

'BSc course for diploma health technologists to be introduced'

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The BNP government is aware of the professional setbacks of health technologists, Prof Jahannara Begum, advisor to the prime minister, said.

During a discussion on Friday, she laid emphasis on modern education and better job status for the health technologists and said, "The government will introduce a BSc course for the diploma health technologists and pharmacists with a view to creating an opportunity of higher education."

The government will also meet the demand for a second class job status and higher salary scale for health technologists like diploma engineers.

The Bangladesh Diploma Health Technologists Association (BDHTA) organised the discussion at the Institute of Health Technology (IHT) in the city.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia offering munajat at an iftar party organised by Bangladesh Jatiya Party at Hotel Sonargaon yesterday.

AIDS diagnostic centre to be set up in Ctg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A modern diagnostic centre and hospital will be set up here to check AIDS and create awareness about the HIV-related issues, Chittagong City Mayor ABM Mo-hiuddin Chowdhury said at a seminar.

Chittagong -- a port city with some 1,500 vessels and 75 thousand foreign crews arriving annually -- is considered the most exposed and vulnerable to HIV infection, the mayor pointed out while addressing the seminar organised by Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) at its auditorium to mark the World AIDS Day on Saturday.

The centre to be set up with financial assistance of Germany and under supervision of the CCC will be providing health cards to the visiting foreign crews after necessary physical tests and render healthcare services at a nominal cost.

Twelve HIV-infected people have so far been identified in Chittagong, Mohiuddin said.



The family of Shamima Sharmeen Shuchi, a patient of blood cancer, has recently been given a cheque for Tk 3,43,370 proceeded from the photo exhibition the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts arranged to raise funds for her treatment.

Govt deploys army to help distribute water

BSS, Dhaka

The government has deployed army to help the civil administration of WASA distribute water in different city areas hit by scarcity of drinking water.

"We have been working since November 15 at the instruction of the government with active cooperation of WASA for proper distribution of water in the crisis-hit areas of six WASA Zones comprising Pagla, Jatrabari, Philkhana, Barashganj, Azampur, Chadnighat, Rayer Bazar, Pallabi, Old Airport, Gabtoli, Rampura, Fulbaria and Basaboo," an army officer said.

"Army has stepped up its efforts at the directive of the government to mitigate the woes of the people by supplying sufficient water for the city-dwellers during the holy month of Ramadan," Major Anis told a group of journalists on Saturday.

A group of 26 army personnel, including two officers, has been working 24 hours a day since November 15 for proper distribution of water in the "WASA Zone One" covering Saidabad, Moghda, South Dhania, Basaboo and Kamalapur.

Major Anis is the overall in-charge of Zone One to look after management, supervision and monitoring of water distribution of the areas.

He said, "we are distributing 6,000 litres of water on average daily free of cost for the convenience of the needy, particularly slum dwellers of zone one. We are also attending emergency calls for water supply."

The journalists were taken to Kamalapur to see the demonstration of water distribution where men, women and children waiting in two long queues for water with jar and jerrycans.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

Regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held today at 4:15 pm at Hotel Sonargaon, says a press release.



Obituary

Nikunja Bihari Chowdhury, a noted social worker and founder-general Secretary of Sylhet Zila Cha-Sramik Union, died at his residence at Kulaura yesterday at the age of 85, says a press release.

Nikunja, who was also a Congress worker, took part in the anti-British movement.

WEATHER TODAY Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka. Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today. Light to moderate fog may cover the river basins and the coastal belts in the morning, Met Office said, adding that night temperature may rise over the country at night.

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