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A fifth of secondary students endorse 'cheating' in exams

Education Watch Report 2017 finds

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Some 17.2 percent of boys and 21.6 percent girls of secondary schools have said it is necessary to sometimes use “any means” to score high in exams, according to a report launched yesterday.

Seventeen percent girls and 14.3 percent boys who passed HSC recently also echoed the view, it says.

The report, titled “Ethics and Values in School: Capturing the Spirit of Education” was launched at LGED auditorium in the capital.

Campaign for Popular Education (Campe) arranged the report-launching programme, where Primary and Mass Education Minister Mostafizur Rahman was chief guest.

The research team interviewed 1,280 primary and secondary students (divided equally by gender) from 64 schools from across the country. Besides, 110 tertiary students, 1,252 parents, and 559 teachers were also surveyed.



Among other findings, over 60 percent of secondary students and nearly half of primary students want to see their teachers as role models of morality and honesty, according to the report.

Moreover, 68.4 percent secondary students said not protesting injustice is equal to endorsing injustice.

The survey finds that most teachers presented themselves as modest, gentle, humble and willing to be helpful.

The report recommended creating opportunities in schools for ethical practices. It also emphasised on the inclusion of ethics as a content of teachers' training.

Prof Manzoor Ahmed, principal researcher of the report, Campe Executive Director Rasheda K Chowdhury, and Head of DFID Bangladesh Jane Edmondson spoke at the event, among others.

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