



A person has his blood tested for diabetes while many others wait in a queue in front of the National Press Club in the city yesterday. The Diabetic Association of Bangladesh organised the free blood test programme on the occasion of World Diabetes Day.

## Mass awareness a must to control diabetes

Experts tell discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Experts at a discussion yesterday underscored the need for mass awareness to control diabetes.

They called on different private organisations to provide financial support alongside the government efforts for the treatment of 45 lakh diabetic patients in the country.

The discussion was organised by the Diabetic Association of Bangladesh (Dab) at Birdem hospital auditorium in the city in observance of the World Diabetes Day.

Speaking as chief guest, Prof (Emeritus) Sufia Rahman, adviser to caretaker government, expressed concern over the increasing number of diabetes patients around the world and said the experts apprehend that their number would reach around 33 crore by 2025.

"Kidney, eye, heart and leg of a diabetic patient may be severely affected due to lack of awareness and control of the disease," she said.

Prof Sufia pointed out that the disease is completely curable as it is not a contaminated one.

As the diabetic patients have to carry the disease throughout their lives, they should be made aware of how to control the disease by campaign, especially through media, she added.

Presiding over the discussion, Major General (Retd) Prof AR Khan, Dab National Council member, said, "Only 4.5 lakh diabetic patients are receiving treatment from different diabetic hospitals across the country while 45 lakh others are deprived of treatment as they cannot afford the cost."

Prof AK Azad Khan, Dab general secretary, said WHO has already declared diabetes as an epidemic disease and 95 percent patients live in developing countries.

He said while 65 percent of the disease is curable, it should be considered as a social crime if it is not prevented.

He urged town planners to keep open space for playing games and performing physical exercise to check obesity which is a prime cause for diabetes.

Prof Hazera Mahbub, Dab National Council member, called for forming the habit of balanced diet and physical exercise from early childhood to prevent diabetes.

In his vote of thanks, Major General (Retd) Dr Ziauddin Ahmed, director general of Birdem, urged all to take vow to create awareness among people for controlling diabetes.

## NU exams postponed

The timetable for 3rd year Honours Part-3 examination under National University scheduled to start from November 16 has been cancelled due to some unavoidable circumstances, says a press release.

New timetable of this examination will be notified shortly. Besides, the 2nd paper examination of LLB last part scheduled for November 17 under National University has been postponed.

The new date will be announced shortly. Timetable for other examinations of LLB will remain unchanged.

JU ADMISSION TEST FROM NOV 19

## 49 to vie for one seat

JU CORRESPONDENT

About 49 students are likely to vie for one seat at the admission tests to be held from November 19 to December 2 under 2006-2007 academic sessions at Jahangirnagar University (JU).

A total of 53,806 admission forms have so far been sold this year for 25 departments under four faculties. A total of 9850 forms were sold under Ka unit (Science faculty), 17616 under Kha unit (Social Science faculty), 13650 under Ga unit (Arts faculty) and 12690 under Gha unit (Life science faculty).

Admission tests of Computer Science and Engineering, Physics and Mathematics departments will be held on November 19 while admission tests of Chemistry, Environmental Science, Statistics and Geological Science will be held on November 20.

Admission tests of the departments under Life science faculty (Gha unit) will begin on November 21 with Botany and Zoology departments.

Admission tests of Pharmacy and Biochemistry and Molecular science departments will be held on November 22. Admission tests of Microbiology department will be held on November 23.

Admission tests of History department will be held on November 23 while admission tests of Bangla, Drama and Dramatics and Philosophy on November 26. English, International Relations and Archaeology departments will hold admission tests on November 27.

The admission tests under Social Science (Kha unit) will begin on November 28 with the departments of Business Administration and Geography. Admission tests of Public Administration and Anthropology will be held on November 29 while admission tests of Economics and Government Politics on November 30. Admission test for Urban and Regional Planning will be held on December 2.

All classes and examinations at all the departments will remain post-

poned during the admission tests. Sit plan for admission tests will be available on the day before the admission tests or applicants can get the sit plan on the JU website: www.juniv.edu.

Results of the admission test will be published on the national dailies and on the JU website.

## Buet exams begin Nov 20

All the undergraduate examinations of all levels/terms of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) will begin from November 20 instead of November 18, says a press release.

The date of course registration has also been extended until November 20 without any late fee. Elaborated academic programme will be announced later, the release added.