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CHILD RIGHTS WEEK-2019

Competitive education system a burden: students



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Education is the backbone of a nation, but teachers and guardians have in are under serious and constant pressure.

This was the opinion of a ninth grader of Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnes Shanjida Sraboni, who spoke at a discussion held at Bangladesh Shishu A

The programme titled “Equality is my right” was jointly organised by the and Child Rights Week-2019.



Sraboni, who represented around 500 school students at the programme, said due to the present method of education they are forced to forgo learning from nature.

Demanding the right to express their opinions, she said children cannot freely express themselves as seniors do not allow it.

Stressing the need to stop sexual harassment and abuse, she said girl children of the country face the worst of it, adding that in many cases the abuse is committed by family members.

Speakers at the discussion underscored the need for an environment to reduce discrimination between girls and boys.

Eminent writer Selina Hossain said, “To prevent abuse of children, we should not always wait for the police and the government to take measures. We must ourselves act strongly to prevent these abuses.”

Bangladesh Shishu Academy Director Anjir Liton said that as a nation we are not playing an effective role in the development of children. There’s not enough response to the ongoing Child Rights Week in the media, Liton said.

Brac’s Gender Justice and Diversity Director Anna Minj said that almost hundred percent children are now going to school, which is a good thing.

“We are also proud that our girl footballers and cricketers are bringing honour for the country by winning international competitions,” she said.

Among others, Judith Herbertson, country representative of DFID and No Women Initiative of Brac, also spoke at the programme.

The discussion was followed by cultural programme and a prize giving ceremony.

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