

'Community participation a must for quality healthcare'

BSS, Dhaka

Speakers at a workshop yesterday observed that community participation is a must to ensure quality services in public healthcare sector.

They also underscored the need for decentralising the healthcare system to bring healthcare services at the doorstep of the mass people.

The 'Dissemination Workshop of Safe Motherhood Promotion Project (SMPP): Effective Approaches and Achievements' was held at IDB Bhaban auditorium in the city, said a press release.

SMPP is a four-year project being implemented from July 2006 under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with the technical assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

The workshop was organised to disseminate the effective and innovative approaches of SMPP along with its achievements and to have wider consultation on the design of proposed SMPP second phase with relevant stakeholders.

At the workshop, it was revealed that the project aims at improving health status of

pregnant and postpartum women and neonates in Narsingdi.

The district was selected as a pilot to try out effective and innovative approaches and replicate those approaches subsequently throughout the country.

Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare BD Mitra was present as the chief guest while Director General of Health Services Prof Dr Shah Monir Hossain and Senior Representative of JICA Bangladesh Eiichiro Cho were present as special guests.



Brac-Rai Foundation Scholarship-2009 recipients pose for photograph with Brac Chairperson Fazle Hasan Abed at his office in the city on September 9.

International Development NGO seeks Bangladesh staff for EU funded project implemented by partner organisation in North West Bangladesh

Project Coordinator

DanChurchAid South Asia is looking for a Project Coordinator who will provide support and guidance to our partner organization to ensure excellent and timely implementation of an EU funded project. The project focuses on mobilising and organising of the rural poor in North West Bangladesh. The Project Officer will work closely with the field team of the partner organization, who is responsible for implementation of the project.

The Project Officer must have solid experience in working with back-donor funded projects from a management position. S/he must have excellent skills in providing support for organisational development, strategic planning, project monitoring and evaluation, facilitation, problem analysis and solution finding as well as report writing for EU. The Project Officer will be based on Rangpur to provide timely support and will be participating in regular monitoring field visits together with implementing partner.

Applicants for the job must have the following qualifications: a postgraduate degree in development or social work with specialisation in monitoring and evaluation. The applicant must have excellent writing skills in English and have Bengali as mother tongue. The candidate must have 5-7 years field experience from rural areas and have a minimum of five years of experience from INGO with similar responsibilities of managing back donor funded projects from a senior position. Documented experience and knowledge of rights based approach to development and skills in advocacy are a prerequisite. The position requires strong analytical, facilitation, communication and writing skills as well as fluency in written and spoken English.

The candidate must have personal commitment to social equity and equal rights. DCA Regional Office needs people with excellent interpersonal communication skills and a good sense of humour. Willingness and ability to travel and be flexible is essential.

The person will report to DCA Regional Representative and cooperates closely with colleagues in Dhaka and Delhi office who will provide guidance and support. The Project Coordinator is offered a two year contract. The contract may be renewed depending on performance, job-satisfaction and availability of funds.

Candidates should send their applications to dca.sa.bd@gmail.com. Candidates will be invited for an interview in Dhaka. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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BRAC-RAI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP 2nd batch in India for higher edn

METRO DESK

A total of 10 female students, who were awarded Brac-Rai Foundation Scholarship-2009 (2nd batch) under 'Medhabikash Programme' of Brac Education Programme (BEP), have gone to Rai Foundation in Delhi to pursue their undergraduate courses, says a press release.

Of them, four students would study Bachelor of Technology (BTech) at EIILM University, Sikkim and six would study BBA on Behror campus, Rajasthan of Rai University.

Before departing for India, the scholarship recipients met Brac Chairperson Fazle Hasan Abed on September 9 at his office in the city.

Ten female students of the 1st batch of Medhabikash Programme have already been studying BTech (IT & Communication) in EIILM University, Sikkim.

Abed called on the students to come back to Bangladesh after completion of their study abroad and serve the nation with dexterous ability.

He advised them to work in a way so that thousands of poor students could be benefited out of their services. "Keeping the poor people aside, Bangladesh cannot expect prosperity," he told them.

Brac Executive Director Dr Mahabub Hossain, Director Dr Safiqul Islam and Programme Head Md Shahidul Hasan were present. Scholarship covers expenditure like tuition, boarding, lodging, medical by Rai University and all kinds of transport inside Bangladesh and up to Delhi, visa processing and passport cost by BEP.

Rai Foundation, India was established by noted industrialist and philanthropic Venai Rai. It has chain colleges/universities all over India.

For promoting talents, Rai launched 'Girl Genius, Gifted Girl Scholarship'.

At the outset, it offered the scholarship only to India's disadvantaged students. Later, the scholarship was extended to other countries, including Bangladesh, Mauritius, Bhutan, Nepal, Brazil and African countries.

Rai Foundation offers 10-20 scholarships to underprivileged female students of Bangladesh through Brac every year.

Donation for cancer hospital

METRO DESK

Nizam ul Islam, a former banker, donated Tk 10 lakh to the fund of the under-construction Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH) at Uttara in the city.

He handed over the cheque of the amount to Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) President Kazi Rafiqul Alam at the DAM auditorium yesterday, says a press release.

A two-bed cabin will be named in memory of his parents late Nurul Islam and Nurun Nessa.



A woman gets her hand painted with henna (Mehedi) during a festival at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. National Press Club and Dhakabashi jointly organised the event.

BNP slates vandalism of name plaque of Zia Sarak

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Khandakar Delwar Hossain in a statement yesterday condemned the incident of vandalising the name plaque of 'Bir Uttam Ziaur Rahman Sarak' adjacent to the Jahangir Gate of Dhaka Cantonment.

Delwar alleged that an ill-motivated quarter backed by the ruling Awami League (AL) had committed this heinous crime

only to dishonour former president Ziaur Rahman, who contributed greatly to the country's liberation war, said a press release.

He urged the government and all concerned to refrain from trying to distort the history of the liberation war and demanded erecting the vandalised name plaque of the road and all the murals of Ziaur Rahman, which had been vandalised since the government took office.

SPEEDBOAT CAPSIZE AT SHITALAKHYA Navy officer missing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A naval officer went missing and two others were injured when a Navy speedboat capsized after it had lost its control in Narayanganj Bandar Kheyaghat area in the Shitalakhya river yesterday.

The wretched petty officer was identified as Sirajul Islam, 42, while the injured were officer Rezaul Karim, 40, and worker Swadhin, 42.

They were rescued and given first aid.

Officer-in-Charge Harun-or-Rashid of Bandar Police Station said two navy officers and a worker were coming to

Narayanganj launch terminal in a speedboat crossing the river to take training at Dockyard and Engineering Workshop at Sonakanda in Bandar upazila run by the Navy.

The motor boat lost its control at Bandar Kheyaghat. Naval petty officer Rezaul and worker Swadhin managed to swim ashore, but Sirajul went missing.

Fire service and BIWTA divers team have been conducting a rescue operation to recover the missing officer.

Rab and police are also conducting a search in the river.

SOUTHEAST UNIVERSITY

NOTICE

Southeast University Closes Distance Education

All concerned are hereby informed that Southeast University (SEU) has closed down all forms of distance and ICT-based education in compliance with the directives of the Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission. A resolution to this effect was passed by the Board of Governors of SEU in its meetings held on 7 May and 9 August 2009. The Center for Open and Virtual Learning (COVL) at the main campus has also been declared closed. Fresh admission in the Regional Resource Centers (RRC) was closed on 23 October 2007 as per the instruction of the UGC. Most of the students admitted before that date have already completed their degree requirements. Students who could not complete all courses due to semester drop or for personal reasons are advised to transfer to the regular programs offered in the main campus at Banani.

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