

Covid infection rate still 5pc in Ctg

Residents' reluctance in following health rules to blame; daily rate is 3pc or less nationwide, say health officials

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Although the daily coronavirus infection rate is around 3 percent or less in the country, it is still around 5 percent in Chattogram for around a month due to people's reluctance to follow health rules, according to health officials.

On February 17, a total of 82 cases were detected out of 1,710 samples, which means, 4.79pc cases of Covid-19 were detected on that day.

The next day, 76 such cases were detected out of 1,631 samples, which is around 4.66pc. On February 19, it was 79 cases out of 1,262 samples, which is 6.25pc. From February 21 to 25, the rate was 3.13pc, 6pc, 3.86pc, 6.33pc and 5pc respectively.

Meanwhile, three people were detected with Covid-19 though they received vaccines, said the civil surgeon's office.

Dr Abdur Rob, senior consultant of medicine and head of Covid-19 ward in Chattogram General Hospital, said the number of admitted patients has increased in the ward over last few

weeks.

He said around 50 beds of the 100-bed ward remained vacant even a month ago. Now almost 80pc beds are filled with patients. "We got some patients who received vaccine and got infected later," he said.

Dr Rob said people's apathy to follow health rules was mainly responsible for further increase in Covid-19 cases in Chattogram.

"Many think they are safe once they get vaccinated but it's not true. It takes time to develop antibody in the body. Everyone should follow health rules even after receiving the vaccine," he said.

Civil Surgeon Dr Sheikh Fazle Rabbi said many are attending programmes without following health rules. They are behaving as if the pandemic is over. Some are not wearing masks in public transport, he said, adding that all these have worsened the situation.

Rabbi said 241,932 people received vaccine in Chattogram till February 25 while 369,436 have registered for

vaccination.

Contacted, Prof Dr Sujat Paul, head of medicine department at Chattogram Medical College Hospital, said number of patients has also increased in their Covid-19 ward. The 100-bed ward is almost filled with patients now-a-days, he said.

"The rate of Covid-19 cases is hovering around 2.86pc on an average nationwide while it is almost double in Chattogram," he said.

He said lack of awareness among people is behind it. "If people keep showing apathy to follow health rules, number of cases will increase," he said.

Dr Paul said people still have to take the second dose of vaccine. "They will have to take it after two months of receiving the first dose. Then after two weeks, 79pc to 80pc antibody will develop in the body. Everyone should be aware of it and follow health rules," said Dr Paul, also in-charge of CMCH Covid-19 ward.

Early

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In such a context, experts suggest anyone over age 30 to go for diagnosis. But it can even affect those below that age. For Miraz (27), sudden diagnosis of his type-1 diabetes in early 2020 was "disastrous".

"It has drastically reduced my stamina and enthusiasm for life — it has turned out to be catastrophe for me," the bank employee told The Daily Star. "I now need to take Tk 1,000 worth of insulin every month," he said with regret.

According to the US Center for Disease Control, diabetes is a chronic health condition that affects how human body turns food into energy. Most of the food human beings eat is broken down into sugar (i.e. glucose) and released into the bloodstream. When blood sugar goes up, it signals the pancreas to release insulin. Insulin acts like a key to let blood sugar into the body's cells for use as energy.

If one has diabetes, the body either doesn't make enough insulin or can't use the insulin it makes as well as it should. Over time, insufficient insulin can cause serious health problems, such as heart disease, vision loss, and kidney disease.

There are two types of diabetes: type-1, which occurs when the body can't produce any insulin, and type-2, in which the body becomes resistant to insulin.

Diabetes-related complications include damage to large and small blood vessels, which can lead to heart attack and stroke, and problems with the kidneys, eyes, feet and nerves.

Meanwhile, doctors suspect Covid-19 to be a catalyst for additional risk for diabetic patients.

Although there is no study that shows how Covid-19 impacts diabetic patients yet, physicians said diabetic patients should remain cautious.

"We have observed that the death rate among diabetic patients with Covid-19 is much higher than general Covid-19 patients," Dr Shahzada Selim, associate professor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) told The Daily Star. "Because diabetes harms the kidney, neurons, eyes, heart, brain and other organs, diabetic patients develop critical illnesses easily if infected with the novel coronavirus."

No alternative

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The number of accidents on the four-lane roads reduced largely, he claimed, adding that most accidents occurred on highways due to small and non-motorised vehicles.

To mark the week, BRTA circle offices will provide learner licence, motorcycle registration and appointment for fitness test via online, officials said.

Road Transport and Highway Division Secretary Nazrul Islam and BRTA Chairman Nur Mohammad Mazumder also spoke at the programme.

Rajshahi

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He said they will get a monthly stipend for the district administration office until the jobs are permanently approved. They will be joining from March 1.

He also requested the police and other agencies to create employment opportunities for them.

Abdul Jalil said, a project has been submitted to the government to acquire one acre of land in city's Kashiadanga area to set up a housing and training centre for hijra community in Rajshahi.

The programme was organised in collaboration with Manusher Jonno Foundation and funded by Global Affairs Canada.

Masters and

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The study of horses was significant in renowned artist Sunil Das' rise to prominence. Being an expressionist artist, Das showcased a minimalistic approach in his works.

Suhas Roy (1936-2016) was known for portraying sensuality and innocence on his canvases. Whether it is with his project, "Radha" or landscapes with trees, shrubs, leaves and flowers, the rich tones and textures gave his works a distinct poetic serenity.

Apart from these pieces, the works of several contemporary printmakers, who have been instrumental to the development of art in India, are on exhibit at the group show.

The exhibition, organised in partnership with Artitude, and sponsored by ADN Group, will be open every day from 11am to 7:30pm till March 16.

Children faced

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However, in 2021, the number has increased by over four times.

According to experts, legal complexity and lack of awareness are some of the key reasons behind this increase.

Quazi MH Supan, associate professor of law at Dhaka University said to The Daily Star, "Online sexual harassment and paedophilia are not properly addressed in our legal system. For instance, there is no specific legal provision on paedophilia in Digital Security Act, 2018. Child pornography has been addressed in the Pornography Control Act, 2012. However, there is no provision for the cases where perpetrators and victims both are children."

"Members of the law enforcement agencies, particularly who work in the peripheral regions are not trained to be children friendly and also not skilled enough to collect digital evidence," he added.

Supreme Court advocate Barrister Abdul Halim, also chairman of Children's Charity Bangladesh Foundation said, "Lack of reliability on judicial system is also one of the reasons due to which children and their parents are not seeking legal aid."

"The process that starts from filing the case, the investigation process and finally getting a verdict is so lengthy, sluggish and complicated that many parents prefer to remain silent. Conviction rate for cyber crime and rape is only three percent in Bangladesh," adds Barrister Halim.

Lack of awareness among parents and children is also a major reason behind this increase.

Ambica Roy, coordinator, Child Rights Unit of ASK said, "Children and abusers both got the opportunity to spend a lot of time on the internet during this pandemic. However, many parents in Bangladesh are not conscious about how a child can be harassed on the internet."

"On the other hand, social stigma is also deteriorating the situation. Many children do not share their experiences of harassment in fear of further punishment from their guardians," she adds.

At the press conference, ASK recommends several measures to prevent online harassment of children which include: ensuring safe internet, including issues related to online child harassment into the curriculum, awareness-raising activities with parents, developing parental control applications, trying online child harassment cases under cyber crime tribunal and reforming the relevant laws such as The Children Act, 2013 (amended 2018); ICT Act, 2006 (amended 2013); Digital Security Act, 2018 and The Pornography Control Act, 2012 to prevent online violence against children.

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The bench set March 30 for further hearing on the issue.

During the hearing, lawyer Abdul Qaium Khan, one of the petitioners, told the court that money laundering from the country has gone up at an alarming rate in recent years.

Names of different Bangladeshi persons and companies have been reportedly published in Panama Papers and Paradise Papers for depositing huge amounts of money with foreign banks, but no inquiry was conducted into the allegations, he said.

The authorities concerned, including the ACC and Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit, have failed miserably to prevent money laundering and bring back the money, the lawyer argued.

Qaium Khan said names of India's 426 citizens and companies were published in Panama and Paradise papers and probes were reportedly conducted.

ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan opposed the petition, saying that name of Abdul Awal Mintoo, owner of Multimode Group, has been published in Panama Papers and an inquiry is being conducted by ACC into the matter.

The authorities concerned of ACC and government are working for bringing back the money that was laundered and deposited with foreign banks and framing a workplan to this effect is under process, he added.

Lawyers Qaium Khan and Subir Nandi Das filed the petition with the HC as a public interest litigation on February 1.

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commissions in different countries including the US, UK, France, India, and Pakistan to conduct investigations into allegations against law enforcers.

The petitioners prayed to the HC to order the home secretary, law secretary, and inspector general of police to form the commission titled "Police Complaint Investigation Commission".

Shishir Manir said the HC is yet to set any date for hearing the petition.

We all know

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He also urged all not to make any court verdict controversial without knowing the law in details.

"On many occasions, criticism is raised over the legal explanation given by the judiciary. In many cases, judges and the judiciary are being considered the same. But we forget that a judge is also a human being," he added.

Justice Mirza Hussain Haider completed his law education from Dhaka University and enrolled as an advocate of the district court, the High Court Division and the Appellate Division of Bangladesh Supreme Court in 1979, 1981 and 1999 respectively.

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