

Lung, breast cancers most prevalent

Reveals study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lung cancer was found to be the most prevalent condition among male cancer patients at Dhaka’s National Institute of Cancer Research from 2018 to 2020, revealed a study.

In contrast, breast cancer was most common among female cancer patients, according to the “Cancer Registry Report”, which was shared at an event at the hospital yesterday.

During that period, 42.6 percent, or 35,733 patients out of 83,795 screened, were cancer patients.

Dr Md Jahirul Alam, associate professor at the institute’s epidemiology department, presented the cancer registry data.

In general, lung cancer was the most prevalent condition, around 17.4 percent, followed by breast cancer (13.4 percent), cervical cancer (10.9), oesophageal cancer (4.9), stomach cancer (4.3), liver cancer (3.9), lymphatic gland cancer (3.8), colon cancer (3.1), throat cancer (3) and gallbladder cancer (1.5).

Considering sex, 17.4 percent of the male cancer patients were diagnosed with lung cancer, while 29.3 percent of females were breast cancer patients.

Speaking as chief guest, Prof Samiul Islam Sadi, director (administration) at the health directorate, said, “We should rethink whether our bad habits like smoking is causing cancer.”

Stressing on building capacity to control cancer, he urged policymakers to take the issue seriously.

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The once 16-km long and 100 feet wide Maharani Shyamasundari canal has turned into a drain due to rampant dumping of garbage and encroachment. The canal has also become a breeding site for mosquitoes. This photo was taken recently.

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SHYAMASUNDARI CANAL

Once Rangpur’s lifeline, now merely a drain



KONGKON KARMAKER

Many Rangpur dwellers, including Maharani Shyamasundari, died following an outbreak of mosquito-borne malaria in 1890s.

Her son, Raja Janaki Ballab later undertook an initiative to dig a canal in the town to curb mosquito breeding. After the 16km long and 100 feet wide canal was dug, the king named it after his late mother.

Originating from the Ghagat river in Kellaband area of southwestern Rangpur, this canal fell on the Gorai river in Khoksha, after flowing through various places including Pasharipara, Keranipara, Munshipara, Engineerpara, Palpara, Gomastapara, Senpara, Tetultola, Mulatol and Boiragipara.

Apart from controlling mosquito menace, the canal was the biggest source of clean water for Rangpur residents.

Due to encroachment and dumping of wastes, this canal, once considered the lifeline of Rangpur, has been reduced to nothing but a narrow drain.

The canal has now turned into a breeding site for mosquitoes, everything it once stood against.

During a recent visit, this correspondent found that the canal has been turned into a landfill. Most people throw their household wastes into it.

Meanwhile, commercial and private structures have been set up illegally on both sides of the canal. Besides, its water flow is clogged due to low depth.

Hyacinths and weeds have completely taken over the waterbody. Locals alleged that industrial wastes are

also being dumped there.

Over the time, the administration has made a list of 443 encroachers. But locals claim that the actual number is more than double than what is being shown by the authorities.

However, none came on record to share their ordeal due to fear of possible repercussions from the land grabbers.

In 2007 and 2014, the local administration started a drive against encroachers, which came to an early end on both occasions due to “invisible pressure”, locals claimed.

Besides, Tk 25 crore was also spent for the renovation of the historic canal, but the fund was allegedly misused.

In a recent visit to Rangpur, Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bela (Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association), expressed her dismay over the matter.

“The canal is now merely a drain. It happened due to unabated pollution and encroachment. It’s the responsibility of the state to restore the canal to its original shape.”

Echoing the same, Prof Fakhrul Anam, president of Sushasoner Janno Nagorik (Sujan) in Rangpur, said waterlogging has become a regular thing in the city because of the canal’s current situation.

“Even it’s hard to breathe near the canal due to the garbage dumping,” he said.

Contacted, Mostafizar Rahman Mostafa, the incumbent mayor of Rangpur city, said the canal would be renovated soon after necessary funds are arranged.

Don’t make every place like Dhaka

Nasrul Hamid talks about urbanisation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nasrul Hamid, state minister for power, energy and mineral resources, yesterday urged authorities to take steps to ensure that rural areas have all necessary facilities, but are not turned into cities like Dhaka.

Addressing a national-level seminar at a city hotel as chief guest, he said, “Don’t make all areas like Dhaka. Keep villages like villages. Preserve the characteristics of urban and rural areas.”

Hamid believes that unplanned urbanisation has taken place in many areas of the country. Villages are turning into cities, cities are turning into megacities, he said.

Urbanisation has spread in Savar, Dhamrai, Keraniganj, and Gazipur areas. Rajuk has constructed housing projects in low-lying areas, the state minister mentioned.

There were many ponds in Gulshan, but previous governments filled those up and allotted plots there, he added.

The seminar for Bangladesh German Technical Cooperation Project, titled “Geo-information for Urban Planning and Adaptation to Climate Change,” was jointly organised by Geological Survey of Bangladesh; Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources; and The Federal Institute for Geoscience and Natural Resources, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Change, Germany.

Hamid stressed the need for a detailed area masterplan for every part of the country. He said it is the duty of the LGRD and housing ministries to prepare the masterplan.

3 killed in Dinajpur road accidents

STAR REPORT

Three people were killed in separate road accidents in Dinajpur yesterday.

Among the deceased, Soheli Rana and Selina Akhter died in Birampur upazila while Maulana Hazrat Ali in Birganj upazila, reports our local correspondent.

According to police and eyewitnesses, Soheli and Selina went to Birampur from Dinajpur town on a motorcycle.

When they reached Beldanga around 9:00am, their bike collided head-on with a passenger bus, leaving them critically injured.

They were taken to Birampur Upazila Health Complex where doctors declared them dead.

Birampur Police Station OC Sumon Kumar Mahanta confirmed the accident. Meanwhile, Hazrat Ali from Prodhanaabad village in Panchagarh was killed when a sand-laden dump truck hit him in Birganj’s Jharbari Barakarimpur area.

Brac Play Lab, where learning is fun

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Brac Centre at Dhaka’s Mohakhali was in a festive mood yesterday with children cheering and enjoying themselves while doing a range of creative activities as part of a campaign titled “Brac Play Lab”.

Brac Institute of Educational Development (Brac IED), which developed this innovative model, organised the event as a part of celebrating the 50th anniversary of Brac, and 90th anniversary of LEGO Foundation – Brac’s funding partner.

So far, “Brac Play Lab Model” has been established in 656 centres in Bangladesh, Tanzania and Uganda, involving around 11,500 children, said a press release.

The children made clay objects, drew and learnt new things through pictures, muppets, word and number games, among other activities.

Dr Erum Mariam, executive director, from Brac IED, and Kristine Morch, senior programme analyst, LEGO Foundation, were also present at the programme.



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2. Agency	Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons	
3. Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons	
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5. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka	
6. Expression of Interest (EOI) for selection of	Consulting Firm (National)	
7. Title of Service	Conducting Feasibility Study for BCPS Hospital for Training and Research, Dhaka	
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Information for Applicant		
17. Brief Description of Assignment	The deliverables of the feasibility study will include the following: a) Conducting Digital, Topographical, Physical, Land use, and other related surveys. b) Superimposed map of Mouza sheet for Cadastral Survey (CS) Map, Revisional Survey (RS) Map c) Conducting Risk and Challenge Assessment, Benefit Cost Ratio Assessment. d) A Detailed Master Plan with landscaping and Architectural Design for each component, e) Detailed Structural Design for each component, f) Detailed Electromechanical, Plumbing and HVAC Design. g) Detailed Design of Fire Safety and Protective Measures. h) Work Plan for the implementation of the project. i) Assist in the preparation of the Draft DPP of the project by the instruction of the concerned authority.	
18. Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required	a. Letter of submission. b. Registration Certificate of the firm. c. Valid Trade License. d. VAT Registration Certificate. e. Tax Return Certificate. f. Brochure of the consulting firm summarizing their area of expertise. g. Experience of the firm in Similar Tasks/Assignments in Last Ten Years. h. Overall diversified experience of the firm. i. Bank Solvency Certificate, Yearly Annual Turnover in the Last 5 Years, Minimum 05 (five) years' audit report of the firm. j. Available key professionals to carry out the assignment. k. The consultancy firm must have minimum experience of 30 years. l. The firm must have experience/work order of working as a TA Consultant in at least 1 Medical Institute related assignment in the last two (2) years, which contract value is not less than BDT 700.00 lac. m. The consultancy firm must have experience/work order of conducting at least 04 (four) feasibility study related assignments in the last two (2) years with each assignment value not less than BDT 300.00 lac. n. Must be aware of Bangladesh Health City's Master Plan proposal to avoid any conflict. o. Must be acknowledged about site surrounding and zoning regulation.	
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