

## Education for underprivileged children stressed

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SPEAKERS called upon all concerned government and non-government organizations to come forward and work together for flourishing latent talents of students coming from distressed and underprivileged communities.

They viewed ensuring educational rights to the disadvantaged children are very vital to attain hundred percent literacy targets.

The observations came at a prize-giving ceremony of a daylong cultural and arts competition for the underprivileged children at Teachers Training College in Rajshahi city on Monday.

BRAC Learning Programme organised the competition.

A total of 177 students from all BRAC schools in Rajshahi and Chapainwabgonj took part in the competition.

Deputy commissioner Kazi Ashraf Uddin and district primary education officer Abul Kashem addressed the ceremony as chief and special guests respectively with BRAC district representative AKM Jehedul Islam in the chair.

BLP Senior regional manager Khan Ferdous also spoke at the programme.

Speakers said that students' dropouts from primary and secondary schools couldn't be prevented without collective efforts of all concerned especially teachers, guardians and community people.

Protecting the legitimate

rights of the children alongside freeing them from all sorts of violation, repression and deprivation has become indispensable for building a healthy and knowledge-based society in the days ahead, they said.

Kazi Ashraf Uddin, while delivering his speech as chief guest, said that physical and mental development of children couldn't be possible until they were protected from violence and deprivation since their childhood.

Terming the children as the future power of the nation, he called for ensuring equal rights for development of their latent intelligence.

He also emphasised on ensuring safety and security to them and stopping early marriage.