



Workers Party of Bangladesh organises a seminar at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. From left are Rashed Khan Menon, Maria Teresa Pantoza of Communist Party of Spain, Abul Bashar, MK Pandhe of Communist Party of India and Urmila of Communist Party of Nepal.

## 'Unite to fight repression'

DU CORRESPONDENT

Left-leaning leaders of different countries yesterday called on the left-leaning political parties in the South Asian countries to be united to work against capitalist market system.

Using geographical advantage and cultural bond, left-leaning political parties in the region have to work together by organising workers against repression and discrimination in society, they said at a seminar at the National Press Club in the city.

Workers Party of Bangladesh (WPB) organised the seminar titled 'World recession and working class' to mark the 8th national congress of the party.

The leaders urged the left-leaning political parties to strengthen their social movements

against repression and discrimination which prevail in the society.

WPB politburo member Abul Bashar presided over the function which was addressed, among others, by Comrade MK Pandhe of Communist Party of India, Le Hong Liem of Communist Party of Vietnam, Comrade Maria Teresa Pantoza of Communist Party of Spain and labour leader Dr Wajedul Islam Khan.

Central committee member of WPB Mozammel Haque presented a keynote paper at the seminar.

Bashar said there is no law in the country that preserves the interest of labour. Workers cannot argue with owners using the existing labour law.

He called on all to work for the betterment of labourers, saying that regional unity as well as united movement is very significant for that.

## Unsafe use of injections increasing risk of hepatitis, HIV: Study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unsafe use of injections in the hospitals is increasing the risk of infection of Hepatitis B virus (HBV), Hepatitis C virus (HCV) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) in the country, a study revealed.

The study jointly conducted by Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology of Dhaka University and the Centre for Social Research in Medicine and Health, School of Pharmacy of Nottingham University, also revealed that the health professionals are also at risk of infections for unsafe use of injections.

UK-Bangladesh Higher Education Link Programme under the British Council funded the study that covered some 24 Upazila Health Complexes in six divisions.

The research findings were revealed at a seminar titled 'Unsafe injection and the risk of HBV, HCV and HIV infection: Ways to reduce the risk' at the British Council auditorium yesterday.

The study revealed that rate of use of injections is higher in all the hospitals than actual need. On an average injection is being used in 77.92 percent cases. But, safety measures while injecting the patients are quite inappropriate.

Using soap or alcohol in hand washing, cleansing the injectable place with rectified spirit, preparing the injection in a clean table and to watch the reaction of the patient after injection are not followed as part of safety measures, the study showed.

"Though it is good that disposable syringes are being used, but disposal of used materials are not taking place properly that increases the risk of infectious diseases even those who are engaged in waste management," said Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, lead investigator of the study and teacher of Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology.

The health care providers except some in the Dhaka and Rajshahi division are not properly trained for safe injection and very few of the health professionals have got the HBV and HCV vaccine, he said while presenting the summary of the findings.

Pointing to the global situation he also said that half of the world's 15 billion injections is unsafe. 20 million HBV infections, 2 million HCV infections and 2, 60,000 HIV new infections are associated with unsafe use of injections each year worldwide.

When 10 percent people are carrier of HBV and 3.6 percent of HCV in the country, it is important to take immediate intervention, including rational use of injections, maintaining safety measures and training of the health professionals, the experts said.

Health Adviser Prof Syed Modasser Ali was present at the programme as the chief guest, while Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddiqui, Claire Anderson of Nottingham University, Prof ABM Faroque of Pharmaceutical Technology, Dr Shahadat Hossain of Directorate General of Health Services, among others, spoke.

## Students control Nightingale Medical College: Authorities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nightingale Medical College and Hospital (NMCH) yesterday called on the government to take immediate steps to free the institution from the control of a group of students' following a clash on the campus on July 15.

The authorities alleged that the students did not let anyone from the authorities or any staff enter the campus since they took its control illegally.

At a press conference at the National Press Club in the city, NMCH Chairman Asaduzzaman Chowdhury demanded steps to resume the classes and the medical services by ensuring a congenial atmosphere on the campus, saying a vested interested group is hatching a conspiracy against them.

Dr Humayun Zaman Chowdhury, managing director of NMCH, alleged that a group of students and their guardians in connivance with a vested quarter is engaged in conspiring against them.

Earlier on September 16 last year, health ministry in a report directed to cancel the approval of 13 medical colleges, including NMCH, and migrate the students to another ones, saying that these colleges do not have the facilities to produce quality doctors.

Asaduzzaman claimed that the official of the health ministry, who prepared the report, could not do so as he neither had studied in a medical college nor was a doctor, saying: "It was also a part of the conspiracy."

The college has been running its activities for the last three years while the hospital has been carrying out its activities for the last six years with reputation, he added.

Describing the incident, he alleged that the students on July 15 beat up the officials and employees in presence of police and vandalised the college and hospital buildings, furnishes and valuables, though the authorities set the following day for a meeting with the students about their demands.

Rafsan Zaman Chowdhury, deputy managing director of NMCH, Rawshan Ara Begum and Dr Afana Chowdhury, members of the governing body, were present.

Meanwhile, the students said they would not leave the place until their demand to migrate them to another college is met.

Talking to The Daily Star, they alleged that the college authorities took fees till November this year and even threatened them to kill by local goons if they come out of the institution.

## Mini marathon to mark World Diabetes Day

METRO DESK

Bangladesh Diabetic Association and Horlicks Lite jointly organised a mini marathon titled 'Live Lite Walk Lite' on Saturday to observe the World Diabetes Day.

The marathon was organised with a view to raising awareness about diabetes and to help promote the habit of walking.

Intellectuals, noted writers and people from all walks of life attended the event. High officials from Diabetic Association of Bangladesh, Mutual Food Products Ltd and GlaxoSmithKline Bangladesh Ltd were also present.

A number of free diabetes detection camps were also held on different spots in the city.

To make the day more colorful and unique, the Birdem building at Shahbagh was lit in blue light on November 13-15, blue being the signature color of World Diabetes Day.

Channel i, the media partner of this campaign, also held a special lifestyle programme 'Horlicks Live Lite', which will be telecast at 11:30pm everyday till November 18.

## DeIPHE ANNOUNCEMENT

Call for applications: Round 5

The UK Government's Department for International Development (DFID) is investing up to £3 million a year through its Development Partnerships in Higher Education (DeIPHE) programme.

The programme commenced in June 2006 and will run until March 2013. It has already passed through four rounds and is now inviting applications for Round-5.

DeIPHE will provide funding for partnerships between Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) that are working on collaborative activity linked to the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The overall aim of DeIPHE is to enable HEIs to act as catalysts for poverty reduction and sustainable development. DeIPHE aims to achieve this by building and strengthening the capacity of HEIs to contribute towards the MDGs and promote science and technology related knowledge and skills.

The DeIPHE portfolio is currently under-represented in several countries; for DeIPHE Round-5 we are particularly interested in partnerships with Cambodia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Mozambique, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan and Yemen.

Applications from other DeIPHE countries are welcome but will be given lower priority at selection. Similarly projects in the health sector are a low priority given that health currently represents the greatest proportion of all DeIPHE projects.

Please note that Private Universities are eligible as long as the lead partner is a Public University from one of DFID's 22 bilateral focus countries.

It would be an added advantage if proposals were discussed during the planning and writing-up stage with DFID Education Adviser Mr Fazle Rabbani. You can contact him on: F.Rabbani@dfid.gov.uk to ensure that the proposals meet DFID Bangladesh Country Plan priorities.

Applications are hereby invited from the eligible and interested HEIs in Bangladesh for funding. Application forms, guidance notes, funding guidelines, selection criteria and other necessary information are available at: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-delphe.html>

The deadline for submission of completed applications - both hard/signed copy and electronic copy - is 6<sup>th</sup> February 2010 to the following address:

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