

# Anti-TB programmes can ease burden of non-communicable diseases globally: Study

BSS, Dhaka

An international study on managing non-communicable diseases suggests that lessons learnt from it can be replicated to other developing countries, including Bangladesh, to fight diabetes, high blood pressure, strokes, asthma, epilepsy and mental illnesses.

The study conducted by the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD) in Sub-Saharan Africa said its findings would act as a major breakthrough in treating patients of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), burden of which has recently surpassed communicable diseases in Bangladesh.

According to the World Health Organisation, Bangladesh has an epidemiological transition where the burden of NCDs overtakes communicable and infectious

diseases in recent years.

As a result, the number of patients as well as the prevention and treatment cost for NCDs turned higher than that of infectious diseases, notably for TB, HIV, malaria and diarrhoea.

The study, expected to come this month's PLoS Medicine Journal and available here yesterday, suggested new programmes for NCDs should be piloted in one or two facilities in a country, and lessons learnt from these facilities can be used to assist national roll-out within the public sector.

Prof Donald Enerson, senior adviser at the Union, said Sub-Saharan Africa faces frequent stock interruptions of essential drugs to manage non-communicable diseases, and many patients have extremely short life expectancies.

Patients with asthma are still receiving sub-standard care and

have poor access to essential medications, he said, adding identical situations would be found in many other developing and underdeveloped countries around the world.

Prof Anthony Harries, co-author of this study, added that many lives could be saved by adopting standardised approaches which identify, treat, supervise and allow follow up through better management of patients.

He said anti-tuberculosis programmes could be a good example of controlling non-communicable diseases, including cancer, and urged health care professionals and policy makers to learn from it.

The TB control programmes widely seen as an effective global public health intervention which marked success because it has gained political commitment, use simple testing for diagnosis, pro-

vide treatment with standardised course of medicine, ensure uninterrupted supply of medications with a strong monitoring and evaluation system.

The Public Library of Science, committed to making world's scientific and medical literature a free public resource, said a better management can be achieved in treating NCDs by learning from the success of TB control programmes.

This study, it said, is expected to have an enormous impact on learning more about management of NCDs around the world where poor health care delivery systems and unavailability of drugs are in urgent need of improvement.

The Union, synonymous to IUATLD, is the only international voluntary scientific organisation providing a neutral platform to fight TB, HIV, asthma, tobacco and lung disease since 1920.



Eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain speaks at the extended meeting of Jubo Gono Forum at its office in the city yesterday.

## 'Preserve real history for new generation'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The real history of the partition of the sub-continent in 1947, language movement in 1952, and the liberation war in 1971 should be preserved for the new generation so that it cannot be distorted, said historians at a seminar yesterday.

They said the practice of distorting the history should be stopped, otherwise patriotism will not flourish among the new generation.

The two-day seminar was organised by Bangladesh Itihas Parishad at the auditorium of the Teacher Student Centre of Dhaka University where seven research articles on the liberation war were presented.

These are 'Language movement in 1952- Six-point movement in 1966' by Prof Abul Kashem, 'Six-point movement in 1966- March 25

in 1971' by Prof Harun-ur-Rashid, 'March 25 in 1971- December 16 in 1971: Mujibnagar Government, Political and Diplomatic Perspective' by Prof Ajoy Roy, 'Armed resistance and war fields in liberation war' by Major AFM Shamsul Arefin, 'The role of mass people in liberation war' by Major Kamrul Hasan Bhuiyan, 'The role of expatriates and international agencies in liberation war' by Prof Syed Anwar Hossain, and 'Genocide and war crime' by Dr MA Hasan.

Inaugurating the seminar, Dhaka University Vice-chancellor SMA Faiz said the historians should be alert so that the history especially the history of the liberation war is not distorted.

"I personally believe that these seven research articles on the liberation war will help us to know the real

incidents that happened during the liberation war. New generation will also gather knowledge reading these rare research articles," he said while speaking as chief guest.

National Professor Dr Sufia Ahmed, president of Bangladesh Itihas Parishad, said true history of the partition of the sub-continent in 1947, language movement in 1952 and liberation war in 1971 will have to be placed accurately before the new generation for the greater interest of the nation.

Prof M Akhtaruzzaman, general secretary of Bangladesh Itihas Parishad, said regional history of the liberation war should be gathered properly to enrich the documents of the war of independence.

Sector commanders will spoke at the seminar today recalling many incidents of the liberation war.



National Professor Dr Sufia Ahmed speaks at The 39th Annual Seminar of Bangladesh Itihas Parishad at Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) on Dhaka University campus yesterday.

## ASM Chemical opens 10-MW power plant

ASM Chemical Industries Ltd yesterday inaugurated its 10-megawatt power plant at ASM Chemical Complex at Tepirbari under Sreepur upazila in Gazipur, says a press release.

The power station is expected to ensure continuous service and uninterrupted production process and minimise the impact of the national power crisis that frequently grips the nation.

Power Division Secretary Dr M Fouzul Kabir Khan formally inaugurated the power plant as the special guest.

Home Secretary Md Abdul Karim and Power Energy and Mineral Resources Secretary Md Mohsin were present as the chief guest and the special guest respectively. ASM Chemical Chairman Azizul Haque Chowdhury and Director and CEO Zoynal Abedin Chowdhury were also present at the inaugural function.

## NUS marks World Day against Child Labour

Nari Unnayan Shakti (NUS) organised discussion and cultural programmes in Dhaka and Chittagong on Thursday to mark the World Day against Child Labour, says a press release.

NUS Executive Director Afroja Parvin presided over the programme in Dhaka while Mukta, a representative of child labourers, was the chief guest.

Hamida Khatun, executive director of Fatema Kamal Foundation, and Mizanur Rahman of Forum for Cultural and Human Development were present as special guests.

NUS has been running 14 non-formal schools and 20 vocational training centres for child workers since 2003 to ensure their welfare.

## DCC move to cut trees for road construction protested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Save the Environment Movement (SEM) along with the local people yesterday protested the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) initiative to construct roads at Mirpur Section-12 after cutting a good number of trees.

Local people said the DCC has taken the initiative to construct two roads at block-D, section-12 of Mirpur area in the city. As a result, many trees will have to be cut down indiscriminately which will lead to the environmental disaster.

SEM Chairman Abu Naser Khan after visiting the area said there is a number of trees in the area which should not be cut down to construct the roads.

He said a planned children's park could be set up with the help of noted architects saving the trees for the children of the area.

Columnist Syed Abul Maksud said the people should join the movement to save the green area at Mirpur.

Peace Secretary General Ifma Hussain and SEM Programme Officer Taufiqur Rahman were present during the visit in the area.

## 5-day programme on rural dev ends at BARD

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A five-day attachment programme on rural development and poverty reduction ended at Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) on Thursday.

Some 100 participants of 41st Foundation Training Course of Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) from different cadres of BCS took part in the programme.

The prime objective of the course was to orient the participants with the concepts of rural development and poverty reduction efforts in Bangladesh. The participants also analysed the socio-economic condition of the rural people through field survey.

Syed Mahbubur Rahman of BPATC attended the programme as chief guest while Director (Admin) of BARD Alauddin Ahmed presided over the closing session and distributed certificates among the participants.

Among others, Director (Training) M Mir Kashem and Director (Rural Education) Dr Kamrul Ahsan also spoke on the occasion, said a press release.

## Appeal for help



A large amount of money is needed for his proper treatment.

But it is not possible for his family to bear the cost of the expensive treatment.

So he has appealed to his friends, colleagues and well-to-do section of the society for financial assistance to save his life.

Contributions can be sent to Alkanat, 13/16 Babar Road, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207, or Sanaul Haque, Savings Account No 80, Agrani Bank, Shyamoli Branch, Dhaka, or Mahmud Hossain, cell phone 01715-297834, or Prof Mohammad Hazrat Ali, cell phone 01714-396906.

## JBIC starts study to develop road network in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) started project formulation study on Thursday to develop road network and flood protection embankments under two huge projects involving Tk 10,000 crore in the port.

The 14-member JBIC team that arrived here on Wednesday started working formally following a meeting with the authorities concerned at CDA building.

At the meeting JBIC study team leader Kazuhiro Hasegawa of Nippon Engineering, one of the two international consultancy firms from Japan, gave details on Special Assistance for Project Formation (SAPROF) study the team would carry out here.

Duration of the study is six

months and the team is scheduled to submit the final report by November 2008, said Hasegawa at the meeting with Chittagong Development Authority (CDA) Chairman Shah Muhammad Akhter Uddin in the chair.

During the study the SAPROF team would conduct detailed survey, prepare design, timeschedule, tender documents and estimate for the two projects.

The team would also assess economic and environmental aspects of the roads cum flood control embankments to be implemented under the project, he said.

Kazuhiro Hasegawa of Nippon Engineering is leading the Japanese experts while Zafor Iqbal is leading the team of local engineers and experts.



Jalaluddin Ahmed, president, Board of Directors of EWU, gives away a certificate to a participant of a short course on 'Corporate Valuation, Governance and Control' at its closing session at the university auditorium in the city on Thursday.



## No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at few places over all the six divisions in the next 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 36.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest of 25.1 degrees at Sandwip.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:47pm today and rises at 5:11am tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.2	27.8	76	70
Chittagong	31.5	26.7	76	84
Rajshahi	35.6	27.5	84	74
Khulna	35.0	27.5	77	83
Barisal	33.8	27.0	75	77
Sylhet	30.9	26.8	90	87
Cox's Bazar	33.0	26.2	71	78

## Gram police demand pay scale for them

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Gram Police Karmochari Union leaders at a discussion yesterday demanded of the government to declare immediately a pay scale for them in line with the price hike of essentials.

The discussion titled 'Role of gram police in maintaining law and order at local levels' was organised by the Union at Bangladesh Shishu Parishad Hall in the capital.

The Union leaders urged the government to restore the Hat Bazaar Policy announced in 2002 ensuring 41 percent of the salaries of gram police and union parishad (UP) secretaries from the UPs, and cancel the amended Hat Bazaar Policy announced on February 7 this year that curtails their salary share to only 20 percent from the UPs, says a press release.

"Our salary share from the UPs under the present Hat Bazaar Policy is very small. It may even stop from July creating serious frustration and agitation among us," said MA Alim, secretary general of the Union.

## EWU course ends

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The certificate award ceremony of a short course on 'Corporate Valuation, Governance and Control' was held at East West University (EWU) in the city on Thursday.

The objective of the course was to enhance the capability and confidence of the mid-level and senior-level corporate professionals, specially in making financial decisions.

This two-week course was jointly organised by EWU and Prime Bank, says a press release.

Jalaluddin Ahmed, president, Board of Directors of EWU, was present as the chief guest while Prof Tanvir Ahmed Chowdhury, chairman of BBA department, presided over the closing ceremony of the course.

Praising the current status of East West University as the number one private university in Bangladesh, Jalaluddin Ahmed said the university is committed to providing updated knowledge to the students to build a knowledge-based society.

Tabarak Hossain Bhuiyan, chief of HRD, Prime Bank, spoke as the guest speaker.

Dr Kabir Hassan of the University of New Orleans, USA, the resource person of the course, Barun Kanti Saha, head of Prime Bank, Mohakhali Branch, Prof Nazrul Islam and Prof Tanvir Ahmed Chowdhury, also spoke on this occasion.

## Six more CMP cops transferred

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Six more police personnel including an assistant commissioner and two officers-in-charge under Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) were transferred on Thursday.

The changes were made just two days after the officers-in-charge of four police stations in the city were stand released on Tuesday.

The changes were made following a recent visit of Inspector General of Police (IGP) Nur Mohammad to Chittagong.

Though the CMP officials have termed the transfers as regular ones, the move is designed to take action against corrupt policemen as well as reshuffling the CMP with a view to combat criminal activities that is on rise in recent times, sources said.

Within three days of the visit of the police chief four officers-in-charge named Nurul Alam of Kotwali PS, Jahangir Alam of Bandar PS, Mujibur Rahman Mazumder of Pahartali PS and Matul Islam Mazumder of Bayezid PS were stand released on Tuesday.

In the latest move, Assistant Commissioner of CMP Detective Branch Ashikul Hoque Bhuiyan, OC of Karnaphuli PS Emdadul Hoque, OC Immigration Aminul Islam, and three constables of DB office identified as Manik, Kuddus and Shahjahan got the transfer orders.

## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY President, CA greet British counterparts

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed have greeted their British counterparts on the occasion of the birthday of Queen Elizabeth II today.

In a message to Queen Elizabeth II, President Iajuddin said, "It gives me a great pleasure to convey to your majesty and through you to the people of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland my warmest greetings and felicitations on the occasion."

He also said Bangladesh and the UK have historical and traditional ties of friendship. "Over the years, our relations have grown in depth and dimension, which I am confident, will be further strengthened in the coming days."

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed, in another message to British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, said Bangladesh deeply values its relations with the United Kingdom.

"The historic ties binding the two Commonwealth countries have expanded over the years into substantial cooperation in many areas, including trade, investment and culture. I am confident that the close relations between Bangladesh and the United Kingdom will grow in depth and dimensions in the coming days," he said.

## Death anniversary

Today is the 14th death anniversary of Amanat Ali Mallik, father of former chief election commissioner Mohammad Abu Hena, says a press release.

On the occasion, Quarkhwani and milad mahfil will be held at his village home.

Amanat Ali Mallik Smriti Sangsad will also organise a milad mahfil and discussion at the weekly Sroth office in the city.

QM Zaman

Today is the ninth death anniversary of film director and cameraman Q M Zaman, says a press release.

He was the first chief cameraman of Film Development Corporation.

He also received many awards at home and abroad for his contribution to film.

To mark his death anniversary, foods will be distributed among the destitute and a milad mahfil will be held at his ancestral home at 'Shahab Bari' in Hajiganj after Asr prayers.

## Chehlum

Chehlum of Master Abdus Sobahan, father of Md Abdul Haque, a freedom fighter and businessman, will be held today, says a press release.

On the occasion, Quarkhwani, doa mahfil and destitute feeding will be held at Chairman Bari in Noakhali.

Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the programmes.

## DHAKA TODAY

### Seminar

North South University Social Services Club (NSUSSC) organises a seminar on 'Confronting AIDS challenges in the 21st century: The student community'. Venue: Star Tower, Kamal Ataturk Avenue. Time: 9:30am.

### Workshop

Institute of Media and Communication Studies in cooperation with Oxfam International organises a seminar on climate change and food security in coastal area. Venue: Chhayanat Bhaban. Time: 2:30pm.

### Health report

The Bangladesh Health Watch will release a report on the state of health in Bangladesh 2007. Venue: Sasakawa auditorium, ICDDR,B. Time: 5:00pm.

### Seminar

Forum for Energy Reporters Bangladesh organises a seminar on ensured fuel supply and fuel price.

Venue: National Press Club. Time: 2:30pm.

### Ornament exhibition

An ornament exhibition will be held. Aadi organised the exhibition and it will continue till June 21. Venue: Words N Pages (125 Gulshan Avenue). Time: 5:00pm.

### Drawing competition

SEID Trust organises an open drawing competition for autistic children. Venue: LGED conference room. Time: 3:00pm.

### Discussion

Fair BCS Movement organises a discussion on 'Outline of corruption-free appointment and administration: Media experience'. Venue: Asiana conference centre. Time: 10:30am.

### Rotary Dhaka Central

The regular meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 1:30pm.



Sub-Inspector Moinul Ahsan of Cantonment Police Station, who was arrested on charges of receiving bribes, was being taken to a court from Tejgaon Industrial Area Police Station yesterday. (Story on Page 1)