





Celebration of National Mourning

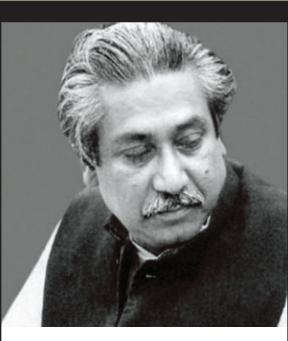


The 49th National Council of Bangladesh Scouts

With the kind consent of Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid, Honourable President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Chief Scout of Bangladesh, the 49th General Meeting [Triennial] of the National Council of Bangladesh Scouts will be held at 03:00 PM on Saturday, December 05, 2020 at Osmani Memorial Auditorium, Dhaka.

Among the major Items of the Agenda of the Council is the election of President, Vice President, Treasurer of the National Executive Committee and its Councillor Delegates; and recommendation for appointment of the Chief National Commissioner of Bangladesh Scouts. Bangladesh Scouts [BS] observed National Mourning Day with deep respect and due dignity on August 15 last marking the 42nd Death Anniversary of our immortal Leader. On this day in 1975, the great architect of Bangladesh's independence, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members were assassinated by some misguided Army Officers & Soldiers.

BS Members placed floral wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu in the early hours of the Day. Drawing- and Essay Competitions were organized for Scout Members. An online Discussion Meeting was organized, Prayers were offered. Cub Scouts, Scout and Rover Scout Members, Unit Leaders, National



Commissioners, BS [NC], Deputy National Commissioners [DNC], and other Scouters attended it. Mr. Arshadul Mukaddish, Executive Director, BS [ED], spoke. Scout Members recited poems. Guests discussed biography of the great Leader.

Dr. Md. Mozammel Haque Khan, Chief National Commissioner, BS and Honourable Commissioner [Enquiry], Anti Corruption Commission [CNC] was the Chief Scout Personality at the Meeting; and Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, President, BS and Special Envoy of the United Nations Climate Vulnerable Forum [CVF] was the Chief Guest. Scouting activities started in the newly independent Bangladesh in 1972 with the issuance of an Ordinance. Regions, Districts, Upazillas and Units of BS organized similar Programmes.

32nd APR Scout Jamboree Organizing Committee Meeting held

The 32nd APR Scout Jamboree with participation from 28 countries is going to be held in Bangladesh in 2021, the Golden Jubilee of Independence of Bangladesh. A high-power Jamboree Organizing Committee was formed with an aim to ensure smooth holding of this grand Programme. The 3rd Meeting of the Committee was held online recently which was presided by the CNC. The Meeting took several important decisions including selection of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Industrial City at Chattogram as the venue of Jamboree.



National Youth Involvement Workshop

A four-day online National Youth Involvement Workshop was held recently, which was arranged by the Programme Division, BS with Mr. Mohammad Atiquzzaman Ripon, NC of the Division as Workshop Director.

The main goal of the Workshop was to cheer up Friends in the Field who might have been a little dampened by the severity of Coronavirus.

The Opening Ceremony was glorified by Messrs Atty. Cedric G Train, Chairman, APR Programme Subcommittee, Syd Castillo, Director of Educational Methods, APR Office, WSB and JR C. Pangilinan,

Regional Director, APR, WSB joining from abroad. Mr. Mohammad Atiquzzaman Ripon, NC [Programme] was the Workshop Director.

The President, BS was Chief Guest at the Closing Ceremony of the Workshop where The Chairman, APR Programme

Subcommittee and Mr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam Khan, Internatioal Commissioner, BS was the Special Guests.

News & Programme Presentation Course

The Public Relations, Publications & Marketing [PRP&M] Division of BS recently arranged this four-day online Course. This Course was held for the eighth time. Also, Advanced Courses follow this basic Programme. 1,000 Rovers & Leaders applied for one of the most awaited Course of BS. From them, 65 Trainees were selected via online Audition of primarily chosen some 650 Applicants. The CNC opened it online as Chief Guest while Mr. Md. Mofizul Islam, President, National Committee on PRP&M and Chairman, Bangladesh Competition Commission was the Special Guest. NC [PRP&M] was the Course Director who presided over the Opening Ceremony.

44Th Course For Assistant Leader Trainer

Training Division, BS arranged the weeklong CALT recently at the National Scout Training Centre, Mouchak, Gazipur. 35 Male and 10 Female Participants attended. Mr. Md. Mohsin, NC [Training] was the

Course Leader. It was opened by the CNC as Chief Guest at the Opening Ceremony. The President, BS was Chief Guest at the Closing Ceremony.

Regional Workshop on Adult Resources Affairs

It was held online under the direction of BS and arrangement of its Mymensing Region. International Commissioner, BS opened the Programme in presence of Mr. Ferdous Ahmed, NC [Adult Resources], Mr. Arshadul Mukaddish, ED et al and other Scouters from the Region and District.

Plastic Tide Turner Challenge Badge Orientation

The Region-level Programme was held online under the joint auspices of Dhaka and Mymensing Regions. Dr. Md. Shah Kamal, NC [CD&H] opened it as Chief Guest. Scout Leaders, ICT-skilled potential Young Adult Leaders and Professional Scout Executives from the Regions took part.

Similar Programmes were held in some other Regions of BS.





Triennial Council of Railway Region

It was held online recently in order to guide the progress of Scouting Activities especially during the COVID crisis. After the discussion as per Agenda, the Regional Executive Committee was reformed. Mr. Asim Kumar Talukder [GI, BR] and Mr. Md. Shuboktagin, [Chief Engineer – East, BR] were elected Regional Commissioner and Regional Secretary respectively.

National Programme Review and Evaluation Workshop

Programme Division of BS organized the above Workshop recently. The CNC inaugurated it as Chief Guest. Mr. Md. Shah Alam, President, National Committee on Programme was Special Guest while the NC [Programme] presided. The Inaugural Session was aired online live from the Official Facebook Page of BS. It reviewed the implementation of Programmes and offered guidelines for execution of Programmes during COVID crisis.

Organising Workshop held in Air Region

It was held online recently. Group Captain ANM Abdul Hannan, Commissioner, Air Region presided over the Workshop. Mr. Akhtaruz Zaman Khan Kabir, NC [Organization] and Director General, Department of Youth Development was present as Chief Scout Personality. Regional Secretary, Regional Director, Leader Trainers, Regional Deputy Commissioners and other Scouters from six District Air Scouts took part. It called upon the concerned Scouters to enthuse the Units to be more active.





Workshop on Role of Media Team in Marketing of Scouts Spirit

The Workshop was held online recently with 62 Participants. President, National Committee on PRP&M was the Chief Guest. The Inaugural Session was chaired by Workshop Director and NC [PRP&M]. Mr. Shafayatul Islam Khan and Mr. Salahud Din Ahmed, DNCs of the Division respectively made Welcome Speech and Vote of Thanks.

The effective future role of Media Team as voice of some 2.1 million Members of BS was thoroughly discussed from various point of views.

Meet the Scouts: Live Programmes of Bangladesh Scouts

The Strategic Planning and Growth Division, BS arranges the Programme online to present prominent and successful Scouts who recall their sweet memories as Scouts. This has been a great tool for inspiring the existing and potential Scouts.

Maj. Gen. Masud Razzak was the Guest in the latest episode of the Show. Prof. Dr. K. M. Mohsin, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka International University and other celebrated personalities were invited.

BS in APR Diversity & Inclusion Webinar Series

BS proudly took part at the recent Webinar. On invitation from the APR, WS Mr. Sarwar Mohammad Shahriar, NC [PRP&M] spoke on the Award-Winning Project of the Crystal Open Scouts, Dhaka at SCOUT-ER-CHAR, Lalmonirhat, Bangladesh and made a Video Presentation.

Online Competition by Female Scouters & Scouts

Girls-in-Scouting Division of BS recently arranged a countrywide grand online Competition to inspire Girl in Cub/Scout/Rovers and Female Adult Leaders to inspire them for excelling in their respective talent areas.



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in the recently held Closure Ceremony of the Contest, the President, BS was Chief Guest while Prof. Najma Shams, President, National Committee on Girl in Scouting was the Special Guest. The Ceremony was chaired by Ms. Suraiya Begum ndc, NC [Girl in Scouting]

BS Observes Messenger of Peace Day

The Messenger of Peace Division of BS duly observed International Peace Day. They held various month-long Programmes by observing COVID-19 protection rules. Distribution of MoP Ring Badge, Tree Plantation, Blood Donation, Peace Rally & Discussion Meeting, Painting Competition and Peace Talks were major among the Programmes.

Some of these items were also held in all Regions, Districts, Upazilla and Units.

The CNC got connected online, and inaugurated the Badge Distribution as Chief Guest. Mr. S. Prasanna Shrivastava, Director APR, was the Guest of Honour while Mr. Mohammad Atiquzzaman Ripon, NC [Programme] presided over the function.

Shapla Cub and President's Scout Award Evaluation

BS, Rajshahi Region recently conducted the Region-Level Shapla Cub and President's Scout Award Evaluation online. 411 Cubs and 399 Scouts from 09 Districts of Rajshahi Region participated in the Evaluation. Twelve Boards worked for 4 days. A total of 334 Cubs and 296 Scouts passed.

Other Regions of BS organized similar Evaluation online.

Opening Ceremony of Earth Tribe

With a passionate appeal: "Let's Take an Action to Recover our Earth", BS recently held the above Programme where the CNC was Chief Guest, Mr. Md. Abdus Salam Khan, Treasurer, BS was Special Guest. The NC [Programme] presided.

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Workshop on Making and Posting of Online Contents

The Public Relations, Publications & Marketing Division arranged the Workshop online where 70 Participants joined. The CNC opened the Programme as Chief Guest. President, National Committee on PRP&M was the Special Guest.

The Inaugural Session was chaired by the Workshop Director and NC [PRP&M]. The DNCs of the Division respectively made Welcome Speech and Vote of Thanks.

Scouts Help Villagers Check Erosion

Rover Scout Members of Lalmonirhat District recently came forward with the local people to protect the SCOUT-ER-CHAR, [Scouts' Land], as the Locals call the place now, where Crystal Open Scouts, Dhaka has been working since 2010 to sustainably develop the life of ultra-poor people of 230+ Families.

They first motivated and involved people there to come forward with whatever they have, donate Bamboo and other materials first from their own home, lend free labour in batches to protect their Villages from erosion by Dharala river. Then came forward the Rovers from Lalmonirhat District along with the Govt Officials. Local Rovers helped them fill the river bank with sand in geo-bags etc.

River erosion is a serious natural disaster in riverine Bangladesh. Many Villages, houses, Educational Institutions, trees and farms have been eroded and engulfed by the river due to river erosion.

Workshop on Dialogue for Peace

The Workshop was held online recently at the initiative of the Programme Division of BS to make the inactive days in COVID-19 somewhat lively and at the same time educational for the Rovers. A total of 40 Rover Scouts and Girl-in-Rover participated. The CNC joined online as Chief Guest at its Opening Ceremony. Mr. Sheikh Yusuf Harun,

NC [Rules], BS addressed as Special Guest. It was presided over by the NC [Programme], BS. Participants knew the requirements and methods of Dialogue for Peace through discussion and analysis. The President, BS was Chief Guest at Closing Ceremony, while the NC [CD&H] addressed as Special Guest.



The Guests highlighted the issue of treating the Movement as a Product; and for its effective Marketing tools like Content Writing etc need to be mastered well.

Scouts Distribute Relief among Flood Victims

Severe flood hit some 46 Districts so far, where houses, crop fields, transportation and communication systems were seriously damaged. Many people moved to Flood Shelters. Scouts stood beside, and provided food and relief. Amra Scouts Group, Dhaka distributed relief at Manikganj District; Ideal Open Rover Scout Group at Faridpur District; and Crystal Open Scouts distributed at Lalmonirhat District.

Similar Programmes were also arranged in other places of the flood-hit Districts.

Public Awareness on Use of Masks

Members of Rangpur, Dinajpur Districts and Kaharol Upazila Scouts and Rover Scouts have committed themselves to encouraging the Public to wear Masks to combat Coronavirus. Scout Members campaigned at public gatherings, streets and markets etc. People were also made aware about safely moving by complying to all protection rules.

Scouts in Nationwide Tree Plantation Programme

Trees help us in tackling climate change, preventing carbon emissions and creating a vibrant environment. Every year during the monsoon months of July and August, the Plantation Programme is implemented. On the occasion of the Birth Centenary of Father of the Nation, the Prime Minister announced the Programme of planting ten million Trees all over the country. BS decided to join and involved all Cubs Scout, Scout and Rover Scout Units. In all the Districts, the Scout Members planted Trees in different places.

Rovers Harvest Paddy of a Poor Widow

As a testimony of humanity, Rovers do a lot of good turn. At a Village of Sreepur in the District of Gazipur, a Team of 15 Rovers came forward to the rescue of a Widow living in sheer poverty. Bearing even the school expenses of her son was difficult for her.

Knowing of her plight, some Rover Scout Groups of the District teamed up with Rover Faisal of nearby Pear Ali College. They worked for two straight days, when they took food on their own, not putting pressure even for it on the poor lady.

Scout Members Make Rice Seedbeds

The recent floods in Bangladesh severely affected Crops and Vegetable production in various Districts of the country. Houses, Road and Crop Fields and Fish Farms were damaged. Poor Farmers lost their crops and Seedbeds. The Seedbed prepared by the Farmers for Paddy cultivation in the coming season went under floodwaters. In this plight of the Peasants, the Scout Members extended their hands in the service of humanity. Floating Seedbeds were made by the Scout Members with voluntary labour to re-create the Seedbeds for Paddy production. In these floating Seedbeds, Farmers could sow their dreams again.

Consultation Meeting on Awareness for Use of Mask

CD&H Division, BS held an Online Consultation Meeting with Officials from Government, Non-government and Voluntary Organizations to find ways to create public awareness about wearing Masks with the Slogan "Stay Safe with Masks". Mask distribution among the people Discussions to make them conscious about the deadly Coronavirus were held. The President and the CNC, BS joined and spoke.

Mr. Khorshed Alam, Assistant Country Director, UNDP, and other Toppers of relevant Agencies or Organisations were present. ED, BS delivered the Welcome Address. Mr. Mahmudur Rahman, DNC [Research & Evaluation] spoke and Mr. Jamal Uddin Sikder, DNC [Health] made a Presentation.

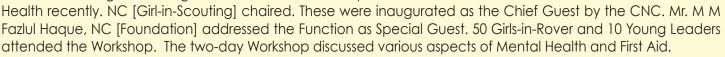
The Meeting was moderated by Arch. Tahsin Alam, DNC [Development]. The NC [CD&H] thanked the Attendees.

Photographer Badge Course

BS arranged an online Course for Scouts to help them achieve Photographer Badge. A renowned Photographer conducted the Session. Afterwards, Scouts and Rovers took part in an Online Evaluation. An Online Photo Competition will eventually be arranged.

Workshop on Mental Health

BS Girl-in-Scouting Division organized two online Workshops on Mental



Chairperson of the National Committee on Girl-in-Scouting and the NC [Organization] addressed the Workshop as Scout Personalities. Ms. Mahbuba Khanam and Dr. Nazmanara Khanum, DNCs [Girl-in-Scouting]; and DNC [Development] also attended.

Obituary

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BS laments the death of many a Members who were with us in the journey of Scouting. We prayed for the salvation of their departed souls, and for strength of their near ones so they could bear the shock of the bereavement.

Of late, we lost prominent Scouters like Mr. Md. Mazibar Rahman Mannan, former ED and many others.

EDITORIAL

Here you are. Another Issue of INBOX, the Online Newsletter of Bangladesh Scouts, is ready for your kind reading. We prefer to present you especially with snippets of information related to Scouting activities taking place even at the remote places. Bringing our Friends there to light, we feel having motivated others too in doing good turns here, there and everywhere!

Your comments, appreciation, and most importantly, suggestions, from home and abroad DO provide us with inspiration and guidance. So please send it unhesitatingly.

Happy READING!

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