

School for slum children

Times Report

Anyesha, a social welfare organisation, has been running an educational institution for the under privileged children of the slums of Dhaka city for the last nine years.

The institution named Chayanika Bidyapit, has so far imparted primary education to 530 children free of cost and many of them are now serving in private

companies or studying in high schools.

The learners of Chayanika are mostly children of rickshaw pullers and push cart drivers, day labourers and maid servants. They have to earn their own livelihood.

Chayanika Bidyapit arranges classes for its pupils in the afternoon. At present there are over 100 students in the school located at 2/2 Purana Paltan. The tin-shed school house is, how-

ever, in a pitiable condition. During rains classes are shifted to the staircase of a nearby residential house.

The school was founded by a one Mrs Shahana Aziz and is now being looked after by her son A.K. Al-Mamun who is the secretary of Anyesha. The students are given free medical treatment by a local physician A.S.M. Enayetullah who is the chairman of the school committee.

There are eight teachers. They

are not paid any salary. Students are supplied with reading materials. The cost is borne by Mrs Shahana Aziz.

The school management feel that the teachers should be paid salary so that they can concentrate on their duty. They also need a good school-house, furniture and supply of reading materials.

Chayanika Bidyapith, calls for support from both the government and the affluent people.



Saudi Arabian dates being distributed among the students of Chayanika Bidyapith.