



Md. Harun or Rashid, the Chief Executive of Light House is talking with Khandaker Rakibur Rahaman, Director General of Department of Narcotics among the visitors at the stall of Light House.

### Observation Of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

The International Day on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was celebrated across the country on June 26, 2016. Light House took part in the national level event celebrated on June 28, 2016 where Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, Hon'ble Home Minister of People's Republic of Bangladesh was present as the chief guest at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in Dhaka. On this day Khandaker Rakibur Rahman, Director General of Department of Narcotics Control presided over the program. Tipu Munshi, MP, Chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Home Affairs and Dr Md. Mozammel Haque Khan, the senior secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs was present as Special guests. Besides these representatives of different NGO, students and the people from the society were present.

In the occasion Director General of Department of Narcotics Control Khandaker Rakibur Rahman delivered the welcoming address in the programme. Senior secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs Dr. Md. Mozammel Haque Khan says that some influential people are involved in this social crime but because of direct evidence they cannot be brought under the law. Hon'ble Home Minister Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal says that every year many steps are taken to stop the work against drug users and illicit trafficking. The users are taken to the jail for giving punishment and given some rehabilitation. But still it is becoming a tremendous challenge for the society. Therefore it is not possible to reduce it only by the police or other law enforcing agencies. He requests to all works of life to come forward to cooperate on this issue. At the end the chief guest distributed prizes to the different organization for their outstanding contribution in drug treatment and rehabilitation in the country and some winners for their good performance in different events of competition.

Md. Harun or Rashid, the Chief Executive of Light House and 10 staffs of Light House were representatives over there. A decorative stall was opened from the behalf of the Light House along with other organizations exhibited there.



Mr. Md. Asaduzzaman, SP, Bogra is delivering his speech in discussion meeting.



In the district level Light House observed this day on June 26, 2016 at Bogra and Rangpur with high importance. Light House observed the day under the slogan "Listen First: Listening to children and youth is the first step to help them to grow in health and safety". The district administration and Department of Narcotics Control, Bogra has jointly organized a colorful Rally, discussion meeting and prize distributing ceremony to celebrate the day. The Deputy Commissioner of Bogra Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin was present as a chief guest and Mr. Md. Asaduzzaman SP was present as a special guest in the events where Mr. Md. Khorshed Alam -ADC (General) presided the meeting fruitfully. Before that, art competition for children and adolescent, essay competition, Anti-Drug announcement and providing treatment and counseling services to drug addicts were conducted.



All participants along with Md. Harun or Rashid, the Chief Executive of Light House and Dr. Mosamat Umma Kulsum, TC- QA-CS



### **Basic training of relevant Staff on STI management:**

The Basic Training of relevant staff on STI management was held in ACDM Mohammadpur, Dhaka on June 12-16, 2016 under the "Continuation of the Prioritized HIV-Prevention Services among Key Populations in Bangladesh", "HIV Prevention Program for Female Sex Workers (FSW) and their Clients." implemented by Light House Consortium, PR: save the children, funded by: The Global Fund. Harun-Or-Rashid, the Chief Executive of Light House inaugurated the training. He encouraged the Paramedics to carry out the work without discrimination and stigma against the Key Populations. He told the Paramedics to work properly and to submit accurate report. K.S.M. Tarique, the Deputy Chief Executive of Light House spoke about the program. He spoke on the code of conduct, zero tolerance, conflict of interest, compliance issues and Project brief. The target of this 5 days training was to teach the newcomers and to refresh the knowledge of the old Paramedics. There were group work, presentation and practical session in the training. However, paramedics were renewed their knowledge and motivated to work with the new spirit and zeal being participated in the training.

However, a total number of 33 Paramedics from different SR, SSRs, DICs such as the Light House 15, YPSA 8, SJA 8, NMS 2 and 6 facilitators, resource persons from the Light House and Save the Children participated in the training. At the end of the day certificates were given to all 33 paramedics by Chief Executive of Light House and ended the training by thanksgiving speech.



Jail Super of Bogra, Mr. Mokammel Hossain is distributing training certificate among skilled prisoners who completed the 'Civil Painting



Mr. Md. Mokammel Hossain Jail Super of Bogra inaugurated the 'Beautician Course' inside the Bogra Prison.

### **Closing ceremony of Skill development training among 25 prisoners held in Bogra district Jail:**

After getting the approval from IG prison, we successfully completed the 1st batch of skills development training named 'Civil Painting' inside the prison'. The Civil Painting training was started on May 22, 2016 and ended on June 20, 2016. The duration of the training was for 21 days. 25 inside prisoners were the participants of this training. After successfully completion of the training the certificate distribution ceremony was held on June 21, 2016 among trained prisoners. Mr. Mokammel Hossain, Jail Super, Bogra inaugurated the training closing session and certificate distribution ceremony. Light House-IRSOP project staffs were present in this ceremony. Light House conducted this kind of training inside and outside the prison with the assistance of GIZ and Jail authority.

### **Inauguration of 3rd Batch of Men's Parlour Training inside Prison, June 5, 2016:**

Jail Super, Bogra District Jail inaugurated the third batch of Men's Parlor training on June 5, 2016. 25 convicted prisoners attend this 35 days long training course.

### **Inauguration of 2nd Batch Beautician Training inside Prison, Bogra, June 1, 2016:**

According to the IRSOP yearly training calendar approved by IG prisons, the 2nd batch training for Bogra District Jail on 'Beautician female' was inaugurated on June 1, 2016. The Jail Super, Bogra District Jail inaugurated this training. A total of 15 female prisoners attended this 40 days long training. Shamim Ahmed, Rehabilitation Supervisor, Light House briefed the project purpose and activities. Jail Super told that the beautification training course is organized by ministry of home affairs and GIZ and implemented by Light House. The main purpose of the training inside prison is to reduce recidivism and thereby overcrowding in prisons in Bangladesh. It is a joint work of German and Bangladesh government. It is known that this beautification training is a very demanding training and its demand has been growing day by day. The Jail Super also asked the question to the participants about their previous job and explored the causes of imprisonment. He suggested that besides house work they can utilize this Beautification training outside the prison as their alternative source of income instead of felonious deeds. He concluded by saying that utilizing this training outside the prison everyone could lead a life without re-committing crime and be able to lead a healthy and sound life with family members.

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