

Education is the key-force for a knowledge based country

-Zunaid Ahmed Palak



State Minister for Post, Telecommunication and Information Technology Zunaid Ahmed Palak said, Education is the key-force for a technology and knowledge based country. To build a knowledge based society, moral education has to be given priority. The State Minister was addressing the inaugural ceremony 5th national conference of teachers at the auditorium of capital's Ahsanullah University of Science & Technology (AUST)

on 7 October 2016. Palak said, Seventy per cent of the total population is now under the age of 35. If this young force is utilized in proper way in keeping touch with Information Technology (IT), the country will be developed. The current government has taken initiative to educate the youth in technology. Information Technology has made mandatory in secondary and higher secondary level. He informed that, almost five thousand Sheikh Rasel Digital

Centres have been established and other ten thousand labs are underway.

The Minister said, teachers and guardians have to pay special attention to the students so that they do not emphasize on Facebook rather text book.

While delivering his Presidential address Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) President and Chairman of Bangladesh Literacy Association Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, communication is important factor. **Continue-3**

One of every eight women at the risk of breast cancer

Breast Cancer is one of the most common diseases for women. One of every eight women is at the risk of breast cancer. Breast Cancer stands 2nd in the list of Cancer disease.

Speakers said this while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the month long Breast Cancer Awareness activity at capital's Ahsania Mission Cancer & General Hospital (AMCGH) premises on 4 October 2016.

Cancer is not only a disease of west now, it is taking a heavy toll in developing countries like Bangladesh. Almost 22 thousand women are being attacked by breast cancer every year and 17 thousand of them die. One million breast cancer patients are diagnosed in the World every year. Thirty three per cent of breast cancer patients are within the age bracket of 40 to 50. While addressing as chief guest Advocate Shahara Khatun, MP said, a woman can check breast cancer from the age of 20 by herself strategy. So, it is preventable if one becomes aware about the disease. State Minister for Children and Women Meher Afroz



Chumki, MP said, women are still incapable to meet their personal demands as financial authority is still in favor of man in the family. This is why they cannot come forward to take treatment with their own initiatives. So, women empowerment, education and over all emancipation are necessary.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, now cancer patients are not required to go abroad for treatment. Ahsania Mission Cancer & General Hospital is providing international standard services for the cancer patients with a very reasonable cost. Managing Direct of AMCGH Brigadier Dr. General Fazle Rahim (Rtd.) deliver the welcome address. Senior Consultant Oncology and Departmental Head Prof. Dr. A.M.M. Shariful Alam Presented the necessary information about breast cancer.

Cobalt Radiotherapy with affordable cost

Recently Ahsania Mission Cancer and General Hospital (AMCGH) has launched Radiotherapy service for Cancer patients by using world famous Theratron Equinox Teletherapy machine. From now cancers patients can take the treatment service of Cobalt Radiotherapy with affordable cost from the hospital. At the launching programme, senior consultants of Radiotherapy Unit, medical physicists and technologists were present. A doa mafil was held also on the occasion.



TVET gets 10 computers

Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) gave away 10 computers to Jessore computer training centre which is operated under the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programme. TVET Executive Director Dr M Ehsanur Rahman, CEO of CINED Shanewaz Khan, Centre Manager of Jessore TVET Md Akter Ali and other officials were present at that time. The programme was held at DAM head office. Executive Director of DAM Dr M Ehsanur Rahman said, Dhaka Ahsania Mission has been conducting its intervention with reputation. He urged to not to compromise with any sub-standard service.



Mock drill held in Savar

A Mock drill to create awareness and increase capacity of the community people as well as school students about earthquake and fire was held on 29th October '16 at Savar Girls High School of Savar. Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Concern

Universal Bangladesh Jointly organized the programme under 'Enhancing Inclusive Disaster Resilience of Bangladesh' project of DIPECHO VIII action plan for South Asia. Disaster Management Committee of Savar

Municipality along with nine wards, local volunteer and national volunteer took part in the Mock drill. Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence supervised and provided technical assistance in the event.

Joint Secretary and Director of Work for food programme of Department of Disaster Management (DDM) was the chief guest while Alinur Rahman Khan, chair Savar Girls High School presided over. Councilor & Panel Mayor-1 of Savar Municipality Md. Nazrul Islam Manik Mollah, Assistant project manager of Concern Universal Bangladesh Mrs. Runa Jesmin were the special guests.

Team Leader & Assistant Director (CC & DRR Sector) of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Md. Jahangir Alam delivered the welcome speech.

The project is implementing with the financial support of ECHO. NAARI consortium is providing the technical assistance.

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What are being provided to the students, we have to keep watch that the students can communicate with those. Bangladesh Literacy Association (BLA) has been working to reach this level.

Vice Chancellor of AUST Prof. Dr. A.M.M. Shafiullah and Executive Director of Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) Rasheda K. Choudhury were present as special guests in the program. General Secretary BLA Prof. Nurul Islam delivered the welcome address. Honorary Prof. of Philosophy Department of Dhaka University Prof. Dr. Aminul Islam Presented the Key-note paper while Executive Director of DAM Dr. M. Ehsanur Rahman presented the conference activities.

ICCE recognizes DAM



International Center for Credentialing and Education of Addiction Professionals (ICCE) of Colombo Plan has recognized Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) for enhancing the capacity of professionals in drug treatment. Recently a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has

been signed between ICCE and Dhaka Ahsania Mission in this regard. The overall objective of this joint initiative is to increase knowledge and skill of the persons who are involved in providing drug treatment and rehabilitation.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission has been implementing drug prevention and treatment program since 1990 and received award from the Government several times. It may be mentioned here that Dhaka Ahsania Mission is the first ICCE approved Non Govt. Organization in Bangladesh which is going to work as education provider in this field.



Progress review meeting held in Jamalpur

Dhaka Ahsania Mission has been working for ensuring entrance of dropped-out children and quality education in Jamalpur district. With the financial assistance of Marico Bangladesh Ltd, 3 year long DAM-Marico CLC project is being implemented from 2014 at Melandah upazila of the district. A progress review meeting over the implemented activities in last two years was held at Melandah upazila conference room on 26 September 2016 to apprise district administration. Deputy Commissioner of Jamalpur district Muhammad Shahabuddin Khan presided over the meeting while Program Director of DAM Dr Khawja Shamsul Huda presided over. Melandah upazila chairman AKM Habibur Rahman, Melandah Upazila Nirbahi Officer John Kenedy Jambil and District Primary Education Officer Abdul Alim were present on the occasion. While delivering his welcome address, team leader of DAM Education program Shahidul Islam said, this program has been arranged to uphold the last two year's activities of the project including results, learning and challenges. Deputy Commissioner Shahabuddin Khan said, Dhaka Ahsania Mission

is one of the unique voluntary organizations of the world. To maintain the quality in non-formal education, DAM's contribution is remarkable. If community operates the CLCs with its own responsibility, non formal education will get stability. Upazila Nirbahi Officer John Kenedy Jambil said, government is giving books to every educational institute. Other necessary opportunities would be provided. He also said, if the public representatives of Union Parishad keep an eye on the educational activities of DAM, it will be more effective. In his presidential address, Dr Khawja Shamsul Huda said, together with government, Dhaka Ahsania Mission has been working in progress of education across the country. Project Manager Md Modassr Hossain facilitated the whole program. Deputy Manager of DAM CLC project ABM Shahabuddin, Regional Manager Tapan Kumar Sarker, officers from various levels of Melandah upazila, representatives from political and civil society, journalists and representatives from various professionals were present on the occasion.

Policy Review workshop of AMIC-DAM's Drug treatment Centers

Addiction Management and Integrated Care (AMIC) of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) organized a workshop on 03-05 October'2016 to review its existing policy of Drug Treatment Centers with a view to increasing the centers facilities, reducing the dropout rate, increasing the drug treatment success rate, ensuring the clients satisfaction and improving the evidence based treatment services across the DAM's drug treatment centers. The venue of the workshop was "BACE Training Center, Sonargaon, Narayanganj. A total of 46 staff members from different Drug Treatment Centers and Projects of AMIC-DAM were participated in the Policy review workshop.



Professor Dr Abdul Odud no more

Noted Cosmetic Dermatologist and Sexual Medicine Specialist Professor Dr Abdul Wadud died due to age old complication on 28 October. He was a well known person in treatment area. He was also a devotee of Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah and life-long member of Dhaka Ahsania Mission. He left behind his three sons and seven daughters. Dhaka Ahsania Mission has expressed deep mourning and sought peace to his departed soul.