

Focusing on patients

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Palliative care focuses on patient, not on medicine... and family. It not only heals but also increases life span.

TDS: Originated in 1984 in the United Kingdom as a life care discipline, especially focusing on cancer patients, this kind of treatment is yet to be expanded. What is the global situation currently?

Dr Dey: The situation is improving now as many are getting involved with this specialised medical care to improve quality of life for both the patient and family. For example, in Massachusetts General Hospital, where I work, we have a strong palliative care team. As a result, many of us have to attend a special course once in every six months to remain focused and updated.

TDS: There are only two palliative care units in Bangladesh -- one in DMCH and another in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU). Besides, there are several private care centres. What is your opinion on palliative care services in Bangladesh?

Dr Dey: Many things are being done in Bangladesh in this regard. There's Ayat Education; Prof Dr Nezamuzzaman at BSMMU and Dr Rumana Dowla, renowned palliative care physicians in the country, who are working tirelessly... I think the tide is turning.

But much more needs to be done to improve the situation. The palliative care unit in DMCH is not up to the mark yet, but it will be. BSMMU is doing a good job under Dr Nezamuzzaman. All of the units and centres have to be brought under a single umbrella. There is also a need for brainstorming.

TDS: Palliative care is yet to be adopted in medical and nursing curricula in Bangladesh. How important is it?

Dr Dey: Palliative care is a holistic approach -- patients, their families, nurses, community healthcare providers, doctors -- everyone will have to join hands in this regard. But it is also a part of medical science like cardiology or haematology; a certain level of schooling is needed for that.

So, it must be adopted in medical and nursing curricula. There should be four to six weeks courses for fifth-year medical students. Besides, doctors, nurses and healthcare providers have to be properly trained. We have prepared an action plan and submitted it to the prime minister.

Palliative care unit has to be set up in all medical college hospitals, proposed divisional cancer institutes and in community healthcare centres across the country.

TDS: Medicines like morphine is an essential drug to reduce pain of patients who need palliative care. However, physicians often say the permissible amount is not sufficient in Bangladesh. What is your assessment?

Dr Dey: There is a crisis in Bangladesh. In the west, the aim is that no one should die in pain. A dying patient who needs morphine is allowed to take 55,000 milligrammes in the US and 65,000 milligrammes in Australia. But it is only 55 milligrammes in Bangladesh as of 2015. Can you imagine the excruciating pain a patient has to go through? There's an inequality here.

If the government steps forward, like it did by setting up a bone marrow transplant unit in DMCH, nothing is impossible.

High time

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Dr Saiful Islam, VC of Buet, also spoke at the event.

A three-day exhibition has been organised at the architecture department where various development projects, models, and documentaries will be presented under Buet's Urban Lab.

Twenty partner organisations -- government, non-government and international sectors -- are participating in the event. Participants include Dhaka North and South City Corporation, Department of Architecture of Ministry of Housing and Public Works, LGED, Rajuk, World Bank, Bangladesh Housing Forum, Prothom Alo, Work for Better Bangladesh, Jahangirnagar University and Khulna University.

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preside over the inaugural programme where Law Minister Anisul Huq will speak as a special guest.

Judges from the Appellate and High Court divisions of the SC and lower courts across the country are expected to attend the event, according to sources.

Legacy of a Dhaka-born business

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display. Imposing pillars rise from the ground -- finished off with an ornate pediment. The series of arches on the ground floor and the long terrace on the upper floor add to the grandiosity.

On one side of the courtyard is a temple. Walking around the main building, you will soon reach another courtyard, which brings in sight more beauty that the building holds.

Beautiful windows, surrounded by lavish arches and pillars, provide a sense of elegance. Lime plasters on the walls have come off here and there, exposing the bricks inside, creating a pleasing sight of white and red.

Take the stairway to the upper floor, and you will find a curious feature of the building: a free-standing colonnade (a number of pillars that do not support any structure above them).

"It is highly unusual to come across a free-standing colonnade in Dhaka," said Taimur Islam, CEO of Urban Study Group, an organisation which campaigns for conservation of the city's architectural heritage.

"We're not sure about the purpose of this exceptional feature. Was it originally meant to be like that? Or does it remain incomplete, and the plan was to build a structure above it? Or perhaps, was there a structure which collapsed or got destroyed? We don't know," he said.

This curiosity and awe are probably not shared by those who decided to build an apartment right next to this historic mansion.

Casting shadow on the heritage structure, the building largely ruins the ambience.

"In Old Dhaka, unscrupulous, unplanned and careless development in and around heritage buildings is a common activity because of which they lose much of their value," Taimur said.

The Sakti Oushadhalaya building is in dire need of restoration.

The current state does not reflect the true grandeur of the mansion -- a property that is not only architecturally important but historically significant too, carrying the legacy of a business born in this city that thrived beyond Bengal.

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Illegal stone crushers

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choice. He assured that stone crushers will not be able to encroach land outside the designated spot.

But even if authorities manage to reserve separate land for this sector, shifting all operations there will be a bit more complicated.

Nasir Uddin, Dhopagul Stone Crusher Malik Samity's president, said, "The administration's attempts to relocate all stone crushers to one place will be impossible, because it will greatly drive up the operational cost and subsequently increase the price of stones, which will affect the construction industry."

But the big question still remains unanswered. Why have the authorities not taken any considerable action, defying the HC order for almost three years?

Abdul Karim Kim provided a possible answer. "For years, the administration did not take any serious step against this and the only reason behind it is that many influential people, mostly politicians, are behind the business."

In reply to Kim's comment, the DC denied the claim, saying that the main reason behind the inaction is because the administration first wants to provide a legal alternative for the sector (providing designated land) and then conduct a drive against illegal traders.

Whatever the problems, solutions and complexities may be, residents of Sylhet just want a clean environment where they can breathe fresh air and have healthy lives.

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Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI)
for
Program Team Leader

Name of Country: Bangladesh
Name of Project: Program for Supporting Rural Bridges (SupRB)
Credit No: 6332-BD, Program ID: P161928

Assignment Title: Program Team Leader
Package No: SupRB/SD4

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost for the **Program for Supporting Rural Bridges (SupRB)**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The objective of the assignment is to: (i) support Project Director (PD) in planning, coordinating and monitoring Program implementations with due quality assurance for all activities of the Program; (ii) Lead and supervise implementation of all physical works in close collaboration with the other consultants and (iii) Lead and supervise all consultants activities (both individuals and firms).

The Consultants services will be commenced by February 2020 and duration is about 44 (forty-four) months. The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the assignment can be obtained from www.lged.gov.bd or can be obtained at the address given below.

The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) now invites eligible Individual Consultant ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

Educational Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering with post graduate degree in Transportation/Highway/Structural/Pavement/Geotechnical Engineering.
- Contract/Construction Management degree will be preferred.

Experience:

- Minimum 25 (twenty-five) years of general experience out of which 20 (twenty) years of experience in planning, project management and implementation of rural infrastructure construction and maintenance works;
- At least 5 (five) years experience as a TL/PM. Experience of bridge construction and maintenance project financed by Multilateral Financing Institution will be an added advantage;
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- He should have proven leadership and project management capability, personnel management and interpersonal skills, work skills in multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural team environments, excellent report preparation skills with computer literacy.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English, to deliver technical financial documents and reports.

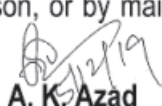
Consultants are requested to submit the following supporting documents in support of the abovementioned criteria.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 (Revised November 2017) ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Selection of the abovementioned consultants will follow the procedures for selecting Individual Consultants described in "The World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016 revised in November 2017".

The advertisement is also available in the website of LGED and CPTU.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail) by 02/01/2020 up to 3:00pm (Bangladesh Standard Time).


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