

Dhaka Day by Day

Animal's Contribution to Medical Treatment

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We all know how animals help in medical research in various countries. Such animals mainly consist of monkeys, rats, guinea pigs, etc. When a new product of medicine as a result of research on new lines is intended to be used for human use, such animals provide the testing fields for observing reactions and results which determine whether they are fit for humans. This is an age-old practice which accounts for large-scale export of monkeys, frogs, etc from various countries to developed ones where new research in many medical fields are always under way.

In Dhaka city, an unusual sight sometimes comes our way when a cluster of lambs are found teethered near some pathological clinics of the city. These raise curiosity as to what these lambs are meant for. As a result of discussions with the technical personnel connected with such pathological clinics, some ideas may be gained as to the purpose of use of such animals. For general readers, their explanations mostly couched in technical terms appear hard to follow. In simple general terms, it may be stated that the blood of those animals is used as a medium of blood culture for some specific diseases such as infection of throat, intestine operation, etc. Such animal blood helps in helping to determine its pathogenicity, and is used to maintain to antibodies, when necessary for reason of any disease. One of such big establishments in the Dhaka city is the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Mohakhali. The demand for such animals is so substantial and steady that there is a regular contractor for supplying such animals to that institution.

In technical terms, it is stated that the animal blood is used for creation of blood-agar by which a picture of bacteria-halo is produced. The pathologists understand implications when the bacteria-halo is broken or partially denatured with the help of admixture of seaweed agar. The purposes of such tests are stated to include determination of full haemolysis and partial haemolysis.

Use of such technical terms carries little meaning for general readers whose

understanding of the matter, by and large, is limited to the idea of maintenance of antibodies.

One pertinent question that arises in this connection is whether the animals used for such purposes and also for other kind of pathological tests are safe from the point of view of consumption of their meat after slaughter. When asked in this context, it was given to understand that there is apparently no risk from that aspect. This sort of question has gained urgency on account of the recent widespread row over mad cow disease in Britain and its far-reaching impact on trade relations with its trading partners in Europe and other countries. Though it was explained that the nature of that disease is quite different, it was humouredly remarked that there is no knowing whether the mad-cow infected meat has not entered our market through import of tinned beef meat whose supplies are available in some select shops at Gulshan and other places.

But so far as the lambs used in the city for the purpose of some specialised pathological tests are concerned, an experienced pathologist of a noted pathological lab is of opinion that there is no cause for concern on account of their fitness for edibility.

There is another aspect. We all know that there is a worldwide network of a group known as Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals whose branches operate in many countries. They view that the cruelty involved in the process of slaughter of animals for experimental purposes should be made as humane as possible. Their criticism may be countered by putting forward, as has always been done the wider considerations of human welfare. Particularly when we keep in view the greater picture of experimentation, research and production of vaccines all over the world with the help of animals, the ideal of that Society, however laudable, in the abstract, the imperatives of serving the health needs of man, which of necessity enjoys greater priority diminish the concern for welfare of animals to a large extent.



Not for wool or meat but for helping patient.

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Members of Theatre Art brought out a colourful procession in the city yesterday in observance of its founding anniversary.

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Abduction of Kalpana Chakma PGP alleges involvement of Shantibahinimen

Parbatya Gano Parishad (Council of Hill People) has alleged that Kalpana Chakma was kidnapped by Shantibahini, not any members of the Bangalee community or of the security forces, reports UNB.

The allegation was made by the PGP central leaders at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday morning.

Kalpana was kidnapped by 10/12 members of Shantibahini and she was taken to a place of Indian territory nearby. It is known that she was married with a commander of Shantibahini, said PGP president Jalal Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury Alamgir.

He, in this regard, mentioned that during the last general election Kalpana worked in favour of Awami League candidate Dipankar Talukdar violating the decision of Shantibahini and Jano Sanghati Samity.

According to Alamgir, be-

sides Hill Women Federation of which Kalpana was organising secretary, Pahari Chhatra Parishad and Pahari Gano Parishad supported independent candidate Bijooy Ketan Chakma in the June 12 election.

He said these organisations dragged the name of Lieutenant Ferdous into the incident. Lt Ferdous was victimised to tarnish the image of Bangladesh Army. They enacted the drama to keep alive unrest in the hill tracts to fulfil their ulterior motive.

PGP, in a written statement at the press conference, also urged the government to fulfil its 7-point demand to ensure equal rights of the Bangalee people in the hill tracts region.

PGP general secretary Moniruzzaman Monir and Parbatya Chhatra Parishad leader Sultan Mohammad Giasuddin were, among others, present at the press conference.

Open drama stage in city likely

Drama artists brought out a colourful procession in the city yesterday marking the inauguration of the nine-day anniversary programme of the Theatre Art, City Corporation Mayor Mohammad Hanif who kicked off the rally, was at the vanguard of the cultural activists. Clad in colourful dresses they paraded the streets, reports BSS.

Speaking earlier at a function at the Girls Guide auditorium organised to mark the opening of the anniversary celebrations, the Mayor said, an open theatre stage will be ready in six months' time near the Bangabhaban area.

The occasion was addressed by elderly writer, Neelima Ibrahim, general secretary of the Girl Guides Association and adviser to the Theatre Art Zeenat Ahmad, and artists Khairul Anan Sabuj, Golam Quddus, Amirul Islam Rumi and Asaduzzaman Noor.

What's on today . . .

Musical soiree: Leena Taposhi Khan will render songs. Narigrantha Probertana has arranged the function. Venue: Narigrantha Probertana, 2/8, Sir Syed Road, Mohammadpur. Time: 4 pm.

Asiatic Society talk: The society will hold a special talk on 'Awareness of Environmental Equilibrium and Ancient Indian Literature'. Prof Satya Narayan Chakraborty, Department of Sanskrit, Rabindra Bharati University, India will speak. Venue: Asiatic Society seminar room. Time: 4:30 pm.

Sri Lanka Film Festival: The film 'Sagara Jalaya' (Letter Written on the Sand) will be screened today, the concluding day of four-day long Sri Lanka Film Festival. Venue: Shilpakala Academy auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

Publication ceremony: Two books written by Dr Neelima Ibrahim, published by Agami Prakashani, will be launched. Chief guest: LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman. Venue: Mahila Samity auditorium. Time: 5:00 pm.

WWFP reception: Women's Federation for World Peace, Bangladesh has organised essay writing competition, prize giving ceremony and reception to eminent personalities in observance of Parents Day. Chief guest: Begum Sufia Kamal. Special guests: Begum Akhter Imain and Neelima Ibrahim. Venue: Officers Club. Time: 4:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhanmondi: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Top three position holders in SSC exam '96 of Dhaka Board will be accorded reception. Chief guest: Education Minister A S H K Sadeque. Special guest: Education Secretary Abdullah Haroon Pasha. Venue: Sonargaon hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Capital: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: 3/9, Block 'D', Lalmitia. Time: 6:30 pm.

Assoc for the Aged: Bangladesh Association For the Aged has arranged a two-day workshop on 'Consensus building for the formation of a national policy on health and welfare for the elderly people'. The workshop has been organised in collaboration with World Health Organisation and Ministry of Health and Family Planning. Venue: ? Time: ?

1st yr classes of SBMC from Aug 1

Classes of the first year MBBS students of the session 1995-96 of Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College (SBMC) will begin on August 1, college sources told BSS yesterday.

All students of this session have been asked to appear before the college authority with their legal guardians on that day at 10 am positively, the sources said.

179 arrested in city

Police rounded up 179 people on various charges from different parts of the city yesterday, reports UNB.

The arrested include 25 held against warrants of arrest and 64 accused of murder, dacoity, mugging, extortion and terrorism, said a DMP press release.

4TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF MD. SALAHUDDIN FAROOQUE



He was such a winsome person that whoever met him once in his lifetime would miss him and mourn over his premature demise.

The 4th anniversary of death of the Managing Director of Modhumita Group late Md. Salahuddin Farooque, eldest son of late Md. Sirajuddin, Founder of Modhumita Group will be observed today, the 27th July '96

after Zohr prayer at his Dhanmondi Residence. Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the anniversary and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Begum Salahuddin Farooque, his daughters, brothers & sisters.

Lions Foundation awards stipend to 76 students

State Minister for Jute and Textiles A K Faezul Huq yesterday called upon the well-to-do section of society to extend their all-out help and support to ameliorate sufferings of the distressed people, reports BSS.

He said this while speaking at a stipend awarding ceremony of Bangladesh Lions Foundation in the city.

The Lions Foundation awarded stipend to 76 brilliant students of university, college and school levels this year worth Taka 2.5 lakh.

Faezul Huq lauded the role of the Lions Foundation in promoting socio-economic condition of the distressed.

With Lion Abdus Salam Talukder in the chair, the function was addressed among others, by Lion Anwar Hossain Khan, Lion Salahuddin Abdul, Lion M Sirazul Islam, Lion A R Atik, Lion Sahuddin Miah and Lion K M A Malek.



Destitute women brought out a procession in the city yesterday in support of their various demands.

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