



Farmers irrigate their field of bottle gourd plants early in the morning. Sown in October, the gourds are set to be harvested in early February. Farmers will then sell each piece for Tk 30-50 depending on size. The photo was taken in Kandalgati of Jhalakathi district recently.

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1 dies of dengue in Dhaka

STAR REPORT

At least one dengue patient died and 32 infected patients were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

The deceased was under treatment at a hospital in Dhaka South City Corporation.

With this, the total number of deaths rose to nine while that of cases rose to 972, of which 596 are from outside Dhaka, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

Currently, 196 dengue patients are undergoing treatment, 89 of whom are from outside Dhaka.

A total of 767 patients were released till Tuesday, 505 of whom were from outside Dhaka.

Global action key to tackle climate change

Environment adviser tells workshop

UNB, Dhaka

Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan has called for unified global action to confront the challenges of climate change.

She spoke about the importance of minimising environmental harm while striving to meet mitigation targets during a capacity building workshop on Paris Agreement Article 6 Implementation, held at the Department of Environment in Agargaon, yesterday.

"Market-driven solutions have a role, but my humble request is to prepare ourselves for the challenges of climate change. Together, we must work to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Failure to do so will



endanger the existence of vulnerable countries like ours. Let the urgency of this crisis inspire us to achieve our future aspirations," Rizwana said.

"Mitigating through trading comes with a price, but it also offers opportunities to improve governance standards and operational efficiency. For instance, Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects in the energy sector can address gas emissions and improve efficiency across industries," she added.

"With modest investment, we can scale up initiatives that save lives by targeting air quality improvements. The government is focusing on investments that prioritise saving lives over creating extravagant infrastructure," she also said.

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Water management needs better policies: speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at an event yesterday opined that the challenge regarding water management in Bangladesh lies in transforming existing knowledge in appropriate policy framework.

They also said policymakers should keep it in mind that a river is not just a flowing body of water, but a living entity comprising water, energy, biodiversity and sediments.

The speakers further said climate change is turning water management

a complex issue since water is a finite resource.

They made the remarks while addressing an event on launching of a book by ActionAid Bangladesh, titled "10 Years of Water Discourse in Bangladesh: The Contribution of Water Museum", at a city hotel.

Contributors of the book include Professor Dr Imtiaz Ahmed, executive director of the Centre for Alternatives; Dr Haseeb Md Irfanullah, consultant on environment, climate change, and research system; Dr Samiya Selim,

director of the Center for Sustainable Development at the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh; and Dr Mansee Bal Bhargava, national president of the Water Resources Council, among others.

The book consists of abstracts from 72 papers presented in the International Water Conference in the last 10 years, selected across 10 different thematic areas including governance and policy, water justice and water rights, gender and women,

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