

Be of help to special needs people: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called upon all to be compassionate and helpful towards all physically and mentally challenged people and children of the society.

She made the urge while addressing as the chief guest a function arranged to mark the 4th International Autism Awareness Day and the 13th National Day of Persons with Disability at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city yesterday.

This year the day is being observed with the theme: We are pledge-bound for development of the autistics and disabled.

She requested the parents not to neglect their disabled or autistic children and said every challenged person has special qualities.

"Even world famous scientists like Albert Einstein and Isaac Newton had also passed few years of their lives through autism. Physicist Stephen Hawking is also physically challenged, but he is a professor of Cambridge University."

The government is setting up schools for the special needs children in every district and is committed to appoint a specialised teacher in all general schools for them, she said.

Hasina again directed the mainstream schools authorities to ensure admission of disabled and autistic children.

The PM said the government is going to set up a multipurpose complex in the capital, which will be a centre of excellence for the challenged people.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina poses for a photograph with children with disabilities at a function at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city yesterday marking the 4th International Autism Awareness Day and the 13th National Day of Persons with Disability. (Story on Page 1)

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Climate talks begin in Bangkok today

BSS, Dhaka

International climate talks will resume today in Bangkok, Thailand after Cancun Conference last year that failed to gain a strong commitment from the world leaders to cut greenhouse gas emission.

The six-day meeting at UN Conference Centre (UNCC) will be marked by two pre-session workshops -- one on technology transfer to developing countries and the other on National Appropriate Mitigation Action (NAMA).

The most important issue, emission cut, is missing from the formal agenda in Bangkok conference, say representatives from developing countries.

The current UNFCCC agenda promotes the proposals of the US and other developed countries that want no science-based targets and binding obligations, they allege.

A 12-member Bangladesh delegation headed by the environment secretary will take part in the talks.

The secretary said Bangladesh will try for membership in Technology Executive Committee (TEC) from the Asia region.

Brazil, South Africa, India, and China have already voiced concern that the Bangkok negotiations are heavily weighted in favour of developed countries' interests.

They said many developed countries led by the US are in continued efforts to weaken the rules on emission cut.

Formulate policy on use of antibiotics

Urge experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Formulation of a national antimicrobial (antibiotic drugs) policy is essential to combat irrational use of antibiotics as such usage causes bacteria to develop resistance in the patients' body leaving the drugs inactive against certain diseases.

Experts made this call yesterday at a training workshop for journalists titled "Antimicrobial resistance" held at Milton Hall of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU). It was jointly organised by BSMMU Department of Pharmacology and World Health Organisation (WHO).

Experts said doctors often prescribe antibiotics to patients without considering its actual need and similarly antibiotics are sold in pharmacies without prescriptions for slack monitoring system.

Patients use antibiotics whimsically due to lack of awareness and develop antibiotic resistance.

Speaking at the workshop, Dr Erwin Cooreman, medical officer of WHO, said this resistance is termed as unresponsiveness to antimicrobial agents in standard doses and is accelerated through inappropriate use of antibiotics.

He said 50 percent antibiotics are prescribed irrationally across the globe and of them, 50 percent is wrongly used.

The experts said antimicrobial resistance

has a huge negative impact on health including longer duration of illness, longer treatment, higher mortality, need of expensive drugs for treatment and increased burden on health system.

Patients act as a reservoir of resistant organisms, passing them on to community and healthcare workers, they said, adding that this is threatening for the present and next generation and becoming a global health problem.

"Awareness regarding irrational use of antibiotic is very low in the country," said Dr Sayedur Rahman, associate professor of BSMMU Department of Pharmacology and project coordinator of Awareness Building Campaign on Antimicrobial Resistance.

Media should highlight the negative sides of antibiotic resistance for greater awareness in society and there is no alternative to formulating a national antimicrobial guideline to regulate use of antibiotics, he said.

Speakers also criticised rigorous promotion strategy of pharmaceutical companies and urged to bring quacks under strict regulations.

BSMMU Vice Chancellor Prof Pran Gopal Datta was present as the chief guest. Pro-VC Prof Dr Mohammad Shahidullah, the department Chairman Prof Mir Misbahuddin, Dr Sharmila Huda of BSMMU and Public Information Consultant of WHO SM Mahfuzur Rahmna also spoke.

DU VC gets Spanish award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique yesterday received prestigious Commander of the Spanish Order of Civil Merit for his contribution in enhancement of civil virtues in society.

Spanish Ambassador in Dhaka Arturo Perez Martinez on behalf of Spanish King Juan Carlos handed over the certificate and a medal of the award to Prof Arefin at a function at the VC's bungalow on DU campus.

Receiving the award, Prof Arefin dedicated the award to the empowerment of women and gender equality in Bangladesh and across the globe.

"Woman empowerment and gender equality issue is very important for the overall development of a state," the DU VC told the audience at the ceremony.

Teachers, students and officials of DU and schools and college inside the campus were present while students of Department of Music sang Bangla and Spanish songs.

Criticising quarters opposing the government declared women development policy, Prof Arefin said, "They (those opposing) are illogically opposing the policy."

Ambassador Arturo Perez Martinez said Prof Arefin is an educationalist, human rights activist and campaigner of free flow of information, and his speeches and writings are always inspiring.

The award is given to nationals of Spain and foreign nationals for enrichment of civil virtues in society and contribution for extraordinary benefits of Spain.



Barrister Sara Hossain, second from left, attends as the chief guest the centenary year programme of International Women's Day organised by Inner Wheel District 328 in the city recently. Also seen in the picture are Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka North President Mohsena Reza, District 328 Chairman Tahera Muzaffar, and national representative Sophia Kabir.

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