-3 constituency, comprising Tungipara and Kotlipara upazilas.

On the first day, a total 1,074 nomination forms were sold among the aspirants at Tk 50,000 each, generating a total of Tk 5.37 crore.

Of those, 1,060 nomination forms were sold in-person and 14 were sold online, according to party sources. The highest number of nomination forms were sold for the Dhaka division.

As many as 214 people bought AL's nomination forms for Dhaka division, while 201 for Chattogram

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## 12 organisations win Joy Bangla Youth Award

BSS, Dhaka

Twelve organisations have won the Joy Bangla Youth Award 2023 for their contributions to promoting youth employability, education, sports and cultural activities and ending violence against women.

The event was held at Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Youth Development at Savar yesterday. This year marks the event's seventh edition.

The awards were given to organisations of people aged 18 to 35 in six categories after selecting from more than 750 applications.

The categories are skills and employment, arts and culture, community well-being, social inclusion, climate and environmental innovation and communication.

Prime Minister's ICT Adviser Sajeeb Wazed Joy handed over the awards.

Centre for Research and Information (CRI) trustees Radwan Mujib Siddiq and State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid and Nahim Razzaq were present.

The recipients work to ensure empowerment of women and people with disabilities, child rights, employment and innovation, and creativity and entertainment, among other issues.

## PM meets president at Bangabhaban

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday paid a courtesy call on President Mohammed Shahabuddin at Bangabhaban.

"During the meeting, the prime minister discussed various state-level issues, including her recent visit to Belgium and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia," the president's press secretary Md Joynal Abedin told BSS.

He said the premier also handed over two reports regarding her Brussels and Jeddah visits to the president.

Hasina went to Belgium on October 24 on a three-day official visit to attend the "Global Gateway Forum" at the invitation of the European Commission (EC) President Ursula von der Leyen.

Later, she went to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to attend the international conference on "Women in Islam: Status and Empowerment" in Jeddah.

Saudi Arabia in coordination with the general secretariat of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) hosted the conference on November 6-8.

President Shahabuddin thanked the prime minister for her recent successful foreign trips.



PHOTO: STAR

Speakers at the seminar titled "Policy Framework Regarding Reintegration of Returning Women Migrants", organised by Center for Women and Children Studies (CWCS) and Manusher Jonno Foundation. The event, held at Jatiya Press Club yesterday, was funded by Global Affairs Canada.

## Female workers' outflow falls

Speakers tell seminar, stresses social reintegration

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Participation of women migrant workers from Bangladesh has been showing a declining trend in recent years, said speakers at an event yesterday.

They also pointed out several factors such as absence of social reintegration services, hazardous work environment, and stigma against the returnees as the leading causes behind this declining trend. In 2016, more than one lakh

Bangladeshi women (15.58 percent) were among 757,731 workers who went abroad.

In subsequent years, the percentage of female migration from Bangladesh came down to 13.85 percent in 2018, 12 percent in 2021, nine percent in 2022, and only five percent so far this year.

These statistics were presented in a seminar titled "Policy Framework Regarding Reintegration of Returning Women Migrants", organised by Center

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