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## Commemorative logo unveiled to celebrate 150th birth anniversary of Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah (R.)

Dhaka Ahsania Mission released a commemorative logo as part of the year-long 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Hazrat Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah (R.) in 2023 on the New Year's celebration. This commemorative logo was unveiled in a grand ceremony at the head office of Dhaka Ahsania Mission in Dhanmondi of the capital on Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> January 23). The commemorative logo wrap was unveiled by the president of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Kazi Rafiqul Alam, vice-president Prof. Dr. Kazi Shariful Alam, General Secretary Engineer AFM Golam Sharfuddin, Executive Director Md. Sajedul Qayum Dulal and Health Sector Director Iqbal Masud. In addition, the Mission has taken the initiative to publish various resources in memory of Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah (R.) in 2023. Speakers at the event said that Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah (R.) was a multifarious human being. He was a Sufi saint, writer, philosopher and social reformer. Besides, he loved everyone and was a preacher of religion. And we will not forget his contribution to the establishment of Dhaka University. Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah (R.) was born on a Saturday in the month of December in 1873 in Nalta Sharif of Satkhira district (then Khulna district).

## 149th Birth Anniversary Celebration of Hazrat Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah (R.)



Hazrat Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah (R.) was the forerunner of the Muslim awakening. The contribution and association of Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah (R.) in the establishment of Dhaka University is irrefutable. Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah (RA) was a pure man. The proof of his purity is found in his hundreds of valuable books in Bengali literature. According to Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah (R.), the purpose of literature is to refine the taste. The speakers said these in a discussion meeting organized by Dhaka Ahsania Mission Health Sector on the occasion of the 149th birth anniversary of Hazrat Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah (R.) on Saturday (December 31), in the Orchid meeting room of Health Sector. Director of Health Sector Iqbal Masud organized the program where President Kazi Rafiqul Alam, Vice President Professor Kazi Shariful Alam, General Secretary

Engineer A. F.M Golam Sharfuddin, Executive Director Md. Sajedul Qayum Dulal of Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Md. Anwar Hossain Secretary of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology spoke as a guest at the event.

Speakers at the event also said that if Hazrat Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah (R.) had not taken the initiative in education-initiation, Literary pursuits, the Muslims of Bengal would not have reached the present state. He was both thoroughly pious and also modern. The philosophy that he talked about combining modernity and righteousness is the philosophy of welfare.

Various levels of officials and employees of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Health Sector were present on the occasion.

## Road beautification, free health care for drivers and candle lighting on the occasion of Safe Road Day

For awareness, road decoration on the occasion of the National and International Road Safety Day-2022 celebration, keeping in mind the motto "Let's follow the law on road and return home safely", was done by the Dhaka Ahsania Mission Health Sector. The message about road safety was displayed at various important points of the capital including the Parliament area, and Dhanmondi area. On the other hand, as part of

program for drivers, free medical services were provided to drivers at Syedabad Bus Terminal in the capital on Sunday (October 30) on the occasion of the day. In the said health and eye examination program, about a hundred drivers participated in the health examination.

Also, Dhaka Ahsania Mission Health Sector held a candlelight vigil and march in memory of





those killed in road accidents. On Sunday (November 20) evening, candles were lit in front of the Dhaka Ahsania Mission Health Sector Office in Shyamsilis of the capital.

### **Risk of accidents increases If drivers have eye problems: Secretary Road Transport and Highways Division**



On the occasion of Road Safety Day, on Wednesday (November 2), while inspecting the free health and eye check-up program at Syedabad Bus Terminal in the capital, Secretary Road Transport and Highways Division, ABM Amin Ullah Nuri requested drivers not to drive on roads with eye problems. Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) and Dhaka Ahsania Mission in collaboration with Lions Club of Dhaka Oasis organized a week-long free health and eye check-up program among drivers.

Earlier on Tuesday (October 25) afternoon, the auspicious opening ceremony of the month-long campaign activities was held in the auditorium of the head office of the Dhaka Ahsania Mission. ABM Amin Ullah Nuri, Secretary of Road

Transport and Highways Division was present as the chief guest in the program presided over by Dhaka Ahsania Mission Health and Wash Sector Director Iqbal Masud. Chairman of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority Nur Mohammad Majumdar, Executive Director Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority Sabiha Parveen and Country Coordinator Bangladesh of Global Health Advocacy Incubator Dr. Shariful Alam were present as special guests.

### **In ensuring safe roads the role of mass media is massive**

Workshop on Road Safety Reporting was held on Wednesday and Thursday (December 07 and 08) at CCDB Hope Foundation, Ashulia, Savar organized by the Health Sector of Dhaka Ahsania Mission. The top 20 local media workers in the country participated in the two-day workshop. The workshop was co-organized by the Global Road Safety Partnership and the Global Health Advocacy Incubator.

### **A 16-day campaign against gender-based violence was held**

Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Feed the Future Bangladesh Nutrition Activity conducted courtyard meetings in 24 communities to reduce the impact of gender-based violence and ensure adequate and timely access to quality services that meet the needs of people/women recovering from/surviving gender-based violence under the 16-day program against gender-based violence at the Growth Center,



15 markets in 09 upazilas of Patuakhali and Barguna districts. A total of 912 people participated in the courtyard meeting. Out of which 771 were women.

### **Family nutrition garden to meet nutritional needs**

Feed the Future Bangladesh Nutrition Activity- Dhaka Ahsania Mission provided training and technical assistance to 162 women in 24 growth centers in Patuakhali and Barguna districts to set up home-based nutrition garden demonstrations during the current winter season. During the training in each exhibition, 20 women from the respective area participated and got an idea about the art of planting a nutrient garden. Through this program, besides setting up 162 nutritional garden exhibitions, a total of 3240 farmer families in the concerned area will be established with improved nutritional gardens.

### **An agreement was signed between the Department of Agriculture Extension and Bangladesh Nutrition Activity for the establishment of nutrition gardens**

Inaugural workshop on the implementation of joint activities of the "Feed the Future Bangladesh Nutrition Activity" project implemented by Dhaka Ahsania Mission and "Family Nutrition Garden in Fallow Land and Homestead Yard" project implemented by the Department of Bangladesh Agriculture Extension Held on 12th December-2022, Khamarbari District, Barguna.

### **Tahmina Begum was awarded 'Joyoti Award' for contributing to the development of backward women in the society**

Tahmina Begum, a Member of UP received the Joyoti Award-2022 on behalf of the Administration of Baufol Upazila of Patuakhali on December 09, 2022, for contributing to the development of backward women in the society.



She Participated in Entrepreneurship Development Training, Spouse Meetings and Family Meetings organized by the "Feed the Future Bangladesh Nutrition Activity" project implemented by Dhaka Ahsania Mission. From there she took training and stood by the backward and destitute people of her area.

### **The new generation needs to take steps to protect themselves from the despicable consumption of e-cigarettes**



A discussion meeting organized by Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Ministry of Commerce on the "Role of Ministry of Commerce in creating Tobacco Free Bangladesh announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister" was held. Tapan Kanti Ghosh, Senior Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce, attended the meeting held in the conference room of the Ministry of Commerce on December 1 2022 and spoke as the chief guest. Kazi Zebunnessa Begum, Additional Secretary (World Health Wing) of the Health Services Department of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare spoke as a special guest. Iqbal Masood, Director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Health Sector, delivered the welcome speech. Md. Mukhleshur Rahman, deputy director of the Health Sector, Dhaka Ahsania Mission presented the original article. The meeting was presided over by Maleka Khayrunnessa, Additional Secretary (Admin) of the Ministry of Commerce.

Hossain Ali Khondoker, Coordinator of the National Tobacco Control Cell of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Additional Secretary of the Health Services division and Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of the Bangladesh Program of Vital Strategies were present as discussants in the meeting.



## The draft law to create a tobacco-free Bangladesh should be passed promptly



A discussion was held on the topic of what should be done to quickly turn the draft amendment to the Tobacco Control Act law for a 'Tobacco-free Bangladesh by the year 2040 as declared by the Prime Minister'. Mr. Tazul Islam, Minister of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, was present as the chief guest at a function organized by the Dhaka Ahsania Mission Health Sector at a hotel in the capital on October 27. Former Health Minister and President, Standing Committee on Science and Technology Ministry Prof Dr. AFM Ruhul Haque, MP and former Minister of State for Youth and Sports and Member, Standing Committee on Ministry of Youth and Sports Mr. Biren Shikder, MP spoke as special guests. National Tobacco Control Cell of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Additional Secretary and coordinator of the Health Services Department, Hossain Ali Khandoker, Chief Executive Officer (Additional Secretary) of Dhaka North City Corporation Selim Reza and Abdus Salam Miah, Grants Manager of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids also spoke at the meeting. Besides, the Chief Health Officer of DNCC Brig. General Dr. Jobaidur Rahman, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Railways, Jalal Ahmed, and the Technical Consultant of the Union, Advocate Syed Mahbubul Alam also spoke at the program. At this time, the speakers said that they would play a role in the speedy passage of the draft of the Tobacco Control Act prepared by the Ministry of Health with the aim of creating a tobacco-free Bangladesh.

## The Ministry of Agriculture will take initiatives to reduce tobacco cultivation to build a tobacco-free Bangladesh

Initiatives should be taken to reduce tobacco cultivation to build a tobacco-free Bangladesh as the Hon'ble Prime Minister announced. On 10 October 2022, the Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture Md. Saidul Islam expressed this opinion in a speech as the chief guest in a function organized in the meeting room of the Ministry of Agriculture of Bangladesh Secretariat. The Ministry of Health's initiative to amend the law was applauded. The program was presided over by the Additional Secretary of the PPC Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Md. Ruhul Amin Talukder. Where Md. Sajedul Qayyum Dulal, Executive Director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission gave a welcome speech.

Md. Benazir Alam, Director General, Directorate of Agricultural Extension, Abdullah Masud, NDC, Additional Secretary, Ah. Ghaffar Khan, Director General (Additional Secretary), Directorate of Agricultural Marketing, Hossain Ali Khandoker, Additional Secretary, Health Services Division and, Coordinator of National Tobacco Control Cell, Md. Mostafizur Rahman, Lead Policy Advisor, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids-Bangladesh, Professor Dr. Arup Ratan Chowdhury, Founder President, Narcotics and Narcotics Control Organization (MANOSH), Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of Programs - Bangladesh, Vital Strategies etc. also spoke in the discussion meeting. Md. Mukhlesur Rahman, Deputy Director, Health Sector, Dhaka Ahsania Mission presented the keynote of the discussion meeting.

## Healthcare delivery activities

### Free medical camp organized by drug treatment and rehabilitation center

"Free Medical Camp" was organized at Ahsania Mission Model Pharmacy under the initiative of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre, Gazipur. Free medical services were provided to 10 common people. Also, free medical services were provided from 16-22 December on the occasion of Victory Day.

## Pediatric Pfizer BioEntech Covid-19 immunization for children aged 5-11 years



Pediatric Pfizer BioEntech Covid-19 first dose immunization program for children aged 5-11 years of the 2nd phase of Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project conducted by Dhaka Ahsaniya Mission Health Sector.

### Awareness-raising meetings and TT camps for pregnant mothers were held

An awareness-raising meeting for expectant mothers was held on October 23, 2022, on the initiative of Mayer Hashi Health Care Center managed by Dhaka Ahsania Mission Health Sector. In the said meeting, the medical facilities and things to be done for pregnant mothers coming from different areas were discussed.

On the other hand, the TT camp was held on 12th October 2022 under the initiative of Mayer Hashi Health Care Center. Many people from the Jhauchar area took service in the said TT camp.

### Family Planning Week celebrated at Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project



Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project 2nd Phase implemented in Rajshahi City Corporation under the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives on the celebration of Family Planning Week. On the occasion of the said service week, 5 people were provided with IUD, 11 people with Implanon, 282 people with Injectable, 340 people with pills, 354 people with condoms, 252 people with ANC, 5 people with Via screening test and 145 girls were provided with services.

### BCC Campaign in Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Work Area

In the Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project, road plays were organized in the month of November 2022 as part of BCC activities from all centers of RCC, PA-1 and information on free services for indigent destitute red card holders and promotion of access to all types of health care at low cost was provided.

### Health services and blood grouping camp held at school-college level in Rajshahi

Under Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project, Rajshahi City Corporation, PA-1, Nagar Matrisadan organized health services and blood grouping camp at the school-college level at Kholabon health center, Rajshahi from October to December 2022. Also under Health Center-4 a total of 31 people are provided health services out of which 3 are boys and 28 are girls. A blood group camp was organized at Chotobangram Golden Trust School under Nagar Health Center-5 where a total of 56 people were blood grouped out of which 21 were boys and 35 were girls.

### Friday and evening clinics conducted by DAM initiative for working people

Under the Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project, PA-1, Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Rajshahi City Corporation conducted Friday and evening clinics for working men and women at Nagar Health Center-1, Kashiadanga on 30th September and 28th September. The clinic was for those who cannot normally come to the

center for services during office hours. On those days, the patients were referred to CRHACC for delivery services including child health, and ESP services, including maternity services. Students from different schools and madrasas were present in the discussion.

### **Conducted psychosocial education family meetings on “Parenting Techniques”**

A family meeting on Psychosocial Education was held on Thursday 17th November 2022 at the Ahsania Mission Female Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Center. Md. Salim Hossain, Assistant Professor of the Psychology Department of Dhaka University and Dr. Rahanul Islam, Resident Psychiatrist of Central Drug Treatment Center were present as key discussants in the meeting.

### **Family Group Counseling on “Mindfulness”**

A family meeting on psychosocial education was held on Thursday 15th December 2022 at the Ahsania Mission Female Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Center. Clinical Psychologist Hazera Khatun discussed in detail as the Resource Person.

### **Conducted family meetings on side effects and treatment of substance use**

Ahsania Mission Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Center, Jessore organized a family meeting on December 24 on the harmful side of substances and their treatment. 26 members from 16 families were present in the said meeting.

## **Day observances**

### **‘World AIDS Day’ was celebrated in various work areas under the initiative of DAM**

Under the initiative of Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-II Phase, COCC, PA-1, like every year, celebrated the “World AIDS Day-2022”. DAM organized rallies and discussions in Dhaka, Cumilla, Gazipur and Rajshahi. Besides, free health services were provided to various patients including mothers and children.

### **Victory Day is celebrated in various places in the country**

Victory Day was celebrated by the initiative of Dhaka Ahsania Mission across the country with various arrangements and due dignity. Various branches of the organization celebrated the day across the country by hoisting the national flag. Later, free health services, cultural programs, movie screenings of the liberation war, sports and prize distribution programs were organized. Various sectors of DAM also organized friendly football and cricket tournaments.

### **Family meeting to celebrate World Mental Health Day**

On 13th October 2022, Ahsania Mission Female Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Center organized a family meeting on the “Importance and necessity of mental health in the present context” in celebration of World Mental Health Day. The participants in the meeting were the family members who came for treatment and the professionals involved in this service. Earlier, a family meeting titled “World Mental Health Day 2022” was organized at Ahsania Mission Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Center, Gazipur on October 10, 2022, in celebration of World Mental Health Day.

### **Christmas and New Year Celebrations**

On the occasion of “Christmas Day”, the biggest festival of Christians, various programs were organized throughout the day on 25th December at Ahsania Mission Female Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Center.

### **Global Hand Washing & World Toilet Day**

On 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022 the IWRRHC Project of the WASH Sector of DAM in Collaboration with DPHE & Local UNO Office observed Global Hand Washing Day and sanitation month in several schools at ukhiya. World Toilet Day was also observed on 20 & 21 November by conducting a Sanitation Fair.

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