



DCC Mayor Mohammad Hanif (R) addressing a rally, organised by Ramna thana unit of the Awami League hailing the budget, at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday. — Star photo

MCH-FP Extension Project

New interventions to ensure better health for all planned: ICDDR,B

Maternal, child health and family planning (MCH-FP) extension project of the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Diseases and Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) is now designing several new interventions to meet the changing needs and priorities of families and the desired to ensure better health for all in Bangladesh.

The interventions include broader essential service package of health and family planning services, strengthening maternal and neonatal health, promoting involvement of males in reproductive health, prevention and treatment of HIV-related diseases and improving nutrition for children under two years.

An ICDDR,B official told BSS in the city yesterday that the present vision of the project is to ensure better health for the whole family.

He said maternal deaths associated with pregnancy and childbirth could only be prevented through the provision of emergency obstetric care which is yet to be made available to most women in Bangladesh.

Nearly 25,000 women die of complications related to childbirth and pregnancy every year in this country, he added.

The centre is working on developing services that are

feasible, sustainable and replaceable," the official said, adding that a pilot project opened in Mirsarai Thana Health Complex last year started giving obstetric care to the needy women.

He said this is for the first time that such services is being provided to women at thana level in Bangladesh. The lessons learnt from it has been analysed and compiled but the challenge now is how to extend such services to all other thanas so that every pregnant woman is benefited.

"The ICDDR,B will continue to work in this important area," he said, adding that the accumulated findings of the MCH-FP project were used to a great extent in the preparation of health and family planning programme in the country.

The project has been continuing its stride through other interventions for over two decades to ensure sustainability of national health and family planning programme, which resulted in a positive development with women becoming more aware about the need for family planning.

The interventions include alternative delivery approach known as "cluster visitation", cost recovery through pricing of commodities and supplies, and

networking among service providers to develop effective coordination between the government and the NGOs working at the community level.

The project has also had a significant influence in shaping the mandate of the USAID-funded National Integrated Population and Health Programme and the health and population sector strategy for Bangladesh government, the official said.

The support and contribution of the project to the national programme have earned national and international recognition and acclaim, he said adding that the government recruited 10,000 additional field-workers based on the recommendations of the project officials to improve the field-worker and client ratio considerably.

The MCH-FP work of the centre started in Matlab under Chandpur district in 1977 and its success created the rural MCH-FP Project in 1982, the largest collaborative operation research efforts between the ICDDR,B and the Bangladesh government's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The project, being funded by the USAID and technically assisted by the Population Council, has a national steering committee which is being headed by the Health Secretary providing overall policy guidance and reviewing its activities.

The challenge facing the country now is to develop a second generation of affordable family planning service where the delivery shifts to fixed facilities outside the home while maintaining and increasing both coverage and quality of services," the official observed.

The ICDDR,B is actively involved in developing such services at its various field sites, he said.

Team of Assoc for Prevention of Drug Abuse calls on Shahabuddin

A nine-member delegation of the Association for the Prevention of Drug Abuse called on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

Founder president of the organisation Dr Arup Ratan Chowdhury led the delegation.

The members of the delegation apprised the President of their motivational work for the prevention of smoking and drug abuse in the country, specially in schools and colleges.

They have found encouraging results in combating the menace and their activities have been appreciated by the younger generation, who are prone to smoking and drug addiction, they added.

The members of the organisation are renowned artists, and players and they have been well-acclaimed by the World Health Organisation (WHO) which has awarded them gold medals in recognition of their service to people.

President Shahabuddin appreciated their initiative and said that a social movement should be geared up from all quarters in combating the menace.

He lauded the role of the popular artistes in this field and hoped that their sincere efforts would yield fruitful results.

'Over-control of diabetes can be bad'

By Staff Correspondent

A renowned physician from Pakistan yesterday warned diabetic patients that over-control of diabetes could be as bad as no-control of diabetes.

"Control over diabetes should be balanced. Very good control of diabetes can affect the mental health or lead to hypoglycaemia and related problems," said Emeritus Professor SM Rab, a physician and cardiologist, at a scientific symposium on "Diabetes, Diabetics and Diamicon" in the city yesterday.

Chaired by Prof Dr Md Tahir, Director of IPGMR, the symposium was attended, among others, by National Professor Nurul Islam. The programme was organised by Servier International, France.

Sharing his views with a group of doctors, Prof Rab, who has been a diabetic patient for the last 25 years, observed that in order to lead a better life, a diabetic patient should nurture some clearly defined objectives about controlling food habit and exercise.

He also stressed on avoiding anxiety and called upon doctors to be more aware about the objectives of diabetic treatment.

"This is necessary as an absolute cure of the disease is not possible yet. But we can certainly improve the quality of life of a patient or free the patient from diabetes related complications," he added.

Prof Rab emphasised on more awareness about diabetes and its consequences and said, "most of the diabetic patients control their disease with diet and oral drugs."

He said people should be more calorie conscious in their middle age when they run the risk of becoming a diabetic patient most.

"Unfortunately, even the most educated person cares little about his diet chart. A right diet in right age can prevent a lot of problems," Prof Rab observed.

Indian MP calls on Speaker

Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury has emphasised on concerted and sincere international efforts for bringing lasting peace in the Middle East, reports UNB.

He said this when chairman of Asian Co-ordination Committee on Palestine and member of India's parliament KM Khan called on him at his office yesterday.

The Speaker expressed the view that the concerned parties should take realistic view about Palestine-Israel issue, keeping in mind the changing world scenario.

Rasheed told the Indian lawmaker that formation of Bangladesh-India parliamentary group would greatly contribute towards fostering people-to-people contact of the two countries.

'Blood donations not screened, for HIV/AIDS'

By Cameron Kennedy

Blood donations collected near the Azampur bus stand in Uttara Tuesday could do Bangladesh's more harm than good.

Shariar Alam, president of the Rotary Club of Uttara, said the clinic didn't ask the volunteer donors about their sexual history or their HIV status. He added that the Lion's Blood Bank screens the donations for HIV and other dangerous viruses.

However, Tariqul Hakim, a medical technician at the bank, said he checked donations for Hepatitis B, but not HIV, because the HIV/AIDS test is too expensive. HIV tests cost between Tk 12,000 and 370,000, while the Lion's Blood Bank sells a unit of blood (450 ml) for between Tk 200 and 500, depending on the patient's status and blood group. The bank distributes blood to its hospital patients, from accident victims to anemia sufferers.

Critics also questioned the blood's quality. The clinic stored the blood in a cardboard box with cold packs, instead of an ice-box or refrigerator, for up to two hours. Alam said he didn't know if the cardboard box maintained the proper temperature for blood.

Dr Hossain Ismail Sharif, an official who studied Bangladesh's blood system for the Population Council, said red blood cells start to break down when exposed to temperatures above eight degrees centigrade for more than half an hour. He said fragmented red blood cells were unsuitable for some types of transfusions.

"If a patient needs to increase blood volume after an accident, it's fine," Sharif said. "But if the patient has a chronic disease like anaemia, then it won't be useful."

"Only the cost to the patient increases," he said.

Joint reception accorded Hasina seeks sustained Japanese cooperation

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has sought sustained Japanese cooperation in the country's journey towards economic emancipation ensuring the people's right to food, according to a message received here, reports UNB.

Today, Japan is the most trusted friend of Bangladesh and the most valued development partner as well," she said at a joint reception accorded to her by three organisations at Hotel New Otani in Japan yesterday.

Japan-Bangladesh Parliamentary League, Japan-Bangladesh Friendship Association and Japan-Bangladesh Ladies Cultural Association hosted the reception for the Bangladesh Prime Minister who is now on a six-day visit to Japan.

Hasina said: "We are making relentless effort to ensure peace and security in the society along with establishing right to food, to reach the ultimate goal of economic emancipation."

She recalled with gratitude the Japanese assistance in the development projects including construction of three bridges over Shitalakha, Meghna and Gumti rivers that established direct road link between Dhaka and Chittagong.

"Japan has an extremely significant contribution to our largest infrastructure development project, the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Project," Hasina added.

The Prime Minister mentioned that her government signed an agreement with the Japanese government for the construction of an international airport in Chittagong, contributing 600 million US dollars in aid in the next few years.

Besides, during her current visit, the two governments signed a 15.25 billion yen loan agreement for the infrastructure project — the Jamuna Approach Road, the Pakshey Bridge and the Narayanganj-Narsingdi Irrigation project.

Sheikh Hasina also referred to two important proposed projects in which Bangladesh is seeking Japanese cooperation. These are Rupsha Rail-cum-Road Bridge Project and the Ganges Multipurpose Barrage Project.

These projects are linked with the success of the bilateral agreement with India regarding Ganges water-sharing, she said adding, "the projects would also play an important role in regional cooperation and development of economic relations among the neighbouring countries."

She hoped that her visit to Japan would usher in a new era of further consolidating the existing excellent relations between the two countries. "I hope our existing bond of cooperation, friendship and mutual trust would be further strengthened."

The Prime Minister also recalled the cooperation rendered by the Japanese conscious quarters for the people's struggle for democracy and the cordial support of the friendly people of Japan in the country's War of Liberation.

Hasina praised the Japan-Bangladesh Parliamentary League, Japan-Bangladesh Friendship Association and Japan-Bangladesh Ladies Cultural Association for their role in the socio-economic development of Bangladesh and developing mutual cooperation between the two peoples.

Free cataract eye operation from July 12 July 6 last date for receiving PSC applications

A five-day free cataract eye operation, under the auspices of Haroon Eye Foundation and Green Eye Hospital, will take place from July 12 at House No. 31, Road No. 6, Dhanmondi R/A, a press release said, reports BSS.

The selection of patients will be held from July 6 to 10.

Bangladesh Public Service Commission (PSC) has fixed July 6 (Sunday), instead of July 5 (Saturday) as per notice number '015-017' served on May 22, as the last date for receiving applications, an official handout said yesterday.

The date has been changed as Saturday is now a weekly holiday, the handout said.

CORRIGENDUM
NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

There are corrections in the above announcement published in The Bangladesh Observer and The Daily Star, both on July 1, 1997.

1. Pay scale for Systems Manager is Tk. 18,000-1,800-40,000, plus 40% housing allowance, higher start possible for experienced candidate.
2. All applications should be addressed to the Administrative Officer, NSU.

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- ◆ BA & BS in Environmental Studies

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Admission test: Friday, 1 Aug. 1997
Candidates must be seated by 8:45 AM

◆ MBA program

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Weather

Moderate rain likely

Moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most places over Barisal, Khulna, Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions, and many places over Rajshahi division with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places across the country in next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

A Met Office forecast said, day temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius all over the country during the period while a slight change in day's temperature is likely in subsequent two days.

Country's highest temperature 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Srimongal and lowest 24.4 degrees at Barisal yesterday.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius			Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min	Mor	
Dhaka	32.6	27.5	82	92
Chittagong	30.4	26.0	85	95
Rajshahi	32.7	25.6	86	92

জাহাঙ্গীরনগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
সাতার, ঢাকা

১৯৯৬-৯৭ শিক্ষাবর্ষে স্নাতক (সম্মান) শ্রেণীতে ভর্তির সময়সূচী সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ সাক্ষরিত অর্থাৎ জ্ঞানী যাত্রী যিনি ১৯৯৬-৯৭ শিক্ষাবর্ষে স্নাতক (সম্মান) শ্রেণীতে ভর্তি হতে পেরেছেন তিনি পূর্বে কলকাতা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ১৬-৭-৯৭ তারিখে সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ বিভাগ থেকে স্নাতক হবেন। ভর্তির জন্য নির্বাচিত ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদেরকে নিম্নলিখিত সময়সূচী অনুযায়ী ভর্তি করা হবে:

ক) মেধা ভাষিকা : ৩-৮-৯৭ থেকে ১২-৮-৯৭ তারিখ পর্যন্ত।
খ) অপেক্ষা-ভাষিকা : ১৭-৮-৯৭ থেকে ২১-৮-৯৭ তারিখ পর্যন্ত।
ভর্তির সময় ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদেরকে সদ্য তোলা ৭ কপি পাসপোর্ট আকারের ছবি (প্রত্যয়ন ব্যতীত), মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চমাধ্যমিক/সম্মানের পরীক্ষাসমূহের মূল নম্বরপত্র, মাধ্যমিক পরীক্ষার মূল সনদপত্র, বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের শিক্ষক অথবা যে কোন প্রথম শ্রেণীর অফিসার কর্তৃক সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ ছাত্র-ছাত্রীর পিতা/অভিভাবকের বার্ষিক আয়ের সনদপত্র, মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চমাধ্যমিক শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রশংসাপত্র, অন্য কোন কলেজ/বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে ভর্তিকৃত/অধ্যয়নরত কোন ছাত্র-ছাত্রী এই বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে ভর্তির জন্য নির্বাচিত হয়ে থাকলে পূর্বে ভর্তিকৃত প্রতিষ্ঠানের ভর্তি বাতিল/মাইগ্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট (প্রত্যেকটির ১টি করে কটোকপিসহ) সঙ্গে আনতে হবে এবং সর্বপ্রথম বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের চিকিৎসা কেন্দ্র থেকে স্বাস্থ্য পরীক্ষা (সুস্থতার) সার্টিফিকেট সংগ্রহ করে তা সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ বিভাগে জমা দিয়ে বিভাগ থেকে ভর্তি ফরম ও বিবরণপত্র সংগ্রহ করতে হবে। ভর্তির পরবর্তী কার্যক্রম বিবরণপত্রে উল্লেখ থাকবে।

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