

40000 die in world a yr from renal failure

Scientific seminar titled "The role of erythropoietin in the management of renal anaemia in patients with kidney failure" was held yesterday at Hotel Sonargaon, says a press release.

The programme was organised by Roche Bangladesh Limited. Around 80 medical professionals including eminent nephrologists from all over the country attended the programme. Prof Harun U. Rashid, Chairman, Department of

Nephrology, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU), was the keynote speaker at the seminar.

Professor Harun said that about 40 thousand people who die of kidney diseases every year and half of them die due to chronic renal failure (CRF). CRF patients develop progressive renal anaemia that adversely affects the cardiovascular system. The conventional management is to correct this low

haemoglobin level by blood transfusion that exposes the patients to a variety of immediate and long-term risk and complication related to blood transfusion.

The invention of erythropoietin (EPO) helps to overcome related hazards of this cumbersome transfusion process such as managing donor and disease contamination by blood transfusion.

Spl allocation for poverty alleviation demanded

BSS, Dhaka

Country's leading NGO, Proshika, national daily The Sangbad and research organisation "Samonay" jointly demanded special allocations in the coming budget for poverty alleviation.

The demand was made in a memorandum submitted on Thursday to Finance Minister Shah A S M Kibria at his Secretariat office by Proshika president Dr Qazi Faruque Ahmed, the Sangbad Editor Bazul Rahman, and Samonay chairman Atur Rahman. Proshika's senior vice-president Mahbulul Karim, head of Institute for Development Policy Analysis and Advocacy (IDPAA) Mohammad Shahabuddin and Proshika's Deputy Director Omar Tarque Chowdhury were also present.

The joint memorandum put forward a number of suggestions and recommendations including giving priority in the budget for sustainable development, en-

hanced allocation in social service sector and ascertaining rational taxation system.

They also suggested creation of "Agri-loan Foundation", enhanced subsidy in agri-sector, duty free import of agri-tools for expansion of organic cultivation, expansion of on-crop agriculture to boost national economy, strengthening of the local government system and social security for urban poor including their housing facilities.

They put forward a number of suggestions for protection of environment and ecological balance including discouraging use of polythene bags, a complete ban on autorickshaw and tempo and removal of all industries including garments factory to specific places from the densely populated city areas.

They further recommended immediate preparation of Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) for enunciating national policy for eradication of poverty in a quick-est possible time-frame.



National Garments Workers Federation brought out a procession in the city yesterday to drum up support for a strike on July 1 in all garments factories of the country.

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Kamrul Islam Sony, Chairman of LIFE receiving 'Adhunik Award-2001' from President Shahabuddin Ahmed for the organisation's contribution to strengthening anti-tobacco movement in the country. The award was distributed at a programme at Osmani Memorial Hall on Thursday.

Reception to UNFPA officials at DU today

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Population Sciences of the Dhaka University will accord a reception to three UNFPA officials today.

The reception will be accorded to Mohammad Nizamuddin, Director, Asia and the Pacific division of UNFPA, New York, Wasim Zaman, Director, CST Kathmandu, Nepal and Suneta Mukharjee, UNFPA representative in Bangladesh at the TSC auditorium of the university at 4.30 pm.

The department will also receive its second batch of students on this occasion. Vice-Chancellor of DU Prof AK Azad Chowdhury will present at the programme as chief guest.

Call on NGOs to help eradicate poverty

BSS, Dhaka

State Minister for Jute AK Favezul Huq yesterday urged all non-government and voluntary organisations to effectively come forward along with the government to remove poverty, diseases and illiteracy.

Inaugurating a two-day conference of Lions Club International District 315 B-1, the minister said that the government alone cannot solve all problems.

He said that members of Lion Clubs along with the government could play an important role in different welfare-oriented activities including opening up of eye-camps and blood donation, mass literacy and tree plantation programmes.

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Multi-media magazine on CD launched

UNB, Dhaka

Star Bangladesh DotCom launched a multi-media magazine, commercially for the first time in the country that contains various entertaining and educative items.

"We took initiative to bring out the magazine in CD every month with entertaining items as well as news and views," said Yusuf Al Mamun, one of the initiators, at the launch of the e-news magazine at the Dhaka Reporters Unity auditorium yesterday.

The first issue of the multi-media magazine included fashion collection, miss-photogenic competition, music video, concert review, movie trailers and sports news.

Abir Hasan, Nazmul Huq Faisal and Mahbubur Rahman Tapu also spoke on the occasion of launching the one-and-half-hour CD.

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