

PM asks Lions clubs to extend activities to rural areas

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the Lions Clubs to extend their activities to the rural areas so that distressed and poor people could get their services, reports BSS.

You should extend your activities to enable the teeming millions to get your services," she said while inaugurating the Convention of Lions Clubs International Multiple District 315, Bangladesh at Sonargaon Hotel last afternoon.

Sheikh Hasina lauded the activities of the Lions Clubs saying "You render wonderful services to the people during the time of natural disasters." She expressed her government's all-out support and assistance to their welfare activities.

The Prime Minister particularly lauded the pioneering role of the Lions Clubs in organising eye camps in the country's far-flung areas and said a lot of people were benefited from this

programme. She said during the rule of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman a bill was passed to allow donations of eyes posthumously in 1974. Amidst applause, she announced that she had already donated her eyes posthumously.

She also appreciated the blood donation programme of the Lions Clubs and described it as a noble effort. She said thousands of bags of blood were collected through the Lions Clubs and Leo Clubs. She said the quality of bloods donated by the professional donors often do not have requisite standard.

The Prime Minister said her government too was engaged in welfare activities and has been working relentlessly to lessen their sufferings. She said the government wanted to ensure basic needs to the people and thus move towards progress and prosperity.

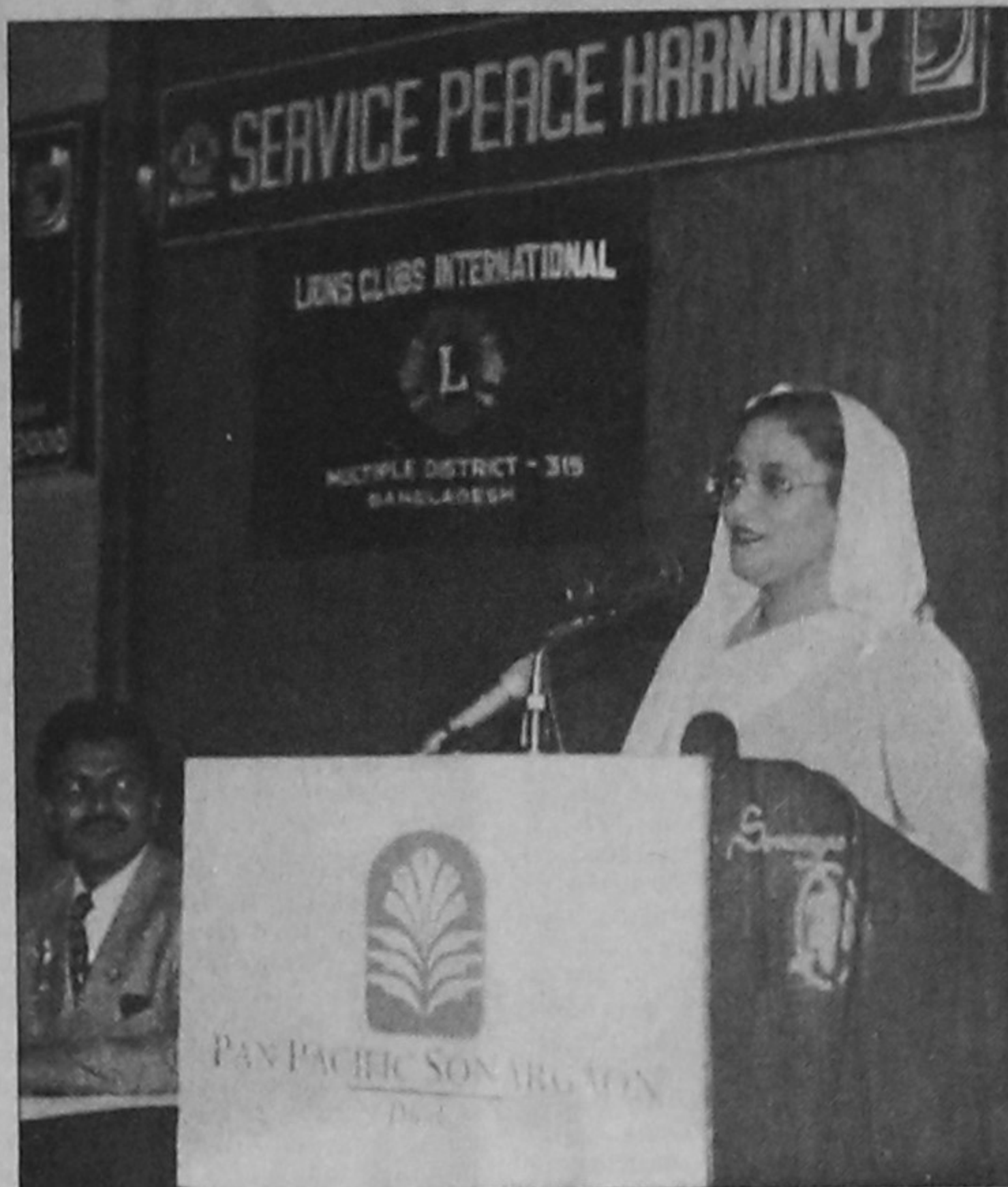
Listing various welfare pro-

grammes of her government, she said that over 20 lakh poor people were directly benefited from those programmes. She said the government wanted to provide shelter to 50,000 families under the Ashrayon Project.

The Prime Minister said that so far 16,300 families were provided with houses. She said that 52 NGOs are engaged in providing loans for construction of houses.

Sheikh Hasina said her government wanted to remove illiteracy from the country by

The function, chaired by Council Chairman of the convention Engineer Iqbal H Khan, was also addressed by Sheikh Kabir Hossain, former international director Moslem Ali Khan, convention chairman Nazmul Haque, former international director Ramesh Goswami from India and District Governor Shalida Alam.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaking at the Lions Club International Multiple District 315 Convention 2000 at Hotel Sonargaon yesterday. — PID photo

Art exhibition begins today

A 15-day painting exhibition of 52 couples, the first of its kind in Bangladesh, begins today at the Atrial Gallery in the city, reports BSS.

A total of 104 paintings will be exhibited from 2 pm to 8 pm

every day.

The exhibition will be inaugurated by veteran cultural activists — Ramendu Majumdar and Ferdousi Majumdar at 5 pm.

Over 50,000 in 51 enclaves may be left out of voter list

KURIGRAM, June 2: Over 50,000 people, who have been condemned to live an isolated life in 51 enclaves, are likely to be left out of the voter list for lack of permission from Indian authorities, reports UNB.

According to officials, Bangladesh has 51 enclaves encircled by Indian lands while India has 111 enclaves surrounded by Bangladesh lands.

Of the Bangladesh enclaves, 18 are located in Kurigram while the rest in Lalmonirhat districts.

Some 4,000 people in eight enclaves of Kurigram and 2,325 in four enclaves of Lalmonirhat

districts were enrolled as voters in 1990 with permission from the Indian authorities.

Of them, 1,591 were enrolled as voters in Masaldanga enclave while 35 in North Banshan, 426 in Kachua, 427 in Bakalikhara, 118 in Choota Tilat, 831 in Poatur Kuthir under Bhurangamari upazila and 361 in Karala, 275 in Prasad Mostafi enclaves in Kurigram district.

In Lalmonirhat district, some 866 people were enlisted as voters in Nalgram enclave while 291 in Falapur, 958 in Ratrigachi and 210 in Bishamat Ratrigachi en-

claves. "Election comes and goes, but no one seeks our votes," regretted octogenarian Samiran Begum, a resident of Masaldanga enclave.

A mother of five, Samiran, who never visited Bangladesh's mainland, said they get no relief materials when food crisis hit them during natural calamities.

Giving a nod to Samiran, a primary school teacher, who refused to disclose his name, said many enclave people even do not know which country they actually belong to.

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