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## DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam honored with 'Education Watch' Reward

DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam has been honored with Monthly Magazine 'Education Watch' Reward-2009. He has been given this award for creating a separate trend in social service. Dhaka University Vice Chancellor A.F.M. Arefin Siddique handed over the award to him at a function held at the Sufia Kamal auditorium of National Museum on 11 April 2009. Presided over by noted historian Sirajuddin Ahmed, Jagannath University Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Meshbauddin Ahmed and noted journalist Golam Sarwar were present as [\[See page 2\]](#)



## Poverty Reduction Possible through removal of illiteracy and Life-skill Development

- State Minister for Mass Education

Poverty reduction in the country is possible through removal of illiteracy and life-skill development. For this both government and NGOs including

roots level people should come forward. But there should be some changes in the literacy program. Greater achievement may be expected in literacy

program if life-skill development alongwith imparting literacy can be arranged. State Minister for Primary and [\[See page 3\]](#)



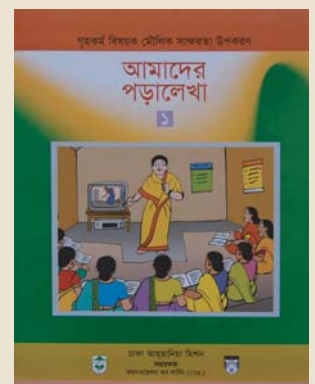
Commission held on Tuesday, 28 April 2009 at the conference room of LGED Bhaban at Agargaon in the capital.

They further said, the initiative to impart knowledge about society among children through innovative ideas, farsightness, worldly knowledge and culture will attract every one. We can create a society full of humane qualities through social and cultural revival by igniting the tiny lamps.

Presided over by DAM Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman, the unwrapping of 7 folk-life based books were performed by European Commission Daligation of Bangladesh, Charge d' Affairs Charles Whiteley, Tribal Cultural Institute, Rangamati Director Sugata Chakma, educationist Shafiqul Alam, former Director of National Museum folklorist Shamsuzzaman Khan, noted litterateur and psychologist Dr. Anowara Sayed [\[See page 2\]](#)

## House-based literacy and skilled development material published

It is the demand of time to transform the prospective manpower of the country into active working force. With that aim, since inception, Dhaka Ahsania Mission has been giving importance [\[See page 2\]](#)



## Seven books on local fairy tales launched

With a wide circulation of English fairy tales in Bangladesh, the books of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) will inspire children with national culture. The school children do not even know that 'Thakurmar Jhuli' for which they

are proud of has a good number of highly interesting stories. Speakers said this at the unwrapping ceremony of 7 books suitable for child learners of primary stage with the initiative of DAM and support of European



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special guests at the function. Prof. Dr. Habiba Khatun, Prof. Dr. Akhtaruzzaman, Prof. Abdul Malek and Education Watch Editor Khalilur Rahman spoke on the occasion.

A paper with some recommendations on education policy was presented at the award giving function by Asian University Bangladesh Deputy Registrar Habibur Rahman Khan. Other recipients of Awards are Barrister Rabeya Bhuiyan in Law, Nowajesh Ali Khan in Media, Jeba Ali in English Medium Education, Firoz Mahmud in Computer Science, M. A. Sattar in Technical Education and Dhaka University Reporter of the daily Ittefaq Saidur Rahman.

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consideration to the security of the victims besides making them conscious, educated and poverty-free. The legal help provided by the community will have to be further strengthened, she added.

In his presidential address, Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman said, it would positively help in resisting against women and child trafficking if initiative is taken with the participation of community people. He expressed his conviction that the experience of DAM would help greatly in the initiative of the project taken by the government and observed that media can play a great role in that respect.

Presided over by DAM Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman, Women and Children Affairs Ministry Secretary Begum Rokeya Sultana was present as special guest at the workshop. Concern

Universal Country Director, Bangladesh Stéphane Bonduelle delivered the address of welcome at the workshop while four papers "Anti-trafficking Activities"; "Anti-trafficking Initiatives in Prevention and Protection of Women and Children in Bangladesh"; "National Initiative for Prevention and Protection of Women and Children from Trafficking in India" and "Initiative and Action Against Women and Child Trafficking at the National Level in India" were presented by Concern Bangladesh Human Rights Chief Shankar Paul, DAM Program Director Shafiqul Islam, Women Interlink Foundation (WIF) Chairperson Aloka Mitra and Socio-legal Aid Research and Training Centre, India Executive Director Manabendra Mandal respectively. Expert representatives present at the workshop participated in the open discussion.

## Seven books on local fairy

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Huq and child litterateur Dr. Halima Khatun.

In his presidential address DAM Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman said, besides helping the new generation to get introduced to the traditional heritage of the country these books will help learning enjoyable and durable. He hoped that initiative will be taken to publish these sorts of materials in digital media in future.

With the aim of utilizing multi-faceted various supplementary education materials in the primary education system, these books published by Dhaka Ahsania Mission are - Suburi Guro (a Chakma fairy tale), Madhubhat (a narrative of mouth-watering dishes of different regions), Kato Prabath Kato Dadha (a collection of riddles and proverbs), Gachar Chaya (agriculture-based knowledge and culture), Hal Paloni (description of some customs and rituals), Caktarua (some ideas and beliefs) and Gao Garamer Galpa (a collection of rhymes for children). A cultural function participated by children enthralled the audience.

## DAM observed Global Action Week 2009

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attended in "Rally" and "Big Read" functions held on 22 April '09 at "Shahid Minar Premises" Approximately 16 thousand learners & Teachers have participated in "BIG READ" and "DISCUSSION" Programs across the ongoing projects.

DAM participated in "Education Fair" by a stall display of its educational materials held on 24 to 25 April at Dhaka Residential Model School and College campus. Mr. Rashed Khan Menon, MP and the Chair of the Bangladesh Parliamentary Standing Committee for "Education" has attended as chief guest and inaugurated the fair. Almost 20 top ranking NGOs have participated in it.

Executive Director of DAM, M. Ehsanur Rahman presented a key note paper in a seminar held on 23rd April at WVA Auditorium title "Life Long Learning: Bangladesh Perspective". This seminar was attended among others by the DG, BNFE, Program Specialist, UNESCO, Bangladesh. Dr. Delwar Hossain Sheikh, Professor of IER, DU offered special discussion on

the key note paper. DAM attended the seminar.

Finally a National Consultation Workshop was held at RDEC/LGED level-12 auditorium on 26 April as concluding event. The president of DAM, Kazi Rafiqul Alam, presided over the Consultation Workshop. Mr. Motahar Hossain, Hon'ble State Minister for Primary and Mass Education has attended as Chief

Guest and spoke on the occasion. In his Chair person's speech Mr. Kazi Rafiqul Alam, President of DAM explained the importance of the observance of GAW programs, literacy and life long learning, political commitments of the present government, role of GOs and NGOs and highlighted some of the strategies for achieving EFA by 2015. He thanks CAMPE and all participating agencies for cooperation and participation.

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to the idea of developing skill manpower to cater to the demand of the people at the grass roots level. As part of that for literacy and life-skill development of the poor women, DAM has taken up the project titled 'Literacy and Livelihood Training for the House Maids'. The aim of this project is to develop working literacy skill of jobless poor people and give them practical training of house-keeping. For implementing the project, two literacy and life-skill development curriculum have been developed in a national workshop after analyzing data gathered through a survey.

On the basis of that developed curriculum, a package for literacy has been developed which includes 3 primers for learners, 1 education support guide book and 16 video flip. Recently with the financial and technical support of Commonwealth of Learning (COL) this package materials have been published by Training and Materials Division.

This course has been developed keeping the marginal standard saved by national education curriculum. The subjects of this course are totally house-hold work based. It may be mentioned, C.R. Mushib and Dr. Momon Kumar Mandal of Netaji Subash Open University, West Bengal of India have given valuable suggestions in finalizing the course. Any NGO can use this package materials.



## Khanbahadur Ahsanullah was the pioneer

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Secondary Education Board Chairman Prof. Dr. Mortuza Aliul Kabir was present as special guest at the seminar. Babugonj Agarpur College Principal A.F.M. Jalal Ahmed, Govt. BM College Principal Prof. Dr. Nani Gopal Dash, Barisal Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board former DD M.D. Mukhtar Hossain participated in the discussion at the seminar. Dhaka Ahsania Mission Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman delivered the address of welcome while City Corporation Secretary Ranjit Kumar presented a written speech on behalf of the Mayor.

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Mass Education Md. Motahar Hossain, MP said this at the Chand Sultana Literacy Prize-2008 distribution ceremony and seminar held on Wednesday, 22 April 2009 at the Dhanmondi Mission Bhaban Auditorium in the capital.

He further said, the light lit by late Chand Sultana and Saleha Begum for the development of education will work as model for social development. He declared that the school run by Saleha Begum in Galachipa will be registered this year and will also be built as flood shelter cum school in the next year.

State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Md. Motahar Hossain MP handed over the Chand Sultana Literacy Prize-2008 to Saleha Chachi of Galachipa as recognition to her multi-faceted contribution in the field of education and social development. The prize includes Tk. 30 thousand, a crest and a certificate.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) President Kazi Rafiqul Alam in his presidential speech said, great thing can be achieved in life through a determined goal and mentioned that Chand Sultana and Saleha Chachi are bright examples in this regard.

Expressing her sentiment after receiving the prize, Saleha Begum said, the root cause of poverty in Sonar Bangla is the lack of education and hoped if women of the country come forward it is possible to remove illiteracy.

Presided over by DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam, UNESCO Representative in Bangladesh Malama Malaisa was present as Special Guest at the Seminar. DAM Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman presented a paper titled 'Literacy for All; What Can be done in Attaining National Target' in the seminar. Plan International Regional ECD Advisor Mohammad Mohsin discussed on the paper while SHAP Bangladesh Executive Director Syed Nurul Alam gave an introduction about Saleha Chachi. DAM Assistant Director Mohammad Mahsin spoke on late Chand Sultana and Training and Material Development Director M. A. Rashid delivered the address of welcome.

Since 2001, DAM has been giving 'Chand Sultana Literacy Prize' every year in the name of noted literacy worker and education material developer late Chand Sultana.

## Brighten national image through

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marked its beginning with the aim to nourish the age-old heritage of our country. To mark the beginning of the 3rd year of Nogordola and Boishaki Mela, the outfits have been decorated with the inspiration from the inscription on the age-old woodenbox used by mighty king Sitaram.

Nogordola Project Chief Ali Afzal said, Nogordola has been able to create a section of customers of its own due to unique official style of its dresses. Hundreds of office bearers, staff, craftsman, needle operator and wivers are involved with the creative activities of Nogordola. This multi-faceted experiment with handicrafts by Nogordola will consolidate the confidence of customers, he hoped. Plan International Country Director Naid Esape, Aga Khan Foundation C Field Programme Manager Flory Stary, UNICEF Project Officer (Education) Christin D, ILO International Expert Ronald Burgess, Concern Universal Bangladesh Country Director Stephane Bonduelle, DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam & Nogordola Project Chief Ali Afzal were present as guests at this 13 day-long fair.

It may be mentioned, the fair will display some attractive items. With some stalls of domestic products, the fair at Banani include doll dance and whirling play. At present Nogordola have two show rooms, one at Banani and the other at Dhanmondi. These show rooms have been decorated with dresses for ladies and gents along with handicrafts, household goods, ceramic products, products made of timber, cane and bamboo, show price made from wax jewellery, cosmetics, gift items and indoor plant items.

## Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital Fund NRB

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plot of 3 acres in sector-10, Uttara of Dhaka. When it is completed with a cost of Tk. 256 crore, this 500-bed world class cancer hospital will have a total area of about 5.5 lac sft. Uptil now 10 storeys of this 13 storied tower building have been completed. So far Tk. 54 crore 80 lac has been received as donation. A further amount of Tk. 56 crore 57 lac is in the process of donation. Uptil now Tk. 52 crore 16 lac have been spent.

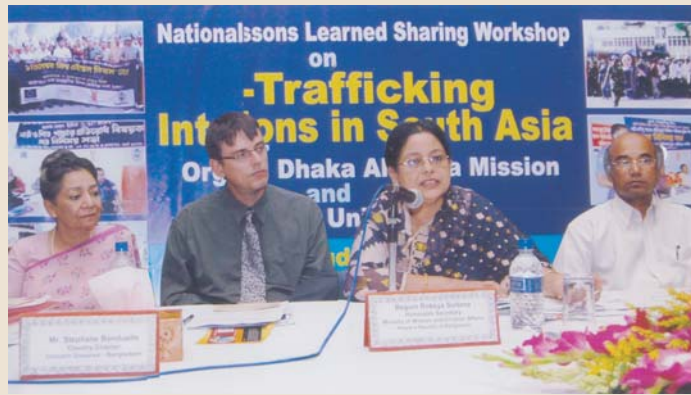
He further said, if only a amount of Tk. 23 crore is managed, the fist phase of this hospital can be started by the end of the current year. The fist phase will include Radiotherapy Unit, Cemothraphy Day Care Centre, Outpatient Department (OPD) and Diagnostic Centre. He appealed to all people including corporate sector to come forward with generous support to start the cancer hospital for the benefit of cancer patients.

## Khanbahadur Ahsanullah was the pioneer of Muslim Renaissance

Khanbahadur Ahsanullah was the pioneer of Muslim Renaissance. He imbibed the backward Muslim Community through spread of Education. He had the thought and conviction that fulfillment of human life lies not only in the devotion of Allah but also in the love and welfare of his creation. Speakers said this at a seminar titled 'Contribution of Khanbahadur Ahsanullah in Education and Social Development' held on 4 April 2009 at the seminar room of Ladies Club in Barisal City. Presided over by Dhaka Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam Barisal Secondary and Higher **[See page 3]**

## Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital Fund NRB in Canada Abdul Aziz Chowdhury donates Tk. 5 lac

A Non-Resident Bangladeshi (NRB) in Canada retired Winzon Public Librarian of Canadian Government Abdul Aziz Chowdhury donated Tk. 5 lac for the under-construction Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital at Uttara in the capital. Abdul Aziz Chowdhury handed over a cheque for Tk. 5 lac to Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) President Kazi Rafiqul Alam at a simple ceremony on 8 April 2009 at Mission Bhaban, Dhanmondi. His brother-in-law Dr. Abu Sayeed Ali Ahmed was present on the occasion. A bed of the hospital will be inscribed in the name of his late mother 'Jebunnessa Khanam Chowdhury' for this donation. Receiving the cheque DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital is being built on a **[See page 3]**



## Comprehensive policy stressed to prevent human trafficking

It is possible to resist Women and Child Trafficking through combined initiative. Joint effort should be taken at the Govt. NGOs and Community level. All concerned should be conscious about the durability of any project or program after its completion. Women and Child Affairs Ministry Secretary Begum Rokeya Sultana said this at a workshop titled 'Anti-

trafficking Interventions in South Asia: Lessons sharing from the project', held with the initiative of Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Concern Universal- Bangladesh and supported jointly by European Commission and Irish Aid on 25th April 2009 at LGED Auditorium, Agargaon in the capital.

She further said, we should give special **[See page 2]**

## DAM observed Global Action Week 2009

CAMPE and its member organizations including DAM observed the "Global Action Week" from 20 to 26 April 2009 in eventful and befitting manner. The main theme of this year's program was "Youth and Adult Literacy and Life Long Learning". The program of this year's observance was divided in to two parts such as a) National level Programs and b) Local Level Programs. DAM has participated in both.

Almost 125 numbers of learners, teachers, workers, guardians from DAM education program in Dhaka City (UNIQUE, HTR and staff From Head Office) **[See page 2]**

## Materials on Natural Disaster Published

Like other countries in the world, people of Bangladesh have to fight against natural disasters. Cyclone and tidal surge are among them which cause ups and downs in the socio-economic life of costal people. As a result, almost every year people suffer a great deal for which we should take initiative to combat cyclone and tidal surge. With that end, for the benefit of the common people, Training and Material Division of DAM has published a book-let titled 'Ghurnijhor O Jolosshah' in easy language. With the support of CDBP project of DAM this book-let has been developed and published. The inner and cover of the book-let is in 4 colors. At the same time, for school level children, a puzzle titled 'Durjoge Noy Abohela, Asho Kori Mukabila' has also been develop.



To mark the beginning of 3rd year of Nogordola

## Brighten national image through highlighting national culture abroad

The national image of the country will be enhanced if our national culture can be highlighted abroad. Speakers said this at the inauguration ceremony of the Baishaki Mela

on April 2, 2009 to mark the beginning of 3rd year of Nogordola.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, Nogordola **[See page 3]**

