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REACHING THE TOP

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

CIMA

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A finance manager of one of the top foreign multinational banks in Bangladesh, Md. Yasir Arafin has set his bar high thanks to the CIMA qualifications. According to Yasir, Bangladesh needs CIMA professionals for its future economic growth and development. "CIMA professionals can work beyond the traditional number crunching role and act as finance business partners and also provide strategic direction to the CEO and other senior stakeholders by providing timely and strategic financial and non-financial information," he explains.

Yasir says that CIMA structured his career and also shapes the decisions that he takes. "I believe, I now have an opportunity to think outside the box," he says. "The syllabus is broader and allows me to understand and interpret the issues behind the numbers. This helps me to contextualise my role within Finance and also to add value to the decision making process in my organisation."

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Yasir further adds that Bangladeshi companies should come forward to motivate young students to go for CIMA. The qualification can be one of the better choices as it focuses on business skill development, in addition to the accounting skills.

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THE ET EXPERIENCE!

ISRAT ZAHAN WAISHI

Students of Viqarunnisa Noon School visiting Kennedy Space Centre of NASA.

When we set foot in the premises of the Kennedy Space Centre of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), it was like a dream come true. The vastness of the center and its technological facilities mesmerised us. During our two-day-long study tour, 26 students of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College got the opportunity to stand nose-to-nose with the space shuttle Atlantis, explore it and learn practically, how an astronaut survives in space. To appease our intense curiosity about the space and astronaut life, famous NASA astronaut Edward Gibson shared his experience with us.

Our NASA Tour 2015 was organised and sponsored by Shaheen Aero Space Center. Two of our teachers, Kamrunnahar Siddiquee and Zinat Hossain, accompanied us. Guides from Shaheen Aerospace Center and NASA officials helped us learn the complex mechanism of the Astronaut Training Experience (ATX) facility in the Kennedy Space Centre.

We learned how an astronaut could take control of a space capsule when a shuttle faces danger in space. We also witnessed how a space shuttle could be landed on earth safely. But the most amazing experience was to fly like a bird in the zero gravity area. When the zero gravity area was created artificially in the ATX, we started to feel weightless and all of a sudden I was floating in the vacuum. It was an awesome experience.

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Taking training at ATX in Kennedy Space Centre.

The session with astronaut Edward Gibson was also amazing. "Up in the space we always face a lot of dangers and troubles. But when you find yourself out of the world, often all alone in endless space, you will get a very special feeling," he said to us.

We also visited museums where materials from different planets and the moon have been preserved. A NASA official, John Mack Bridge, gave us certificates for visiting and taking the training at ATX.

This trip to the extraterrestrial life was an experience of a lifetime. It has widened my vision and inspired me to think that as a human being, nothing is impossible.

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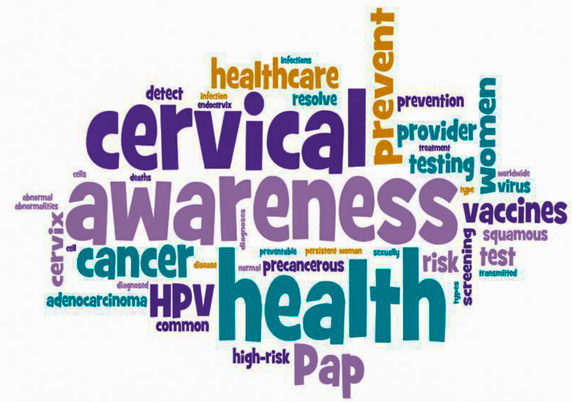
| AN APPLE A DAY |

CERVICAL CANCER TREATMENT AND PREVENTION

NAZIBA BASHER

With all the unhealthy food, unhealthy air that we breathe, and a chaotic lifestyle in a country like Bangladesh, a woman needs to keep constant care of herself. Routine check-ups, a healthy diet and hygiene are a must for all women. Due to the atmosphere mostly, a lot of women in the country suffer from gynaecological problems- and sometimes it may go to the extreme. Cervical cancer is one such disease that all women should look out for.

Cervical cancer occurs when abnormal cells on the cervix grow out of control. The cervix is the lower part of the uterus that opens into the vagina. Cervical cancer can often be successfully treated when it's found early. It is usually found at a very early stage through a Pap test, and the earlier it is found, the earlier you can treat it.



SYMPTOMS OF CERVICAL CANCER

- Bleeding from the vagina that is not normal, such as bleeding between menstrual periods, after sex, or after menopause.
- Pain in the lower belly or pelvis.
- Pain during sex.
- Vaginal discharge that isn't normal.

THE TREATMENT FOR MOST STAGES OF CERVICAL CANCER

- Surgery, such as a hysterectomy and removal of pelvic lymph nodes with or without removal of both ovaries and fallopian tubes.
- Chemotherapy.
- Radiation therapy.

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Studies have found that infection with the virus called HPV (human papillomavirus) is the cause of almost all cervical cancers. An HPV infection with a high risk type of HPV that doesn't go away can cause cervical cancer in some women. (medicine.net)

An HPV infection may go away on its own. But sometimes it can cause genital warts or lead to cervical cancer. That's why it's vital for women to have regular Pap tests. A Pap test can find changes in cervical cells before they turn into cancer. If you treat these cell changes, you may prevent cervical cancer.

Vaccinations are now available for cervical cancer. Dr Nasima Akhter MBBS, PHD (Japan), MS (GYNAE & OBS), Assistant Prof. & Head of Department, Gynaecology of Ibn Sina Hospital and Diagnostic Center says, "The hospitals get the vaccine from Glaxosmithkline, the only company that currently sells vaccines for cervical cancer." The procedure to apply the vaccination is to first keep it contained in a cool temperature and is an Intramuscular injection. "While early sexual intercourse, multiple sexual partners, early childbirth and smoking are the most talked about causes for the disease, another one that applies in our country is poor socio-economic conditions. The poor hygiene can lead to a woman having cervical cancer," says Dr. Nasima. ■

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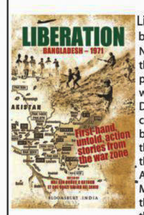

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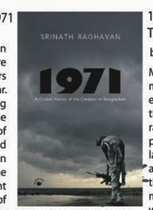

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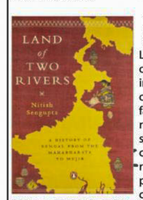

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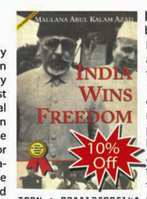

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