

## India records 53 cases of polio, fuelling fears of resurgence

AFP, New Delhi

India has recorded 53 cases of polio since January, a government official said, raising fears of a resurgence of the crippling disease affecting children.

"We have had 53 cases so far in India and this is the situation in the low incidence period before the onset of the monsoon season," said the senior health ministry official, who asked not to be named.

He was referring to the annual rains that lash the country between June and September.

If this trend continued, he said: "We could have a major outbreak of polio on our hands."

India accounted for 83 per cent of the world's new polio cases in 2002 with 1,600 cases recorded that year.

Polio, largely eliminated in most of the world, still exists in Nigeria, India, Pakistan and

Afghanistan among other countries with 1,900 cases reported last year, according to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative spearheaded by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

In India, the number of cases

was brought down to 66 in 2005, according to WHO figures, thanks to television and print campaigns featuring film stars.

But persistent recurrence of the disease in two states has resulted in India overshooting deadlines it has set for itself to achieve zero polio levels. The latest deadline missed was January 2005.

The federal health ministry yesterday said the northern states of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar were not doing enough to ensure the elimination of polio.

"Of the 53 cases, 22 are from (Uttar Pradesh's western) Moradabad district," the health ministry official said.

"The state government keeps changing district officials. What we need is stability for immunisation programmes to be effective. We need the best and most effective people to handle immunisation programmes," it said.

"If not, India will continue to spend 225 million dollars to 250 million dollars each year in containing the virus and this is not a small sum."

## China offers model for sustainable city

AFP, Vancouver

Amid dire warnings of cities in crisis, China, which suffers from pollution and many other modern day ills, has come up with its own city of the future, the UN World Urban Forum was told Thursday.

Dontang Eco-City near Shanghai "will be the first eco city that integrates all aspects of liveability with all aspects of sustainability," Herbert Girardet, an environmental consultant, told a conference meeting on urban planning.

Girardet, an advisor to Dontang, said the city of 500,000 people being built on an island near Shanghai would be an extraordinary example to the world.

"Dontang Eco-City is meant to show that we can do things differently," he said adding that it has inspired planners in Britain and other European nations.

Girardet acknowledged that there was no guarantee that the Dontang experiment could go wrong.

But he said only 40 per cent of Dontang will be used for building, housing will be in six-storey buildings along canals, and 60 per cent of the land will be dedicated to green

spaces and farmland for local food.

Most energy will be renewable, from wind, sun and biomass fuels, and the city is planned around pedestrian villages, bicycles and fuel-cell public transit, he said.

Several speakers told the gathering that planning will become of growing importance if the world is to manage the fast pace of urban growth, which experts say will result in 60 per cent of the world's population living in cities by 2020.

An official from Seville, Spain, cited an effective city plan as key to the city's progress over 15 years from a 15 per cent unemployment rate to current joblessness of less than five per cent.

Cliff Hague, president of the Commonwealth Association of Planners in Britain, said however that professional planning was showing signs of failure in the 21st century.

"Planning has been overtaken by rapid urbanization. (Planners have) failed the poor and they've missed the big picture because of an emphasis on order," Hague said.

Several speakers agreed that planning will be key to bringing together residents, businesses, governments and others to develop healthy cities for all.

"There has to be a democratic way of resolving conflicts, and I call that planning," said Hague. "There can be no sustainable urbanization without effective planning."

In recent years planners around the world have created a global organization to tackle problems and set standards, said David Siegel, president of the American Planning Association.

More than 15,000 people are attending the week-long UN conference in this western Canadian city.

## Pakistan offers free school to one-child families

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistani families that have only one child will have that child's education paid for by the government under a novel plan to try and bring down the country's rapid population growth.

With 156 million people, according to the latest government figures, Pakistan is the world's sixth most populous country, and it's getting bigger by nearly 2 per cent a year.

That growth rate is slower than it was a few decades ago but it's still too fast, according to the govern-

ment, which has made fighting widespread poverty a priority and sees population growth as a major complication for that effort.

Minister for Population Welfare Chaudhry Shahbaz Hussain says he is sure the plan to offer children of one-child families free education until the age of 18 will have an impact. "Definitely, incentives will increase the acceptance of family planning," Hussain told Reuters.

"People will be aware that if they have small families, they will get a lot of benefits, their kids will have a better chance of education," he said.

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The service of the project officer will be required for the duration of the project and until all procedures of the project course are completed.

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The responsibility of the project officer will be to assist and support the Project Manager/Project Responsible on managerial and technical aspects of the project and in its effective implementation. The project officer will work under the direction of the Project Responsible/Project Management Team. The specific responsibilities of the project officer are to:

- # Assist Project Responsible/Project Team in planning, coordinating and implementing project activities.
- # Assist Project Responsible/Project Team in operational management of the project in accordance with the project documents.
- # Assist Project Responsible/Project Team in managing the budget and ensure that:
  - a) Project funds are made available when needed and disbursed in accordance with the work plan and financial rules and regulations.
  - b) Accounting records and supporting documents are maintained.
  - c) Required financial statements are prepared.
  - d) Transparency in financial operations of the project is maintained.
- # Assist the Project Team in preparing and updating project work plans.
- # Assist the Project Team in the preparation of various required reports including Progress Report, Financial Statements/Reports, Annual Progress Report (APR), etc. and organise timely completion of technical reports.
- # With respect to training courses, workshops/seminars and other activities of the project, where necessary,
  - a) Network with media, NGOs etc.
  - b) Assist the project team with logistic support and reporting.
  - c) Prepare press releases and ensure media coverage.

#### Qualifications

- # MSS degree in any discipline of social sciences from a recognised university with a minimum of 5 years of experience in planning, designing, implementation and monitoring of projects and providing technical assistance.
  - # Prior experience in monitoring and evaluation of project activities, preparing various reports on implementation of programmes/project activities, organising seminars, workshops, symposiums, press conference will be considered as added advantage.
  - # Proficiency in English language and Computer operation will be recognised as absolutely necessary qualifications for the job.
- Salary:** To be discussed.

### B. Librarian: 1

#### Qualifications

- Educational qualification:
  - # Masters degree in Library Science.
  - # Minimum Second Class in SSC, HSC, Bachelors and Masters degree.

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- # Experience in library management and collection of library resources.
- # Good knowledge of Microsoft applications needed for catalogue maintenance, identification and collection of library resources through Internet.
- # Maintain records of library lending and borrowing.
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- # Knowledge of the literature, journals and publications of women's/gender studies.
- # Ability to work in team.

**Work experience:** Minimum 5 years of experience of working as librarian of an organisation that deals with research and publication.

**Salary:** To be discussed.

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**Dr Najma Chowdhury**  
Professor

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Project Responsible

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Health Minister Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain hands over a cheque for Tk 5 crore to Chief Executive of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Kazi Rafiqul Alam at the conference room of the ministry on Thursday for Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH).

## Health ministry provides Tk 5 cr to AMCH

Health and Family Welfare Minister Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain handed over a cheque for Tk 5 crore to Chief Executive of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Kazi Rafiqul Alam on Thursday in medical equipment support for Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH), says a press release.

The ministry has allocated a total of Tk 15 crore from its Improved Hospital Services Management Project under the Health Nutrition and Population Sector Programme (HNPS) for the hospital and Tk 5 crore was given as

first instalment of the allocation.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister hoped that the AMCH would emerge as a centre of excellence for cancer treatment in this region.

"We are giving priority to the specialised treatment sector," he said, adding that beds in the public sector cancer institutes and hospitals are now being raised to 300 from 50.

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