

Praava gets accreditation certificate

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Praava Health has received the global accreditation certificate for medical testing from the reputed International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC), said a press release.

The accreditation was granted via Bangladesh Accreditation Board, an MRA signatory member of ILAC.

As a part of the certification, Praava Health was also granted ISO 15189-2012 accreditation for medical testing laboratories, having rigorously established globally accepted standards for laboratory quality, reporting, and quality management systems in its labs.

The accreditation enables Praava laboratory reports to be accepted at healthcare centres in 102 ILAC-accredited countries around the world.



Sultana Sarawatara Zaman's death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the second death anniversary of Professor Emeritus Sultana Sarawatara Zaman.

Sultana Sarawatara Zaman is well-known for her contribution in recognising the stigma associated with children with disabilities; and their educational, social and rehabilitation needs.

Prof Zaman taught developmental psychology at Dhaka University.

In 1977, she founded of the Society of the Care and Education of Mentally Retarded Children, later renamed Society for the Welfare of Children with Intellectual Disability, Bangladesh.

In 1984, she founded the Bangladesh Protibandhi Foundation (BPF) and the Bangladesh Institute for Special Education.

In the same year, she was awarded a doctoral degree from Emory University, Atlanta, US.

Prof Zaman received Rokeya Padak in 2008. She established an orphanage (Khela Ghar) for abandoned children found in the refugee camps in Kalyani, West Bengal, India near Jashore border.

On her death anniversary, BPF has arranged prayers and reminiscence events in the inclusive schools run by BPF. A doa mahfil will be held at his residence "Nirjhor" in Sherpur today.

Her friends, relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend the programme.

They don't

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may be a misuse of power. Due to the pandemic, ACC could not submit its annual report last year. This is why it submitted annual reports for both years to the president on Sunday.

In the report, ACC made recommendations on the source of corruption in Directorate General of Drug Administration, Bangladesh Road Transport Authority, sub-registry office and the ministry of fisheries and livestock.

According to the report, a total of 176 cases out of 3,382 were disposed of in 2020. Of these, the commission got 121 verdicts in its favour.

In 2021, a total of 203 cases out of 3,434 were disposed of. ACC won in 119 cases.

In these two years, the ACC received 33,278 complaints and selected 1,355 allegations for enquiry. Of these, a total of 5,358 allegations were sent to different offices for taking actions.

Left under

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believe this one spread faster due to the wind.

Dhaka District Administration yesterday made a list of 279 families who were affected by the fire. They were provided with 16.5 kg sacks of rice and dry food, said Abdur Rahman, district relief and rehabilitation officer.

A medical camp by SMC clinic was set up on the spot to provide primary medical treatment to the injured.

Debashish Adhikary, a doctor currently working at the camp, said they have so far treated 70 slum residents with minor injuries.

A journey

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On information, police and fire service rushed to the spot and started a rescue operation. Critically injured Monsur died at Chattogram Medical College Hospital.

Mansur's uncle Mahmud Hossain told The Daily Star, "Monsur told his family that he was going to Cox's Bazar with friends... We don't know how to console each other over the death of such a young soul."

DRIVER, HELPER FLEE

After the accident, the truck's driver and helper managed to flee, said police. OC Sirajul said police seized the truck, and no one claimed it till yesterday evening.

This correspondent checked the truck's number in Bangladesh Road and Transport Authority's database. The truck was registered with BRTA on February 25 last year. The bodies were handed over to the families without autopsy, and a case was filed.

Till death do us

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"Fahmida was undergoing treatment at the ICU, where she breathed her last at 7:30am," said Md Yusuf, her paternal uncle.

With Fahmida's passing, the couple's story came to an abrupt end. But though it didn't last long, it will stand tall as a phenomenal instance of love winning over the adversities thrown at its path by reality.

The couple were first introduced in 2018, later developing their relationship into a love affair.

They were over the moon during the first few years, until everything came crumbling down with Fahmida's diagnosis of rectum cancer in January last year.

She was first admitted to

a hospital in Dhaka, then taken abroad for better treatment.

But doctors there said her cancer was already in the advanced stage.

She was brought back to the country and admitted to a hospital in Chattogram.

But Mahmudul never gave up on her. The MBA graduate from a private university chose to stick by her side despite incessant protest from family members.

As the doctors advised stopping chemotherapy, saying that she was approaching the end, Mahmudul decided to ask for Fahmida's hand.

The proposal startled her, according to family members. Neither families initially accepted this, but

acquiesced to his sternness.

On the day of the marriage, Fahmida, an MBA graduate herself, looked happy for a while, which was a massive departure from her usual depressed mood brought about by the severe pain of the disease.

"All of us, from both families, also forgot our sorrows for a moment, seeing the two of them happy," said her uncle Yusuf.

On Friday, this correspondent spoke to Mahmudul.

"I love her. I wanted to take care of her and carry all her burdens. We dreamt of marrying each other and we're glad that part of our dream has come true."

Fahmida passed away two days later.

Dhanmondi Society introductory event held

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Introductory programme of the 19-member executive committee of Dhanmondi Society was held at a restaurant in Dhanmondi yesterday, said a press release.

The event included a press conference where Dhanmondi Society president Abu Mohammad Sabur and general secretary Dr Mosaddek Habib (Mitu) spoke.

Dhanmondi Society is an apolitical and non-profit organisation, designed for the betterment of the residents of Dhanmondi.

There are ways

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On behalf of consumers, the energy expert said there will be no need to hike gas prices if local production is increased, taxes including VAT is remitted at import level, and dependency on liquefied natural gas (LNG) is reduced.

Prof Badrul Imam, another energy expert, said relying on LNG intensified the country's energy crisis.

"Bangladesh is called the petroleum province, given its geological position. But we did not explore properly yet. In the last 20 years, we drilled one field each year. Despite knowing that the gas crisis is approaching, we did not take pragmatic steps, but rather resorted to LNG imports," he said.

Petrobangla proposed

Tk 15.30 to buy a cubic metre of gas. Currently, it is buying gas at the subsidised price of Tk 9.37. BERC's technical committee differed with the proposed price, as in its analysis the price to buy per cubic metre gas could be at best Tk 12.47.

Md Abdul Jalil, chairman of BERC, said the social and economic implications must be taken into account while proposing tariff hike of gas, as it causes a chain reaction in dependent sectors.

"We must conduct a study on factors like the impacts and which socioeconomic class suffers how much due to tariff change. Unfortunately, we don't do such studies," he said.

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