

Change mindset, work sincerely for development of children: CA

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed yesterday underscored the need for changes in the mindset and sincere work to ensure overall development of children.

"Laws and charters for the welfare of children would not work if we don't bring changes to our mindset and work sincerely for them," he said at a function marking the World Child Day and Child Rights Week 2008.

Fakhruddin said the question should come to the minds of all: "Can't we do something for the welfare of children from one's respective position?"

"One question rises in my mind: Are all children of our country in

good condition? The answer is: No, they are not."

He said: "How a child will become a good citizen without proper education and proper physical and mental growth?"

The Women and Children Affairs Ministry organised the function at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city.

The chief adviser formally opened the Child Rights Week 2008. The theme of the week is: Creating a Protective Environment for Child Development.

The Child Rights Week 2008 is being observed in the country from October 14 to 20 instead of September 29-October 5 in view of the holy Ramadan, Eid-ul-Fitr and Durga Puja.

Women and Children Affairs Adviser Rasheda K Chowdhury presided over the function. Secretary of the Ministry Rokeya Sultana and Farhan Tanvir, on behalf of children, also spoke.

Addressing the function, Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed said ensuring safety and welfare of children and protecting their health is vital to the nation's future.

He called upon guardians, well-off people, civil society members, child welfare-oriented government and non-government institutions to take more effective initiatives for the welfare of children.

"Let us work collectively to ensure a good future for the next generation," he said. Fakhruddin said, "The urgency

to make a safe and good environment for today's children -- the future of tomorrow -- will have to be felt by all of us."

Responding to the appeal of a child speaker, he hoped that the ministry concerned would take steps to involve children in the national development process.

Referring to various programmes and schemes for children, particularly for underprivileged and working children as well as juveniles, the chief adviser asked the ministries concerned to take more programmes and initiatives and ensure their timely implementation for the welfare of the children.

Later, children presented an impressive cultural show.



Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed exchanges views with BNP leaders as part of the national dialogue at his office in the city yesterday.

PHOTO PID



Military Secretary to the army headquarters Maj Gen Shafiqul Islam hands over the printed electoral roll to Chief Election Commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda at a ceremony at the Election Commission in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

KILLING OF ZAMAN AL protest programmes begin today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Awami League (AL) has declared a five-day programme to protest the killing of Khan Ibne Zaman, senior joint secretary of Khulna City AL.

The programmes, which will begin today, include protest rally, mourning procession and milad mahfils.

Zaman was stabbed to death in the bedroom of his Khalishpur residence on Monday night.

Meanwhile, Khan Shahabuddin Ahmed, elder brother of the slain AL leader, lodged an FIR with Khalishpur Police Station without mentioning any names.

However, the complainant in the FIR said that his younger brother was killed over political reasons.

Police had picked up three people on Monday night for quizzing. They were shown arrested as suspects in the murder case.

They were identified as Makkul, Faruque and Tufani, caretakers of the three-storied residence of the slain leader.

Police collected blood-soaked clothes, bed covers and a blood-stained log from his bedroom as evidence.

KMP Commissioner Helaluddin Badri said that investigation has been launched to unearth the motive and arrest real culprits.

The slain AL leader was laid to eternal rest at the Gokhali graveyard after two namaz-e-janasas at Shahid Hadith Park and Khalishpur.

KCC Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque attended the namaz-e-janasas.

Meanwhile, AL acting president Zillur Rahman and General Secretary Syed Ashraf Islam in a statement condemned the killing of Zaman.

They also demanded exemplary punishment to the killers.

Gono Forum, CPB apply for registration

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Gono Forum (GF) and Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) yesterday submitted their applications to the Election Commission (EC) for registration.

A CPB delegation comprising Mahbub Alam, Ruhin Hossain Prince and Abdul Kader handed over the application to the officials concerned at the EC while GF leaders Advocate SM Altraf Hossain, Advocate Subrata Chowdhury, Engineer Abul Kashem, Mostafa Mohsin Mantu, Mostaq Ahmed, Md Naoab Ali, and Advocate Jaglal Haider Afrak handed over their application to the EC.

Both the parties have also submitted necessary documents needed for registration.

'Launch social movement to combat visual impairment'

1.1 lakh become blind a year due to cataracts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a roundtable yesterday called for launching social movement to combat visual impairment in the country.

They also stressed the need for raising awareness among the people about the causes and treatment of the disease.

The roundtable was organised jointly by Orbis International and Mass Line Media Centre at the National Press Club in the city in observance of the World Sight Day.

This year the theme of the day was 'Eyes on the future: Fighting vision impairment in later life'.

According to a government estimate, 7.9 lakh people in the country are blind while 3.9 lakh people have low vision.

According to a survey of Orbis International, 5.5 lakh people are blind due to cataract and 1.1 lakh new people are added every year to this number.

Speaking as chief guest National Professor and founder Vice-chancellor of University of Science and Technology Chittagong, Dr Nurul Islam said most of the village people do not know about the availability of the treatment of cataract and other eye problems in the country.

He said awareness could be built up by including the Imams and the teachers in the movement as they are respectable persons in the society.

Prof Nurul Islam also called for resuming the government's eye camp programme which was very effective to combat visual impairment.

He also laid emphasis on vocational training for the blind and creating employment opportunity for them in the mainstream society.

Editor of The Independent and former adviser to the caretaker government Mahbubul Alam was

in the chair at the roundtable. He urged the government for taking responsibility in this respect and called for introducing health insurance scheme for eye care.

Coordinator of Gonoshasthya Kendra Dr Zafarullah Chowdhury said the country needs a lot of skilled hands for the treatment of the huge number of patients with visual impairment.

He called for increasing the number of health workers at upazila health complexes and said at least 10 eye surgery should take place in those complexes every day.

He also stressed the need for resuming school health programme of the government to combat the problem.

The other speakers said there is a direct relation between blindness and poverty.

When a person becomes visu-

ally impaired he himself becomes economically unproductive making his family poor.

Moreover, he engages other family members for his assistance preventing others from doing their respective jobs, he added.

Executive Director of Mass Line Media Centre Kamrul Hassan Monju moderated the roundtable.

Country Director of Orbis International Dr Abu Raihan, Head of News of ATN Bangla Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, Deputy Editor of Somokal Muzammil Hussain, Chairman of the theatre arts and music department at Dhaka University Dr Israfil Shaheen, Assistant Professor of mass communication and journalism department at Dhaka University SM Shameem Reza and Editor of the Weekly Toitombur Hasnain Sabir Nayek were present on the occasion.

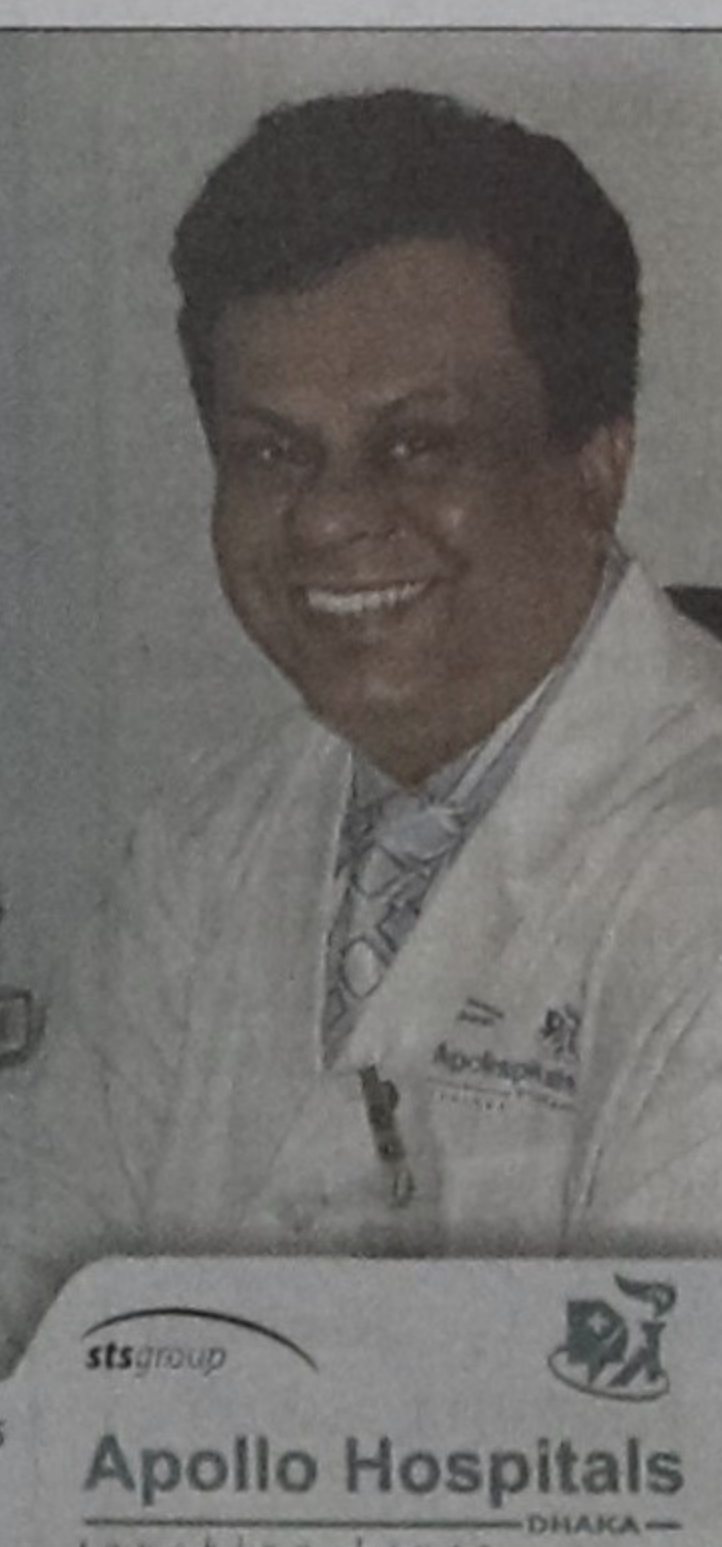


Fijian artist Josaja McNamara hands over his paintings to Director General of National Museum Samar Chandra Pal at the museum in the city yesterday. He came to Bangladesh on a nine-month Commonwealth Fellowship Programme.

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 - Must be innovative, self-motivated and result-oriented.
 - Must be capable to work in a computerized environment.
 - Must be willing to work in any branch of the bank including branches/ rural branches at Chittagong region.
 - Age should not exceed 50 years.
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 - b) Experience/ Requirements:**
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 - Must have extensive experience in General Banking, Trade Finance, Lending operations and Credit Management.
 - Must be innovative, self-motivated and result-oriented.
 - Must be capable to work in a computerized environment.
 - Must be willing to work in any branch of the bank including branches/ rural branches at Sylhet region.
 - Age should not exceed 50 years.

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