

Spike in paediatric patient admission at Patuakhali hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

An influx of child patients with typhoid and cold-induced diseases including pneumonia has been causing overcrowding over the last month at paediatric ward of Patuakhali 250-bed General Hospital.

In an attempt to treat maximum possible patients at the 48-bed ward, the authorities have been allocating each bed for two patients along with their attendants.

Tania Begum, from west Badurtoli village in Kalapara upazila, said she admitted her 42-day-old daughter Meem at Kalapara Upazila Health Complex on Wednesday as she had been suffering from fever and cough for one week.

After her child was transferred to the general hospital on Saturday, Meem and she had been sharing the hospital bed with another child patient and her attendant.

Tania Begum, mother of the other patient, said they were being compelled to share the same bed as the ward was facing overcapacity and she feared that the congestion might pose Covid-19 and other health risks to patients and attendants alike.

Tanjila of Dibuapur village in Sadar upazila said her baby boy, Saif, had caught cold and had been suffering from fever and difficulty in breathing.

Since the five days her son had been



Mothers and relatives attending child patients, mostly two on one bed, at the paediatric ward of Patuakhali 250-bed General Hospital. The photo was taken on Sunday.

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admitted there, the bed had to be shared with another child patient, resulting in various problems for both patients, including disturbance during sleep.

Besides, unable to maintain safe

distancing might be hazardous for all, especially amid the ongoing spread of the coronavirus pandemic, she added.

The child patient next to Meem and Saif's bed was five-month-old Abdullah,

son of Ayesha Begum, from Mirzaganj village in Mirzaganj upazila. Abdullah was admitted with fever and cough for one week.

The patient sharing Abdullah's

bed was pneumonia patient Fatema, daughter of Zahida Begum, from Dharandi village in Sadar upazila.

On Sunday, when this correspondent visited the paediatric ward, no bed was found vacant and all the beds were being occupied by multiple patients and their attendants, without being able to follow Covid-19 safety guidelines.

Ayesha Akhter, a nursing staff at the ward, said 74 patients were under treatment at the ward that day.

Over the last 30 days, the number of patients had been on the rise at the ward, where 681 patients were treated and eight of them died, she also said.

Paediatrician Subrata Roy, the in-charge of the ward, said as the rising number of patients with typhoid and cold-induced diseases, including pneumonia, is beyond the capacity of the ward, they had no other alternative but to allocate each bed for multiple patients.

However, he ruled out concerns for contraction of Covid-19 and other diseases due to the overcrowding.

Advising better health awareness among parents of children, he said parents have to be watchful and ensure that the children drink plenty of safe water, sweat on the children's body is wiped off as frequently as possible and they are provided a hygienic environment.

Woman, daughter killed in nor'wester

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A woman and her minor daughter were killed during nor'wester that lashes through different upazilas of the district on Sunday evening.

The deceased were identified as Halima Akter, 25, wife of Mohammad Zahid of Bajitpur village in Alfadanga upazila, and their one and a half years old daughter Afsana Akter.

Quoting the villagers, Officer in Charge of Alfadanga Police Station Mohammad Monirujaman said Halima alone with her daughter went to visit one of her relatives' house at Sirgram village first and then left for her father's house on a rickshaw-van on Sunday evening.

When they reached in Tabni Ghoasbari area suddenly a big tree fell on them that left infant Afsana dead on the spot and Halima severely injured.

Locals rushed her to adjacent Boalmari Upazila Health Complex, where the doctors declared her dead.

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Corrigendum Notice (2nd)

It is hereby notified to all concern that the invitation for Tender (IFT) for "Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, and Maintenance of Low-Speed Weigh in Motion (LSWIM) Scales" invited vide memo 50.01.0000.408.33.007.20-18 date: 25 January 2021. Then, Corrigendum Notice (1st) and Addendum also made as an outcome of per-tender meeting held on 15 February 2021. Now, for necessity, Tender selling, closing and opening date as per published Corrigendum Notice (1st) are changed vide this Corrigendum Notice (2nd). Moreover, corresponding and other amendments of Tender Documents have also made through Addendum-2.

Ref. (IFT)	Descriptions	As per published IFT	Amended as per Corrigendum Notice (1st)	Amended as per Corrigendum Notice (2nd)
17	Tender last selling date	23/03/2021, Office Hour	19/04/2021, Office Hour	28/04/2021 Office Hour
18	Tender closing date	24/03/2021 12.00 Noon	20/04/2021 12.00 Noon	29/04/2021 12.00 Noon
19	Tender opening date	24/03/2021 3.30pm	20/04/2021 3.30pm	29/04/2021 3.30pm

All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. This 2nd corrigendum is an integral part of IFT which was published vide 50.01.0000.408.33.007.20-18 date: 25 January 2021.

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Cash aid for 12,726 underprivileged families

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Plan International Bangladesh, an NGO working for the underprivileged children in Bangladesh, has provided cash grants support among the families of 12,726 beneficiary children in Teesta River basin.

The grant equivalent to Tk 6cr 36 lakhs 30 thousand was given among 4,355 families in Hatibandha upazila of Lalmonirhat and 8,371 families in Jaldhaka upazila in Nilphamari.

Each of the families of the children was given Tk 5,000.

Biploby Rani Dey, communications specialist of Plan International Bangladesh at Rangpur Divisional Office, said this cash grant support has been provided through Mobile Money Transfer (MMT) to 12,226 families and the rest 500 families received the cash in hand.

"The objective of the cash grants distribution is to enable the families of the children to cope with the difficult situation due to Covid-19



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A kid and her mother smile after receiving cash aid from Plan International Bangladesh in Hatibandha upazila of Lalmonirhat.

pandemic," she said. "These families will use this cash to meet their nutritional needs and purchase educational materials," she added.

"We are happy getting cash grants support by Plan International Bangladesh in this challenging time. We will spend the money for our children's education, but we will also have to spend some of the money for

family need," said Mokseda begum, mother of a beneficiary child of Char Sindurna of Hatibandha upazila in Lalmonirhat.

"I have completed the board registration of my daughter who is a ninth-grader with the grant. I am grateful to Plan International Bangladesh," said Ankhi Begum of the same char area.

Sindurna Union Parishad Chairman Nural Amin said, the money will benefit the children's families a lot.

Interim Divisional Manager of Plan International Bangladesh Dr Hrishikesh Sarker, Assistant Sponsorship Manager of Plan International Bangladesh Hasinul Kabir and chairmen of the Union Parishads and members of Community Based Organisation were present at the distribution of cash grants support among the beneficiary children's families in the Teesta basin areas in two upazilas.

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Bhanna plants fast disappearing from 'Bhanna village'

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Bhanna plants used to be grown commercially in every village of Jashore's Chougachha upazila as oil from its seed was once a well-liked commodity in rural areas.

But over time, with the waning popularity of Bhanna oil, the plants are hardly found in the upazila nowadays. Kangsharipur area, presently under Ward 3 of Chougachha municipality, had so many Bhanna plants that people used to call it 'Bhanna village'.

Local species of the plant is usually five to six feet tall, with sharp and multifaceted leaves. Bhanna fruits are not plucked until they dry up in the sun. Dry seeds are then collected to be threshed for oil.

In the western world and in neighbouring countries, Bhanna or castor oil remains a popular natural treatment for common conditions like constipation and skin ailments and is commonly used in natural beauty products. The oil is also said to cure hair loss and effective in regrowth of hair.

Locals say that regular application of Bhanna oil helps grow thicker, longer eyelashes and eyebrows and reduce skin wrinkle. Some say it can heal sprained muscles.

Devraj Kumar Biswas, a college teacher from Kangsharipur village, said, "I used to apply Bhanna oil as skin lotion when I was young. Our elders used to say that the oil is very useful. My father and uncles used to make Bhanna oil from its seed."

Bhanna plants are no longer seen in the village and unfortunately, the future generations will not be able to recognise the plant, he added.

Contacted, Hiral Kumar Sarker, upazila agricultural officer in Chougachha, said though Bhanna oil has many health benefits, it is no longer seen in the area as it used to be seen before.

The plant does not need much care and it easily grows on unusable land by the road, he also said.

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