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Sylhet City Mayor says

Ahsanullah's devotion to creator creation turns him into holy man

Khanbahadur Ahsanullah's devotion towards the Creator and His creation has turned him into a holy man in society.

Sylhet City Mayor Badaruddin Ahmed Kamran said this at a seminar on "Contribution of Khanbahadur Ahsanullah (R) for Development of Education and Society" held at Sylhet Zila Parishad *[See page 3]*

Kazi Rafiqul Alam elected chairperson of CAMPE

Kazi Rafiqul Alam has been elected Chairperson of Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) - an institutional alliance of NGO's implementing educational program.

The election of the executive committee of Campaign for the period 2009-2011 was held in the 12th annual general meeting held at the RDEC auditorium of LGED on 11 May 2009 presided over by CAMPE council Chairperson Fazle Hasan Abed.

The other office bearers elected



are - Shamse Ara Hasan and Dr. Manjur Ahmed- Vice-chairpersons and Md. Azizul Haque- Treasurer. The outgoing chairperson Fazle Hasan Abed has been elected as life-long Advisor of Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE). Representatives of 160 organizations working at national and local levels were present at the annual general meeting.

DAM's call for service to humanity

Extend generous hands for treatment, rehab of poor drug addicts

Treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts is essential for uprooting terrorism and ensuring smooth development of the country. Drug addiction is a growing menace in society. Each drug addict is creating new addict day by day. Drug addiction is the reason behind increased crimes in society including theft, armed robbery, hijacking etc. *[See page 2]*

Discussion to promote ICT at school level

Paglakanaï Madhukori Community Resource Centre organised a discussion meeting at Barbari High School on 5 April, 2009.

As many as, 153 students participated at the discussion aiming at promoting Information Communication Technology (ICT) at school level. They *[See page 3]*



Mushroom Farming Project inaugurated at Jessore Shelter Home

DAM started mushroom farming commercially at its Shelter Home campus in Vekutia Jessore. This Project was inaugurated by Mr. M. Ehsanur Rahman, Executive Director of DAM on January 16, 2009. Mr.

Md. Ansar Ali Fakir, Assistant Director, MFP, Mr. Md. Niamul Kabir, Agriculture Officer, DAM and Mr. Md. Rashedul Islam, Area Coordinator, ACCESS Project were also present at inauguration *[See page 3]*

Free Medical Camp in Shahjadpur

Medical Services to 2000 Patients

Ahsania Mission Cancer Detection Centre and Hospital organized a day long free medical camp in a local school at Khunki and Jalalpur Union of Shahjadpur Upazila on 10 April 2009. Seven person including doctors and staff operated the free medical camp. Eye specialist Doctor Abdul Matin also *[See page 3]*

EFRRAP program started implementing by MFP for Disaster Preparedness

Micro Finance program of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) started implementing a credit scheme with the name "Emergency 2007 Flood Restoration and Recovery Assistance Program (EFRRAP)". PKSF will provide all the financial assistance for the project. The project will be implemented in *[See page 3]*

DAM launches new project in Mongla

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) has launched a new project titled, 'Improved Food and Livelihood Security in Context of Increased Disaster Risk and Climate Change' in Mongla upazila of Bagerhat district.

The project started in March, 2009 and will end in February, 2011. It is being funded by CAFOD UK. The project aims to

improve food and livelihood security in Bagerhat district in the context of increased disaster risk and climate change. The expected output of the project are as follows:

1. Household level income and retainable assets of target families in Mongla upazila are increased through environmentally sustainable agro-fishery, livestock and alternative livelihoods practices.
2. Food production in Mongla upazila increased through use of

sustainable farming methods by small-scale and marginal farmers.

3. Advocacy initiatives on livelihood security and climate change issue are strengthened and have visible results.

4. Target beneficiaries (including women headed households, people with disabilities, PLWHAs and Union Disaster Management Committees (UDMCs) are better prepared for disaster and have demonstrated their capacity in disaster management.

5. Good coordination between partners enables learning to be shared and disseminated at partner and government level with academic institutions between CAFOD and sister agencies and in DRR/Climate change networks.

Besides DAM, CARITAS, ADD and PRODIPAN are implementing the project. PRODIPAN is leading

in attaining output no 1, CARITAS is leading in attaining output 2, ADD is leading in achieving output 3 and DAM is leading in achieving output 4.

Under the project, DAM will undertake field research and analysis to establish case for advocacy, advocacy initiatives on climate change/disaster prevention issues at national/international level, development of communication and media materials on DRR and climate change in Bagerhat district, training to UDMCs on development of disaster mitigation plans, using disaster management information from partners and BUET, provide training and workshop on disaster preparedness and mitigation at community level to prevent loss of lives and livelihood.



Training support to DPHE HYSAWA Project

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members of local implementing partner NGOs. Duration of the training course was five days with accommodation facilities. The objectives of the training was to develop staff capacity to play their due role in achieving improved hygiene behaviour/practices, promote community-led total sanitation and increased coverage of safe water supply services. The activity delivery mechanism was demand-driven approach with financial assistance from HYSAWA Fund as well as through more supply-driven activities supported by the Local Government Support Unit (LGSU). HYSAWA Fund has been providing financial support to

eligible Union Parishad for implementation of the project. We believe that through this training support and planned activity, implementation process will accelerate improved and sustainable hygiene behaviour/practice, access to sanitation facilities and its proper use, access to safe water source and safe water use increased in the participating communities of the project area. Through this intervention two (4 & 7) of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to reduce by two-thirds mortality rate among children under five and by half the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water will be achieved.

UGC Approved AUST Permanent Campus

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President of Bangladesh and Chancellor of the University on 31 March, 2008.

AUST Chairman Kazi Rafiqul Alam said that the university is unique in nature. We feel proud for being able to construct its permanent campus, he said. He also thanked all concerned for providing their all-out support in construction of the full-fledged campus.

Prof Dr Anwar Hossain, Vice Chancellor of AUST said that we sincerely follow the government rules and regulations to create an excellent and congenial educational atmosphere for students of the university.

Extend generous hands for treatment, rehab

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Drug addicts have turned many families helpless and bankrupt. A good number of youngsters are nearing their graves because of the social ill. Treatment of drug addicts is lengthy and expensive. Everybody should extend their generous hands for proper treatment and rehabilitation of poor drug addicts.

DAM has been operating four treatment and rehabilitation centres. It is going to undertake new initiatives to set up treatment and rehabilitation centres in different divisional cities including Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi, Barisal and Sylhet.

The DAM authorities have urged benevolent and noble persons to donate lands for implementing the programme. DAM will name the new institutions after the names of donors. Interested donors may contact the Dhaka Ahsania Mission at House # 19, Road # 12, Dhaka - 1209 Phone: 8151114, 01714088968 Fax: 8113010, 8118522 E-mail: dam.bgd@ahsaniamission.org

Strategic Planning Workshop of Livelihood Development Sector

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Besides, to achieve the objectives of Livelihood Development Sector, types of beneficiaries, working strategy and interventions of Professional Skill Development, Agricultural Diversification and Micro Finance sub sectors were sorted out. The workshop decided that Skill Development, Agricultural Diversification and Micro Finance sub sector will separately prepare strategic development paper. On the basis of three strategy papers, a final strategic document of livelihood development sector will be produced.

DAM Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman as well as directors of other divisions participated at the workshop.



Mushroom Farming

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ceremony. This Mushroom farming project has started with the objectives of fulfilling nutrition demand of the residents and generating own fund of the Shelter Home. Promoting the popularity of Mushroom and inspiring local community people to start Mushroom farming is another objective of the project.

DAM ED attends 10th Regional

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Secretary of the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, Bangladesh also took part.

EFRRAP project implemented

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Satkhira, Jessore, Narsindi and Netrakona region from March 2009. Under EFRRAP scheme, beneficiaries of MFP will be receiving credit support for Disaster preparedness, Tubewell installation and repair and Livelihood restoration through initiating IGA. Facilities will be provided to repay the loan in soft installments in two years with a sufficient grace period. The rate of interest is 4%. Within May 2009, MFP targeted to disburse an amount of Tk. 40 lacs in its different working area under this scheme. Beneficiaries of MFP have responded spontaneously for the scheme as it will be very useful for them before rainy season and possible floods.

AMCH Fund

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his maternal grand mother-Late Jamal Ara.

Reciprocating his sentiment, lawyer Arif said he had donated the money to cherish the memory of his maternal grandmother as well as proper treatment of poor patients.

On receipt of the cheque, DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital is being built on a plot of 3 acres of land in Sector-10, Uttara in Dhaka. On its completion 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. Till now, 10 storeys of the 13-storied tower building have been completed. So far Tk. 55 crore 6 lac

Discussion to promote ICT at school level

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expressed their views on benefits of ICT.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission established 32 CRCs in rural areas to promote ICT at rural level with a view to reducing the rich and poor gap in this field. As a part of the programme, local CRCs are organising discussion meetings with school students and teachers to draw their attention and sensitise them on benefits of ICT.

The government of Bangladesh has been introducing computer education at high school level but due to lack of technical expertise, the teachers are reluctant to use computer at schools. As CRCs are playing an effective role in promoting ICT at rural level, they



are organising discussion meetings in schools.

Participants discuss about ICT facilities such as computer training, digital form from government departments, gathering basic information, internet service, skill training, knowledge of CD display for children and livelihood information for farmers. Students also ask questions to clarify ICT

in education.

Jalal Uddin, a senior teacher of Barbari High School presided the discussion meeting held at Barbari High School while Nurul Islam, President of Paglakanai Madhukori CRC participated. A large number of teachers and civil society members of the locality took part and shared ideas on benefits of ICT in education.

Ahsanullah's devotion to creator creation

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auditorium on 3 May, 2009.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) organised the seminar in collaboration with Habiganj Ahsania Mission. Khanbahadur Ahsanullah was a pure Bengali Muslim and non-communal personality, Kamran said. He taught people to reach Allah through love to humanity, he said adding we can succeed in life by taking lessons from his life and works.

DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam presided the seminar while Prof Dr Md Salehuddin, Vice Chancellor of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST), Md. Fazlur Rahman, Additional Divisional Commissioner of Sylhet and Md. Zahurul Haque, Assistant Professor of SUST Political Studies Department were present as special guests. Dr Abul Fateh Fattah, Head of Madan Mohon College Bengali Language and Literature Department presented a keynote paper. Shahid Uddin Chowdhury of Habiganj Ahsania Mission delivered his welcome address while DAM Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman also addressed the seminar.

Medical Services to 2000

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participated in the medical camp. About two thousand poor male, female and children were provided free medical services through the camp. Some medicine worth of Tk. 15 thousand were distributed among patients for free of costs. Assistant General Manager of Janata Bank provided benign support to organize the free medical camp.

AUST sets up unique example by establishing own campus, says

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said the teachers should take pride at the success of students. The teacher-student relationship plays a significant role in success of its students. He advised students to equip with the qualities of ideal citizens by utilising the facilities of the university. He reminded the new comers that they are entering a new phase of their lives. He said that they should be proud of being students of the university. Prof Dr Anwar Hossain presided the ceremony. Among others, Prof Dr Kazi Shariful Alam, Treasurer, Prof MA Mukhtadir, Dean, Faculty of Architecture and Planning, M Shahidullah, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Dr S.M. Kabir, Dean, Faculty of Business and Social Sciences and Prof Dr Anwarul Mostafa, Director of Students' Welfare addressed.



has been received as donation.

An additional amount of Tk. 56 crore 55 lac including government grant is in the process and so far Tk. 52 crore 16 lac has been spent. He further said that if only an amount of Tk. 23 crore can be managed, the first phase of this hospital can be started by the end of the current

year. The first phase will include Radiotherapy Unit, Chemotherapy Day Care Centre, Outpatient Department (OPD) and Diagnostic Centre etc. He appealed to all including corporate sectors and general people to come forward with generous support to start the hospital.

UGC Chairman says AUST sets up unique example by establishing own campus

Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) has set up a unique example among the private universities in establishing its own independent campus.

The University Grants Commission Chairman Prof Nazrul Islam said this while addressing as chief guest at a freshers' orientation programme of new students of spring semester-2009 on the campus on 25 April 2009. He *[See page 3]*

AMCH Fund

Lawyer Arif Mohammad Imtiaz donates Tk 5 lac

Lawyer Arif Mohammad Imtiaz has donated Tk. 5 lac for the under-construction Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital at Uttara in the capital.

Arif Mohammad Imtiaz handed over a cheque for Tk. 5 lac to Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) President Kazi Rafiqul Alam at the Mission Bhaban at Dhanmondi in the capital on 11 May 2009. His father Prof Noor Mohammad Talukder, Ph.D. of the Bangladesh Agriculture University was present on the occasion. In recognition to his donation, a bed at the hospital will be named after *[See page 3]*

Training support to DPHE HYSAWA Project by DAM

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) has been providing Community Lead Total Sanitation (CLTS) training support to "Hygiene, Sanitation and Water Supply (HYSAWA) Project" of DPHE. DAM completed training courses of 10 batches of CLTS in the northwestern and coastal belt districts for staff *[See page 2]*



DAM ED attends 10th Regional Meeting of EFA Coordinators

10th Regional Meeting of National EFA Coordinators and Regional Launch of the 2009 Global Monitoring Report was held in Bangkok, Thailand on 4-9 May, 2009. The meeting was organised to formulate Strategic Planning towards Reaching the Unreached in Education and

Meeting the EFA Goals by 2015. The agenda of the meeting covered Regional Launch of the 2009 EFA Global Monitoring Report and Review of the Asia-Pacific EFA Mid-Decade Assessment and Sub-Regional Strategies and Regional strategy setting. Concerned country

representatives of the Asia-pacific region as well as representatives of different UN organisations, especially UNESCO officials, World Bank and other allied organisations took part.

As an active members of Group-3, DAM Executive Director M Ehsanur Rahman presented a paper on Regional Strategic Objectives, Strategies and recommended actions at the meeting. ATM Mohiuddin Ahmed, Joint *[See page 3]*



UGC approves AUST permanent campus

The University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh approved the permanent campus of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) sponsored by Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM).

The AUST campus was built at 141-142, Love Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka. The university was established with necessary infrastructures on five bighas (500 decimals) of land. The campus was formally inaugurated by the then *[See page 2]*

Strategic Planning Workshop on Livelihood Development Sector of DAM

A strategic planning workshop on Livelihood Development Sector of DAM was organised by its Programme Division on 11 March, 2009. Held at the lakeside office of its conference room, the workshop was facilitated by Programme Division Director Shafiqul Islam. Sectoral strategy documents which were prepared in line with 10 years perspective plan of DAM was reviewed to relate the issues of Climate Change and Food Security as these are the burning development issues. In the workshop, necessary interventions were planned to set up Livelihood Strategic document to address the issues of Climate Change and Food Security. *[See page 2]*