

WORLD HEART DAY TODAY

More people prone to heart diseases

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With the number of elderly people increasing due to higher life expectancy, more and more people in the country are now prone to heart diseases.

"Elderly people are more prone to heart risk factors. Before independence, life expectancy at birth was only 43 years, which has reached 67.8 years recently," said Dr Abdul Wadud Chowdhury, associate professor of the Department of Cardiology at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital.

He said that men above 40 and women above 50 mostly suffer from cardiac diseases in the country. However, there is no nationwide survey in this regard.

According to the World

Heart Federation, cardiovascular diseases are the world's largest killers, claiming 17.1 million lives a year. Considering its severity, the last Sunday of September every year is observed as the World Heart Day.

The theme of this year's World Heart Day, which is taking place today, is 'Work with Heart'.

The risk factors for heart disease and stroke include raised blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose levels, smoking, inadequate intake of fruit and vegetables, overweight, obesity and physical inactivity.

Yet 80 percent of premature deaths from heart disease and stroke could be avoided by controlling the main risk factors: tobacco, unhealthy diet and physical inactivity, experts say.

140 policemen to join Congo peacekeeping mission

UNB, Dhaka

A 140-member contingent of Bangladesh police left for Congo on Friday night to join the United Nations peacekeeping mission.

The team, led by Police Superintendent Sheikh Mizanur Rahman, left Zia International Airport by a UN-chartered flight.

The contingent will join the newly formed BANFP-3 unit in Congo.

Deputy Inspector General of Police (Training) Abdus Salam and other senior officials were present at the airport to see them off.

'Form farmers' cooperatives'

BSS, Dhaka

State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Jahangir Kabir Nanok yesterday directed the cooperatives department to form farmers' cooperatives society at grassroots level to ensure fair prices of agricultural goods, breaking the syndrome of middlemen.

He also sought cooperation of successful cooperative societies to rejuvenate the sick cooperatives.

The state minister was addressing as the chief guest a discussion organised by the Cooperatives Department at its conference room in the city.



International Burmese Monks Organisation stages a demonstration near the High Court in the city yesterday to mark the second anniversary of Saffron Revolution in Myanmar.

GLOBAL CLIMATE POLICY

Making people's views heard

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A national meeting was held in the city yesterday to collect views and recommendations from common people over global warming issue to influence the global climate policy.

At the meeting titled 'Citizens' views on global warming' at Brac Centre Inn, around 100 representatives of common people from across the country upheld their views, needs and placed a set of recommendations to overcome the adverse impact of global warming.

Ahead of the 15th United Nations Climate Change Conference at Copenhagen, capital of Denmark, in December this year, Incidin Bangladesh in association with World Wide Views on Global Warming organised the meeting.

The main purpose of the meeting was to listen to general people's voice over the climate

change issue to influence the policy decision to be taken at the COP15 as the common people who are most vulnerable to climate change have no proper access to express their views regarding the issue.

Inaugurating the meeting as chief guest lawmaker Begum Sanjida Khanam from Dhaka-4 constituency said the government is working sincerely to adopt necessary policies to overcome adverse impacts of global warming.

"The government has allocated Tk 700 crore in the budget for the fiscal year 10 to mitigate the impacts of climate change, and it is also working at the global forum to create opinion on the issue," she added.

Sanjida said it is essential for government and non-government organisations working with climate change issue to take effective stand over global policy on climate change at the Copenhagen

conference.

"Though the developed

nations are mainly responsible for global warming, least developed countries including Bangladesh are the most affected ones. So the Bangladesh delegation has to play a strong role in the Copenhagen conference," she added.

Presided over by AKM Mustaque Ali, executive director of Incidin Bangladesh, the inaugural session was also addressed by Dr Kazi Maruf Islam, associate professor of public administration at Rajshahi University, and AKM Masud Ali, one of the executive directors of Incidin Bangladesh.

In his speech Mustaque Ali said collection of views and recommendations from the common people started yesterday simultaneously in 68 countries which are badly affected by global warming.

The main objective of the event is to identify and determine a set of roles in combating avian influenza and other animal health diseases.

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LIVING GODDESS: Kumari Puja, an important part of Durga Puja, the biggest religious festival of Hindus, was held at Ramakrishna Mission in the city yesterday.

Move to settle cheque bounce cases

16,400 CR cases stockpiled in Magistrate's Court of Dhaka

BSS, Dhaka

Dhaka Metropolitan Court has taken an initiative to settle the stockpiled cheque bounce cases that pushed the country's financial and banking institutions into a huge debt burden.

According to sources, the number of magistrate's courts dealing with cheque bounce cases legally known as Complaint Registrar (CR) cases under the Negotiable Instrument (NI) Act have been extended to four with Metropolitan Magistrates Ferdous Ara and Farhana Ferdousi taking charge of the newly constituted courts 14 and 25 respectively to hear and settle the CR cases.

Sources in the Magistrate's Court of Dhaka said as many as 16,400 CR cases have remained stockpiled in this court alone for a long period without hearing due to lack of adequate magistrate's courts.

The magistrate's courts which are to deal with other ordinary cases are also loaded

with huge number of CR cases, the filing of which is increasing every day, said an official of the CMM's Court.

Shariful Ala added that in many cases, reports relating to summoning of the cases are deliberately removed by some dishonest court staff in connivance with loan recipients for their vested interest to prolong the process.

The DBH top boss said if the accused is granted bail it takes nearly six to eight months to transfer a case from a magistrate's court to an assistant session judge's court.

Even if no stay order is there, the assistant session judge's court takes at least three years to settle the loan default case, he added.

"The problems of settling the CR cases will be resolved to a great extent with the enhancement of the number of courts," said Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Md Golam Rabani.

He said the CMM's Court will continue its efforts to

mitigate the sufferings of the financial and banking institutions.

Although four magistrate's courts were exclusively engaged in settling the CR cases, the 13 judicial courts will also hear and settle the CR or cheque bounce cases along with the ordinary cases, he added.

Dhaka CMM's court has also reorganised the courts and given the responsibility to four magistrate's courts to receive the CR cases of different police stations of Dhaka Metropolitan city, the source said, adding, it has split the CR branch into four regions - east, west, north and south to ease the sufferings.

Areas under Motijheel, Paltan, Khilgaon, Sabujbagh, Shyampur, Suratpur, Demra, Jatrabari and Kadamtoli Police Stations have been included in the east region and the CMM's Court Number 5 under Metropolitan Magistrate A K M Emdadul Huq are receiving the CR cases in the north and south regions respectively.

Court Number 22 under Metropolitan Magistrate Faisal Atiq Bin Qader and Court Number 6 under Metropolitan Magistrate A K M Emdadul Huq are receiving the CR cases in the north and south regions respectively.

A two-week Chinese Traditional Artwork Show by Rashida Akhter began at the National Museum in the city yesterday. The show will remain open from 11:00am to 5:00pm daily up to October 12.

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