

2 major parties must take indigenous issue seriously

Says Dilip Barua

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Industries Minister Dilip Barua yesterday said the problems of the indigenous people will not come to an end unless both the leading political parties consider the issue seriously.

"In Bangladesh there is no choice for a third party in politics. So, the issue will only be addressed if both the parties give the issue due importance," said the minister.

He was speaking at the

concluding session of an international conclave titled 'Discrimination, exclusion and marginalisation: diversity perspective' jointly organised by Research and Development Collective (RDC) and ActionAid Bangladesh, at the Biam auditorium in the city.

"If there is an indigenous representative in the parliament from the North Bengal, the parliament will be a complete one from all perspectives. Representation of an

indigenous person alone might not bring any qualitative change in the country but plain land indigenous people will at least have a representation in the parliament," he said.

"We must advance along with people from different ethnic background. If we want to keep harmony in the society we must consider the indigenous issue seriously," he also said.

Prof Jahar Ara Rupa of RDC presented the keynote

paper titled 'Accommodating diversity: Samis of Norway as an Example of Good Practices' while Prof Mesbah Kamal conducted the concluding session.

DANIDA Representative Kirtinshan Chakma said, "Diversity is a must. It searches for our real identity. The government should form a ministry for the indigenous people and ensure that it is functioning impartially."

Prof Ahsan Ali also spoke on the occasion.

US investors keen to invest in health, IT sectors

Says Moriarty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The US investors are keen to invest in healthcare and information technology (IT) sectors in Bangladesh, US Ambassador in Dhaka James F Moriarty said yesterday.

He said this following a visit to American Super Specialty Hospital Ltd, a 250-bed hospital at Uttara in the city.

People in the US as well as in non-resident Bangladeshis living there are very much interested to invest in the IT sector for employment generation and healthcare sector to provide people with world class healthcare, said the envoy.

During his visit, he addressed a programme participated by the hospital staff and the investors where he said, "This hospital

represents a commitment by private US investors to doing business in Bangladesh, a commitment to high-quality healthcare for Bangladeshi and a commitment by non-resident Bangladeshis to the development of their homeland."

American Hospital Consortium, which owns and operates this hospital, is a group of US doctors and healthcare professionals who have invested millions of dollars in the healthcare sector in Bangladesh, he said.

Moriarty also inaugurated the hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

The hospital, which has almost all the departments, provides people with free medical services on Friday while 20 percent of their patients are extreme poor

people, said Dr Habibullah, one of the investors and chief executive officer of the hospital.

Road crash kills schoolteacher

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A schoolteacher was killed and six others injured in a road accident on Patuakhali-Baufal highway on Wednesday evening.

The victim was identified as Sampurn Kumar Das, 50, an assistant teacher of Charbaya High School at Dumkini in the district.

The accident took place when a Patuakhali-bound passengers bus from Baufal hit a human hauler from behind.

The injured were taken to different local hospitals.

Illegal structures demolished

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) yesterday demolished two concrete, 10 semi-concrete and 200 kancha structures on the Mirpur Housing Canal near Benaras Palli in the city.

They also fined one Ali Howlader Tk 34,000 for constructing a concrete structure on the canal, says a press release.

Magistrate Kazl Wasiuddin of Wasa led the drive with police and Wasa officials.

WASA earlier conducted drives on Katasur and Hazaribagh canals and demolished illegal structures on the canals.

"We have started the drive to free the canals from encroachers and gradually other canals will also come under the drive," said an official of Wasa.

Japanese cardiologist treats patients at Apollo

METRO DESK

Renowned interventional cardiologist Dr Satoru Sumitsuji from Osaka University, Japan performed some complicated procedures on patients having chronic total occlusion of arteries of heart at the Apollo Hospitals Dhaka recently, says a press release.

This was the first visit of Dr Sumitsuji to Bangladesh.

Prof Dr Md Shahabuddin Talukder, coordinator and consultant of Apollo Hospitals Dhaka, led the team during the procedures in collaboration with Dr Sumitsuji.

Earlier in the morning, Dr Sumitsuji had a brief meeting with Shahjahan Majumder, acting CEO of Apollo Hospitals Dhaka.

Putting emphasis on information technology (IT), he urged the employees to

update their career through taking necessary IT training.

"You will have to be more sincere in implementing the prime minister-declared charter of change for building an IT-based happy and prosperous Bangladesh by 2021," he told the employees' delegation.

They also assured the president that they would give their best in implementing the Prime Minister-declared 'Digital Bangladesh' as well as for realising the dream of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Raman of 'Sonar Bangla'.

apprised the president of various problems and constraints of the government employees and sought his all out cooperation in ensuring their welfare.

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As the victim's wife Shilpi Begum went to their village home in Barisal few days ago from Rayerbazar residence, Polash took his two friends to his room on that night, but his friends remained missing following the incident, police said.



Mostafa Jabbar, president of Bangladesh Computer Samity, Abdullah H Kafi, managing director of JAN Associates and directors Nazrul Islam Chowdhury, Sufia Aftab Chowdhury and Jesmin Jahan cut a ribbon to inaugurate the new head office of JAN Associates Ltd, the national distributor of Canon system and image communication products for Bangladesh, at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Discharge duties remaining faithful to govt

President urges employees

UNB, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman yesterday urged the government employees to sincerely discharge their duties remaining faithful to the government and efficiently provide service to the people they deserve.

"You have to extend your hand further to the people so that they can easily get government's services," he said when a delegation of Bangladesh Sarkari Karmachari Dabee Bastobayan Parishad met him at Bangabhaban. Parishad President M Harun Ur Rashid and Secretary General M Shahabuddin led the delegation.

The president said the government is going to implement a new pay scale from the current month. "I hope that your financial capability will increase to some extent having the new pay scale," he told them.

He said the employees must remember that their salaries and allowances come from people's taxes.

He said Bangladesh is a developing country and its income is lower compared to other countries. "The government needs to determine the pay scale of its employees considering the real grounds."

But, he said, the government is aware of various problems, including the limited income of the government employees.

Saying that there is no alternative to a competent public administration for running government, Zillur asked them to play more responsible role and help make the administration more dynamic.

Putting emphasis on information technology (IT), he urged the employees to

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Early marriage still a major problem

Says BDHS survey

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The average age of marriage for girls is 15.8 years in urban areas while it is 14.8 years in rural areas making them more vulnerable to early pregnancy complications that sometimes lead to death, says a government survey report.

The report on Bangladesh Demographic and Health Survey (BDHS) 2007 was disclosed at a dissemination ceremony at Niport auditorium in the city yesterday.

According to the survey conducted by Ahmed Al Sabir, director (research) of National Institute of Population Research and Training (Niport), the average age of marriage for males is 24.5 years.

The report said 33 percent of mothers are adolescent aged between 14 and 19 years.

Sabir said early marriage and early child bearing are still the major obstacles to fertility decline in the country.

He said both the government and non-government organisations should work out better ways to check alarming growth of population in the country.

Women on an average in the country have 2.7 children, while required target of total fertility rate (TFR) is 2.2.

TFR is the highest in Sylhet division (3.7) and the lowest in Khulna division (2.0), added the report.

The report also highlighted that huge shortage of manpower creates an obstacle to implement all approaches for

medically-assisted safe childbirth and overall family health.

According to BDHS 2007, the TFR over the previous three years has fallen but the percentage of acceptors has also fallen to 56 from 58.

A further break-up shows that 48 percent of eligible couples were adopting modern family planning methods while eight percent relied on traditional methods.

It is further learnt that 19 percent of eligible couples have been left out of the programme.

Speaking as chief guest, KC Mondal, director general of Niport, said the BDHS report is the most important and authentic survey report that always help design and improve future policies and programmes relating to health, population and nutrition.

This was the fifth survey carried out in Bangladesh with the help of USAID and Mitra and Associates.

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