

'Vote computer'

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A young scientist has come up with an electric device which can be used for easy and swift casting and counting of votes in elections.

The device named 'vote computer' is one of the 138 projects displayed at the central exhibition of the 7th National Science Week, opened in Dhaka on Monday.

The scientist, Chanchal Kumar Deb Nath, a S.S.C. candidate from Uchchodhan High School, Jhalakathi, proudly displayed how his device can ensure casting of votes just by pushing a button placed against each symbol. No ballot paper is required. Each push of a button digitally gives a number and a sound giving the presiding officer the chance to keep track of the votes cast in such fashion.

Nazrunnahar Nazma, another young scientist from Government Womens' College, Jessore, displayed her project of preparing cement by mixing fine ashes of bran, clay and lime stone.

"A mound of cement prepared in that process cost only Taka 25 and it is 75 per cent effective as compared to the cement available in the market", said Nazrunnahar Nazma.

A similar project of preparing ashe-cement was displayed by Gopal Chandra Bashak of Sadat College, Tangail.

"Tush-tex" a project of preparing hard board with bran was presented at the

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exhibition by S. M. Jahurul Huq of Pioneer Science Troup Natore. Jahurul Huq, a student of Rajshahi Law College succeeded in preparing board by mixing 75 pc bran, 15 pc flour, 4 pc lime and 6 pc water. One square foot of the hard-board prepared in that way would cost Taka 2.50 informed the young scientist.

Different kinds of paper from water hyacinth, ran without electricity, collective farming and indigenous pumps were some of the interesting projects presented at the exhibition.

A project of indigenous pump invented by Mohammad Lokman Khan of Madaripur Biggyan Club have already drawn the attention of the farmers in his locality.

The double acting 'M.L.K. pump' as the inventors named it, is capable of pumping 3000 gallons of water per hour.

A 6 inches tube-well pipe, a metal cylinder, a lather bucket, and a metal handle comprises the machine which is easier to handle and paddle for pumping water.

The machine is being sold at a price of Taka 2000. 24 of the machines have already been sold and order for more 350 machine have been made so far, informed Mr Lokman Khan, the inventor.

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