

Night blindness among children reduced from 3.53pc to 0.67 pc

Seminar lauds success of innovative programmes in overcoming Vitamin-A deficiency

Night blindness prevalence among children in Bangladesh was sharply reduced from 3.53 per cent in 1982-83 to 0.67 per cent in 1997-98 under the impact of intensive programmes implemented over the years, reports BSS.

Speakers revealed this at the inaugural session of a day-long seminar on 'Review and Perspective - Vitamin-A Programme in Bangladesh Beyond 2000'.

The Institute of Public Health Nutrition under the Directorate of Health Services organised the seminar in cooperation with the UNICEF which since its inception has been supporting the efforts of Vitamin-A supplementation in Bangladesh to reduce night blindness and other diseases caused by Vitamin-A deficiency.

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim in his opening speech advocated for upholding the hitherto achievement in this field saying this success was already recorded by his ministry as one of the fruitful outcomes in the health sector of the country.

"We must work to uphold this tremendous success by mobilising all social leaders and local government bodies to encourage rural people for growing green leafy vegetables, which provides Vitamin-A, as a nutrient against night blindness and other diseases," he said.

The function was also addressed, among others, by State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr M Amanullah, Deputy Minister for LGRD Sabir Hossain Chowdhury, Health Secretary Sayed Alamgir Faruque Chowdhury and

UNICEF resident representative Shahida Azfar. Director General of the Health Services Prof ABM Ahsan Ullah was in the chair.

The Health Minister recalled the time back to 1970 when Vitamin-A deficiency was identified as one of the reasons for night blindness victimising annually at least 500,000 children all over the world including some 30,000 in this part of the globe.

"Bangladesh government started a programme in 1973 against this curse in cooperation with different global bodies which came out with a success of over 90 per cent coverage of children by the Vitamin-A supplementation programme all over the country," he said.

Deputy Minister for LGRD Sabir Hossain Chowdhury stressing upon awareness and motivation side by side disseminating correct information about health affairs said local government institutions will play their due role in resolving all problems including night blindness and diseases caused by Vitamin-A deficiency.

"The local government bodies in the past were under the control of central authority, but now they are free to take part in any development work in the rural areas," he said, adding that side by side the rural development programmes is as Urban Multi-purpose Project in cities against all problems including those in the health sectors also being implemented.

According to a presentation at the inaugural function, the strategies to solve Vitamin-A deficiencies include supplementation, fortification and food-based approach which are being regarded as very effective investments by the government for human development in Bangladesh.

Perspectives to overcome Vitamin-A deficiency beyond the year 2000 are: improvement in Vitamin-A supplementation in

urban slums, strengthening co-ordination with the EPI operation and all related activities of the ministry, maintaining current high coverage for children under five years, increase in the coverage for children under one year and institutionalising Vitamin-A supplementation for postpartum women in the country.

The UNICEF Representative Shahida Azfar, quoting some studies, said Vitamin-A reduces death tolls among young children from diarrhoea and measles which continue to be major killers in developing countries like Bangladesh.

She lauded Bangladesh's innovative ideas and actions in the health sector and said, "Bangladesh is the first country in the world to integrate Vitamin-A supplementation for children of 12-59 months into National Immunisation Days."

Bangladesh was also the first country in the world to establish a National Vitamin-A Week to conduct another annual round of supplementation in the early spring. Furthermore, Vitamin-A supplementation for children under one year was systematically integrated into the regular outreach immunisation activities nationwide.

Azfar said the innovative measures in Vitamin-A supplementation vastly improved coverage from around 50 per cent in 1995 to 85 per cent or more in the recent years. "This is really an impressive achievement," she observed saying the prevalence of night blindness at 0.67 per cent was no more a public health problem as per the WHO cutoff level.

She assured of UNICEF's continued support towards the elimination of maternal and child malnutrition from the urban as well as rural areas in Bangladesh.



Minister for Health and Family Welfare Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim speaking at a seminar on 'Review and Perspective: Vitamin A Programme in Bangladesh Beyond 2000' held at Hotel Sheraton yesterday. The seminar was organised by Institute of Public Health Nutrition, MOH and FW and UNICEF.

Malaysian envoy makes farewell call on Rob

The outgoing Malaysian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Dato Jukli AB Rahman, made a farewell call on Fisheries and Livestock Minister ASM Abdur Rob at the latter's office yesterday, reports BSS.

An official handout said the high commissioner stayed with the minister for some time and discussed matters of mutual interest.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dharmadip Dhaka will be held today at 5.30 pm at Dhaka Club, upstairs Family Lounge, says a press release.

All members have been requested to attend on time.

3-week fine arts show begins at IFA tomorrow

The 13th fine arts and crafts exhibition of the country begins in the capital tomorrow amid enthusiasm, reports BSS.

Chief Justice Latifur Rahman will formally inaugurate the three-week colourful exhibition at "Bakultala" of the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University at 5.30 pm while noted artist Qayyum Chowdhury will attend the function as special guest.

A total of 227 piece art works of 183 artists will be displayed in the exhibition to be organised by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

A 5-member panel of judges has been selected the pieces from among 1000 arts works to be displayed at the "Zainul Gallery" of the institute simultaneously.

While talking to BSS, Director (Fine Arts) of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Subir Chowdhury said yesterday that

JP (Ershad) PP meeting June 4

Hussain Muhammad Ershad, the chairman of Jatiya Party and Leader of its parliamentary party, has convened a meeting of the parliamentary party on June 4 at 4 pm at Sangsad Bhavan office of the party, a press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

Advocate N K Alam Chowdhury, whip of the parliamentary party of the JP, has requested all MPs to attend the meeting on time, the press release said.

Millennium reunion of DMC from Jan 4-6, 2001

The millennium get-together of Dhaka Medical College students will be held from January 4-6 next year by DMC Alumni Trust, says press release.

The programme will include social and cultural events. All ex-students of DMC have been requested to contact any of the following for details:

Principal, Dhaka Medical College (Tel No-9669340, 961011, Prof K M Iqbal (Tel No 8619115) (Off), 8829645 (R), Dr. Khalidur Rahman. (Tel 507910 (Off), 8317235 (R).

CHEHLUM

The chehlum of late Mvi Md Abdul Hakim of Comilla will be held on Friday, 2nd June at 5:00 PM at the residence of his eldest son A B M Siddique, House-12, Road-12, Sector-1, Uttara, Dhaka. Relatives/friends are requested to attend and pray for the departed soul. Mr Hakim (85) died in USA on 19.4.2000 and was buried there (Phoenix). C-513

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Re-Tender Notice

Ref No-PPD/Pur/98/143 Dated: 30/5/2000 Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide suppliers/traders for the supply of Equipment, Spare Parts & Research Materials for PP & PDC and a Deep Freeze for Integrated Management of Tannery Waste Project.

Tender documents may be purchased from the Accounts Section of the PP & PDC at a cost of Tk 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable) on cash payment up to 12/6/2000 during office hours through application on the pad of the firm.

Complete tender may be dropped in the tender box kept at the office of the Director, PP & PDC or may be sent by courier service/registered (with A/D) post to the Director, PP & PDC, BCSIR, Dhaka-1205 up to 3:00 PM on 13/6/2000 and which will be opened on the same day at 3:05 PM in presence of tenderer/representative(s) (if any).

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Director-in-charge
PP & PDC, BCSIR
Dhaka.

GD-514

Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology, Dhaka

No EU/P&D/FP-1340/00/UE-09/D-2498(4) Dated: 30.5.00

Tender Notice for Purchase of Lifts for Civil Engineering and EME Buildings

Sealed tenders are invited for the supply, installation and commissioning of the 4 nos. of Lifts for the Civil Engineering and EME Buildings of this University from the reputed indentors/suppliers. The supplier must have a minimum experience of 5 (five) years in the field of installation, testing and commissioning of lifts in Bangladesh and must have successfully installed at least 5 (five) nos. of lifts. Tender schedule together with terms and conditions will be available from the undersigned by showing the receipt of Tk 1500/- (one thousand five hundred) only (non-refundable) in favour of the "Comptroller, Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (BUET) Dhaka." Otis (USA, UK, Japan), Hausmann (Germany), Thyssen (Germany), Lutz (Germany) and Schindler (Euro origin) brand lifts will only be acceptable. Each tender must be accompanied by a Bank Draft or Pay Order from any nationalised bank in favour of the "Comptroller, BUET Dhaka" amounting to Tk 4,00,000/- (four lac) only as earnest money without which no tender will be considered for acceptance. Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 2:30 PM on 20.06.2000 and the same will be opened on the same time in presence of the tenderers.

The university reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without showing any reason thereof. No tender form will be sold against Pay Order, DD, Money Order and on the day of opening of the tender.

Deputy Director
Planning & Development.

GD-511

Five new CMCH depts yet to get logistic support

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, May 30: Five new departments opened at the Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) five years ago, are yet to be provided with required manpower and logistic support, hospital sources said.

As a result, medicare service under those five departments is hampered badly. It is learnt from competent sources.

Those five departments included paediatric surgery, nephrology, neo natal, neuro medicine and neurology, according to hospital sources.

Sources say that some how those departments are run here, while patients reportedly suffer. Doctors of professor rank were hardly posted in some of those departments, sources said.

Meanwhile, plan for procurement of logistics for CMCH remained shelved for years together, hospital sources said.

Muktijoddha Sangsad holds nationwide protests

Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad yesterday organised protest rallies and demonstrations at thana and upazila levels across the country demanding early execution of the verdict of the self-confessed killer of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, reports BSS.

The Sangsad units also submitted memorandums to their respective Upazila Nirbahi Officers in this regard. Muktijoddha Sangsad press release said yesterday.

"Freedom fighters have taken a fresh vow to resist any efforts by vested quarters to foil the process of the Bangabandhu Murder Case," the speakers said while addressing rallies and demonstrations across the country.

The speakers said if necessary, they would again organise street movements to realise their demand. In this context, they mentioned their earlier movement against the anti-liberation forces' collaborator G. lam Azam.

In Dhaka, huge demonstration rallies were organised by 21 thana unit commands of Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad including Jubo, Mohila, Shikhaak and Chhatra command and an organisation called Amra Muktijoddhar Shantan. During the rallies, speakers demanded of the government for immediate punishment of the self confessed killers of the Bangabandhu by avoiding any dilly dally in this regard.

Discussion on Zia today

By Staff Correspondent

BNP will hold a discussion meeting on the occasion of 16 death anniversary of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman at Engineers Institute auditorium today. BNP chairperson Begum Khaleida Zia will preside over the discussion starting at 4 pm.

Eating Out

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer, R&H
Narayanganj Road Division
Shimrail, Narayanganj

R&H Tender Invitation Notice

1. Tender Notice : 118/ Narayanganj Road Division year 1999-2000.
2. Name of work : Extension of 3'-0" dia RCC pipe culvert at 9th km of Polder Road under Narayanganj Road Sub-Division during 1999-2000 financial year.
3. Estimated cost : Tk 1,51,922/-
4. Earnest money : Tk 3,039/- through any scheduled bank's Bank Draft Treasury Challan/Pratiksha Sanchayapatra/5-year Bangladesh Sanchayapatra & Bonus Sanchayapatra in favour of the undersigned.
5. Time allotted for the work : 15 (fifteen) days from the date of work order.
6. Eligibility of contractor : 'A' to 'E' general class.
7. Offices where tender will be available from : Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Dhaka/Manikganj/Munshiganj/Gazipur/Narsingdi/Narayanganj/Planning & Design Division, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka & Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Bhitkanal, Narayanganj Road Sub-Division.
8. Offices to receive tender : Superintending Engineer (R&H), Road Circle, Dhaka/Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka & Executive Engineer (R&H), Narayanganj Road Division, Shimrail, Narayanganj.
9. Last date & time of selling tender : 5-6-2000 up to office hours.
10. Date & time of receiving tender : 6-6-2000 up to 12-30 PM.
11. Date & time of opening tender : 8-6-2000 at 1-00 PM, Executive Engineer (R&H), Narayanganj Road Division.
12. Date & time of lottery : 11-6-2000 at 1-00 PM.
13. Estimate approving officer : Superintending Engineer (R&H), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka.
14. Head of expenditure : 168-Repair.
15. Price of tender : Tk 500/- per set (non-refundable).

DDP-12867-24/5
G-1039

Md Abdul Muktedir
Executive Engineer, R&H
Narayanganj Road Division.

Sadharan Bima Corporation
Establishment Department
Head Office
33, Dilkusha Commercial Area
Dhaka
Sale Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the intending bonafide contractors/firms for purchase of 10 (ten) nos used (old) windowtype airconditioners. Tender schedule will be available up to 08.06.2000 from the office of the undersigned during office hours on payment of Tk 150/- (one hundred fifty) only (non-refundable).

Tenders duly filled in will be received in the tender box kept in the office of the undersigned up to 12.00 Noon on 11.06.2000 and will be opened on the same day in presence of the tenderers, if any.

Corporation reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

SBC/PR/Tender-12/2000
DFP-12990-25/5
G-1029

Md Nazrul Islam
Manager

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)
Road Division, Habiganj
Telephone: 53269

Tender Invitation Notice

1. Tender notice no : 20 (twenty)/Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Habiganj, 1999-2000.
2. Name of work : Repairing with sealcoat work on the 3rd and 4th km of Mirpur-Bahubal Road under Hobiganj Road Division during 1999-2000 fiscal year.
3. Estimated cost : Taka 7,33,408/-
4. Earnest money : Taka 4,668/-
5. Time limit for completion of work : 10 (ten) days.
6. Eligibility of contractors : "A" to "C" general class.
7. Head of expenditure : 168-Repair.
8. Authority to approve estimate : Superintending Engineer (R&H), Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet.
9. Offices in which tenders will be received : Additional Chief Engineer (R&H), Comilla Zone, Comilla/Superintending Engineer (R&H), Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet/Superintending Engineer (R&H), Moni & Eva Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Habiganj.
10. Offices in which tenders will be sold : Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Habiganj/Moulvibazar/ Sylhet/ Sunamganj/Planning & Design Division, Comilla/Planning Division-1 (P&D), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Road Sub-Division, Hobiganj/Shaestaganj/ Assistant Engineer (R&H), 1st Line Workshop, Hobiganj.
11. Last date and time of selling tender : 6-6-2000 till office hours.
12. Last date and time of receiving tender : 7-6-2000 till 12:30 PM.
13. Date and time of opening tender : 12-6-2000 at 11:00 AM.
14. Date and time of lottery : 19-6-2000 at 12:00 Noon

NB This tender has been invited for saving time the real work will be taken in hand as per schedule subject to availability of fund. If establishment fails to take the work in hand for want of fund then the winner tenderers can not claim anything anywhere.

DDP-13019-25/5
G-1038

Mofizul Islam
Executive Engineer (R&H), (Current Charge)
Road Division, Habiganj

Bangladesh Power Development Board
রাত ১১টা থেকে ভোর ৬টার মধ্যে সেচ পাম্প চালান

Tender Notice

- 1) Name of office: Sales & Distribution Division-2, PDB, Jessore.
- 2) Name of work: Installation of 11/4 kv sub-station, renewal repair & maintenance of 11 kv, 11.4 kv, 0.4 kv & 0.23 kv lines in view of smooth solution of low voltage problem due to dilapidated low quality line at Mochra, Chhatra & Kamthana villages of newly constituted Lohagara Electric Supply under Sales & Distribution Division-2, PDB, Jessore office.
- 3) Eligibility of contractor: PDB's enlisted 'A' to 'D' class electrical contractors' firms.
- 4) Estimated cost: Tk 1,22,137/50 (baka one lac twenty-two thousand one hundred thirty-seven and fifty paise only).
- 5) Price of tender: Tk 100/- (one hundred) only (non-refundable).
- 6) Place & date of having tender: Can be purchased from Janata Bank, Chanchra branch Jessore up to 07-06-2000 on permission of (i) Chief Engineer, Distribution, West Zone, PDB, Khulna, (ii) Superintending Engineer, Operation & Maintenance Circle, PDB, Jessore & (iii) Executive Engineer, Sales & Distribution Division-2, PDB, Jessore office.
- 7) Date of receiving & opening tender: Tenders will be received by the office of (i) Chief Engineer, Distribution, West Zone, PDB, Khulna, (ii) Superintending Engineer, Operation & Maintenance Circle, PDB, Jessore & (iii) The undersigned up to 12:00 Noon of 08-06-2000 and tender box will be opened on the same day i.e. 08-06-2000 at 12:30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers. Other terms & conditions and all rules & regulations of tender as mentioned in the schedule must be complied with properly.

Biddut/Jana-2112(4)/99-2000
DFP-12805-24/5
G-1040

Executive Engineer
Sales & Distribution Division-2
PDB, Jessore.

ঢাকা ওয়াসা টেন্ডার বিজ্ঞপ্তি				
(পানি ব্যবহারে মিতব্যয়ী হইবে)				
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