

Women's voices must

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 She said ahead of COP30, opportunities lie in preparing clear national priorities, developing a position paper for Bangladesh, orienting negotiators on gender-climate linkages, and building alliances with like-minded countries.

Ainun Nishat, emeritus professor at BRAC University's Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research, warned that many gender action plans remain shelved documents.

"If they are not meaningfully implemented across sectors, they will have little practical impact," she said.

Dr Shamima Nasrin, joint secretary at the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, highlighted the need for stronger gender representation in climate planning.

She called for a new action plan with a clear results framework, including activities, indicators, baselines, targets, and budget allocations, prioritising the most vulnerable groups such as women and indigenous communities.

UNDP Gender Team Lead Sharmin Islam identified three key challenges: the financing gap, persistent data gaps, and underrepresentation of women in leadership roles, particularly at the grassroots level.

"Grassroots women bear the greatest burden of climate impacts, yet their voices are often missing," she said.

ActionAid Country Director Farah Kabir stressed the importance of engaging political actors to ensure commitments align with policy and practice.

Md Shamsuddoha, chief executive of the Centre for Participatory Research and Development (CPRD), highlighted the need for inter-ministerial and inter-departmental collaboration to implement the Gender Action Plan.

Jacob De Leon, second secretary at the Australian High Commission, said, "We must recognise the unique experiences of women from indigenous backgrounds and women with disabilities. Only by adopting a truly holistic gender approach

can we ensure the effective implementation of gender-responsive plans and policies," he said.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of the Manusher Jonno Foundation, also highlighted that gender equality must consider intersectionality across regions and abilities.

"Climate change affects men too, but women face unique challenges in their daily lives -- mobility, safety, reproductive health, disrupted relationships, sometimes leading to divorce. This is why gender justice is essential," she said.

Nayoka Martinez Backstrom, first secretary for Environment and Climate Change at SIDA, highlighted the need for scalable climate financing initiatives that genuinely benefit women and promote collaboration between development partners and national ministries.

Md Khayrul Hasan, additional secretary of the environment ministry, speaking as the chief guest, welcomed the diversity of perspectives and confirmed that the outcomes of the discussion would be taken to Ethiopia, engaging other ministries, NGOs, and civil society to ensure COP30 is meaningful and beneficial for Bangladesh.

Prof Sharmin Neelemani, department of economics, Jahangirnagar University; Jesmin Nahar, deputy secretary, MoEFC; Mohammad Farul Hossain, deputy secretary, MoDMR; Mrittunjay Das, deputy chief of party Naba Pallab; Jannatul Maowa, executive director, Bindu Nari Unnayan Sangathan; Sohanur Rahman, youth climate activist, and Kazi Rabeya Ame, programme analyst, UN Women, among others, spoke at the event.

The discussion was moderated by Tanjim Ferdous, NGO and Foreign Mission in charge at The Daily Star.

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Workers at the Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology construction site carry out their tasks without any safety equipment, exposing themselves to serious risks. A minor slip or error on this multi-story building could have fatal consequences.

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Physiotherapy overlooked

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 Galeb said the government approved the establishment of Bangladesh College of Physiotherapy in 1998, but although the foundation stone was laid in 2009, no progress has been made.

M Shahdat Hossain, general secretary of the Bangladesh Physiotherapy Association, said posts for physiotherapists in hospitals are often filled by diploma-holding technologists, depriving qualified physiotherapists

of opportunities.

He said physiotherapists currently receive accreditation from the Bangladesh Rehabilitation Council under the Ministry of Social Welfare, but they want to be accredited under the Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council as they provide medical services.

Prof Taslim Uddin, former chairman of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department at BMU, said physiotherapists should

be incorporated into the health system.

Prof Syed Abdul Hamid, convener of the Alliance for Health Reform Bangladesh, said physiotherapy services involve doctors of physical medicine, physiotherapists, and diploma-holding technologists, but there is a lack of proper integration among them.

Prof Anwar Hossain, president of the Bangladesh Physiotherapy Association, and public health expert Mostak Ahmed also spoke.

Launch judicial probe

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 demands at the Gono Odhikar Parishad's central office in Paltan, Dhaka, the leaders strongly condemned the incident and urged the immediate arrest of those responsible. On August 29, Nur

and five others sustained injuries after being beaten by police and army personnel. The assault followed clashes between Gono Odhikar Parishad and Jatiya Party activists near the latter's Kakrail office in Dhaka.

The following day, Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam told reporters at state guest house Jamuna that the government would conduct a judicial inquiry into the attack on Nur and his party members.

US reiterates support

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 After the meeting, Jacobson said, "Since there are so many rumours and conspiracy theories out there, I want to be very clear about the US government's position."

"The US embassy or the government does not support any particular party or person, nor do we support any particular outcome, but we do meet with them to understand their platforms and their goals," she explained.

Meanwhile, after the meeting, Nasir Uddin told reporters at his office that the EC is not willing to take any blame regarding election preparations and is preparing in line with the government's decision on how it wants the election to be held.

The CEC said, "She [Jacobson] just came over to understand the situation

better. She wanted to know what preparations we have made. I informed her about our preparations, as we have spoken of holding elections in February."

"She asked about mob culture. I told her there is still time before the election. Those who create mobs won't be seen during elections. You won't find them then. Dhaka will become empty during polls. They won't be around," he added.

The CEC expressed hope that political parties would reach a consensus before the election.

"In the meeting, the issue of black money came up. We cannot completely stop it. I am hopeful that we will fight to the very end with all our strength. Together with the people of this country, we will try our best to hold a fair election," he said.

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 election duty, adding that their deployment at polling centres will be strengthened. "The army will remain on mobile duty, while the navy, air force, and APBn members will provide support," he said.

On recent unrest in public universities, Jahangir said teachers are capable of resolving the issues through dialogue with students. He assured that the possibility of third-party instigation will be investigated.

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ACC to sue

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 Solenkhia, Jan Bari Rizvi, foundation vice chairman Prof Pran Gopal Datta, executive committee member Mehraj Jahan, Prof Ruhul Haque, Shirin Zaman Munir, and Helaluddin Ahmed.

The ACC director general said businessmen provided donations to the foundation in exchange for undue advantages.

The accused businessmen are: Hamid Real Estate Chairman Enthekhabul Hamid; former minister and businessman Nurul Islam; former MP and Beximco Vice-Chairman Salman F Rahman; Summit Group Chairman Mohammad Aziz Khan; former MP and businessman AKM Rahmatullah; United Group Chairman Moinuddin Hasan Rashid; Meghna Group Chairman Mostafa Kamal and Bill Trade Engineering Ltd Chairman and Managing Director Enayetur Rahman.

July Charter likely

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 suggested a referendum, others preferred parliamentary approval, while some proposed a legal framework.

Several parties emphasised that failure to implement the July Charter could delay national elections and destabilise the country. They stressed the need for expert input and compromise.

The parties that attended yesterday's meeting, included National Socialist Party (JSD), JASAD, CPB, BASAD, BASAD Marxist, Ganoforum, Labour Party, Bangladesh Khelafat Majlis, Khelafat Majlis, Nezam-e-Islami, Bhasani People's Power Party, Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam, Zaker Party, and National Ganofront.

CPB General Secretary Ruhin Hossain Prince said, "The commission asked our opinion on both the July Charter and its implementation. Within a

few days, the commission will respond, and we can say yes or no. Written suggestions for implementation can also be submitted, and the commission will forward these to the government as recommendations. The charter and its implementation will be treated separately."

B A S A D - M a r x i s t coordinator Masud Rana said, "We suggested that reforms that can be implemented through ordinances or executive orders should be done immediately."

Labour Party Chairman Mostafizur Rahman Iran suggested that constitutional matters should be implemented by the elected parliament.

Senior Deputy Amir Maulana Yusuf Ashraf of Bangladesh Khelafat Majlis said the charter should have authority above the constitution, laws, and courts.

Police open fired on journos

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 Sadeq Kawsar Dastagir, assistant commissioner Mianur Rahman, and Kotwali Police Station OC Mohiuddin, along with other policemen, opened fire on protesters.

Mohid held Sheikh Hasina, then home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, former IGP Chowdhury Abdullah Al Mamun, and former home ministry secretary Md Jahangir Alam responsible for the incident.

He submitted two video clips he recorded, one of which was played in court showing a bleeding Torab.

Another journalist, Humayun Kabir Liton, corroborated Mohid's testimony.

Four other witnesses, including three doctors, also testified. They said they were present when the investigation officer seized bullets removed from patients during the uprising.

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