

'Govt has taken every possible step to improve health services'

UNB, Khulna

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her government is trying relentlessly to reach healthcare facilities to the doorsteps of common people because it is their basic right.

"The present government has taken every possible step to improve the standard of health services and constructed 18,000 community health clinics across the country and works on 10,000 more are underway and will be completed by next month," she said while inaugurating a new building of Khulna Medical College Hospital.

She also said the Awami League government had undertaken nutrition project for the poor, Integrated Nutrition Project for mother and child and introduced Emergency Service Package (ESP) for reducing maternal and child mortality rates.

Referring to massive programmes taken in population sector, Hasina said now the population growth rate reduced to 1.5 per cent while the rate of contraceptive prevalence rose to 54 per cent, average life expectancy rose to 61 years, child mortality rate reduced to 67 per cent, 1,000 and maternal death 3 per cent.

"We want to make a polio-free Bangladesh and hope that we would be able to declare our country polio-free soon as we had attained success in polio-eradication drives," she told the function.

One polio patient found last year and PM hoped that not a single would be found next year.

The Prime Minister said her government planned to send trained and skilled doctors and nurses abroad for employment.

The present government took steps not only for improving the condition in health sector but also for country's overall development, she said, adding that level of rural poverty reduced to 44 per cent from 47 per cent.

"During our term, human poverty indicator stood at 34.8 per cent from 47 per cent while human development indicator upgraded to 0.49 per cent from 0.4 per cent and growth rate increased to 6 per cent," she added.

She also mentioned other infrastructure development programmes, including digital telephone system and construction and development of roads and bridges.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, State Minister Prof M. Amanullah and principal of the

KMCH Prof BD Saha also spoke on the occasion.

A Tk 120-crore project has been taken for overall development of the 250-bed hospital in the southern city. A plan has also been adopted to upgrade the hospital to a modern 500-bed one.

Dhaka City AL's spl extended meet today

BSS, Dhaka

A special extended meeting of Dhaka City Awami League will be held today at 6 pm at the party central office at Bangabandhu Avenue to make the Prime Minister's rally on June 2 at Basabo Shaheed Alauddin Parak a success.

The rally will be organised to mark the inauguration of the foot-over at Khilgaon crossing. Dhaka City Awami League general secretary and State Minister for Shipping Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Bir Bikram, has requested all leaders of Dhaka City Awami League, MPs and Ward Commissioners belonging to AL, presidents and general secretaries of all thana, ward and union committee to attend the meeting on time.



The 'National Committee for Protecting Oil-Gas Resources' brought out a procession in the city yesterday to protest 'plundering' of natural resources of the country.

World Tobacco Free Day today

World Tobacco Free Day will be observed in the country as elsewhere across the globe today, report agencies.

On the occasion President Shahabuddin Ahmed has underlined the need for sincere efforts of all to lead a healthy life, build a pollution-free environment and protect the society from bad effects of tobacco.

"Widespread use of tobacco poses a threat to public health, environment and the economy," he said in a message on the eve of World Tobacco Free Day.

He appreciated this year's theme for the day, "Tobacco smoke causes death to non-smokers too: Let's build a tobacco-free environment."

President Shahabuddin Ahmed

wished overall success of the day.

In a separate message Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged all to launch a social movement against the use of tobacco and tobacco goods.

"Medical researches have proved that tobacco smoke is equally harmful to non-smokers and sometimes it may be the cause of death. So, it is essential to keep workplaces, vehicles and places of public gathering free from smoking," she said in her message on the occasion of World Tobacco Free Day.

The Prime Minister said the harmful effect of smoking on public health protection and overall development is widespread and far-reaching.

Confce on fundamentalism begins tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With an aim to form a common regional platform to fight the growing religious fundamentalism, members of the South Asian civil societies have begun assembling in Dhaka.

They will attend a two-day regional conference on fundamentalism and communalism and the role of civil society, beginning from tomorrow. The inaugural session will take place at Osmani Memorial Auditorium at 10 am tomorrow.

Writers, poets, human rights activists, academicians, journalists, political leaders, women activists, trade union activists, lawyers and diplomats from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nepal will exchange views in the conference.

Members of the national organising committee of the conference at a press conference yesterday described the necessity and objectives of the conference.

Writer Sharier Kabir from Bangladesh, human rights activists Shahid Fiaz from Pakistan, journalist Yuba Nath Lamsal from Nepal and journalist Sathivale Balakrishnan from Sri Lanka spoke on the occasion at the National Press Club.

They observed that the religious fundamentalist forces have shown strong resilience and are continuing to operate.

"If the influence of such fundamentalism is allowed to grow in the subcontinent and if the fun-

damentalist forces take over the state power then the democratic values would be totally destroyed as it happened in Afghanistan," said Sharier Kabir.

In the volatile context of South Asian region, Kabir emphasised for strengthening the role of the civil societies in this region and form a regional forum to protect peace, democracy, freedom and basic human rights.

The regional conference will deal with the role of the governments, political parties, civil societies in fighting fundamentalism and communalism in its eight working sessions.

Anti-smoking campaign Naripakha stages sit-in programme today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Naripakha will hold a symbolic sit-in programme on International No Tobacco Day today to create awareness among women about the harms of consuming tobacco.

In a press release yesterday, it said, while anti-tobacco campaigns are mainly targeted at smokers who are mostly men, women should be made aware of the dangers of tobacco use. It said a large number of women in the country consume tobacco leaves regularly.

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Name of the work and location	Total estimated value of the work put to tender in Taka	Time of completion	Period for selling of tender documents	Date and time of receiving tenders	Date and time for opening of the tender box	Cost of tender schedule (Non-refundable) Tk
Construction of Cubicles of Petro-Centre Building (7th to 9th floor) at Kawran Bazar, Dhaka	55,15,515.00	60 (sixty) days	03-06-2001 to 12-6-2001 during office hours on all working days	14-06-2001 up to 12:00 Noon	14-06-2001 at 12:30 PM	1500/-

2. Intending tenderers shall submit the following documents along with the tenders.

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- Bank Solvency Certificate of the firm indicating its investment ability of Tk 20 lac at a time from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh.
- Trade licence, VAT registration certificate and Income Tax clearance certificate up to the financial year 1998-99.
- All the documents submitted by the tenderers either in original or photocopies shall be duly attested by class-I officer.

Necessary tender schedule may be purchased in cash of Tk 1500/- (non-refundable) during office hours within the time schedule of purchasing tender from the offices of: (a) Accounts Division, Petro-Bangla, Petro-Centre, 3, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, (b) Accounts Division, Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Company Ltd, 11, Ibrahim Mansion (4th floor), Purana Paltan, Dhaka, (c) Accounts Division, Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Co Ltd, 11, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka (d) Accounts Division, RPGL BSEC Bhaban, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka (e) Accounts Division, GTCL House No 1, Road No 12, Sector-3, Uttara, Dhaka (f) Zonal Office Complex, BAPEX, Halishahar, Chittagong, (g) Bangladesh Gas Field Company Ltd, Court Road, B'aria, (h) Jalalabad Gas Transmission and Distribution System Ltd, Gas Bhaban, Mahendibag, Sylhet, (i) Bakhrabad Gas Field Company Ltd, Chapapuri, Comilla, (j) Sylhet Gas Fields Ltd, Chiknagool, Haripur, Sylhet, (k) Madhaphara Granite Mining Co Ltd, Madhaphara, Via Fulbari, Dinapur, (l) Baro Pukuria Coal Mining Co Ltd, Chowhati, Parbotpur, Dinapur, (m) Pashchimanchal Gas Co Ltd, Nalka, Sirajganj on all working days on cash payment of Tk 1500/- (Taka one thousand five hundred) only (non-refundable).

4. The tender addressed to the Chief of Construction Cell, Petrobangla shall be submitted under sealed cover by the tenderers in the box kept at the office of the Chief of Construction Cell, Room No 513 (4th Floor), Petro Centre, 3, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka including above mentioned offices and tenders will be received up to 12:00 Noon on 14-6-2001 and will be opened at 12:30 PM on the same day in presence of the tenderers who may like to attend the opening.

5. Drawings for this work may be seen at the office of The Chief of Construction Cell, Petrobangla, Room No 513 (4th floor), Petro Centre Building, 3, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka during office hours on all working days.

6. No tender documents will be sold beyond the date fixed for selling of tenders.

7. The owner reserves the right not to accept the lowest tender and can reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

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