

International Day for the Elderly

Contributions of the Elders to the Society should be Recognised

by Prof. Roushan Ara Hoque

Today's youth are tomorrow's old. Ageing is an inevitable phenomenon of life. Respect your elders and take care of your parents.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Percentage of above of 60 yrs, Year, Percentage of above of 60 yrs. Data for years 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005 and 2010, 2015, 2020, 2025.

Source - Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, 1981.



PERSONS above 60 should be declared as senior citizens of the nation. The first of October has been designated as the International Day for the Elderly...

most useful for him or herself and for the society as a whole. In Bangladesh, the number of aged population above 60 is increasing gradually...

home. With the increase of their number the expenditure is becoming a burden on the budget, which the younger generation is to bear, most unwillingly.

visited by their doctors. The loneliness and helplessness may be dispelled by devoting their time in reading newspapers, playing and looking after their grand children...

members of its executive committee are rendering commendable services with humanitarian zeal. Since 1991 the Momotamoi Award has been introduced to give every year to one dedicated lady who takes best care of the disabled members...

geriatric homes for the helpless ones taking donations from the generous people and from international donor agencies. The prime minister may show her good will to the aged by opening a 'Fund for the Senior Citizens'...

Old Age, Gerontology and Care for the Elderly

GERONTOLOGY may be defined as the study of the aging process in its biological, psychological and social aspects. It is a continuous process with economic, psychological and other losses...

with a galloping horse. Says he: The life's speed is galloping past; I know not where and when will it halt.

others more than ourselves, giving more than receiving. It is known to us that the fate of some may differ from those who keep themselves engaged in some work.

The feeling of "uselessness" in retired persons and other capable old persons likely to have a depressing effect may be replaced by a feeling of worthwhileness.

most important care provider. It should not be overlooked that many older people are widowed and childless. In Bangladesh, it is considered shameful to place an older person in institutional care...

will be enrolled with seminar and training to encourage them to attend seminars and qualify themselves with training. Doctors, general practitioners, nurses may be paid by the government or NGOs...

Micro Credit and its Impact The Story of Hamida

by Amit S Mansur

I was enthralled when Gettysburg College accepted my proposal to carry out a community service programme in the rural areas of Bangladesh and awarded me a summer fellowship.

enabled her to repay the loan in installments. The amount of loan she took every year increased and she embarked on more rigorous and demanding economic activities.

ALIEN NATION - THE NO LONGER PROMISED LAND The Rise of Anti-immigrant Sentiment in the US

THE honeymoon is over. Now it's the morning after for immigrants to the United States. They are no longer welcomed with open arms. As America moves to the right politically, the issue of immigrants has become an explosive one.

already present Americans; and (2) the threat of fragmentation of American society by the intrusion of those with a different set of cultural values. With regard to the argument about use of public services, it is important to realize that the majority of immigrants (both legal and illegal) because they are much less likely to be unemployed than the native born population...

given that most of the complaints are voiced by and on behalf of middle class Caucasian American males who are unlikely to say the least, to lose their white collar jobs in middle management, to unskilled illegal immigrants, working in manual labour.



Hamida at her poultry farm

Development Programme), a multi-dimensional programme of BRAC. I was impressed by its positive impact on the rural landless women. RDP gives out loans to each family ranging from Tk 1,000 to Tk 10,000 which is repaid in installments.

This remarkable achievement of Hamida reflects BRAC's success, particularly in the field of its rural development programme. The NGO's credit facilities have helped thousands of poor landless women of our country to stand on their feet and not be a burden on the society.

REFLECTIONS by Dr Omar Rahman

and are engaged in various forms of manual labor) and legal immigrants, who come from a much more diverse set of countries, and are largely white collar professionals and their dependents.

(particularly for California and Texas, where anti immigrant hysteria has reached its zenith) is that both legal and illegal immigrants do a host of jobs which native born American refuse to do.