



Mohora Water Treatment Plant.

## Heart patients get hurt as CMCH dept limps

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The patients with heart diseases of greater Chittagong endure immense sufferings as the cardiology department of Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) limps due to technical and instrumental drawbacks.

Although two costly key machines -- pace maker and angiogram -- for heart treatment were installed in a span of four years time from 2000 to 2004, the department is yet to get a full-fledged shape adding of the misery of patients.

"We were so happy when the machine was installed and started operation here. That was really a historic moment for all of us. But for lack of regular technicians we couldn't give expected services to the patients," said Dr AKM Monzur Morshed, Head of Cardiology Department.

Another physician said the heart patients of Chittagong and adjoining districts would

no more require travelling the capital or neighbouring countries if the machine could be made functional properly.

The pacemaker, procured at a cost of Tk 1.50 crore, was installed in 2000. After installation, it was on function for few months and afterward it has been out of order till date.

Lack of proper maintenance has brought this unexpected fate for the machine, for which heart patients are suffering greatly, sources said.

They said the authorities have not taken any initiative to make the costly and key machine functional yet.

The patients with critical diseases of the Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Rangamati, Khagrachari and Bandarban depend on the services of CMCH, which is the lone hospital with required facilities in this vast region.



The angiogram machine of the cardiology department at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

# At last Wasa gets a move on

Wasa Chittagong has taken three projects to produce an additional 27 crore litres of water a day

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As the plight of the city dwellers persists with less than one third of the demand for water met, Water and Sewerage Authority (Wasa), Chittagong has taken three projects to produce an additional 27 crore litres of water a day.

Wasa installations now produce 17 crore litres a day against the demand of over 50 crore litres, sources said.

Of them, Wasa produces nine crore litres of water a day through treatment of water of the river Hulda at Mohora Water Treatment Plant while the remaining eight crore litres of water come from 52 deep tube-

wells sunk at different city points.

The projects are Karnaphuli Water Supply Project with a production capacity of 13.50 crore litres per day, the extended unit of Mohora Water Treatment Plant (under phase II of Mohora project) with capacity of 9 crore litres and Madunaghata Water Supply Project with capacity of 4.5 crore litres of water.

The Karnaphuli Water Supply Project will be implemented with the financial assistance of Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), sources said.

A JBIC delegation led by its Deputy Director General Yasunori Onishi called on LGRD

and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan in the capital on June 14 to implement the project that involves Tk 660 crore.

Wasa Chittagong Chief Engineer Shafiqul Islam said the meeting was very positive.

Shafiqul said "A highly-powered JBIC delegation will also arrive in Chittagong on June 25 to discuss different aspects of the project with the Wasa officials."

"After the meeting we will go for preparing the Project Concept Paper (PCP)," he said.

JBIC had already selected 30 acres of land along the river Karnaphuli at Rangunia upazila for implementation of the project, he added.

He said an agreement for

loan will be signed in this regard to start the project early next year.

Besides, all is set to begin implementation of the Italian financed Madunaghata Water Supply Project within two months, said sources at Wasa. It will produce 4.5 crore litres of water daily.

The cabinet committee approved the Madunaghata Project with an estimated cost of Tk 88.23 crore in September 2003 to be completed by 2006, they said.

Moreover, implementation of the extended unit of Mohora Water Treatment Plant that will also be started soon, sources said.

A tender for the project will be floated next month and its imple-

mentation is likely to start by September, they said.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia laid the foundation stone of Tk 197.69 crore Mohora Project (phase II) in October, 2003 to be funded by the government.

After completion of the Mohora Water Treatment Plant in 1987, a good number of projects were earmarked to meet the increasing demand.

But, apart from sinking of some deep tube-wells under several interim water supply projects, none of the earmarked projects like Madunaghata and Mohora Second unit could be implemented in the last 18 years.

A half-day seminar on supply management was held at Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) auditorium in the city on Monday.

In "Gaa" group Md. Abdur Razzaque of Pahartoli TPP Colony High School became the champion while Tahseen Abedin of Chittagong Port City School and College and Kulsum Begum of Saint Scholastica Girls High School became the 2nd and the 3rd respectively.

The speakers said there is no alternative to the controlled supply management for running business efficiently in tough competition of the present day world.

Proper management of supply not only ensures sending right items to the right consumers at the right time but also reduces the transportation cost, they said.

ATDP Chittagong Regional Office and CSE jointly organised the seminar titled "Supply Chain Management" as a part of continued efforts to enhance competing capacity among the entrepreneurs.

CSE President Habibulla Khan was the chief guest at the seminar where Professor Dr Frank Kooistra of Wisconsin University, USA, presented the keynote paper.

Over 50 people, including representatives from different NGOs and clients related to ATDP, CSE, Mostafa Group, PHP Group, SEDF, Abul Khair



Poet Nirmalendu Goon inaugurates Batighar, a book shop, at Cheragi Paharer More

### IUB workshop on library management

A workshop on effective uses of WINIS software on library management was held on the Chittagong campus of Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB) on Thursday.

David Storti of Information Society Division, Unesco, said the WINIS will become popular among the library professionals of the port city. IUB, Chittagong campus coordinator Professor Syed Surdul Hug said the workshop will help develop automation system and services of the libraries in Chittagong.

Library professionals and students of different universities, institutes and organisations participated in the workshop conducted by associate librarian Hossam Haider Chowdhury and assistant librarian Md Abu Khaled Chowdhury.

### Karnaphuli Apex installation held

The 11th installation ceremony of the Apex Club of Karnaphuli, Chittagong was held here on Friday with a vow to continue the welfare activities of the organisation.

Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) Commissioner Md. Mazedul Haq in his speech as chief guest urged the Apexians to help improve the living standard of the people.

He urged them to provide guidelines to the lawbreakers and help proper implementation of anti-drug and traffic laws.

Apexian Md Ameer Hossain Quamrul and Apexian Nazmul Haq took over as the new president and general secretary of the organisation at the ceremony.

Apex Bangladesh President Abdur Rouf Dilip and Vice-President Md Yasin Chowdhury were special guests where Life Governor and Past President Kutubuddulla, Dr Jabul Hossain and Md Motif Uddin were guests of honour. Karnaphuli Apex founding president and District Governor-3 Shawkat Hossain Babul, Apexians Jasim Uddin Rana and Nupur Chowdhury also spoke with outgoing president Ashrafur Anam Bappi in the chair.

Acting Principal Shah Md. Ziauddin Chowdhury presided over the meeting.

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