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Ahsania Mission College attains cent percent success in SSC exam

Ahsania Mission College has attained hundred percent success in this year's Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination. The total number of candidates was 40. Of them, 15 were from Science group and 25 from Commerce group.

In Science group, seven candidates obtained A+ while eight others secured A. In Commerce group, 2 candidates got A+, 16 secured A and 6 got A minus while one candidate got B grade.



School bags distributed among working children

A total of 2,250 learners of the Basic Education for Working Children Project were provided with school bags, mugs and pencil boxes under the aegis of Dhaka Ahsania Mission on May 25 and 26, 2010.

On receipt of bags, the learners have become delighted. This will play a major role in creating childrens' eagerness to attend classes at the learning centres.

Non-Formal Education Bureau and UNICEF Bangladesh cooperated in the activity.

Barguna regional coordination meeting held

The half-yearly Barguna regional coordination meeting was held at Hotel Nilanjana of Kuakata in Patuakhali district on 23 May, 2010. Coordinators, area managers and field workers of seven projects including ACCESS-CAFOD, ECDSPB, CBDRR, EWSDRR, Micro-finance Programme, UNIQUE, and [See page 2]

British Volunteers English course for trafficking survivors

A life skill training and basic English course for trafficking survivors was organised at Jessore Shelter Home of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM).

The first lesson of the training was on listening and communication. The second one on decision making and the final one was on coping with stress.

About 40 girls and women of 12 to 40 age group of the Shelter Home participated at the training.

Basic greetings and introductory conversation were taught at the [See page 3]



Govt to take steps to ban sale of duty free cigarette at duty free shops

-G. M. Kader MP

Duty free cigarette won't be sold at duty free shops. Government will take necessary steps soon to this effect. A social movement will have to be built along side necessary laws to make a tobacco free society. Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Golam Mohammad Kader MP said this at a seminar on Combatting Illicit

Trade of Tobacco Products and its Duty-free Marketing organised by Dhaka Ahsania Mission in collaboration with American Cancer Society at BIAM Foundation auditorium at Iskaton in the capital on 18 May, 2010.

He further said smoking is injurious to health. [See page 3]



Training of Trainers on Mainstreaming HIV and AIDS Prevention in NFE of Bangladesh

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), in assistance with BNFE, organised 'Training of Trainers (ToT) on Mainstreaming HIV and AIDS Prevention in NFE of

Bangladesh' for the participants of partner NGOs of PLCHED-2 project at the Dhaka Ahsania Mission Auditorium in May, 2010.

The training was organised aiming at creating awareness on HIV/AIDS among the youth and adult learners through NFE.

Seventy-nine participants, both master trainers and upazila programme coordinators, participated.

Discussing issues were related to basic concept of sexual diseases, transmission and symptoms of HIV and AIDS, prevention, ultimate result and test for diagnosis of HIV and AIDS, population at risk for STD, HIV & AIDS, attitude towards people with HIV/AIDS positive, their care and rights, life skills and its elements etc.

The Project Director of PLCHED-2, BNFE, Zaydul Haque Molla graced the closing session as Chief [See page 2]

Ahsania Mission College annual sports

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cultural competition, boys and girls were divided into five groups each. In each group, three events were held. In each event, three artistes were awarded prizes. Prizes were distributed to the students according to classwise merit list. Merit prizes were given to those students of classes one to 10 who secured first, second and third places. Dhaka Ahsania Mission President and Ahsania Mission College Governing Body Chairman Kazi Rafiqul Alam graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The Director of AICT, Engineer Syed Ziaul Haque was present as chief guest. Principal Md. Atiar Rahman chaired the occasion while Vice Principal Md Mafizur Rahman delivered the Welcome Address.



Best Performance Award-2009

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certificate.

DAM Executive Director M Ehsanur Rahman chaired the occasion while DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam graced the occasion as Chief Guest. DAM Executive Committee Vice-president and Award Committee Chairman Prof Dr M H Khan was present as Special Guest. DAM Administration and Human Resource Division Director Azam Chowdhury delivered Welcome Address.

While speaking, Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, 'I believe this recognition will play a major role in development of DAM. We

shall have to come out of boundary of routine activity by creating responsibility. This will create dynamism in activities.'

Prof Dr M H Khan said, the award has increased responsibility by manifold.

In his address, M Ehsanur Rahman said, 'The award committee has selected the two doing scrutiny from among 306 nominations.' 'Last date for submission of nomination for DAM's Best Performance Award-2010 is 30 November, 2010. Award Committee will announce the award on 1 January, 2011.

Training of Trainers on Mainstreaming HIV

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Guest while the Programme Specialist of UNESCO, Dhaka, Kichi Oyasu was present as Special Guest.

The Executive Director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, M. Ehsanur Rahman chaired the occasion.

At the end of the closing session, Zaydul Haque Molla and Kichi Oyasu distributed certificates among the participants.



Education makes Jilani's life easier

Jilani, 13, is the son of Javed Ali, a roadside vegetable trader at Fatulla in Narayanganj. Jilani has two sisters. Javed settled here from Narsingdi five years ago. Police harassed his father frequently for running business beside a road. Jilani assisted his father to run the trade. At times his father has to go to wholesale markets for collecting vegetables. At that time, Jilani looked after the business.

However, Javed was unable to educate his son because he was not a solvent trader. So, Jilani gave up hope for study. All of a sudden, a change came when a teacher of Dhaka Ahsania Mission's Tia Learning Centre at Fatulla was searching for working children for enrollment at her centre. She detected Jilani and persuaded him for enrollment saying that fortune would favour him with passage of time and serious study. The teacher went back and telling Jilani to share her suggestion to his father. The next morning she returned to Javed's shop to meet him. The opportune moment came when Javed agreed to her proposal. But he said that he cannot spare more than three hours for son. On agreement, Jilani was enrolled at Tia Learning Centre. Jilani enjoyed her study there very much. At one stage, Jilani learnt how to read and write. Now he keeps the accounts of his father's shop. He wants to be a businessman so that he can create job for others. Now Jilani's parents are proud of their son. They highly laud Dhaka Ahsania Mission.



Barguna regional

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PLCEHD-2 projects took part.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission Programme Division Director Shafiqul Islam, ECDSPB Project Manager Md Sahidul Islam, Barguna Regional Central Focal Person and ACCESS-CAFFOD Project Coordinator Md Mokhlesur Rahman, CBDRR Project Coordinator Md Jahangir Alam, EWSDRR Project Coordinator Imam Mahmud Riad and PLCEHD-2 Project Coordinator A.R.M. Sharif Hossain were also present.

Barguna Regional Central Focal Person Md Mokhlesur Rahman delivered the Welcome Address and made follow-ups of the resolutions of the previous coordination meeting. Dhaka Ahsania Mission Programme Division Director Shafiqul Islam elaborated the aims and objectives of the meeting. He also conducted two sessions titled priority issues of four sectors of Dhaka Ahsania Mission including planning during calamities and

disaster response while two sessions relating to the ongoing projects of Barguna region and Dhaka Ahsania Mission's role at various levels of government and non-government forums/networks/committees were conducted by ECDSPB Project Manager Md. Shahidul Islam. CBDRR Project Coordinator Md. Jahangir Alam facilitated two sessions on thematic issue and regional initiatives of Dhaka Ahsania Mission and identification of regional issues through effective coordination and communication. Besides, EWSDRR Project Coordinator Imam Mahmud Riad discussed on the formats relating to information on disaster friendly water and sanitation issues. He also shared the activities of Kishoree-Kishoree (juvenile) Forum formed at the Multipurpose Community Resource Centre (MCRC) of Barguna Mission.

Issues relating to mainstreaming Ganokendro and enlistment of the focal persons at regional, district, and upazila levels in Barguna region were also discussed.

Once a slow learner now a primary scholarship winner



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of Quality Education (IQE) Project to bring qualitative change in primary education. Following intervention, extra classes were conducted before school hours for slow learners of classes one, two, three, four and five. School Management Committee, teachers and Village Development Committee extended all-out cooperation to succeed the programme. Shopan classes were conducted for slow learners of classes one and two while Camp classes were conducted for slow learners of classes three four and five. As Shila attended Shopan classes regularly, she passed the annual examination smoothly and was promoted to class three. Realising the benefit of attending extra classes under DAM's IQE Project, Shila's

mother now admitted her daughter to a Camp centre. Because of joyful learning procedure there, Shila improved rapidly. Under the project, regular guardians' meetings were held where Shila's mother took part. She followed the progress of her daughter very closely. Camp teachers reviewed progress of all learners in presence of their guardians. In due time, Shila was promoted to class five in 2008. Schoolteachers and LQE teachers conducted subject-wise learning sessions for the students of class five. Shila was selected for appearing at the Primary Scholarship Examination. She sat at the examination in due time. On conclusion of the examination, she was eagerly waiting for result of examination. When the result came out, Shila came to know that she had come out successful by securing primary scholarship. The brilliant result made her proud. She acknowledged that it was achieved due to hard toil of his teachers at school as well as teachers of Shopan and Camp. She thanked her teachers and school committee. Shila's mother's joy knew no bound. She expressed her gratitude to DAM and its staff members for the extra-ordinary performance of her daughter.

Govt to take steps to ban sale of duty

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Such harmful activity will not be allowed in society. A collective government-NGO initiative must be taken to materialise the same. Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) President Kazi Rafiqul Alam chaired the occasion while World Health Organisation National Professional Officer Dr M Mostofa Zaman and Bangladesh Anti-tobacco Alliance General Secretary and Manosh President Dr Arup Ratan Chowdhury were present as special guests. Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital Project Director Dr Md. Lutfar Rahman delivered the welcome address.

DAM AMIC Coordinator Iqbal Masud delivered the key-note speech.

In his presidential address, DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said cigarette worth Tk 40.5 billion dollar are sold annually globally through illicit trade. This results in decrease in price of cigarette and increase in its demand. As a result, public health and country as a whole are affected. An international gang of illicit tobacco trader is very active in Bangladesh. According to a study of Campaign for Tobacco-free Kids, it is that the reported

Climate change related

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people's miseries. The phenomenon hampers both the living condition and livelihood. So, it is essential to improve people's living condition and livelihood.

With this aim in view, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, in assistance with CAFOD UK, has been implementing the Coordinated Food Security and Disaster Mitigation Project. The Training and Material Development Division of Dhaka Ahsania Mission has developed and published a poster and a leaflet for

improvement of the living condition and livelihood of the targeted people. The poster titled, 'Lona Panir Paribeshe Bachar Upae Janbo Milemishe' meaning learning together ways for protection from saline atmosphere and the leaflet titled, 'Upakulio Paribesh Rakkha Kara Amader Ongiker' meaning it is our commitment to protect the environment of coastal areas have been printed in four colours on art paper. It is expected that the people of coastal areas will be aware about development of the living condition and livelihood in saline endurable environment.

British Volunteers English course for trafficking

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Basic English Course. Three British volunteers conduct the training course aiming at giving the trafficking survivors skills and education to help them start a new life and be less vulnerable to the risks of re-trafficking.



Life skill training for Barguna Kishore-Kishoree

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to run the Forum properly. Besides, Naltola MCRC President M. A.Sattar Mridha delivered the inaugural address at the training session held at Barguna Sadar Naltola MCRC.

On conclusion of the training, the participants prepared a plan of action of what can be done locally. They expressed their optimism to run the Forum properly and deftly. Dhaka Ahsania Mission Training and Material Development Division Trainer Nasima Shaheen conducted the trainings.

British American Tobacco Company is engaged in illicit trade of tobacco products in Bangladesh. At their supervision, illicit traders get organised in India, Bangladesh and some other countries.

Speakers said, tobacco is being cultivated in the country on 1 lakh 22 thousand 5 hundred acres of land every year. Twenty-six lakh maunds of tobacco is produced every year. Around 18 thousand crore bidi is produced annually. About one crore 90 lakh males get addicted to tobacco. In Bangladesh 57 thousand people die of tobacco related diseases annually. Four crore 30 lakh people are effected

due to indirect smoking. Foreign cigarettes are on open sale at Nilkhet, Elephant Road, Gulshan-1, Gulshan-2, Baridhara, Shyamoli, New Market, Shahbag, Uttara and other places of the capital. The foreign cigarettes enter Bangladesh through illegal ways. Several brands of cigarettes are imported for duty-free sale. But tobacco companies sell cigarettes in retail price to evade revenue. Cigarettes produced for duty-free sale are also available in Bangladesh markets. Bidi made of Tendu leaves are on open sale to poor addicts. Burmese Churut coming illegally from Myanmar are on sale in Dhaka and Chittagong.

Once a slow learner now a primary scholarship winner

Shila Moni is a daughter of Motiur Rahman and Hosnara Beauty of Potabari village under Sreepur village in Gazipur district. In 2004, she was a student of class one of Potabari Registered Non-Government Primary School. Poverty was their constant companion. Moreover, her school lacked congenial educational atmosphere due to poor infrastructure and shortage of teaching staff. At home, there was none to help Shila in her study. In such a situation the girl was promoted to class two securing poor marks in all subjects. Because of economic instability, her father had to go abroad. At this interim period, Shila's mother faced tough time. She became worried about unhindered education of her daughter.

In 2005, Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) launched the Improvement [See page 3]



Iqbal and Tutul get DAM's Best Performance Award-2009

AMIC Co-ordinator Iqbal Masud and Public Relations Officer Humayun Kabir Tutul have received Dhaka Ahsania Mission's (DAM) Best Performance Award-2009.

Iqbal Masud got the award for his outstanding contributions in skill development of team members, enhancement of Mission's reputation globally,

winning support of donor agencies, documentation of activities of lessons learnt, innovation of novel ideas on information and communication, increased media publicity of DAM, rapport with government and active role for development of DAM.

Humayun Kabir Tutul got the award for his commitment to

work, professional skill, ability for establishment of good communication, being vocal in presentation of organisational problems and extraordinary contribution to development of DAM by doing extra work beyond routine work.

Both of them formally received the award at a special function held at Dhanmondi Mission Bhaban auditorium on 8 May, 2010. The award included a cheque for 25 thousand taka each, crest and [See page 2]

Life skill training for Barguna Kishore-Kishoree Forum members

The ACCESS-CAFOD Project of Dhaka Ahsania Mission has organised a two-day life skill development training course for the members of Kishore-Kishoree Forum formed at Barguna Sadar Naltona MCRC and Barguna Amtoli Gulishkhali MCRC. Thirty juveniles in each forum participated. The members included school students, school dropouts and working juveniles.

While talking with the members during training sessions held at Gulishkhali MCRC of Amtoli on 24-25 May, 2010, Dhaka Ahsania Mission Programme Division Director Shafiqul Islam gave them a guideline on how [See page 3]



Ahsania Mission College annual sports, cultural meet held

The Annual Sports and Cultural Competition of Ahsania Mission College was held on the college premises at Pallabi, Mirpur in the city from February 1 to 15. The prize distribution ceremony was held on March 31. At the

annual sports meet, both boys and girls from classes one to 12 were divided into 25 groups each. In each group three events were held and in each event three athletes were awarded prizes.

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Climate change related awareness materials developed

Various hazards threaten the vast coastal belt of Bangladesh. This results in miseries to coastal people. Rise in salinity in environment due to climate change is one of the reasons of [See page 3]

