

TECH HAPPENING

Workshop on open government data sensitization held

A three day long workshop titled Open Government Data (OGD) Sensitization, Gap Assessment and Strategic Planning was launched today at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre. The main aim of this workshop is to inform officials in both public and private offices about OGD, its importance in ensuring good governance and finally to encourage them in implementing the concept. Implementing OGD- a universal concept of free resource exchange and improving public service through making information easily accessible will help realize the Vision 2021 of a Digital Bangladesh. Yafes Osman was the chief guest at the workshop while Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Secretary of Prime Minister's Office was the special guest. Nick Beresford, Deputy Country Director of UNDP Bangladesh and Mr. Jason Smith, Deputy Director of Office of Democracy and Governance, USAID were also present. The workshop is being jointly organized by Access to Information (A2i) program and



'Kids Go Coding' initiative kicks off

BetterStories, a Bangladeshi startup incubator and accelerator, is a project to teach school children programming in collaboration with Jaago. The event kicked off last week at Jaago's Rayer Bazar School. The classes will be held on full week from this week.

Over 20 school-going students participated in the event to attend the first batch of the training. Several prominent IT professionals attended the event and shared their story on how they got passionate about programming and computer science as children. They also shared the huge potential of learning to code can be. Despite being shy, the children were visibly excited to learn programming and do things with it. The program is being sponsored by Microsoft Bangladesh, Aamra Technologies, World Bank Group and Fusion. HiFi is the official media partner of the Kids Go Coding initiative.

