

Workshop on water and climate 7 districts to face severe climate change: Experts

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Seven districts of the country are likely to face severe climate change which may bring adverse impact on human health and displace millions of people from the coastal areas, warned leading environmentalists.

Speaking at a workshop on 'Water and Climate in Bangladesh', the experts said Bhakurgaon, Sakhra, Kushia, Manikganj, Sunamganj, Bhola and Khagrachhari would experience acute drought, unexpected heavy rainfall, cyclones, storm surges within a short period of time and flash floods and sea level rise in the coastal belt areas over a longer period of time.

Such natural calamities, the experts said, would largely affect human health and cause displacement of large population in the coastal belt apart from urban floods, riverbank erosions, inundation of unprotected areas, and adverse change of flora and fauna.

"Of course, these are not going to happen overnight," said Prof Anun Nishat, country representative of International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, while giving an introduction to Bangladesh National Dialogue at IDB Bhaban yesterday.

The speakers said owing to rise in sea level, the country might experience severe salinity with the inland intrusion of sea water. Increase in temperature by one to two degrees Celsius over the next decade may have serious impacts on crops and pattern of traditional vegetation.

They suggested wide-spread tree plantation and afforestation, introduction of proper drainage system, integrated pest management, cultivation of medicinal plants and construction of new

embankments ensuring natural water flow to minimise the effects of climate change.

After consultation with local people at the district level, the experts found that villagers favoured immediate mechanisms to deal with natural calamities. Local people, especially farmers, have complained that untimely events like sudden rainfall, hailstorm and long foggy periods hamper farm production.

Earlier speaking as chief guest at the inaugural session, Minister of Water Resources L K Siddique said, "This unpredictability is an impact of climate change which causes recurring floods, acute drought, river erosion, drainage congestion and submergence of 11 per cent of country's surface areas."

Environment and Forest Secretary Sabihuddin Ahmed said, "Good governance is crucial for successful implementation of the coping and adaptation strategy in cooperation with the relevant social and political institutions."

He said, "There is an urgent call for the ministry of water resources to involve all stakeholders in the participatory process of promoting and incorporating indigenous knowledge in the national coping and adaptation strategies."

Kamal Ibne Yousuf, minister for Disaster Management and Relief and Sjeif Ijerman, ambassador of The Netherlands to Bangladesh also spoke on the occasion.

The dialogue is a part of global initiative aimed at deepening our understanding of implications of climate change on water resource management.

The two-day workshop is being organised by IUCN Bangladesh in collaboration with ministries of water resources and environment and forest.



Maj. Gen. (ret'd) Syed Muhammad Ibrahim, Bir Pratik, delivers the key-note speech at a discussion marking the Victory Day, organised by the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies at its auditorium in the city yesterday. Health Minister Khandker Mosharrar Hossain was present as chief guest.

Roundtable on role of MP Lack of understanding responsible for political stand-off

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Chief Whip Khandaker Delwar Hossain said yesterday that a lack of understanding between the ruling and opposition parties in parliament is mainly responsible for the political stand-off.

"Dialogue between the government and the opposition is a must in the interest of the country, its independence and sovereignty. Both the treasury and opposition bench members should reach a consensus to resolve the issues of national interests," he said.

The chief whip was speaking at a roundtable on "The role of a member of parliament in a parliamentary democracy" at a city hotel where lawmakers also pointed out that the parliament is too weak to prevent the govern-

ment from committing wrongdoings.

"This has happened because the role of the MPs has been restricted severely by the provisions made under Article 70 (1) of the Constitution," said Golam Mohammad Qader of the Jatiya Party (JP) in his key-note speech on "The role of MPs in the House and parliamentary standing committee."

Almost all the 31 participants noted that the lack of manpower, infrastructure and technical support greatly hampers the activities of the MPs.

Even the bureaucracy does not respect them and their right is not protected, they alleged.

The speakers urged the government to treat the MPs as elected representatives, not as party members (ruling or opposition), since they are elected through popular votes.

They also appealed to the government to ensure equal participation of all MPs in development activities.

Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar inaugurated the second roundtable of the series under the Strengthening the Parliamentary Democracy Project jointly organised by the Institute of Parliamentary Studies and the United Nations Office for Project Services.

Chaired by Chief Whip Khandaker Delwar Hossain, the inaugural session was also addressed by Prime Minister's Parliamentary Affairs Advisor Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury and the UNDP Resident Representative Jorgen Lissner.

In the working session, three key-note papers titled "The role of MP in the constituency", "The role of MPs in parliamentary system of

government' and 'The role of an MP in the House and the Parliamentary Standing Committees, were presented by Vice-Principal Abdus Shahid, Abu Eusuf Md. Khalilur Rahman and Golam Mohammad Qader respectively.

Dr. Mohammad Ali, Jaynal Abedin Faruk, Giasuddin Ahmed, Akbar Ali, Shafi Uddin Chowdhury, and Sultan Mohammad Babu of the ruling BNP, Abdus Shahid, Altaf Hossain Golondaz, Dr. MA Mannan and Rezaul Karim Hira of the main opposition Awami League, Rawshan Ershad, Tajul Islam Chowdhury, Hafizuddin Ahmed Masur Rahman Ranga, and independent lawmaker MA Shaheen took part in the discussion.

Inaugurating the roundtable, Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar stressed the need for immediate formation of all parliamentary standing committees for effective functioning of the parliamentary democracy.

UNDP Resident Representative Jorgen Lissner underscored the need for strict security for the parliament.

Referring to recent attacks on various parliaments across the world, Lissner suggested forming an independent parliament protection force for the highest security of the parliament.

According to the organisers, a total of 205 MPs were invited, but only 31 joined the roundtable.



JU teacher Prof Shamsul Haq dead

BSS, Dhaka

Professor Mohammad Shamsul Haq, Chairman, Bangla Department, Jahangirnagar University, died of asthma at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) here yesterday evening at the age of 63.

President Iajuddin Ahmed expressed deep shock at the death of Shamsul Haq.

In a message of condolence, the president recalled the contribution of Shamsul Haq in the development of Bangla language and literature.

Iajuddin also conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family of the deceased and prayed to the Almighty Allah for the peace of the departed soul.

According to a JU press release, his namaj-e-janaza will be held at the playground adjacent to the Vice-Chancellor Bhaban at 11 am today.

Dr Rabbee's death anniversary today

The 31st death anniversary of Dr Md Lazle Rabbee will be observed today, says a press release.

He embraced martyrdom on this day in 1971.

Dr Rabbee, a gold medallist graduate of Dhaka Medical College, was a brilliant cardiologist with international reputation.

In observance of his death anniversary, wreaths will be placed on his grave at the new Azampur graveyard in the morning and fatcha will be offered for the salvation of the departed soul.

Food will be distributed among the destitutes at noon.

Qurankhiani and doa mahfil have also been arranged after Asr prayers.



Litterateur Rashid Haider reads out excerpts from the book by Selina Parveen at the inaugural ceremony of three-day Bijoy Utsab on the premises of the Liberation War Museum in the city yesterday.

Continuation of democratic process underscored

BSS, Dhaka

Speakers at a discussion in the city yesterday underscored the importance of continuation of the democratic process and consensus on economic development sinking controversy over political issues to lead the nation to the path of progress and prosperity.

They said the victory in 1971 was the biggest achievement of the nation in the twentieth century and its ultimate goal was economic emancipation. But, the economy in last 31 years, they said could not attain the expected progress because of "political de-

bate."

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandker Mosharrar Hossain was the chief guest at the opening session of the day-long discussion organised by Bangladesh International Institute for Strategic Studies (BISS) at its auditorium on the occasion of the Victory Day.

Executive Director of the Centre for Strategic and Peace Studies Maj Gen Sayed M Ibrahim (ret'd) Bir Pratik presented a keynote paper on "Consolidation of Victory" at the opening session, also addressed by Director General of BISS Maj Gen S M Shahab Uddin.

Chairman of the BISS Board of Governors and former ambassador Mufleh R Osmani presided over the session.

The Health Minister said emergence of Bangladesh based on a single national identity was the only event in the world history. It was a mass-struggle and people of the country declared solidarity with the liberation struggle.

Former advisor to the caretaker government Maj Gen (Ret'd) Moinal Hossain Chowdhury, Maj Gen (Ret'd) Imamuzzaman and Prof Anwar Hossain of Dhaka University also took part in the discussion.

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