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Wide media coverage for AIDS awareness stressed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at an opinion sharing meeting in the city yesterday stressed the need for wide media coverage on HIV/AIDS to create mass awareness about the disease, its preventive measures and the care and support programme of the government and NGOs.

The meeting was the follow-up of the five divisional level 'Interactive Participatory Discussion (IPD)' to allow the stakeholders to monitor the implementation process of the national HIV/AIDS programme.

The experts feared that if effective measures are not taken immediately, Bangladesh runs the risk of experiencing the devastating social and economic effects of the HIV/AIDS epidemic due to its geographical location.

The discussion was moderated by MA Hasan of Allergy, Asthma and Environmental Research Institute while Saleem Samad, consultant director of the BCD/C, presented a report on the basis of the divisional level meeting.

According to the report, 94 per cent participants in the sharing meeting said that the government's initiatives to check the spread of HIV is not adequate, although the government has social and political commitment for its prevention.

The participants had expressed their dissatisfaction as there is a lack of adequate arrangement for tracing the infected people across the country.

According to the government's report published in 2001, there are 188 HIV-positive people in the country. But Dr. Kazi Mahboob Hassan of the Department of Virology of Dhaka Medical College has added 22 more figures and Prof A.Q.M Serajul Islam of the Department of Dermatology and STD added 19 more figures during the meeting.

On the other hand, the regional office of World Health Organisation (WHO) estimated that about 13,000 adults have been living with HIV in Bangladesh since April 2001.

The meeting also placed 7-point recommendation. These are revising of the National Policy on HIV/AIDS and STD related issue, implementation of the Five-Year HIV/AIDS strategic plan and media strategic plan, identification of strategic partners of the government in achieving the objective of the national policy, adequate and cheap facilities for blood screening in all districts, ensuring compulsory screening of donors' blood and measures for reaching the BCC (Behavioural Change of Communication) materials to the target group.

Among others, Dr. Hasan Mahmud of National AIDS-STD programme, Rajshahi city Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu, Dr. Halida Hanum Khandakar, Prof. Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah of Public Administration Department of Dhaka University, Medical Officer of Sylhet City Corporation Dr. Sudhamoy Majumder and Khairuzzaman Kamal of Bangladesh Manabdhikar Sanghadik Forum took part in the discussion.



The hearing on ETV petition by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court began yesterday. Photo shows Barrister Rafiqul Haq, Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed and Dr. Kamal Hossain, counsels of the petitioner, entering the court before the hearing.

Sangsad Bhaban to be made more attractive

BSS, Dhaka

Secretary of the Sangsad Secretariat Kazi Raquibuddin Ahmad and concerned officials accompanied Acting Speaker to the exhibition.

Acting Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Akhter Hamid Siddiqui yesterday said the Sangsad Bhaban, one of the most modern architectural designs of the world, would be made more attractive and eye-catching through implementing various programmes undertaken to that line.

He said this during his visit to an architectural exhibition on the Sangsad Bhaban at the National Museum gallery. He was impressed with different architectural designs and abstract works of the Sangsad Bhaban put on display at the exhibition, a sangsad secretariat press release said.

"This structure, in fact, reflects the hopes and aspirations of the people in a parliamentary democratic system," Siddiqui said. Architect Nurur Rahman Khan gave description of the background, designs and other related matters of this ever-memorable architectural establishment of Prof. Luis Kahn to the Acting Speaker and others accompanied him in the exhibition.

He also heard some experiences of 77 years old Imtiaz Mia, who was a peer of Prof. Luis Kahn during his stay here. He thanked the organisers for such a beautiful exhibition on the Sangsad Bhaban, the press release said.

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Car hijacked in city

Misceants hijacked a private car at gunpoint from its driver at the city's Dhanmondi area Friday night.

Sources said four gunmen came to the car numbering Dhaka Metro G-139863 and asked driver Yasin for an address at about 9:45pm.

The driver was waiting for his master Syed Awlad in front of World View International Foundation on the south-east corner of Abahani ground.

Two of the miscreants snatched the key of the vehicle from the driver at gunpoint.

Hearing the scream of the driver, Awlad came out of the foundation and saw the miscreants fleeing away with the car.

Awlad filed a case with the Dhanmondi Police Station in this connection.

Police are yet to recover the vehicle.

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Date : 24th August 2002

NOTICE OF TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

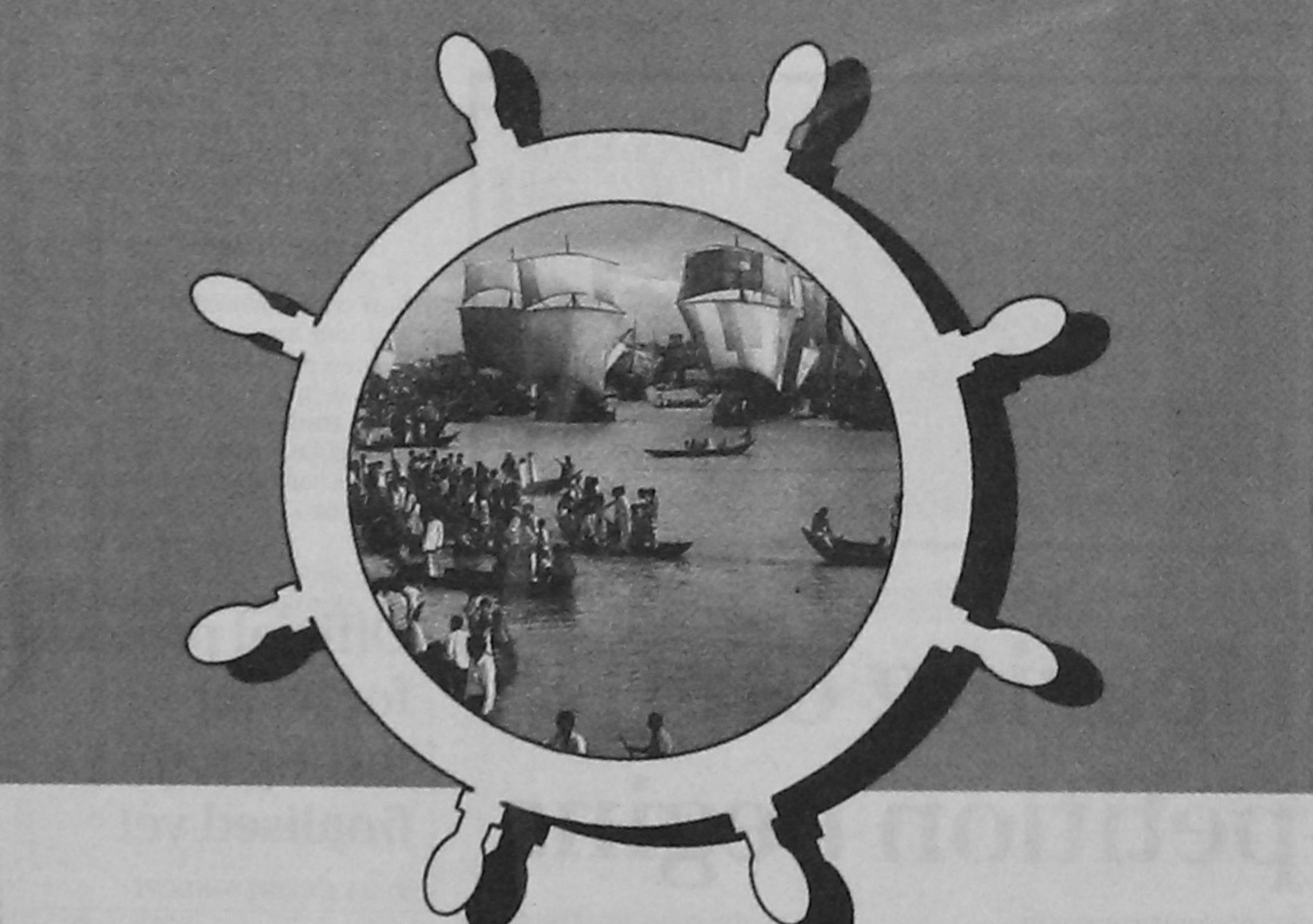
Notice is hereby given that the 26th Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of Ambee Pharmaceuticals Limited will be held at 12.00 Noon on Monday the 30th September 2002 at House No. 1, Road No. 71, Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka-1212 to transact the following business:

- AGENDA**
- 1) To confirm the minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting held on the 30th September 2001.
 - 2) To receive consider and adopt the audited accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2001 and the report of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
 - 3) To declare Dividend for the year ended 31st December 2001.
 - 4) To elect Directors in terms of the relevant provision of the Articles of Association.
 - 5) To appoint Auditors for the year 2002 and to fix their remuneration.
 - 6) To transact any other business of the Company with the permission of the Chair.

By Order of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
(ABM. Mazharul Hasan)
Company Secretary

- Note:
- i. The Share transfer books of the Company will remain closed from 14th September 2002 to 30th September 2002 both days inclusive. During the period no share transfer will be registered.
 - ii. The Shareholders whose names will appear in the Register of Members of the Company before 14th September 2002 will be entitled to the Dividend.
 - iii. The Directors have recommended dividend @ 21% i.e. Tk. 2.10 per share of Tk. 10.00 each.
 - iv. A member entitled to attend and vote at the General Meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his stead. Such proxy shall be a member of the Company. The proxy form must be affixed with revenue stamp of Tk. 5.00 and should be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.
 - v. Members are requested to notify change of address, if any, to the Company.
 - vi. Admission to the meeting room will be strictly on production of the attendance slip sent with the Notice.

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Sponsorship through the EU Asia-Invest means that places on this five day course will cost Tk. 10,000. For more information or to book your place, please Contact:-

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Have You Participated in the Country's Fifteen Years Future Planning?

In fact, our government has prepared a PRSP (Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper) advised by the World Bank. Government has already circulated the draft title 'National Strategy for Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction'. But, it should be with all level participation and a national consensus. Thus, we are organizing 42 seminars at district level, where you can raise your voice.

Date	District	Organizer & Telephone	Date	District	Organizer & Telephone
18 Aug	Mymensingh	ARD, 017645525	27 Aug	Maulavibazar	SPOSP, 017405257
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23	Khulna	Rupantar, 017345172	27	Bagerhat	Rupantar, 017345172
24	Pirojpur	PGUS,	28	Sunamganj	CRIS, 011603575
25	Kurigram	Solidarity, 0581-61532	28	Shatkhira	Sodesh, 017663801
25	Nator	PKSS, 017100703	28	Faridpur	FDA, 017808463
25	Nilphamari	BRIF, 0531-89053	28	Chuadanga	WAVE, 017859416
29	Magura	Srijoni, 0451-624907	28	Rangamati	YPSA, 017825068
26	Brahmanbaria	VDC, 017267191	29	Sylhet	VARL, 017566460
26	Rajshahi	Shaw-Unnayan, 0721-772249	29	Chittagong	YPSA, 017825068
26	Habiganj	PASA, 017301178	29	Patuakhali	SAP, 04424-56284
26	Lalmonirhat	OVA, 0591-61592	29	Shariatpur	SDS, 0601-55554
26	Pabna	PPS, 0731-64901	29	Jessore	GUS, 017838106
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26	Narail	ALO, 0481-62741	03	Meherpur	SSKS, 017463423
26	Netrokona	Swabalambi, 0951-61566	05	Haïta	Dwip Unnayan Sangstha
26	Noakhali	NRDS, 017722650	07	Cox's Bazar	EJF
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14 Sept. 2002, 09 am, LGED Auditorium, Agargaon, Dhaka

We prepared a Bangla translation of this document and we have also a publication on how other third world countries are preparing this PRSP and about the role of World Bank. You can get it by sending a self addressed envelop of 12" x 9" with postage of Tk. 44 to us, we will send all publications in this relation. Please contact:

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