

Covid jabs for kids start in port city

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Covid-19 vaccination for children aged between five and 11 started in Chattogram city yesterday, although the programme was supposed to start across the country today.

City Mayor Rezaul Karim Chowdhury inaugurated the programme at Chattogram Municipal Government Primary School in the morning.

Terming the programme "symbolic", Jaharlal Hazari, Chattogram City Corporation standing committee chairman for health affairs, told The Daily Star that the vaccination programme would formally start from today in the port city like elsewhere in the country.

"Today, the mayor of CCC inaugurated the symbolic programme to vaccinate a total of 300 children in a primary school," he said.

Hazari said a total of 4,00,000 children of the age group would be vaccinated under the programme in the city.

Need multi-sectoral engagement

Speakers tell event on TB Action Plan

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Lack of multi-sectoral engagement and human resources has been responsible for the failure of the National TB Control Programme, leaving many tuberculosis patients undetected, said health officials at an event yesterday.

Each year, as many as 15 percent of the approximately 3.6 lakh TB patients remain undetected, while many detected patients give up medications before getting cured completely, they mentioned at the launching event of the "Community, Rights and Gender Action Plan for TB" in a city hotel. At the event, civil surgeons from 64 districts participated in the discussion sessions.

Tuberculosis is a bacterial infection spread through inhaling tiny droplets from the coughs or sneezes of an infected person. It mainly affects the lungs, but it can affect any part of the body.

Dr Rampad Roy, Sirajganj district civil surgeon, said, "A TB patient often faces discrimination due to misconception. We have

stressed raising awareness regarding this through a multi-sectoral engagement."

The civil surgeons also discussed other problems in dealing with TB. With fewer staffs, a civil surgeon can not concentrate on controlling TB properly. The same thing happens in the case of an upazila-

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level health officer, they said.

According to the officials, DGHS operates the current TB control programme countrywide through the supervision of civil surgeons and the Upazila Health Family Welfare Officers (UHFPO).

Here, workers of 24 NGOs, including Brac, have been working in the fields under the UHFPO. As soon as they learn about any prospective TB patient, they

take them to the Upazila Health Complex for a free TB screening through a Gene Expert machine.

"A TB patient may be required to go through an X-Ray test. However, this examination is not free of cost. The civil surgeons have asked for necessary logistics for this at the discussion," said DGHS medical officer Dr Sayedul Bashar.

The other recommendations placed at the event include integration of TB awareness issues in school health programmes and engagement of the Islamic foundation, ministry of industries, and municipalities and the city corporation authorities.

"Undetected TB patients spread disease among others unknowingly. Unless the number of detection can be increased, the situation will turn more dangerous," said Health Minister Zahid Maleque at the concluding session. He said around 3.60 lakh people become affected with TB each year in the country. Of them, 3.07 lakh can be detected and around 44,000 TB patients die each year.

High taxes

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In many cases, taxes are taken from service providers and receivers of the same service, meaning that double taxation is taking place, the organisation said.

It was mentioned that Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation has to pay 15 percent VAT, 5 percent supply tax on purchased goods, and 5 percent on the revenue received.

Due to giving so much VAT and income tax in addition to paying salaries and allowances, the existence of the corporation has become impossible, the corporation added.

According to the committee, the authorities should take an integrated approach to keep taxes at a tolerable level in all the

related sectors, including the various service sub-sectors in the tourism industry.

The meeting recommended taking necessary measures by holding a meeting involving Dhaka north and south city corporations, finance ministry and National Board of Revenue.

About the obstacles in Cox's Bazar, lawmaker Obaidul said the 24-hour security system has been beefed up in the location.

"However, there is no means of recreation at night. This is the reason why tourists usually stay in the hotel area," he added.

The committee also recommended demolishing all old infrastructures in Cox's Bazar and building a modern tourist city.

Old habits die hard

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"The peak hour of [load] both in Desco and DPDC [areas] was noon. But the pattern is changing, which we want," he said.

"We want to ensure uninterrupted power for

irrigation for 15 days from today [yesterday]. I think we will be able to make it happen," he added.

Replying to a question, he said the power division is gradually bringing down load shedding.

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HC verdict on seeking

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The organisation filed the petition challenging the legality of section 41 (l) of the Government Service Act 2018 which says that the law enforcers will have to take approval from the authorities concerned of the government for arresting any public service holders in connection with criminal cases before submitting the charge sheet.

Secretaries to the cabinet division, offices of

the president and prime minister, the ministries of public administration and law and Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad and ACC have been made respondents to the rule.

During hearing on the rule yesterday, the petitioner's lawyer Manzill Murshid told the HC court that the section of the law is discriminatory and contradictory to the constitution, as all citizens are equal in the eye of law under the constitution.

We were confined

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One of the students said Riva would often force them to join political programmes. Even sickness would not be enough to spare them from participating, she alleged.

On one such occasion, when Riva was threatening other students to get them to join a BCL programme, she recorded audio of the abuses hurled at other students by Riva, to her dismay.

This correspondent tried to reach Riva over the

phone but failed despite repeated attempts since Tuesday.

Contacted, Provost Nargis Ruma said she knew nothing of the incident and will try and find out the facts.

Principal Prof Supriya Bhattacharjee also denied occurrence of the incident. "I have no information of any such incident. We, along with the dorm authorities, will scrutinise how the false information has been circulated."

Implement DAP

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Adil said important issues like land resettlement and redevelopment have been included as well.

When building regulations were framed in 2006, there was a plan to formulate area-based floor area ratio (FAR), which has been included in this year's DAP, he said.

IPD believes that proper application of area-wise FAR will help manage population density as well as access to light and air for buildings and communities. It will also reduce urban

temperatures, he said.

In the past, due to lack of proper and full implementation of different plans for Dhaka, the city has gradually lost its liveability, he opined.

Creating the scope for a proper follow-up of this planning document is necessary, through the sincere efforts of various state agencies.

Besides, initiatives to formulate necessary financing and action plans for DAP's implementation should be taken now, he added.

Bhasan Char

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company's factory there in different capacities," he said.

However, despite every good thing about Bhasan Char, homesickness follows.

Nurul Kalam, another Rohingya resident in

Bhasan Char, said despite having a better life and other facilities on the island, he wants to go back to Myanmar.

"Life is more or less settled and secure here. But I still want to go back to my homeland at the soonest possible time," said Nurul.

Don't dump sand

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sand, if it really was an issue to only dredge the river. Advocate Sultana Kamal said, "Development can't be a goal of a country. The aim should be improving the people's living standards."

"But the government only emphasised on development, ignoring people. The same situation

is prevailing in Banishanta," she added.

She demanded the Mongla Port chairman's removal for defying the prime minister's instructions to "not waste any farmland".

Prothom Alo joint editor Sohrab Hossain also spoke at the event.

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Interested Companies can view and download the RFP documents (RFP 11/2022/BAN) from: **RFP 11/2022/BAN Increased Community Engagement and Health Awareness in dealing with public health emergencies through Community Radio in Bangladesh** (ungm.org).

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