Noted researcher and literary Dr Halima Khatun got the Chand Sultana Award-2014 for her contribution to the education sector in the country especially in child education. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Dr. AAMS Arefin Siddique handed over the prize to Dr. Halima Khatun at a function held at Dhaka Ahsania Mission auditorium in the capital city on Wednesday.

“The prize honored me and stirred me also”, Halima Khatun said.

“We must follow the footprints of Chand Sultana and there is a solution to bring the permanent peace in the country”, she added.

While talking about the lifestyle of Chand Sultana, DU VC said, “She has not only researched, but also sparked her thinking in the society, which directly impacted over the societal structure positively”. “Chand Sultana got a very little period to serve the society, but she had taken very impressive initiatives, the young generation must be concerned to fill up her untouched steps”.

“Only the literacy rate doesn’t address the total development, rather the patriotism rate and the moral education meets up the progressive aspect of a country”, he added. Dhaka Ahsania Mission president Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, “We must have a very strong commitment to our... continue page > 4
Drug treatment & rehabilitation centers in Bangladesh formed a Network titled ‘Sanjog’. A meeting was held in this regard at Dhaka Ahsania Mission Head Office Dhanmondi, recently. A total of 32 drug treatment & rehabilitation center heads were present in the meeting and a thirteen-member Executive Committee was formed for next 2 years. They are Dr. Peter Haldar (Bangladesh Youth First Concern-Dhaka)- President, D A Nasir (PHERA-Dhaka)- Vice President, Parvez Ahmed (ARK-Chittagong) – Vice President, Iqbal Masud (Dhaka Ahsania Mission) – General Secretary, Md. Mostafizur Rahman (Holy Care-Barishal) – Joint Secretary, Imamul Islam Rony (Sober Life-Dhaka) – Treasurer, Shamem (Ashroy-Dhaka)-Organizing Secretary and Mostafizur Rahman (IRA- Bogra)-Publicity & Publication Secretary.

Members of the committee are Tarun Kanti Gayen (CREA-Dhaka), Abul Bashar Poltu (APOSH-Rajshahi), Afroza Aktar Monzu (KMSS-Khulna), Didarul Alam Rashed (Nongor- Cox’s Bazar), Mahbub-A- Khuda (Relation- Jamalpur).

After the formation of the committee Dr. Syed Emamul Hossain, Director of Central Drug Treatment Center, Department of Narcotics Control and Dr. Akhtaruzzaman Salim, Residential psychiatrists (LPR), Department of Narcotics Control attended the meeting and welcomed the new committee.

Dhaka City Corporations (South & North) is implementing their smoke free guideline in many ways in their working areas. Recently Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) has started to print their forms/publications with anti-tobacco messages. Beside, DSCC has designed their publications with the anti-tobacco messages and they have started to disseminate the messages among mass people through their printed publications and format. It is noted that with the support of CTFK, Dhaka Ahsania Mission has continuously sensitized & motivated the both City Corporation of Dhaka City to publish the anti tobacco messages through its publications and formats. It is being anticipated that more anti tobacco messages will be published in the rest publications and formats in near future due to continuous advocacy work.
A two-day long annual sports & cultural competition-2014 was started on February 17, 2015, Tuesday morning at Ahsania Mission Children City (AMCC)’s own ground, Panchagarh. In his inaugural speech, Gaurab Kumar, Superintendent of AMCC, highlighted the importance of sports and culture.

AMCC’s children divided into three different groups according to their height. All the children got chance to participate in different three events according to their choice and performance out of 13 events. Sports were started with the 300 meters racing of group- A. Then each group of children in the sports-racing, sack racing, pillow throw, drawing, mathematics racing, long jump, high jump, biscuit racing, cock-fighting, basket ball throw, spoon marble racing and climb up to banana tree. Nazma Khatun and Ashraful Islam had conducted all the events. The sports competition ended through the biscuit race.

The prize giving ceremony had conducted at 3.00 pm. The chairman of Hafizabad Union Parishad and CVAC chairman of AMCC Shahdat Hossain was the chairperson and UNO Laila Muntazeri Dina was the chief guest of the prize giving ceremony of Annual Sports & Cultural Competition 2014. UNO Laila Muntazeri Dina emphasized on maintaining five basic needs for human about the children and thanked to the management about initiating this kind of humanitarian activities. Few others elite like Maghi Panimuch Pukuri High School’s Head Master Roksanul Islam, Upazila Vice Female Chairman Kamrun Nahar and CVAC member Taslima Khatun were present at the prize giving ceremony. AMCC’s children welcomed them with a bouquet of flowers. The guests delivered their valuable speech. After their speech, they provide the crests to the winners. After finishing the prize giving session, guests wrote their comments in visitor’s book and passed few moments with the children.
Nogordola celebrated its 9th anniversary at its capitals’ Dhanmondi Showroom on 2 April 2015. To mark the event, discussion meeting, fashion show and cultural program were held. Dhaka Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam spoke as the chief guest at celebration and former Managing Director of First Security Islami Bank and also the advisor or Dhaka Ahsania Mission AAM Jakaria was present as special guest on the occasion. Executive Director of Hajj Finance Company Md Lokiotulla was present at that time.

Dr. Halima Khatun gets Chand Sutana Award

From page> 7 activities aiming to be succeeded in personal as well as societal life”.

“Halima Khatun loves her work, she feels for the positive development in the society, she is a significant example for the women society in the country”, he mentioned.

He urged DU VC to name a hall or academic building after Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah in recognition to his contribution during the foundation of Dhaka University.

Among others, the program was also addressed by Former BUET VC Dr. M H Khan, DAM executive director Ehsanur Rahman, DAM co-coordinator Momtaz Khatun, DAM project-2 director Golam Faruq Hamim, Mawlana Osman Gani and many of high officials.

Dr. Halima Khatun completed her MA in English literature from Dhaka University and received Doctorate in Education in 1968 from University of Northern Colorado, USA.

The award given every year from 2001 by DAM in memory of late Chand Sultana, a renowned non-formal education material developer of DAM, to country’s renowned literacy personnel and organisations for their innovative implementation and research on literacy, non-formal education, cancer and HIV/AIDS.
Pachimchar Borma Ganakendra inaugurated

Under DAM CLC project, Pachimchar Borma Ganakendra was inaugurated at Chandanish area of Chittagong region on 8 April 2015. Upazila Nirbahir Officer Sanjida Sharmeen was present as the chief guest at the inaugural program. She said, woman folk have to come forward for development, they should not be lag behind. No society has been developed keeping aside the woman folk and this is why woman should be prioritized at every activity. She promised all types of support for the Ganakendra. While addressing as the special guest, Upazila Livestock Officer Reazul Haque also promised all types of support. He also added that he would assist in training for livestock rearing. Chairman of 8-no Barma Union Parishad Md Nurul Islam said, Pashchim Char Barma is a neglected village, road communication was also backdated in the recent past. But now it has developed. In the parallel way, Dhaka Ahsania Mission will work for development of the local people through this Ganakendra. He urged all to work together under the shadow of this institution.

Convener of the advisory committee of the Ganakendra Md Mustafizur Rahman sought help from the upazila administration to develop this institution. Regional Manager Shilop Chakma informed everybody about the goal and objective of the Ganakendra. He said, the main goal of the institution is to develop the life-standard of underprivileged and ultra-poor people. DAM Master trainer Md Reazuddin, Area Manager Md Abu Kashed, PPS (a local Non-Government Organization) Executive Director Md Nurul Haque and other field officers were present at that time. President of the Ganakenra Md Abu Taleb Khan Choudhury presided over the program.

AMCC welcomes Bengali New Year

Ahsania Mission Children City (AMCC) has been working to constitute ethical value in every destitute street child through rehabilitating them. As part of this aim, AMCC observed Pahela Baishakh, the first day of bengali New Year, through different programs. The whole building of AMCC in Panchagarh was adorned with the color-paper, balloon and the handicrafts made the AMCC children. The children started their day-long program with taking pantha ilish. Later National Anthem was sung in assembly. Bengali traditional sports including hari bhanga (break pot), high jump, long jump, pillow fighting, cock fighting, race fighting etc. An art competition was held on traditional natural scenery of Bangladesh. In the cultural competition, dance with folk song, folk song, short drama were rendered which touched the audience.

Dress fair of Nogordola

Nogordola organized a dress fair at the premises of Ahsania Mission College, Rupnagar, Dhaka on 10 April 2015. Former Managing Director of First Security Islami Bank and also the advisor of Dhaka Ahsania Mission AAM Jakaria inaugurated the fair. Huge buyers gathered to buy the Baishaki dress from the fair.
A view exchange meeting on Women repression, early marriage, sanitation and the goal and objective of Ahsania Mission Children City (AMCC), was held at Darikamari high school of Hafizabad union under Panchagarh sadar upazila on 18 March 2015. With the financial assistance of KNH Germany and under the supervision of Panchagarh district administration, AMCC organized the meeting. Chairman of 2 no. Hafizabad union Md. Sahadath Hossain presided over while Upazila Chairman of Panchagarh sadar Md. Anowar Sadat Samrat was present as chief guest. Liala Muntazerin Dina Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Panchagarh sadar and Maruf Muntaz Rumi, Country Coordinator KHN Germany were present as special guests. Moreover, Panchagarh sadar upazila Vice-chairman Kamrunnahar Shaheen, Freedom Fighter and also the advisor of AMCC Md. Alauddin Pradan, Advocate Earshad Hossain Sarker, Md. Suksanul Hossain Leon, Headmaster of Panimach Pukuri School and other respected persons of the area attended in the meeting.

Skill training inaugurated in Lohagora

Skill-development training (sewing) was inaugurated at the Shah Fakir Nayapara Shapla Ganakendra of Chunti Union under Lohagora upazila of Chittagong district on 8 April 2015 to make the local women skilled. With the assistance of Upazila Youth Development Department, Dhaka Ahsania Mission and and Shapla Ganakendra jointly organized this 21-day training. Forty women of this area took part in the training program. Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Md Fiznur Rahman was present as the chief guest of the inaugural session while Upazila Election Commissioner Al Mamun, Upazila Youth Development Officer Tanbirul Haque, Noted politician Anis Ullah, DAM Monitoring Officer Shahab Uddin and Area Manager Kamruzzaman were present as the special guests in the program.
Jessore district is located in the Khulna division of south-western Bangladesh. It is adjacent to the West Bengal of India. The landscape of Jessore region is the combination of plain land, coastal and forest area. Some parts of the area frequently face natural disasters. More than half of the population in this district lives below poverty line. They are suffering much because of cyclone, salinity, Arsenic, flood, water logging, unemployment, low literacy rate, river erosion and trafficking etc. Bangladesh is small developing country of South Asia, contains the seventh largest population in the world. The vast majority of the population in Bangladesh still lives in poverty. In recent years, there has been a significant increase in trafficking of women and children in south-west region. Jessore region is one of the most vulnerable regions for trafficking because of its large population, large-scale rural-urban migration, the large population living in conditions of chronic poverty and recurrent natural disasters. At least 10000-20000 Bangladeshi women and children are trafficked to India, Pakistan and Middle Eastern country in every year for traded, exchanged for sexual slavery & prostitution and bonded labour across borders. 

So DAM believes that human trafficking is a gross violation of human rights. DAM implements comprehensive awareness and sensitization campaigns for communities, government organizations, civil society organizations and groups using direct and indirect media in the vulnerable unions, upazilas and districts. The key messages against human trafficking have been disseminated to door to door in the vulnerable areas. Through the shelter home DAM offers a package of supports and services including safe shelter, food, counseling, education, recreation and training etc. For economic rehabilitation DAM provides entrepreneurship development and economic empowerment supports to the rescued victims. The development goal is to help the survivors regain their normal social and family life.

Since inception till to-date a total 1571 among them male 230 and female 1341 victims or survivors of internal & cross boarder trafficking, illegal labour migration and domestic violence were referred and enrolled and received a package of services at DAM shelter home. There are 1366 survivors back to home, 112 number of survivors got new job, 176 survivors are became small enterprauer, 34 people gone safe home, non formal primary education to 1571, counseling services to 1571 241 people received vocational training and 448 people received life skill training supported by USAID / Winrock International, UNODC, World Vision, EU, CORDAID, ACT, Missing Child Alert (MCA) project and the Shelter Home itself.
Chand Sultana Award giving ceremony