

Workshop on malnutrition told Majority suffering from protein-energy deficiency

Participants at a workshop in the city yesterday presented an alarming picture of protein-energy malnutrition afflicting a vast majority of the country's population, particularly the under-five children, reports UNB.

About 70 per cent of the population suffer from anaemia due to iron deficiency, 69 per cent from iodine deficiency and 1.8 per cent of children from nightblindness due to Vitamin A deficiency, according to statistics presented at the workshop.

Malnutrition reduces both physical and mental growth and development and the overall productivity of an individual.

Bangladesh's total protein intake is about 45 gram per person per day, which is almost equal to the requirement, but, a large part of this protein (30-40 per cent) is burnt up to partially meet the calorie gap.

Due to this phenomenon, the people suffer from both energy and protein deficiency, together known as protein-energy malnutrition. This is reflected in almost universal (around 94 per cent) prevalence of malnutrition among the children aged below five

years, the participants said.

Bangladesh Institute of Research and Training on Applied Nutrition (BIRTA) organised this two-day consultative workshop on incorporation of nutritional considerations and objectives into the agricultural development plans and programmes in Bangladesh.

Agriculture Secretary Dr AMM Shawkat Ali inaugurated the workshop at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council auditorium Tuesday morning, saying that a nation cannot prosper if a vast majority of population suffer from protein-energy malnutrition.

Terming the malnutrition a global problem, the Agriculture Secretary said malnutrition situation is not unique in Bangladesh, rather the same picture is seen in almost all developing countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

In Bangladesh about 85 per cent of total calorie come from cereals alone and only 4.4 per cent and 2.7 per cent come from fats and oils. Fruits and vegetables provide only one-fifth and pulses and beans provide only half of the desired quantity.



Bangladesh Diploma Medical Association yesterday brought out a procession in the city in support of their various demands.

— Star photo

Weather

Temporary rain likely

Temporary rain is likely to occur at a few places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places elsewhere over the country effective for the next 12 hours ending 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office says slight rise in day temperature is expected across the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days weatherman predicted rainfall activities is likely to increase while forecast little change in the following five days.

Country's highest temperature 33.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest 24.5 degrees at Kutubdia and Sylhet.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6:30 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 5:34 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.0	27.2	81	86
Chittagong	31.7	26.4	86	80
Rajshahi	33.8	25.4	89	85
Kutubdia	33.5	26.8	82	80
Barisal	31.2	26.4	82	80
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Science lecture: Professor Jamal Nazrul Islam of Chittagong University will deliver a lecture on 'Elementary Particles'. Venue: National Museum for Science and Technology. Time: 4 pm.

Public Eye Film Society: The society has arranged a special film session in observance of the silver jubilee of country's independence and 100th years of cinema. State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Kader will inaugurate the programme. Screening of 'Stop Genocide' will follow. Venue: Kachi Kachar Mela Auditorium. Time: 6 pm.

Exhibition: In observance of the 21st anniversary of death of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman poster exhibition on War of Liberation, publication ceremony at a book titled 'Mujibnagar' by MA Bari advocate has been arranged. Chief guest: Abdur Razzak, Minister for Water Resources. Venue: National Museum. Time: 11 am.

Rupali Tarar Mela: Rupali Tarar Mela a children's organisation will hold a discussion meeting, prize-giving ceremony followed by a cultural function marking the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Day. Chief guest: BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan. Venue: Shahid Matir Rahman Monch. Time: 5 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka South: Regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. The meeting will be followed by 14th installation ceremony of Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka South. Venue: Rotary centre, Saat Mosjid Road. Time: 4:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Shyamali-Dhaka: The regular weekly meeting and monthly board meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sheraton hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Some changes in admin

National Board of Revenue Member in the rank of Joint Secretary Faisal Ahmed Chowdhury has been appointed on-deputation Vice President of Export Promotion Bureau, reports UNB.

Additional Director General (ADG) of Bangladesh Rural Development Board Mofazzal Hossain has been promoted to DG of the Board on deputation.

The incumbent Joint Secretary of Establishment Ministry Maroof Morshed has been deputed to Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation as its Director.

Director of Finance Division Captain (retd) Abdul Majed has been made OSD (officer on special duty) in Establishment Ministry.

Ittefaq staff continue token hunger strike

The three employees' unions of The Daily Ittefaq continued their token hunger strike for the sixth day yesterday to press for the payment of 30 per cent dearness allowance along with arrears, says a press release of the Ittefaq Joint Action Committee.



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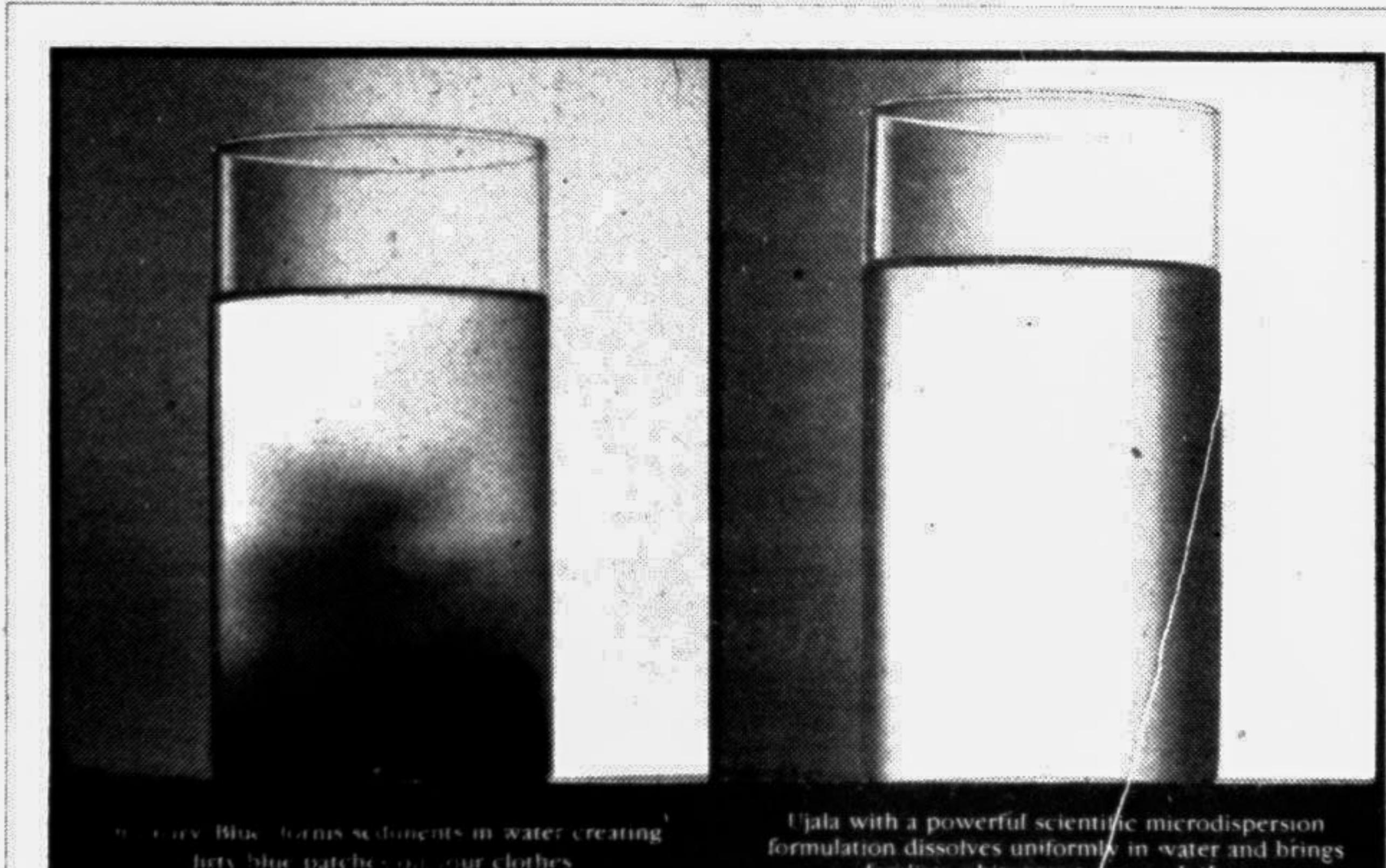
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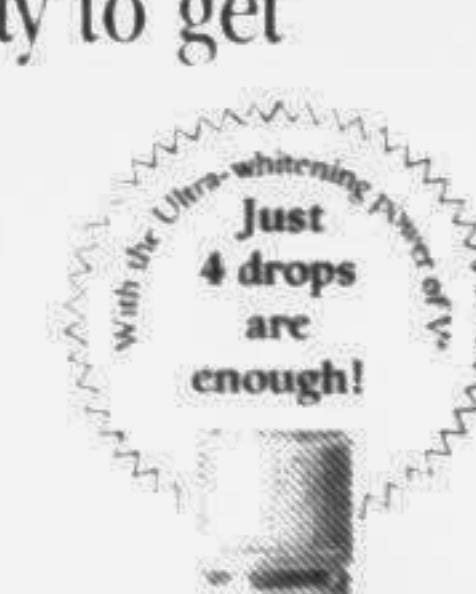
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