



Lajina Bewa

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Widow with a heart of gold

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During the time of pandemic, when many are struggling to maintain a stable source of income, a widow in Adamdighi upazila has given up her government allowance card so the government could reach out to other widows in need.

While many across the country are moved by the generous gesture of Lajina Bewa, 52, from Dhulatoir village, her renouncement of the benefit came as a surprise to a good number of deserving widows who say they are given the runaround by officials who demand bribe in exchange for issuing the allowance card to them.

On June 7, when she returned her widow allowance card to Social Services office in Adamdighi upazila, Lajina said she no longer needed the allowance as her financial situation has improved.

Thanking the government for supporting her since 1998, when she desperately needed

a source of income to raise her three young children, Lajina hoped that the fund allocated for her would now be used to support another widow.

"When I got the widow card, I promised to myself that if I became financially stable some day, I would renounce my allowance card so another widow in financial hardship would get the benefit," Lajina said.

When Lajina's husband died in 1982, she was only 22 years old. All that left for her was a house on only 10 decimals of land, but no source of income to support the family.

After years of struggle to raise the children -- two daughters and a son -- with different odd jobs, she found a silver lining in her darkest days in 1998, when she finally started receiving the monthly government allowance for widows.

Even though it was only Tk 100 at that time, the amount was quite helpful for her in those days, she said.

Eventually, she married off the daughters and her son, Mamunur Rashid, completed his

master's degree.

In 2014, Mamunur managed a job in Malaysia under G2G (government to government) programme between the two countries. Before leaving for Malaysia, he appeared for government teacher selection tests. He returned home a couple of years later when he was selected for an assistant teacher position at a government primary school.

Mamunur gradually pulled the family together. He now owns 100 decimals of croplands.

Mamunur said assured by his stable income from the government job and other properties, his mother felt that it was time for her to allow other less fortunate widows receive government allowances.

Sharif Uddin, Social Services officer in Adamdighi upazila, said a total of 2,862 women receive the widow allowance in the upazila, but Lajina Bewa is the only person, not only in the upazila but also in the country, who relinquished such benefits.

No ICU in hospitals of Habiganj

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Covid-19 patients suffer immensely as there is no intensive care unit (ICU) facility at the hospitals in Habiganj.

Fifty-six-year-old Abdus Sobhan from the district has been admitted to Habiganj Sadar Hospital with Covid-19 infection.

His son Abdus Salam said, "My father needs high flow oxygen, which is available in Sylhet. Even if it costs more, we have to go to Sylhet as there is no ICU facility in the corona unit of the hospital for treatment of critical Covid-19 patients."

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Sadek Mia, a patient of Habiganj municipality, said although the coronavirus situation in the district is deteriorating with sharp rise in the number of detected cases, no step has yet been taken to install intensive care facility in the hospital.

"All of us have been given oxygen through cylinders and in that case, if the cylinder runs out suddenly, it will be impossible to supply oxygen by refilling the cylinder immediately. In this situation, I'm planning to go to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital," he said.

Besides, the only sadar hospital in the district does not have adequate oxygen storage. There is no liquid oxygen plant. Oxygen is supplied through the cylinder. In this situation, the victims are taking the service with risk.

Meanwhile, the only Balla land port in the district was closed due to the increase in coronavirus infection in India. But so far 10 people from Brahmanbaria district have entered the district from India through Akhaura land port. They have already returned home at the end of quarantine.

Deputy Civil Surgeon Mukhlesur Rahman Ujjwal said 100 beds have been prepared for corona patients on the 6th floor of the new building of Sadar Adhunik Hospital. There is central oxygen here. Oxygen is supplied through it through a large cylinder. But there is no system of liquid oxygen. If the patient grows,

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there will be problems. Adequate oxygen supply may not be possible.

He added that "Patients are being advised to seek treatment at home if the condition worsens. The infection rate here is 10 percent. However, the death rate is still under control. Although our district is not on the risk list. However, the possibility of risk cannot be ruled out. Besides, a PCR lab is being set up at Sadar Hospital."

According to the district health department, 100 beds have been prepared in two corona units at Sadar Adhunik Hospital. Apart from Shayestaganj and Sadar upazilas, a total of 35 beds have been prepared in five health centers in each of the other seven upazilas.

Total 2,713 people have been infected with Covid-19 in Habiganj so far and 2110 others have recovered. And 19 people have died.

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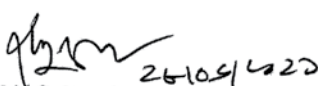
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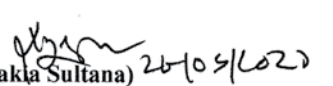
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