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Build economically self-reliant country

President tells AUST convocation

President Zillur Rahman yesterday emphasized building the country as economically self-reliant with a view to making its independence meaningful.

"Today we're the citizens of an

independent and sovereign country... it is responsibility of all particularly the young generation to build the country as economically self-reliant for making the independence meaningful," he said.

AUST Philatelic Exhibition 2010

Ahsanullah University of Science & Technology organized a three-day Philatelic Exhibition, titled "AUST Philatelic Exhibition 2010" from January 09 - 11, 2010 in its permanent campus at 141-142 Love Road, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208 for students, teachers, philatelists and public in general. Bangladesh National Philatelic Association is the joint sponsor of this exhibition. The inaugural ceremony was held on Saturday, 9 January 2010.

Mr. Hasanul Haq Inu, MP, Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Post and Telecommunication graced the occasion as the Chief Guest while Mr. Mobasherur Rahman, Director General, Bangladesh Post Office was present as Guest of Honour. Prof. Dr. M Anwar Hossain, Vice Chancellor, AUST presided over the function. Prof. Dr. Kazi Shariful Alam, [See page 2]



Chand Sultana Literacy Award-2009

Outstanding personalities are created by paying respect to them

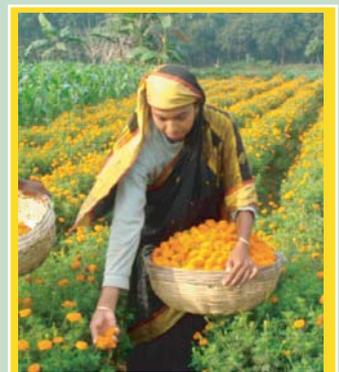
Outstanding personalities are created by paying respect to them. The social system should be changed by bringing a change in moral education. We must pay respect to the outstanding personalities across the country. State Minister for the Ministry of Primary and Mass

The president made the remarks while presiding over the 4th convocation of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre. Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid was the special guest at the function while Quazi Kholiqzaman Ahmad, chairman of Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), was the convocation speaker.

The President said it should be ensured that every citizen of the country can have two handfuls of rice twice a day and also live in peace."

Congratulating the graduates, he urged them to join the nation-building by giving top priority to honesty and sincerity and also showing their talents and creativity. "You'll be a bridge between the past and the present. And with your success, Bangladesh will become the best among the South Asian countries," he said.

About the role of the universities, he said the activities of the universities should be multifarious in quest of knowledge so they could play important role in creating skilled [See page 2]



Flower changes life of Aleya

Here is a tale of a distressed woman who changed the course of her life by doing commercial cultivation of flowers.

Aleya Begum was born of a poor family at Patibila village in Maheshpur upazila, Jhenidah district. She was the third child of her parents' six children. She lost her father at tender age. As poverty was her constant companion, she could not continue [See page 3]

First Meeting of AUST Industrial Advisory Council

Prof. Dr. M. Anwar Hossain, Vice-Chancellor of AUST and Chairman of the AUST Industrial Advisory Council presiding over the first meeting on 14 February 2010 attended by its members Mr. Shibir Mahmud, Chairman, Swiss-Tex Group, Mr. Mohammad Abdul Awal, Managing Director, The Structural Engineers Ltd., Mr. M. R. Jamil, Executive Director, Akij Textile Mills Ltd. and Prof. Dr. M. Kaikobad, Department of CSE, BUET. The Heads of the Departments/School and Director, Students' Welfare were also present in the meeting to discuss various issues related to enhancement of the quality AUST graduates with the distinguished members.

Following the resolution of the Syndicate adopted in its meeting, the industrial [See page 2]

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at the National Press Club auditorium in the city on 1 April 2010. They further said it is essential to take necessary action for cancer-affected children on priority basis. A recommendation of things to be done on priority basis for detection, prevention and treatment of cancer in rural and urban areas. An initiative should be undertaken in health management of the country for research of childhood cancer. About 75 per cent cancer-affected children are cured in developed countries including Canada due to proper treatment. National Professor Dr M R Khan chaired the occasion while Prof Dr A B M F Karim, Dhaka Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul

Alam, BSMMU Oncology Department Chairman Prof Dr Syed Akram Hossain and Prof Dr Mohammad Saiful Islam, ARCC Co-Director Dr Stuart Peacock, International Cancer Forum Coordinator Dr Syed Azizur Rahman, Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital Project Director Dr Md. Lutfar Rahman and Prof. Dr Harun-or-Rashid addressed. Besides, veteran childhood cancer specialists of Canada, UK, Japan and Australia including media personalities were present. Health and Family Welfare Ministry Programme Support Unit chief Dr M A Sabur conducted the entire session.



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manpower by facilitating endless exercises of knowledge, creative activities and the researches. He hoped that the private universities would fix reasonable tuition fees by considering the country's overall socio-economic condition. AUST Vice Chancellor Prof Dr M Anwar Hossain and president of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Kazi Rafiqul Alam also spoke on the

occasion. University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman Prof Nazrul Islam and former attorney general Barrister Rafique-ul-Huq were present at the function. Mithila Barua, Muhammad Imranur Rahman Mazumder and Muhammad Qumrul Ahsan were awarded Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Padak for their outstanding academic results.

AMCH lottery prize money distribution ceremony

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children. In his address, State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Capt. (Retd.) Majibur Rahman Fakir MP said, the government will extend all-out cooperation for construction of the cancer hospital. The government will do the needful for reaching healthcare service to the doorsteps of general people at grassroots level. In the meantime, 90% community clinics have been relaunched. The process of employment of 14,000 doctors, nurses, health workers and other personnel have been completed. Thirty-two thousand more

manpower will be employed in the next year. While addressing, Dhaka Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, an amount of Tk 4crore has been collected from this year's lottery. He expressed his gratitude to the government and people from all walks of life for their whole-hearted cooperation in this noble endeavour. He expressed his optimism that Ahsania Mission would be able to collect more 16crore taka with whole-hearted cooperation of people which will help commission the hospital at initial stage.



AUST Philatelic Exhibition 2010

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Treasurer, AUST and President of Bangladesh National Philatelic Association made introductory statements on the occasion. Bangladesh Post Office is issuing a Special Cover to commemorate this exhibition and three special

cancellers for use in those three days. Post Office set up a stamp selling booth for those days in the exhibition venue. The exhibition will remain open for the visitors on 10 – 11 January 2010 from 10am to 6pm.

Enfettered drug addict Moznu says after recovery

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wish a prosperous future of Dhaka Ahsania Mission.” Dhaka Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam formally handed over Moznu to his mother Morzina Khatun. Among others, Dhaka Ahsania Mission Administration and Human Resources Division Director Azam Chowdhury, Amik Coordinator Iqbal Masud, Public Relations Officer Humayun Kabir Tutul and Moznu's sister Sultana were present on the occasion. While addressing, Dhaka Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, there are many youths like Moznu scattered all over the country. People from all walks of life of society should come forward to protect these youths who are victims of drug addiction from ruin. This is why, Dhaka Ahsania Mission has a plan to set up Drug Addiction Treatment Centre in every district. Wealthy people should donate land or building for this noble endeavour. The centres

will be run as per names of donors. He further said, Dhaka Ahsania Mission rendered treatment of Moznu and helped him return to lead a normal life. Dhaka Ahsania Mission will take all-out steps for his rehabilitation in society. Moznu hails from Kellabari village under Kishoreganj upazila in Nilphamari district. Being unable to bear the treatment cost of drug addict Moznu, his parents enfettered him for two years. Dhaka Ahsania Mission undertook responsibility of Moznu's treatment on February 2, 2009. He was admitted to Amik Modhumita Centre for three-month treatment. Later, Moznu was shifted to Ahsania Mission Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre in Gazipur for his lengthy treatment. Besides drug addiction, Moznu was a patient of psychoprenia. From the very beginning of treatment, he was under treatment of a specialist in mental health. At present, Moznu has been cured fully and leading a normal healthy life.



First Meeting of AUST Industrial Advisory Council

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Advisory Council was formed with a view to have inputs from distinguished industrialists and experts in Bangladesh to ensure university-industry interaction and bring excellence in academic and allied activities at the Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST).



4th year of Nogordola

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Boishakhi Mela (fair) held at the Banani outlet of Nogordola marking its fourth founding anniversary on 2 April 2010.

They further said that usage of terracotta had started during the regime of Chinese emperor 'Kin C Huan.' Terracotta is the earthwork done at the main gate, wall and roof of palace, temple and church.

In selection of cloth, importance has been given on temperature of weather of Boishakh. As value addition technique, machine embroidery, 'kerchupi,' screen print, block, sequece and mixed medium have been selected.

Fifteen mentally retarded children of Swede Bangladesh, noted personalities of civil society and officials of Nogordola and Dhaka Ahsania Mission, associate organisations and media representatives attended. Among others, Dhaka Ahsania Mission President Kazi

Rafiqul Alam, veteran woman entrepreneur Kona Reza, Nogordola chief Ali Afzal and consultant Chandra Shekhor were present.

It is to be mentioned here that Nagardola has now three showrooms at Dhanmondi, Banani and at Deshi Dosh of Bashundhara City. The showrooms have been decorated with children's dress, handicrafts, household and ceramic items, cane-bamboo made and wooden materials, showpiece made of candle, jewellery, cosmetics, gift items and indoor plant etc.

Boishakhi dress include saree, selwar-kameez, fatua, scart tops, capri, shirt and short punjabi etc. Apart from this, children's dress include salwar-kameez, short fatua, saree, lehenga and punjabi. Keeping Boishakh ahead, several family dress and couple dress have been designed. Novelty has been brought in punjabi cutting pattern.



World Health Day observed

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Bhaban which was presided over by MCRC President A Rashid Haolader. Latabaria Technical Dakhil Madrasa Super Kamruzzaman Shahid, K Latabaria Government Primary School Assistant teacher Asma Begum, UP member A Mannan, Ganokendro member Selina Begum, Nazma Begum and Ruma Akter took part at the discussion. Discussants demanded of the authorities concerned for enhancement of allotment for purchase of essential instruments in helath sector and appointment of gynaecologist for protection of women's health and setting up of clinic at ward level.

Chand Sultana Literacy Award-2009

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government is working to bring all the children in school by 2011. Work on turning 3 crore 72 lac illiterates into literate people will start in the next fiscal year. Efforts are underway to make the country illiteracy-free by 2013.

In his presidential speech, Dhaka Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam stressed on adult education programme. Literacy campaign will not be successful if parents are not taught properly.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam chaired the occasion while it was attended by Non-Formal Education Bureau Director General (DG) Rezaul Karim as Special Guest. Dhaka Ahsania Mission Programme Division Deputy Director Dewan Sohrab Uddin presented a paper on 'Education for All- Importance financing literacy and Continuing Education.' Dhaka Ahsania Mission Executive Director M Ehsanur Rahman delivered Welcome Address. CAMPE Programme

Manager Tapan Kumar Das in a speech introduced the award winner. Dhaka Ahsania Mission Training and Material Development Department Director M A Rashid delivered speech on life and works of late Chand Sultana. As Chief Guest, State Minister for the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education Md Motaher Hossain MP, handed over Chand Sultana Literacy Award-2009 to literacy expert, researcher and development worker Mohammad Mohsin for his contribution in the field of literacy movement. The award included a cheque for Tk 30 thousand, a crest and a certificate. Chand Sultana Literacy Award-2009 winner Mohammad Mohsin said, I am proud on receipt of this award. I donate part of the prize money to Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital Fund.

Every year, Dhaka Ahsania Mission has been awarding Chand Sultana Literacy Award in memory of prominent literacy worker and material developer late Chand Sultana since the year of 2001.

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education for a longer period. She simply read upto Class-V. She locked in wedlock at the age of 15 with a day labourer at Jugihuda village in the aforesaid upazila. But marriage could not change her fate.

In the meantime, she became a mother.

In 2006, an incident has changed her lifestyle by opening up a new avenue for her. Aleya was poor but she was an admirer of beauty. Since childhood, gardening was her favourite hobby. She created a beautiful flower garden at her courtyard. One day, her garden attracted attention of a motorbike rider. The motorbike rider came down from his vehicle and asked a child standing nearby about the beautiful garden. The child happened to be the eldest child of Aleya. In reply, the child told the stranger that her mother had created the garden. When Aleya emerged from indoors, the stranger gave his identity as manager of Dhaka Ahsania Mission. He informed her about the activities of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Jaba Mohila Unnyan Dal at Jugihuda village since 1998.

The Dhaka Ahsania Mission official further informed Aleya about countrywide massive cultivation of flower on commercial scale. He said the soil of Maheshpur is congenial for flower cultivation. If Aleya desires, Dhaka Ahsania Mission can come forward in her assistance to launch a venture.

Taking permission from her husband, Aleya became a member of Jaba Mohila Unnyan Dal. She started

attending weekly group meetings and began to save Tk 10 regularly. She read books on flower cultivation from the Ganokendro. Later, she underwent a three-day training on nursery and flower cultivation imparted by Dhaka Ahsania Mission. On an exposure visit, she went to Bagachra flower farm in Sharsha upazila of Jessore district. There she was ashtonised to see the flower gardens on a vast tract of land. Aleya recollected the message of Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him). From this spot she came to know that floriculture is an industry which has a bright prospect. Besides meeting up the country's requirement, flowers also fetched valuable forex for the country. She learnt that local flower cultivators straightaway supply flowers to the wholesalers in Dhaka. Being inspired, Aleya returned home to become a flower cultivator in its right sense. Later, she took loan amounting to Tk 15,000 from Dhaka Ahsania Mission. Adding money from own source, she took lease one bigha of land in cooperation with her husband and started flower cultivation on a wide scale. From then on, Aleya never looked back. With blessings from all, she became a successful entrepreneur. She expanded her farm by cultivating various types of flowers. Now every week she picks up flower from her gardens. By implementing the project, self-employed Aleya also created job opportunities for the women members of 10 to 12 families in her locality. Following her footsteps, many other women also started flower cultivation at their village.

AMCH lottery prize money distribution ceremony

Quamrul of Barguna wins Tk 30 lakh

Quamrul Ahsan Kabir of Betagi in Barguna district has won the first prize of Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH) Lottery-2010 amounting to Tk 30 lakh. Md Akter Hossain of Indira Road, Dhaka won the third prize amounting to Tk 70 thousand while Fazilatunnessa of Chapainawabganj won the 5 thousand taka prize.

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Capt. (Retd.) Majibur Rahman Fakir MP, distributed the prize money among the winners who were present at a formal ceremony held at Dhaka Ahsania Mission Bhaban auditorium



rium (House-19, Road-12 New, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209) in the city on Thursday, 29 April, 2010.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam chaired the occasion while it was addressed by, among others, Ahsania Mission Dhaka Cancer Hospital (AMCH) Advisor

and former Secretary Mohammad Ali.

While speaking, first prize winner Quamrul Ahsan Kabir said, I am lucky for winning the prize. Previously, I could not even believe that anybody can get lottery prize. I shall spend entire prize money for education of my [See page 2]

4th year of Nogordola

Indigenous culture to be flourished keeping pace with globalisation

Indigenous culture will have to be flourished keeping pace with globalisation. Nogordola will promote indigenous tradition. In a unique manner, Nogordola has introduced attractive dresses taking inspiration from pre-historic terracotta. Artistic design of dresses has been taken from terracotta decorated at the historic Radhagobindo temple of Puthia, Rajshahi.

Invited guests observed this while addressing the inaugural function of a 12-day dress exhibition and [See page 3]

Cancer specialists' observation at workshop

15.5 cr children to be affected additionally by skin, eye cancer due to climate change

An additional 10 crore children will be affected by skin cancer due to climate change by the year of 2075. More five and a half crore children will be affected by eye cancer. About 9,000 children are being attacked with cancer annually. About 44% of cancer-affected children die prematurely as their parents cannot afford high treatment cost of the disease. Because of lack of cancer registration (statistics), actual scenario is more dreadful. Thousands of children die every year due to lack of timely detection of cancer, wrong treatment and lack of proper treatment. Less than 500 children receive hospital treatment. Speakers observed this at a roundtable media conference on Exploration and Setting Priorities for Childhood Cancer in Bangladesh" jointly organised by Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital, Foundation for Research and Development Dhaka and British Columbia Cancer Agency Canada [See page 3]



Enfettered drug addict Moznu says after recovery

'I wish nobody become drug addict like me'

Enfettered drug addict Moznu will now return home after full recovery. "I became drug addict unknowingly. I wish nobody becomes drug addict like me. I want to lead a healthy life like other people," said fully recovered Moznu at a function held at Dhanmondi Mission Bhaban auditorium on Tuesday, 13 April, 2010. Moznu was formally handed over to her mother Morzina Khatun after his recovery.



Members of many distressed families will get treatment here. I [See page 2]

Moznu further said, "On return home, I wish to live with my parents. I shall take a decision about my future plan following discussions with my family after my arrival at home.

Moznu's mother Morzina Khatun said, "I got back my dead son. I seek a job for my son. Members of many distressed families will get treatment here. I [See page 2]

World Health Day observed

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) observed the World Health Day in a befitting manner on 7 April, 2010. At national level, DAM participated at a discussion meeting held at the inaugural function of World Health Day organised by the Ministry of Health at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital. Besides, DAM displayed health related materials at a stall erected at the conference centre on the day.

At grassroots level, DAM observed the day at Barguna town and Ailapatakata, Burirchar, Keorabunia, Gourichanna and Fuljhuri unions of Barguna Sadar upazila.

At district level, DAM took part at a rally and discussion held at the district town under joint sponsorship of district administration and Health Department.

Besides, weeklong programmes were chalked out at Ganokendro, MCRC and CRC levels at the initiative Access-Kafod Project. Programmes included colourful rally, discussion meeting, painting competition for children, free health service programme and pasting of wall posters.

A discussion meeting was held at Keorabunia MCRC [See page 3]