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Take the country forward

Hasina tells students

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the students to groom themselves properly to take the country forward, further raising their heads with dignity on the world stage.

The PM said this while inaugurating the distribution of stipends, tuition fees and awards among insolvent and meritorious students at her office.

She also conferred awards to the most talented students of Bangabandhu Srijanshil Mridha Oneshan 2023 (Bangabandhu Creative Talent Search 2023) and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Scholarship Award-2022.

Hasina asked students to always keep in mind that they belong to a

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina conferring award to a student at an event. The premier inaugurated the distribution of stipends, tuition fees and awards among insolvent and meritorious students at her office yesterday. Education Minister Dipu Moni and Deputy Minister for Education Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury were also present on the occasion.

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Antibiotic resistance found in 52pc ICU patients at BSMMU

Speakers tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Antibiotic-resistant bacteria were found in around 52 percent of intensive care unit (ICU) patients at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, said researchers at a seminar yesterday.

The seminar – “Antibiotic Stewardship” – was held on the university campus.

Antibiotic stewardship is the effort to measure and improve how antibiotics are prescribed by clinicians and used by patients.

The ineffectiveness of antibiotics and other antimicrobials to kill microorganisms like bacteria, viruses and parasites is called antimicrobial resistance (AMR), which is killing about 3,500 people worldwide every day, according to a 2022 study.

Antibiotics are classified into three groups – access (prescribed mainly to treat primary level infections), watch (used to terminate bacteria with higher resistance), and reserve (employed to disinfect when all alternatives fail).

“Even the reserve antibiotics are not working when it comes to the ICU patients. To prevent its misuse, we have to ensure that no one is able to buy these medicines without a registered physician’s prescription,” said Prof Dr Sharfuddin Ahmed, vice chancellor of BSMMU and the chief guest of the event.

While presenting a keynote, Dr Jahidul Islam, associate professor of the university’s pharmacology department,

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Dr Yunus exempted from court appearance

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A labour court in Dhaka has exempted Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus from personal appearance in a case filed over violating labour laws.

Sheikh Merina Sultana, chairman of the Third Labour Court of Dhaka, on June 6 passed the order, following a petition filed by Yunus, said an employee of the court.

Earlier in the same day, the court framed charges against Grameen Telecom

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Integrate food into urban planning

Say speakers at launch of Dhaka Food Agenda 2041

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With a view to ensure nutritious and safe food access to residents of Dhaka, Gazipur and Narayanganj city areas, the government launched “Dhaka Food Agenda 2041” (DFA 2041) yesterday.

DFA 2041 will address the challenge of providing city’s residents with sufficient, safe, nutritious, and sustainably-sourced food.

The local government division and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations prepared the plan.

The Minister of Local Government, Rural Development, and Co-operatives Md Tazul Islam launched the agenda book as the chief guest.

At the beginning of the event held at BICC, Mustakim Billah



Distinguished guests at the launching of Dhaka Food Agenda 2041 yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Faruqi, additional secretary of LGD, highlighted the stories of one- and half-year-long collaboration among more than 100 organisations behind DFA 2041 preparation.

He thanked Wageningen University and Research in the Netherlands for technical support and Kingdom of the Netherlands financial assistance in this regard.

The food agenda has six key directions and several areas of action.

The key directions are – consumption of healthy and nutritious food, meeting Dhaka’s future food demands, optimising people’s food system, protecting Dhaka’s population from shocks to the food system, feeding Dhaka in a natural way, and the planning and governance of food systems.

The document, which will support policymaking and urban planning, is aligned with the United Nations Food Systems Summit and the Perspective Plan of Bangladesh 2021-2041.

As part of DFA 2041 preparations, FAO has established city working groups and formulated “food charters” for each of the city corporations

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Don’t have plan to narrow Jamuna

WDB tells HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday informed the High Court that it has no plan to narrow the Jamuna river.

There is no such plan under the proposed “Jamuna River Sustainable Management Project-1”, Advocate Arobinda Kumar Roy, lawyer for the Water Development Board, told the court.

He said the project, which has been initiated after consultation with the prime minister’s economic affairs and World Bank officials, for dredging and revention of the river is at the initial stage and it is yet to be approved.

The HC bench of justices Farah Mahbub and Muhammad Mahbub UI Islam said it will pass an order on the petition today. The bench on May 28 ordered the WDB to submit the relevant documents.

Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh submitted the petition based on a report published in Bangla daily Kalbela on March 11, headlined “Jamuna Nadi Chhoto Korar Chinta” (Plan to narrow Jamuna River).

A long way to go for DENGUE ERADICATION

Experts say climate change, stored water, under-construction buildings main reason behind round the year cases

SYMPTOMS

- Fever, severe headache
- Pain behind eyes
- Muscle, joint pain
- Nausea, vomiting, swollen glands
- Unusual weakness, rash

ADVICES

- Take precaution at dawn, dusk, early evening
- Wear loose fit, covered clothing
- Avoid areas with plants, bushes
- Steer clear of stagnant water
- Try to sleep inside a moshari

PREVENTION

- Remove stagnant water
- Use Novaluron pills or oil to preserve basement water
- Wash water drums, buckets regularly
- Introduce round the year monitoring
- Use effective insecticides, dengue control measures



PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Two more die of dengue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two dengue patients died while 189 others were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning.

With the new deaths, all in Dhaka, the total number of deaths in dengue rose to 24 this year, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

With the new cases, the total number of cases this year rose to 3,210.

Some 603 dengue patients are still undergoing treatment while 2,583 have been released from hospitals.

The total number of deaths in dengue was 281 last year while the total number of cases was 62,382.

Experts continue to urge the authorities concerned to conduct extensive drives identifying clusters of Aedes mosquitoes as soon as possible.

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Climate change, multi-story buildings where cars are kept and washed and the huge number of under construction buildings, and preserving water in drums or buckets are some of the main reasons for finding dengue cases around the year, said experts.

Although dengue was a disease associated with monsoon once, the incidence of dengue has been increasing year-round since 2014.

Since the official outbreak of dengue in Bangladesh in 2000,

when 5,551 patients were hospitalised and 93 patients died, Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) data indicate that dengue would typically begin to be diagnosed in June.

Prior to 2014, there were only five dengue cases diagnosed in May of 2001, one each in 2003, 2004, and 2009, and four in 2013 for the same month.

In April, only two dengue patients were hospitalised in 2003, one in 2004 and one in 2005. In March, only

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