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Ahsanullah Memorial Lecture at AUST

Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Memorial Lecture was held at the Seminar Hall of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) on 30 May 2009. Prof. Dr. Iqbal Mahmud, Professor [See page 2]



DAM emergency relief for 20,600 Aila-hit families

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) has distributed emergency relief materials among 20,600 Aila affected families in seven unions of Shyamnagar Upazila in Satkhira, Barguna Sadar and Patharghata upazilas in Barguna and Kalapara Upazila in Patuakhali. In the first phase, the emergency relief goods were distributed in collaboration with the Upzila administration and the Upzila Parishad (UP) from 28 May to 8 June 2009.

DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam distributed emergency relief materials among 600 Aila affected families of Village Patakhali under Padmapukur Union of Shyamnagar Upazila in Satkhira district on 4 June 2008. Among others, Padmapukur Union Chair- [See page 2]

HIV/AIDS prevention issues will be incorporated in NFE curriculum



HIV/AIDS Prevention issues will be incorporated in the Non-Formal Education (NFE) Curriculum. HIV/AIDS learning materials developed by Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) will be utilised in the Post-Literacy and Continued Education for Human Development-2 (PLCEHD-2) Project being implemented in 29 districts of Bangladesh. At the same time, awareness of 3 crore 72 lakh illiterates of the country will be possible under the new NFE programme of the government through this process.

Bureau of Non-Formal Education Director General Rezaul Quader said this while addressing as the Chief Guest a [See page 2]

98% drug addicts are smokers
‘Shun smoking as first step towards freedom from drugs’
Madhumita Drug Addiction and Rehabilitation Centre of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) organised a unique programme at its Johnson Road centre in Dhaka Ahsania Mission to mark the World No-Tobacco Day on Monday, 1 June 2009. Programmes [See page 2]

Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital Fund

Eastland Insurance donates Tk. 5 lac

Eastland Insurance Company Limited has donated Tk. 5 lac to the Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital Fund. The hospital is now being built at Uttara in the capital.

Eastland Insurance Company Limited Managing Director (MD) M. Azmal Hoque handed over a cheque for Tk. 5 lac to Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) President

Kazi Rafiqul Alam at the Company's Dilkusha Head Office in the capital on 15 June 2009. Its Deputy Managing Director Mia Fazle Karim and DAM Assistant Director M. A. Hye were present on the occasion.

Eastland Insurance Company Limited MD said we are doing such activity as [See page 3]

Economic stability pre-requisite to women's empowerment

Economic stability is pre-requisite to women's empowerment. Males' role is massive towards empowerment of women. It is essential to ensure education of girl children as well as involvement of women in economic activities.

Jessore Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mohibul Huq said this while addressing as Chief Guest an orientation meeting titled: "Resisting Cruelty to Women thru' their Empowerment," organised jointly by Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) and Concern Universal in collaboration with European Commission, at the DC's conference hall on Thursday (25 June 2009). [See page 2]



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man Md. Amjad Hossain, local Relief Committee Chairman Md. Abu Bakkar Siddique, Ganomukhi Samity Adviser Md. Lutfar Rahman, DAM Assistant Director A. K. M. Abdur Razzaque, Disaster Management Division Programme Officer Md. Shajjat Hossain, Jessore Regional Officer of DAM Md. Rashedul Islam and local elite were present.

Each family received 8 KG rice, 1 KG pulse, 500 gram Soyabean oil, 1.5 KG potato, 1 KG onion, 500 gram salt, two soaps, four candles and a match box as relief. Besides, 13,500-gallon pure drinking water was



supplied to Shyamnagar Upazila of Satkhira every day. As per requirement, water purification tablet, oral saline, jerry-can, flattened rice and molasses were

distributed among the disaster victims. Apart from this, ponds were cleaned and inoperative tube-wells were brought into operation.

HIV/AIDS prevention education

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National Level Sharing Workshop on Finalisation of Teachers' Training Manual and ICT Materials organised by DAM in cooperation with UNESCO, Dhaka, at the Mission Bhaban auditorium in the city on Wednesday, 24 June 2009.

He further said a large number of people are still not well-aware about HIV/AIDS. It will be easier to make them aware about the deadly disease through NFE programme, he said.

UNESCO Dhaka Programme Specialist (Education) Kiichi Oyasu, DAM Training and

Material Development Division Deputy Director Rajkumar Sadhukhan and DAM Training and Material Development Division Assistant Director Mohammad Mohsin addressed the workshop chaired by DAM Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman.

In his presidential address, DAM Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman said in our country more than half of the population are illiterates. The HIV/AIDS awareness through NFE programme will help create mass awareness in rural areas, he hoped.

Ahsanullah Memorial Lecture at AUST

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Emeritus and former Vice-Chancellor of BUET delivered the first lecture on "Science, Technology and Muslim World: From Golden Age to Stagnation". Kazi Rafiqul Alam, President and Syndicate Chairman, AUST graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Prof. Dr. A. T. Abu Ahmed, Professor of Zoology, University of Dhaka, made introductory statement on Khanbahadur Ahsanullah at the memorial lecture. Prof. Dr. M. Anwar Hossain, Vice-Chancellor, AUST presided the session. The speaker highlighted the glorious age of science and technology of Islamic World within a period from 10th to 13th century, pointed out various reasons of fall from the glorious period of Islam and finally suggested steps to be taken for

revival of the glory. Introductory speaker presented noble works done by Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah till his demise in 1965. Deans of faculties, Heads of departments, teachers, officers and students of AUST as well as vice-chancellors from various universities and other distinguished guests attended the seminar.

Workshop on Debate

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year students of first semester class were present. After the session, students asked questions on different techniques and art of presentation while the speaker answered to their queries. Finally, it was a very productive day for participants.

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He further said dependent people can not win others' respect. He assured all-out cooperation of local administration to make the programme a success.

Chaired by DAM Programme Division Director Shafiqul Islam, the meeting was attended by Additional Deputy

Commissioner (General) Mostafizur Rahman, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Education) Sefina Begum, Sharsha Upazila Nirbahi Officer Dr. Abdul Hakim and Chowgachha Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md. Shakhwat Hossain as Special Guests.

Mission's Project Coordinator Rowshon Ara and Technical Officer Masud Rana spoke on the occasion. Besides, representatives from local Social Welfare Department, Women's Affairs Directorate, Jessore Press Club, police administration, NGO activists, government and non-government organisations were present.

In his presidential address, DAM Programme Division Director Shafiqul Islam said as many as 43,000 families of 10 unions under four upazilas in Jessore, Satkhira and Jhenidah districts will be brought under the project. Victims of torture on women and children will be provided with necessary shelter, medical, legal and counselling services. Vulnerable women will be involved in income generating activities by imparting skill development training.



'Shun smoking as first step towards freedom from drugs'

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included carom, chess, anti-tobacco quiz, drama competition, discussion meeting and prize distribution ceremony.

According to various statistics, usually drug addicts begin their life of addiction with bad habit of smoking. Ninety-eight per cent drug addicts are smokers. Abandonment of bad habit of smoking is the first step towards attainment of freedom from drugs, the discussants said.

Among others, Medical Officer Dr. Imrul Hasan Warsi, Project Officer Md. Arifuzzaman, Md. Sakhwat Hossain, Councillor Harun-or-Rahid, Nilufa Yasmin and Client under Treatment Md. Saiful addressed. Patients who are undergoing treatment at the Amik-Modhumita centre, recovered drug addicts and project officers took part in the programme that concluded with staging of an anti-drug drama.

World Cancer Survivors' Day-2009

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physical exercise. He emphasised on formation of a Federation of Anti-Cancer Activists (FACA) consisting of all organisations working for a common goal.

In his presidential address, Dhaka Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said efforts are going on to create awareness about cancer at the grassroots level and reaching healthcare service to doorsteps of the needy. If detected earlier, 70 per cent cancer can be cured, he disclosed. DAM president lauded the spirit cancer of survivors who he said had

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difficult to materialise it.

While addressing as special guest, The Bangladesh Observer Editor Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, also President of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ), urged to build a greater social movement to eradicate the menace of drugs once for all from society. He called upon the government to create more job opportunities and extending other facilities to youths so that they do not go to astray for lack of those. He assured continued cooperation of media in creating mass awareness about bad effects of drugs.

In his presidential address, Dhaka Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said efforts are going on to build drug addiction treatment and rehabilitation centres in every divisional cities of the country. He called upon local wealthy persons to come forward to materialise the dream of DAM. He disclosed advertisements were already published to this effect in the major national dailies. He announced recovered drug addicts are being imparted with vocational trainings for their rehabilitation in society.

Family Health International Country Director Ms. Misty McDuel and Bangladesh Adviser to the United Nations (UN) Office on Drugs and Crime (HIV/AIDS) Dr. Md. Mozammel Huq spoke as special guests.

Earlier, DAM Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman delivered his welcome address while Central Drug Addiction Rehabilitation Centre Resident Psychiatrist Dr Akhtaruzzaman Selim gave key-note speech. The colourful cultural function participated by recovered addicts enthralled the audience.

created a new sense of hope among us. He urged journalists to play their due role so that males do not become gender sensitive and help female counterparts in their fight against the disease. He declared Dhaka Ahsania Mission will take initiatives to organise awareness programmes at Dhaka University female halls and organising games and sports for cancer survivors in their future.

This year's slogan of the day was "A Celebration of Life." Cancer survivors expressed their touchy issues while delivering their speeches.

Addressing as special guest, National Professor Dr. M.R. Khan said there is a difference between children's cancer and that of elderly people. Children's cancer can be cured easily. Every year about 5 to 6 thousand children suffer from cancer, he disclosed. If necessary fund and medicine can be managed, about 70 per cent child patients may be cured totally, he said.

Dr. Md. Selim Reza, Cancer Specialist of Ahsania Mission Cancer Detection Centre and Hospital in Mirpur, Dhaka, presented a special paper. Hospital director Brigadier General (Retd) Dr Syed Fazle Rahim also addressed.



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part of our corporate social responsibility. As facilities for cancer treatment are inadequate in the country, we too share with DAM in its noble endeavour.

While receiving the cheque, DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital is being built on a plot of three acres of land in Sector-10, Uttara, Dhaka. When completed at a cost of Tk. 256 crore, the 500-bed world class cancer hospital will have a total area of about 5.5 lac square feet (sft). Till now, 10 stories of the 13-storied tower building have been completed. An amount of Tk. 55 crore 6 lac was deposited at the hospital fund as donation, so far. An additional amount of Tk. 56

crore 55 lac including government grant is under process for donation to the fund. An amount of Tk. 52 crore 16 lac was already spent for the gigantic project till now.

Climate change in curriculum

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stressed on creating awareness among students and youths about global warming and climate change and raising skills to combat looming danger. We should develop necessary skills to begin life anew after such disasters, he said.

In his presidential address, Mr. Kazi Rafiqul Alam, President of DAM, said two-third of Bangladesh will sink under sea in near future due to global warming and climate change. Developed countries must be blamed for climate change but we are suffering for their faults. Natural calamities like flood, tidal surge and cyclone now strike our country every year. We should claim compensation from developed world who are responsible for the calamities. GO and NGOs should work unitedly in a co-ordinated manner to combat looming danger, the DAM president said.

Erich Otto Gomm, Coordinator, SED, GTZ, was present as Special Guest. In the second session, three papers on "Global Warming and Climate Change for School Students," "How are We Contribution to Global Warming in Our Daily Life" and "Impact of Climate Change on Our Lives and Livelihood" were presented by Steven Goldfinch, Programme Officer, Disaster Management Programme, UNDP, Syed Tanveer Hussain, Consultant, DAM and ex-Secretary of Ministry of Environment and Forests and Dr. Khawja Shamsul Huda, Head of Environment and Climate Change Project, DAM respectively. The programme was followed by display of a film show.



Seminar at AUST on Electronic Jacquard Weaving

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Dr. Musatfizur Rahman, Head, Department of Textile Technology, AUST presided.

Mr. Phone FRICHITTHAVONG highlighted latest development of Jacquard machine through audio-video. A question-answer session was held after the presentation.

The vice chancellor hoped the latest technological development of jacquard machine will be used

widely in Bangladesh and a cooperative relationship can be built between AUST and STAUBLI for mutual benefit. He thanked the guest speaker for visiting AUST.

Prof. Dr. Kazi Shariful Alam, Treasurer, Prof. Dr. A.M. Shadullah, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Heads of others Departments and faculty members were present.

Climate change in curriculum will create students' awareness, raise skills

-Environment and forests ministry secretary

Inclusion of Global Warming and Climate Change issue in the Curriculum will help create awareness and raise skills of students. As students are our future leaders, they will have to face looming disaster ahead. They will have to play a leading role in combating the coming danger.

Mihir Kanti Mojumdar, Secretary of the Ministry of Environment and Forests said this while addressing as Chief Guest a seminar on "Global Warming and Climate Change for School Students" marking World Environment Day on Wednesday, June 3, 2009.

Organised by Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), the seminar was held at Dhanmondi Mission Bhaban auditorium. The seminar was divided into two sessions.

Environment and forests ministry secretary further said natural disasters like cyclone, Sidr and Aila appear in our country every year. We should be prepared to combat the calamities effectively, he said. He [See page 3]



Workshop on debate

The School of Business, AUST arranged a workshop on debate at its seminar room on 07 May 2009. Mr. Abdullah Ahmed Chowdhury, Founder President of Jahangirnagar University Debate Organization and seven times national debate champion, spoke on debate through multimedia presentation. First [See page 2]

Seminar at AUST on electronics weaving

A seminar on "New Aspects of Electronics Jacquard Weaving" was held on 28 April 2009 at the seminar room of AUST. Phone FRICHITTHAVONG, Area Sales manager of STAUBLI TEXTILE of France addressed the seminar while Professor Dr. M. Anwar Hossain, Vice-Chancellor of AUST graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Prof. [See page 3]

World Cancer Survivors' Day-2009

'Mass awareness can prevent 70 per cent cancer'

Seventy percent cancer can be prevented by creating mass awareness. The government already approved a Cancer Control Plan which needs a large amount of money for its materialisation.

Amsterdam University Emeritus Professor Dr. A.B.M.F.Karim said this while addressing as chief guest a seminar organised by Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH) at Dhanmondi Mission Bhaban

auditorium to mark the World Cancer Survivors' Day-2009 on Sunday, 7 June, 2009.

He further said cancer is not a deadly disease rather, it can be cured fully if detected earlier. He stressed on creating mass awareness about the disease. He underscored the need for shunning smoking, changing food habit by avoiding rich food and fats as well as doing regular [See page 3]



Family cooperation a must for recovery of drug addicts

Family cooperation is a must for recovery of drug addicts. Improvement of relationship among members of family, their sympathetic attitude and above all the indispensable role of family is a must for preventing relapse of recovered addicts.

Member of Parliament (MP) and Pubali Bank Limited Chairman Hafiz Ahmed Mojumdar said this while addressing as Chief Guest a special function organised by Ahsania Mission Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre marking its 5th Founding Anniversary at Dhanmondi Mission Bhaban auditorium in the city on Tuesday (23 June 2009). The programme included a discussion, a touchy session of recovered addicts and a father where they expressed their feelings vividly. This was followed by a cultural function participated by recovered users.

Lauding various welfare activities of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), he further said if the initiative is honest then it won't be [See page 3]

Hepatitis-B awareness programme at AUST

An awareness program on Hepatitis B and prevention was held at AUST seminar hall on 28th May, 2009. 'Now-a-days two billion people around the globe suffer from Hepatitis-B,' Md. Al. Mamun, Product Manager, Glaxosmithkline Bangladesh Limited revealed. In Bangladesh almost 5 per cent of people carry the virus, he said, adding it is essential to know how the virus transmits during blood transfusion, through contaminated syringe, and unprotected sex. He said awareness and vaccination can only prevent people from affecting. We must come forward to know the precautionary measures, he concluded. Prof. Dr. Anwarul Mustafa, Director, Students' Welfare, Mr. M. Abul Hussain, Head, Department of EEE and Dr. Ahmad Munir Hussain, Medical Officer, AUST and students of different departments participated.