

Training of doctors a must: Mosharraf

BSS, Dhaka

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain yesterday said the training of doctors would be strengthened for increasing their skills and making healthcare service available to people.

He was addressing as chief guest a workshop on "Family Medicine and General Practice" at the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Diseases Rehabilitation, Bangladesh organised by the Health Directorate.

Dr Hossain said: "Patients are deprived of healthcare service as doctors working at the grass-roots level don't have proper training in family medicine."

"As a result, patients are going to specialist doctors unnecessarily raising their treatment expenditures," he added.

People in the rural areas, who are deprived of proper treatment, go to quacks due to absence of doctors in their locality, Dr Hossain said.

He said the government decided to appoint an MBBS doctor at each Union Health and Family Welfare Centre to reach healthcare services to the doorsteps of people.

Chaired by Director General of Health Directorate A B M Ahsan

Ullah, the function was also addressed by Health Secretary M Lutfar Rahman Chowdhury, First Secretary of Human Resources Department of DFID Dr Neil Squires and senior health officials.

The minister said the government launched higher health courses in six medical colleges for the development of healthcare services.

Inclusion of family medicine in the courses is also being considered, he added.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Quadrat Ullah Bhuiyan, national award recipient in football and tennis and a former general manager of BJMC, died of a cardiac arrest yesterday at the age of 77.

Bhuiyan, who was a member of Dhaka Officers' Club, collapsed while playing tennis at the club's tennis ground. He was rushed to Holy Family Hospital where the doctors pronounced him dead.

Dhaka Officers' Club sources said, He is survived by his wife, one son and four daughters.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held at 9 am today at Ramna Tennis Federation Complex. He will be buried at his village home in Sripur under Gazipur district.



Mohila Awami League forms a human chain in the city yesterday demanding immediate release of AL leader Saber Hossain Chowdhury.

Multi-sectoral approach needed to combat AIDS

UNB, Dhaka

The two-day AIDS Conference 2002 organised by the National STD/AIDS Network concluded in the city yesterday with a call for building broad-based functional partnership among the government, NGOs and professional bodies in implementing programmes related to HIV/AIDS in Bangladesh.

The 14-point Dhaka Declaration from the concluding ceremony of the conference, held at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre, also outlined a structure where the government would provide the leadership in creating an enabling environment for the partner organisations in implementing their programmes.

Addressing the concluding session, Prime Minister's Advisor on Primary and Mass Education Prof Jahanara Begum said effective, appropriate and culturally accepted multi-sectoral approach is a must to combat the HIV/AIDS disease.

She said time is not far away when the problem of STD/AIDS will be a big one affecting social and economic life.

Secretary to the Ministry of Youth and Sports Nurul Huda chaired the concluding ceremony while World Bank Representative Nancy Fe. First Secretary (Human Development) of DFID Dr Neil Squire, Chairman of the conference committee Dr Abu Jamil Faisal and convenor of organising committee SM Morshed also spoke.

Nurul Huda said the problem of STD/AIDS in Bangladesh is not a big one but it won't take time to take a serious turn.

Citing his past experience when he was in South Africa, Dr Neil said Bangladesh can avoid the devastating scenario addressing STD/AIDS problem. Poverty and gender inequality in Bangladesh is very high and that's why there is a potential threat to increase number of STD/AIDS affected people, he said.

Some 526 delegates from home and abroad representing 167 governmental, non-governmental (NGO) and Community-based Organisations (CBOs) took part in conference.



Maple Leaf International School held a cultural function at the Shishu Academy in the city recently.

Bangladesh makes impressive gain in population, child health sectors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has made impressive gains in population and child health sectors with support from USAID and other donors over the past twenty-five years, said USAID officials.

According to them, Bangladesh has been able to reduce the total fertility rate to 3.3 births per woman in 1999-2000 from 7 in the mid-1970s.

The contraceptive prevalence rate has been increased to 54 per cent from 8 per cent during the period.

At the same time, the infant mortality rate has also declined to 66 per thousand live births from 150 per thousand.

The mortality rate of children under five years of age has been reduced to 94 per thousand in 1999-2000 from about 250 per thousand in the mid-1970s.

"The goal of USAID in population and health sector is to enhance the quality of life of the socially and economically disadvantaged people of Bangladesh by reducing fertility and improving family health," Christopher W Webster, deputy chief of mission of US Embassy told the reporters during a field trip to different USAID funded projects in the capital.

The USAID has been funding the Family Health Research Project since 1997 with an estimated budget of 27 million dollar.

Under this project, the ICDDR,B is conducting a number of studies in child health, family planning and other reproductive health, basic obstetric care and nutrition, said USAID officials during a visit to the centre.

The project also supports two demographic and epidemiological

surveillance centres, one at Abhyonagar in Jessore and the other in Dhaka metropolitan area.

The USAID also funds the centre to monitor the outbreak of infectious diseases of particular importance to Bangladesh. These are diarrhoea, acute respiratory tract infection (pneumonia), reproductive tract infections, pulmonary tuberculosis and dengue.

The USAID has provided about 4.3 billion dollar in bilateral assistance to Bangladesh since its independence.

The USAID officials also took the journalists to Jalal Cane Furniture (JCF) which produces all types of home and office furniture with quality canes, wrought iron and imported teakwood.

The JCF is a project under USAID Loan Portfolio Guarantee Programme (LPG).

The USAID is also working with

three private commercial banks namely National Bank, Prime Bank and Dhaka Bank under the programme since 2000.

The banks disbursed Tk 5 crore to 38 different enterprises under this scheme.

In order to eliminate child labour and reduce the exploitation of child workers, the American Centre for International Labour Solidarity (ACILS) provides education and other direct preventive action services.

The solidarity centre operates three schools in Dhaka and one in Chittagong. 280 children were enrolled in these schools at the beginning of this project. Of them 138 are girls. Greg Schulze, field representative of the solidarity centre told the reporters.

He said the programme would help develop language and vocational skills among the children whose parents are mostly garment workers.



Stephen Daintith, Managing Director, British American Tobacco Bangladesh, speaking at a seminar on 'Change Management' organised by the Institute of Business Administration, University of Dhaka on Monday.

PPD Executive Director calls on Reaz Rahman

Dr Timothee Gandaho, executive director of Partners in Population and Development (PPD), called on State Minister for Foreign Affairs Reaz Rahman in Dhaka on Sunday, says a press release.

He briefed the minister about the activities of his organisation which is an intergovernmental alliance of 19 developing countries including Bangladesh, China, Columbia, Egypt, Gambia, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, Yemen and Zimbabwe representing 54 per cent of the world's population.

The Alliance was launched at the recommendation of the United Nations International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held in Cairo in 1994 to initiate, promote and strengthen south-south collaboration in the field of reproductive health, population and development within the framework of an action programme ratified by 179 nations.

The secretariat of the alliance is located in Dhaka.

The executive director expressed his deep appreciation and thanks to Bangladesh government for its sincere efforts and active role in getting the Partners recommended for UN Observer Status through the Sixth Committee of the 57th session of the UN General Assembly.

Dr Timothee Gandaho also met Shamsher M Chowdhury, foreign secretary, on the same day.

Jalaluddin Ahmed, director, south-south centre of Bangladesh was present on the occasion.



Japanese Doll Exhibition begins today

As a part of "Japan Month" to commemorate the 30th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Bangladesh, the Embassy of Japan and Bangladesh Shishu Academy will jointly organize a "Japanese Doll Exhibition" from today to November 9, 2002 at the Children Art Gallery of the Bangladesh Shishu Academy, says a press release.

Minister for Women and Children Affairs Khurshid Zahana Haque and Japanese Ambassador Jiro Kobayashi will inaugurate the exhibition.

Dolls have been a part of everyday life in Japan since ancient times. Japanese dolls reflect the customs of Japan and aspirations of its people, possess distinctive regional attributes, and over the centuries have developed in many divers forms. Doll.

For this exhibition, various types of dolls from Japan under the auspices of the Japan Foundation have been brought. The exhibition will remain open for the visitors from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm everyday until the Holy Ramadan and during the Ramadan the exhibition timing will be from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm everyday.

Stephen shares experiences with IBA students

Stephen Daintith, Managing Director, British American Tobacco Bangladesh, attended a seminar on 'Change Management' organised by the Institute of Business Administration, University of Dhaka on Monday, says a press release.

SMA Faiz, Vice Chancellor of University of Dhaka; Anwar Hossain, Director, IBA; Q M Shahed, Head of Human Resources, BATB were present on the occasion. Around 200 students and teachers of IBA attended the seminar.

Stephen shared his learning and experience from his wide-ranging successful international career with one of the world's leading international fast moving consumer goods companies. While discussing the different faces of management, Stephen stressed upon the need to embark on a journey of continuous improvement to cope up with rapidly changing business scenario.

British American Tobacco Bangladesh is one of the pioneers to introduce and manage change effectively in Bangladesh.

DHAKA TODAY

Silver jubilee celebration

The silver jubilee celebration ceremony of Rural Electrification Board will be held with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia as chief guest. Venue: Osmani Memorial auditorium. Time: 6:45pm.

Film show

The Rainbow Film Society will screen a contemporary West Bengal film titled 'Cancer'. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Salmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:00pm.

Art exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of a solo painting exhibition of Javed Jalil will be held. Venue: Shilpagan Art Gallery. Time: 5:00pm. The exhibition will remain open till November 7 from 10:00am to 8:00pm daily.

Workshop

The inaugural ceremony of a two-day workshop on 'Coastal Zone Management' will be held with acting Vice Chancellor of BUET Prof M A Halim as chief guest. Venue: BUET Council Bhaban. Time: 9:30am.

Founding anniversary

Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Goshhi organises a discussion and cultural function on the occasion of its 34th founding anniversary. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 5:00pm

Reunion

A reunion of nationalist ex-students association of Rajshahi Medical College will be held with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: BIAM auditorium. Time: 5:30pm.

Meeting

An opinion sharing meeting on the 'Role of coaching centre and its future course in the education system' will be held with State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haq Milon as chief guest. Venue: University Campus Magazine auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 10:00am.

Award ceremony

The award giving ceremony of 'Poet Talm Hossain Trust Award 2002' will be held with Prof Emajuddin Ahmed as

chief guest. It will be followed by a musical soiree. Venue: National Museum, Shahbagh. Time: 4:30pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

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Bank seminar

A seminar on 'Money Laundering', organised by the Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh, will be held with Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed, Bangladesh Bank Governor as chief guest. Venue: BIMB auditorium, Mirpur. Time: 3:00pm.

Foundation laying ceremony

The foundation stone laying ceremony of Bangladesh Resident Mission Building of the Asian Development Bank will be held with Finance and Planning Minister M Safur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Agargaon. Time: 4:00pm.

Journalists' conference

A national conference of journalists, organised by Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ), will be held. Venue: National Press Club auditorium. Time: 10:00am.

Law seminar

A seminar on 'Good governance in Bangladesh: Legal and judicial perspective', organised by Bangladesh Air Samity, will be held. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium. Time: 4:00pm.

Union conference

The inaugural function of a two-day conference on 'Trade Union Rights', organised by Public Services International, will be held. Venue: BCS Administrative Academy, Shaahbagh. Time: 9:00am.

Blood donation

Orca blood for life organises a voluntary blood donation programme. Venue: American International University of Bangladesh. Time: 9:00am.

WEATHER TODAY

Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather may remain dry over the country during the next 24 hours till 6pm today.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 32.4 degree Celsius was recorded at both Chittagong and Sylhet and the lowest of 16.6 degree at Rajshahi.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:21 pm today and rises at 6:03 am tomorrow.

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.0	21.6	54	49
Chittagong	32.4	21.8	78	72
Rajshahi	30.8	16.6	59	77
Khulna	31.5	20.5	69	66
Barisal	30.5	19.8	79	82
Sylhet	32.4	20.6	100	85
Cox's Bazar	32.2	22.5	73	78

Gazipur PWD Division Tender Notice

Tender No 46/2002-2003

- Name of work : Construction of Dhaka Central Jail at Kashimpur in the Dist of Gazipur. SH: Construction of 240 Nos long term & short term convicted prisoners accommodation Barrack No 5/6-storied bldg with 6-storied foundation) during the year 2002-2003.
- Estimated cost : Tk 1,91,27,065/-
- Earnest money : Tk 3,82,550/-
- Time allowed for completion of the work : 300 (three hundred) days from the date of issue of work order.
- Price of tender : Tk 775/- (Tk seven hundred seventy five) only per set.
- Place of selling & receiving tender : (a) Office of the undersigned & as well as by the Executive Engineer, Mirpur PWD Divn, Dhaka/Saver PWD Divn, Dhaka/Manikganj PWD Divn, Manikganj/SB Nagar PWD Divn I/II/III, Mohakhali PWD Divn/Eden Bldg PWD Divn/Dhaka PWD Divn/II/III/IV, City PWD Divn/Medical College PWD Divn/Motijheel PWD Div/Azimpur PWD Divn/Maintenance PWD Divn/Resource PWD Divn/Narayanganj PWD Divn/Munshiganj PWD Divn/Narshiddi PWD Divn/Sherpur PWD Divn/Jamalpur PWD Divn/Mymensingh PWD Divn/Kishoreganj PWD Divn/Netrokona PWD Divn/Tangail PWD Divn/Executive Officer, Arboricultural PWD Divn. (b) Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, Chittagong/Rajshahi/Khulna PWD Zone. (c) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka.
- Last date of selling tenders : During office hours up to 10-11-2002.
- Date of receiving & opening of tenders : Up to 12:00 Noon on 11-11-2002 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM.
- Eligibility of contractors/firms to compete in the tenders : Category applicable as per financial limit of approved and enlisted civil contractors/firms of the Public Works Deptt.
- To compete in the tender, pre-conditions, terms and conditions with special terms and conditions along with relevant information are laid down in the tender schedule which may be seen accordingly.
- The undersigned reserves the right to reject or accept any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason.

Executive Engineer
Gazipur PWD Division
Gazipur
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Rajshahi University

Advertisement No. 16/2002 Dated: 20 October 2002

Applications are invited from Bangladeshi nationals for filling up two permanent posts of Assistant Professor/Lecturer and six permanent posts of Lecturer in the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Scale of pay:
Assistant : Tk 7200-260-10840/-
Professor : plus usual allowances.
Lecturer : Tk 4300-185-5595
-EB-195-7740/-

Forms and particulars regarding qualification requirements may be obtained from the office of the Registrar by sending a self-addressed envelope with postage stamp worth Tk 4/- only.

9 (nine) copies of the application form duly filled in along with attested copies of all academic certificates with each application and application fee of Tk 160/- (one hundred sixty) in Bank Draft/Pay Order (non-refundable), Agrani Bank, Rajshahi University Branch in favour of the Registrar, Rajshahi University must reach the undersigned on or before 20-11-2002.

Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel. Incomplete applications will be rejected without reference.

Md Abdus Salam
Registrar
Rajshahi University

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD

Road Division, Rajshahi

Corrigendum to Tender Notice

No 07-RRD/2002-2003, Rajshahi Road Division

It is hereby notified for general information of all concern that the Tender Notice No 07-RRD/2002-2003 Eng circulated vide memo No 2767 dated 13.10.2002 Eng/28.6.1409 Beng is hereby changed as noted below due to unavoidable circumstances. All other terms & conditions will be remain unchanged. This Corrigendum Notice will be a part of the tender, which should be submitted along with the tender. This Corrigendum Notice will be issued free of cost.

- Last date & time for : 06.11.2002 Eng up to office
selling tender hours.
- Last date & time for : 13.11.2002 Eng up to 12.30 pm.
receiving tender
- Date & time for : 17.11.2002 Eng at 11.30 am.
opening tender

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