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Press Conference : Treatment of Drug Addicts Amendment to rules demanded

Amendment of Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre Rules-2005 is essential. We hope, before formulation of new rules, the government should give due importance to the opinion of the organizations who are providing treatment and rehabilitation services to drug users. The existing rules have many limitations because of lack

of general ethics in conducting the drug treatment and rehabilitation services. This has resulted in posing a threat to the rehabilitation service conducted in Bangladesh for a long time. Considering socio-economic context of Bangladesh, it has become essential for amendment of the existing rules. The President of Dhaka Ahsania

Mission, Kazi Rafiqul Alam said this while addressing a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity at Segunbagicha in the capital at 11 A.M. on 29 June, 2010.

He further said, according to clauses 5 and 6, the license fee for a 20-bed drug addiction treatment centre is Tk 50 thousand while its renewal fee is Tk 25 thousand. But license fee for a bar is Tk 10 thousand while its renewal fee is also Tk 10 thousand. At present, there are 94 Bar License, Country Liquor 216, Foreign Liquor 38, Dangerous Drug (Pathedine & Morphine) seller 752. We think that because of this phenomenon encouragement has been given to drug users.

The press conference has been jointly organized by Dhaka Ahsania Mission, BARACA and NARCOB with a demand for "Amendment of Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre Management Rules-2005." [See page 2]

DAM launches new jobsite

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) has launched a new jobsite, www.ahsanijobs.com. The jobsite was opened recently for jobseekers, employers and online advertisement. DAM sources said. Jobseekers will be able to collect information on new jobs by visiting the new jobsite. Interested organisations/ institutions can advertise their products through the jobsite.

Interested persons have been requested to visit www.ahsanijobs.com and urge all to visit the site without any further delay. Employers may advertise for manpower recruitment. The jobsite authorities are ready to extend their all-out cooperation in this respect.

Service-oriented organisations can also advertise their products for sale. Attractive features of the new jobsite are as below: Easy registration of job seekers, advantage of submission of CV/Resume and its [See page 2]

World Environment Day observed

World Environment Day was observed on 5 June. This year's theme was 'Many Species: One Planet, One Future.' In Bangladesh, this year the government postponed all official programmes in the backdrop of Nimtoli tragedy occurred in Dhaka where over 100 people lost their lives. In such a situation, Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) observed the day in a befitting manner on 10 June instead of June 5.

To mark the occasion, an elaborate programme was chalked out at community-based Ganokendros as well as union level in Barguna district.

Programmes included discussion, bringing out wall magazine and rally. A colourful rally led by No-5 [See page 3]



Credit scheme

Tk 33 lakh disbursed among 147 beneficiaries for cow fattening

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) has launched Credit Scheme with an objective of alleviation of poverty. DAM has been implementing the full-fledged programe

with financial assistance from PKSF since April 2010.

Under the programme, an amount of Tk 33 lakh was distributed through six branches [See page 3]

Hague confce outcome Roadmap to eliminate worst forms of child labour by 2016

A roadmap for eliminating Worst Forms of Child Labour by 2016 was adopted at a two-day Global Child Labour Conference concluded in The Hague, The Netherlands on 11 May, 2010.

A large number of participants across the globe attended the conference.

Former Minister of Social Affairs and Employment of the Netherlands, former associate administrator of the UNDP and at present UN Special Envoy to Iraq Ad Melkert was a Special Rapporteur for the Roadmap. He guided in development of the text of the Roadmap. The process to develop the Roadmap included two broad based consultations in [See page 3]

Tax imposition on indigenous 'filter bidis'

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Reporters' Unity at Segunbagicha in the capital at 11 A.M. on Thursday, 24 June, 2010.

He demanded of the government to increase tax of cigarette by 15% and on tobacco products like (Jarda, Gul) by 50%. Besides, he stressed on budget allocation for farmers' alternative crops cultivation.

He further said, in the budget it has been proposed for increasing 1% tax on cigarettes and 10% rise in tax on smokeless tobacco. It has also been proposed for increased tax on export of tobacco but not on cultivation of tobacco. It is out of our understanding, why the government has taken various complex strategies in imposing tax on cigarette and bidi?

The press conference on 'Raise in Tax on Tobacco Products in Proposed Budget' has been jointly organized by Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Bangladesh Youth First Concern and CREA.

The National Director of Bangladesh Youth First Concern,

Peter Halder, the Chairperson of CREA, Tarun Kanti Gayen and the Co-ordinator of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Iqbal Masud spoke at the press conference.

Speakers said, proposed steps for increasing tax on smokeless tobacco are praiseworthy. Usage of smokeless tobacco, especially among women, has increased alarmingly in recent years. Therefore, it is essential to take all-out steps to control the tobacco products.

We do not understand why effective measures were not taken in the budget to enhance tax on cigarettes and bidis whereas such measures were already taken on smokeless tobacco products, they said adding, the government should realise that revenue system is one of the effective measures in tobacco control. Our earnest appeal to the government is that there is no way out to tobacco control but to raise tax on bidi, cigarette and tobacco products.



Donation to AMCH fund continues

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Mrs. Jesmin Islam, wife of His Excellency Mr. Shahidul Islam, Ambassador of Bangladesh to South Korea, has donated an amount of Tk. 1 lakh to the Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH) Fund. She has donated the amount through the Foreign Officers' Wives Association (FOWA). The Treasurer of the Foreign Officers' Wives Association, Mrs. Zakia Hasnat Imran, handed over a cheque for the aforesaid amount to the Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital Project Director Dr. Lutfur Rahman, at a simple but impressive function held at Padma State Guest House in the Capital on 5th June, 2010.

Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka, Project 103.101.19371, has donated an amount of Tk.3.00 lakh to the Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH) Fund. The cheque was handed over to the President of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Kazi Rafiqul Alam, by the Club's President at a meeting held at Hotel Westin, Dhaka on 5th June, 2010.

Inner Wheel Club of Metropolitan Dhaka has donated Tk. 30,000 to the Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH) Fund. The cheque was handed over to the President of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Kazi Rafiqul Alam, by the President of the Club in the city on 5th June, 2010.

Amendment to rules demanded

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The Executive Director of APON, Brother Ronald Drahozol, CSC, the Director of BARACA, Brother Robi Theotoni Purification, CSC, the National Director of Bangladesh Youth First Concerns, Dr. Peter Halder and the Chairperson of CREA, Mr. Tarun Kanti Gayen also and DAM Coordinator Iqbal Masud spoke in the press conference.

Speakers said there are approximately 50 lakhs drug addicts in the country. There are only 49 government-approved private Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres including Detoxification centres across the country. In the existing rules, there is a provision for 80 square-feet space for a patient, lift facilities if the centre is situated on the third floor or above, a doctor for 10 beds as well as that of a psychiatrist. We do not know whether any organization has the resources or ability to set up the

drug addiction treatment and rehabilitation centre as per the existing rule. In government treatment centres, the duration of treatment is 14 days only. At the treatment centres (four centres) which are run by the Department of Narcotics Control (DNC), there are four doctors, 19 nurses, two psychiatrists and a rehabilitation officer. These centers are not complying existing rule.

There is dearth of treatment facilities for drug users. Many clinics render simply detoxification service which is the first step to drug dependence treatment. Because of ignorance, many people think it to be the actual treatment of drug dependent individuals but without long-term rehabilitation, that means, without change in psychologically and behaviors alongside physical treatment, it is not possible for drug dependent to remain out of the drug dependence.

Indigenous materials

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Pre-School and development of their innovativeness and creativity, usage and preservation of produced materials as well as creating positive attitude of parents and community. Twenty eight participants took part in the workshop. They included three

SBK facilitators, six pre-school tutors, nine supervisors, three trainers, five technical officers and one specialist of partner organisations Avas, Multi Task and Jagonari. Twenty-five types of learning materials were developed. Those were paper made materials, cloth made materials, bamboo made materials, sponge made materials, junk made materials and natural resource made materials. It is hoped, the learning materials will sharpen children's creativity. At the same time, the materials will keep a positive impact on child development.

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recast and development, advantage of seeking suitable jobs, reaching information of jobs to jobseekers as per requirements, advantage of imparting job-oriented training, easy methods for preparation of CV/ Resume and necessary guideline, sample of CV/Resume and application with proper guidance, preparation for interview, self test center on various subjects for preparation of interviews, technique and guideline for searching jobs, supply of the list of well-established companies/ organisations, organising seminar for jobseekers, arrangement for part-time jobs and creating opportunities for internship to suitable candidates at different well-established companies/ organisations.

The number of visitors of the jobsite is about 5 lakh. Visitors have been increasing very fast. Interested individuals/ organisations can contact: Manager: 01715087561, zahid@ahsaniags.com, Marketing Executive: 01911510564 or faisal@ahsaniags.com or at House-11A, 1st Floor, Road-12 (New), Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209, Bangladesh, Phone: +(8802) 8150838, 9145103, PABXX: 8119521-22, 9123402, Ext.-112, Fax: +(8802) 8113010, 818522, email: info@ahsaniajobs.com

One-third child cancer can be cured

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A.B.M. F. Karim who was expected to attend the function as Special Guest could not come to the venue due to illness. He sent a message saying, 'I pay my respect to the cancer survivors for winning the battle for life. I pray for their long life.'

The Project Director of Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital, Dr. Md. Lutfar Rahman and the Director of Mirpur Ahsania Mission Cancer Detection Centre and Hospital, Brigadier General (Retd) Dr. Syed Fazle Rahim took part in the discussion.

While expressing their feelings, cancer survivors Abdul Matin Sarder, Pearsa Begum and Mosabber Hossain said, we are all right and happy. If treated at right time, cancer can be fully cured, they said adding, please pray for us. In his address, the Project Director of Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital, Dr. Md. Lutfar Rahman said, according to a report of the World Health Organisation (WHO), about 2 lakh out of 140 million people are attacked with cancer. It extends far and wide among 4 lakh people while the rate of mortality is about 1.5 lakh. Every year, about 167 out of every one lakh people are being attacked with the disease anew. If the trend continues then the number of patients will be doubled in 25 years. According to IARC, in the country, the rate of mortality of cancer was 7.5 per cent in 2005. If the trend continues in such a manner, the rate of mortality will be 13 per cent within the year of 2030.

Roadmap to eliminate

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November 2009 and March 2010. The consultative group composed of 20 representatives, including governments covering various regions, employers' and workers' organisations, NGOs and international organisations. Dhaka

Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam played a major role in development of the roadmade.

Earlier, the participants were asked to provide feedback of the draft of the roadmap and submit their views in English, French and Spanish languages through a web-based questionnaire.



Punjab education ministry team visits DAM

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Ganokendro and Satodal Community Resource Centre of Narsingdi. Besides, the team watched the activities of UNIQUE Project at Mirpur in the Capital. At the same time the team members were made aware about Multigrade Approach. The delegates also visited Mirpur Vocational Training Centre.

Earlier, Dhaka Ahsania Mission Executive Director M Ehsanur Rahman welcomed the delegates at the Mission Head Office on 16 June, 2010. An opinion exchange meeting was held on Non-Formal Education of Bangladesh and Punjab.

The Director of Programme Division, Shafiqul Islam delivered a brief speech on Dhaka Ahsania Mission. Training and Material Development Division Director M A Rashid, Deputy Director Dewan Sohrab Uddin and other officials were present.

The delegates exchanged opinion with the President of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Kazi Rafiqul Alam on 20 June, 2010. Besides, the team members visited and exchanged views at the Directorate of Non-Formal Education Bureau, CAMPE and other institutions.



World Environment Day observed

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Ailapatakata Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Gazi Shamsul Huq was brought out from the UP premises which paraded the local bazaar and terminated on the the UP premises. UP members, schoolteachers, Ganokendro members and juveniles took part. The rally was followed by a discussion. Besides UP Chairman Gazi Shamsul Huq, UP member Rehena Begum, Kadamtala Secondary School teacher Md Selim Howlader and Dhaka Ahsania Mission Area Manager Mizanur Rahman spoke on the occasion. Speakers urged all to plant at least five saplings each. A total of 2,138 people including UP members, Ganokendro Management Committee members, CAG members and students of various educational institutions participated at the rallies and discussion held at 66 Ganokendros and two CRCs.

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of Narsingdi area among 147 beneficiaries within a period from April to June, 2010. The beneficiaries got the credits for the purpose of cow fattening. The money will have to be repaid in nine instalments. The programme has already gained popularity in the respective areas as a profitable income generating activity. Because it will help a lot in meeting up the increasing requirement of nutrition in the reporting areas. Earlier, beneficiaries also utilised

the loan money under different head for cultivation of potato and vegetable including fish culture. Previously, DAM implemented micro-credit scheme, rural micro-credit scheme, agri-loan scheme, disaster management micro-credit scheme from. DAM has diversified its activities in the related field through the latest programme. The programme has already created great enthusiasm among general people in the project areas.

Electrical festival held at AUST

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Vice-Chancellor Dr M Anwar Hossain inaugurated the festival in the afternoon. While inaugurating the function, he reminded the students about strict discipline and high standard of education. He advised both the freshers and old students to engage themselves in development of the country after finishing their valuable student life. M Abul Hossain, Head of the Electrical Engineering Department and Students' Welfare Director Prof Anwarul Mostafa were present. Besides, Electrical Engineering Department student leader Nazmur Rashid spoke on the occasion.

The reunion was followed by a colourful cultural function where songs and music, dance, drama and fashion show were held. Partex Group, Max Automobile, Transcom Beverage Limited, McTek Engineering Solution cooperated with AUST in organising the function.

Indigenous Materials Development workshop held

A five-day workshop on Development of Indigenous Materials was held at Jagonari Pathshala Training centre in Barguna from June 1 to June 5, 2010. Organised by ECDSP-B Project of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, the workshop was held for three SCSO such as Avas of Amtoli, Jagonari of Barguna Sadar and Multi Task of Patharghata. The workshop was organised with the following objectives. Local resource mobilisation and skill transfer, human resource development, making joyful learning materials from junk materials of SBK, [See page 2]

3rd AGM of HFCL held

Hajj Finance Company Limited (HFCL) Chairman Barrister Rafique ul Huq presided over the third annual general meeting (AGM) of the company in the city on 5 June 2010. Also present on the occasion were HFCL directors Kazi Rafiqul Alam, M Ehsanur Rahman, Khondokar Ibrahim Khaled, Mohammad Lakiotullah, Shazali Shauf (Malaysia) and Ahmed AH Al Sadder (Kuwait), Managing Director Dr Rosli Bin Yaakop, Deputy Managing Director Md Tawhidul Islam and Company Secretary Monzur Md Kawser.

Electrical festival held at AUST

The Electrical Festival was held recently at Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST).

The festival was arranged on the main campus of the university under the aegis of the Electrical Engineering Department Chhatra Sangsad.

Actually the festival was organised marking the freshers' reception of the 25th batch of the Electrical Engineering Department. Besides, a reunion was held for the old students.

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World Cancer Survivors' Day

One-third child cancer can be cured if the disease is detected at early stage

One-third child cancer can be cured totally in our country if the disease is detected and treated at an early stage. National Professor Dr. M. R. Khan said this while addressing as chief guest at a meeting, organised by Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH), in observance of World Cancer Survivors' Day, at Dhanmondi Ahsania Mission Bhaban auditorium in Dhaka on 6 June 2010.

The National Professor stressed on raising mass awareness in this regard. He urged the print and electronic media to come forward to

this effect. He underscored the need for changing life style and food habit. He also urged for shunning

Punjab education ministry team visits DAM

A high powered 11-member delegation of the Literacy and Non-Formal Education Directorate of Punjab education ministry paid a visit to the Head Office of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) and observed its field activities on 16 June, 2010.

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) organised the visit. The delegation was led by the Additional Secretary of Punjab education ministry, Mohammad Osman. Besides, JICA Pakistan Education Adviser Chiho Ohasi accompanied the team.

As part of the field visit, the team visited Chanderhat [See page 3]



Press Conference

Tax imposition on indigenous 'filter bidis' ridiculous

In the proposed budget, tax enhancement on indigenous 'filter bidis' is quite ridiculous. According to information, this type of bidi is at all neither produced nor in use all over the country. In this manner by

befooling all, bidi has been kept out of the perview of tax enhancement.

The President of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Kazi Rafiqul Alam said this while addressing a press conference at [See page 2] Dhaka

addiction of tobacco and tobacco related products.

In his presidential address, Dhaka Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, 70 per cent cancer can be cured if detected and cured earlier. This is why, it is essential to build a social movement for creating mass awareness in this regard. If cancer survivors are provided with physical, social and economic support then they can lead an active and productive life. This is why, we should pay respect to the cancer survivors.

Chaired by Dhaka Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam, the meeting was attended by National Professor Dr. M. R. Khan as Chief Guest. Professor Emeritus of Amsterdam University Dr. [See page 3]

Donation to AMCH fund continues

Mrs. Badrunnesa, a housewife of Dhanmondi and her children has donated an amount of Tk. 15 lac to Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH) fund to sponsor a twin-bed cabin in memory of her husband, Late Alhaj Nurul Islam.

Her son-in-law Dr. M. Mosihuzzaman, Ex-Chairman, BCSIR has handed over a Cheque of Tk. 5 lac as the 1st installment of the donation to Kazi Rafiqul Alam, President of Dhaka Ahsania Mission on 2 June 2010. During the presentation of Cheque, Dr. M. Eaqub, former Professor of Bangladesh Agricultural University, another son-in-law of Mrs. Badrunnesa, was also present. [See page 2]