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Quarterly newsletter of the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP)

World Cerebral Palsy Day 2021 observed

Along with the rest of the world, CRP observed the World Cerebral Palsy Day on 6th October, 2021 with the theme “Millions of reasons ...”

The day started with a rally of the special needs children of William and Marie Taylor School and Paediatric Department inaugurated by CRP’s Executive Director Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, PhD.

Later with a welcome note and presentation on the present scenario of Cerebral Palsy in Bangladesh, the online discussion programme began at 11 am. Professor Dr. Mohammad Golam Rabbani, Chairperson, Neuro-Developmental Disability Protection Trustee Board, Ministry of Social Welfare, People’s Republic of Bangladesh was present in this session as the Chief Guest. The Special Guests were Professor Dr. Gopen Kumar Kundu, Chairman of Paediatric Neurology Department, BSMMU. The programme was chaired by CRP’s Executive Director. Speakers in the programme said that it is time to close the gap between the everyday circumstance and the real potential of people living with Cerebral Palsy. Through World CP Day, we will join together to combine our resources, energy and knowledge.

CRP in collaboration with Faraz Hossain Foundation also arranged an art competition for children with Cerebral Palsy and other special needs.



Rally and Art Festival in World Cerebral Palsy Day



Handing over tailoring items to a beneficiary

CRP Pabna Centre donated items to poor PWDs

CRP Pabna-Diabetic Shamity has distributed 369 packets of COVID-19 safety kits among 369 poor persons with disabilities in 3 DPOs of Pabna with the help of Harmonization, Empowerment and Accountability for Rights of persons with disabilities (HEAR) project. Each packet contained a box of masks, 250 ml of sanitizer and a bar of soap. Local authorities along with CRP officials handed over the items to the beneficiaries. Also, 9 vocational trainees with disabilities received grocery items, sewing machine and other tools as income generation support.

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Mr. K M Tarikul Islam talking to patients while visiting CRP

Occupational Therapy Day 2021 observed

The Occupational Therapy Department of BHPI and CRP in collaboration with Bangladesh Occupational Therapy Association (BOTA) observed the “World Occupational Therapy Day” on 27th October 2021 with the theme “Belong. Be You.” Considering the Covid-19 pandemic situation, a month-long plan was made to organize a series of events in digital platforms including mass media, online webinar and Facebook live programs. Many banners, posters, leaflets, masks and T-Shirts were distributed during the event. Also a special “Round Table Discussion” was arranged and a newspaper supplementary was published in the Daily Samakal on the occasion of the Occupational Therapy Day.



Occupational Therapy Day celebration at CRP

Bangladesh NGO Affairs Bureau’s Director General visited CRP

The Director General of NGO Affairs Bureau Mr. K M Tarikul Islam visited CRP on 16th October, 2021. He met CRP’s Founder & Coordinator Dr. Valerie Ann Taylor and Executive Director Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain. He also visited the services offered at CRP, had conversations with patients and also handed over some assistive devices to the poor patients supported by CRP’s donors.

World Kindness Day 2021

CRP observed the World Kindness Day on 12-13 November, 2021 with the theme “Be kind today and everyday”. All the students of CRP’s William and Marie Taylor Inclusive School participated in recording their good work for the day. Also another white board was set up in CRP premises so that anyone could share their good work for the day. The children and staff all enjoyed the day and learned something new.

UN official visited CRP

On 17th November, 2021 Mr. Ramesh Singh, Security Adviser to the United Nations Bangladesh visited CRP. He was greeted by CRP’s Founder & Coordinator, Dr. Valerie Ann Taylor and Executive Director, Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, PhD. He then visited CRP’s different activities and highly praised the organization’s potentials and uniqueness.

World Teacher’s Day 2021



WMTS celebrating Teacher's Day

The Theme of World Teachers’ Day 2021 was “Teachers at the heart of education recovery”. The United Nations (UNESCO) presented this theme for teachers’ day in respect of their determined and diligent efforts in the crucial stages of the Covid-19 pandemic. Teachers are not only playing the main role of healing by educating but also supporting all the children with or without disabilities. William and Marie Taylor School (the inclusive school of CRP) celebrated World Teachers’ Day 2021 on 5th October for the second time in CRP. In the morning Md. Abdullah Al Zubayer, Principal, WMTS along with the staff members inaugurated the day with announcements, videos, paintings display, wearing badges, cutting cake and photo session. In the afternoon, teacher’s day related information was presented and the day ended with a cultural program.

International Children's Day 2021 Celebration

William & Marie Taylor School (WMTS) celebrated International Children's Day on 20 November 2021, Saturday at the Reddaway Hall, CRP. On this occasion all children from WMTS including children with disability participated in various events such as an art competition, poem recitation, essay writing and speaking on a selected topic. In the afternoon, all children enjoyed a movie, Tare Zameen Par. The program ended with the prize giving ceremony.



A child participating in cultural competition Day



Winners of the cultural competition on Children's Day



Patients and staff participating in the prayer

CRP observed the 26th World Remembrance Day for Road Traffic Victims

World Remembrance Day for Road Traffic Victims is a global event to remember the many millions who have been killed and seriously injured on the world's roads and to acknowledge the suffering of all affected victims, families and communities. From 1995, road victim organisations under the umbrella of the European Federation of Road Traffic Victims (FEVR) observed this Day together. Later, on 26th October 2005 – World Day was adopted by the UN General Assembly as “the appropriate acknowledgement for victims of road traffic crashes and their families”.

To observe the day CRP's Executive Director along with the patients, special needs students and staff members joined in a special prayer at the Reddaway Hall on 21st November, 2021. Road traffic accidents not only injures a person but also affects the whole family which had been shared in the experiences given by the patients who survived RTA.



Volunteers pasting awareness stickers on Road Safety on public transports

Wheelchair Service Delivery Training by Motivation India

CRP in collaboration with Motivation India organized a seven daylong 'Wheelchair Service Delivery Training' from 22nd November, 2021. A total of 15 staff members including 9 health professionals and 6 members from the production team of CRP participated in the training. Three experts from Motivation India facilitated the training under WHO guidelines. The trainees learned about new topics through this training, such as pelvic and hip posture screening, intermediate wheelchair fitting checklist and details about Postural Support Devices (PSD).



Trainees and trainers posing for photo with CRP's Founder

CRP observed the International Day of People with Disabilities 2021

CRP observed the 30th International and 23rd National Day of People with Disabilities (IDPD) on 5th December, 2021. This year the theme was “Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world”.

CRP arranged a 10 days program schedule to celebrate this special day such as awareness raising sessions on the importance of vocational training, sports competition and cultural program for persons with disabilities.

A discussion program was also arranged at CRP’s Reddaway Hall. The chief guest of the program was Haji Md. Abdul Gani, Mayor, Savar Pourasava. The guests discussed about raising awareness, mobilizing support for the rights, well-being and integration of persons with disabilities into mainstream society and participation of persons with disabilities in the post COVID-19 world.

The program started with a cultural performance of the special needs children of CRP’s William and Marie Taylor Inclusive School. After the discussion session, the guests handed over some wheelchairs and sewing machines donated by Bangladesh American Charitable Organization (BACHAO) among the poor persons with disabilities. The program was chaired by CRP’s Executive Director while it ended with the vote of thanks from CRP’s Founder & Coordinator, Dr. Valerie Taylor. CRP’s inpatients, students and staff also attended the program.



CRP’s Founder & ED handing over sewing machine

Savar’s Mayor handing over assistive devices



Guests cutting cake



Guests with WMTS children



Guests handing over dry food packages

CRP celebrated 42 years of service

CRP has celebrated its 42 years of treating and rehabilitating the persons with disabilities of Bangladesh on 11th December, 2021. This special day was celebrated by all the sub centres of CRP across Bangladesh. At CRP’s headquarter at Savar Barrister Biplob Borua, Special Secretary of the Honourable Prime Minister of Bangladesh joined as the Chief Guest and Muqeed Majumder Babu, Chairman of Channel I’s Prokriti o Jibon Foundation attended as the Special Guest. Director of East West Media, Imdadul Huq Milon; CO of RAB-4, Mozammel Hossain; CRP’s Executive Director, Dr. Mohammad. Sohrab Hossain; Founder & Coordinator, Valerie Ann Taylor along with patients, students and staff also attended the program. After the guests delivered their speeches the program ended with a cultural performance by the regular and special needs children. Emergency dry food packages were handed over to persons with disabilities.



Valerie with some staff cutting cake

Pre-Christmas celebration

CRP's Christian staff and students arranged a Pre-Christmas celebration event at the Reddaway Hall on 15th December 2021. CRP's Founder & Coordinator and Executive Director, along with the patients, staff members and students attended the program. The program ended with various cultural performances.



Victory Day observance

Victory Day observed

CRP along with its patients, staff members and students observed the Victory Day at its premises on 16th December, 2021. All attendees offered flowers to the martyrs who dedicated their lives to free the country.



From left- Rajshahi's Mayor, CRP's ED and Founder

Rajshahi Mayor's visit

A. H. M. Khairuzzaman Liton, Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation visited CRP on 20th December 2021. CRP's Founder & Coordinator, Valerie Taylor and Executive Director Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain greeted him with flowers. He is planning to donate a piece of land so that CRP can build a regional rehabilitation centre at Rajshahi. The primary discussions are ongoing and soon to be implemented.

CRP-Barishal's 3rd floor construction inaugurated

Dr. KM Maqsudur Rahman has inaugurated the construction of the 3rd floor of CRP-Barishal on 15th December, 2021. Dr. KM Maqsudur Rahman Trust (DKMMRT) will be donating a total of 10.6 million taka for this purpose. Previously, an MoU signing and the first installment cheque among the five was handed over to the Executive Director of CRP, Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain on 7th September, 2021. In the inauguration program, Dr. KM Maqsudur Rahman, Chairperson of DKMMRT, Valerie Taylor, Founder & Coordinator of CRP along with other local personnel and CRP officials were present. The constructed floor will be dedicated in the name of Late Alhaj Md. Safder Ali and Late Saleha Khatun who are parents of Dr. KM Maqsudur Rahman. After completion of the construction, CRP will utilize the 3rd floor to provide rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities in Barishal and its surrounding areas.



Valerie with Maqsudur Rahman inaugurating the construction

SCIDAB's 10th Anniversary Celebrated



The Chief Guest with SCIDAB members

Spinal Cord Injuries Development Association Bangladesh (SCIDAB) celebrated its 10th anniversary at CRP on 22nd December 2021. The Chief Guest of the program was Md. Ashraf Ali Khan Khasru, State Minister, Social Welfare Ministry. Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Mazharul Islam, CRP's Founder, Valerie Ann Taylor and Executive Director of CRP, Dr. Sohrab Hossain attended the program as Special Guests. A friendly wheelchair basketball tournament was held in honour of the guests. The program ended with speeches of the guests and handing over wheelchairs, sewing machines and cash rewards to poor persons with disabilities.



All Honorary Fellow Winners with the Guests



Winning crest

Valerie Taylor received Bangla Academy's honorary fellowship

Bangla Academy has awarded an honorary fellowship to seven eminent personalities who are contributing to different sectors of society. The handover ceremony was held at its 44th annual general meeting at the Nazrul Mancha on the premises of Bangla Academy on 24th December 2021.

CRP's Founder, Valerie Taylor received the honorary fellowship for her contribution to society in Bangladesh. Bangla Academy's President Ramendu Majumder and Director General, Poet Nurul Huda handed over the crests and certificates of honour to the awardees.

CRP Chattogram - A K Khan Centre participated in a Dialogue at Cox's Bazar

On the occasion of International Day for Persons with Disabilities a program entitled 'Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities in the humanitarian context' was held on 2 December 2021. The venue was the Best Western Heritage Hotel in Cox's Bazar. Handicap International-Humanity & Inclusion and BRAC Humanitarian Crisis Management Programme (HCMP) jointly organized the program and Age & Disability Working Group (ADWG) provided technical support for the program.

Representatives from local government, senior officials from various national and international NGOs participated in the program. Alexandra Spencer, Research Officer of Humanitarian Policy Group, presented the results of a study on the participation and inclusion of Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar. Quoting data from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs 2021, it was reported that 235.4 million people around the world need different types of humanitarian assistance, 15% of whom are disabled. In 2021, the studies were conducted by Policy Working Group (PWG) & Rehabilitation, Education and Community Health (REACH) which revealed that 12 percent of people in Rohingya camps are persons with disabilities.

Remarkable challenges for persons with disabilities were found including limited efforts towards their inclusion in skills development programs, limited employment opportunities, and accessible work atmosphere, though there was growing awareness and efforts on disability inclusion. They also observed that achieving the Sustainable Development Goals would be tough without the meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in all walks of life. In this regard, the government and humanitarian actors had taken several praiseworthy measures for improving the inclusion of people with disabilities in the districts. At the end of the program, the organizing members visited the exhibition stalls displaying the activities of the organizations working with Persons with Disabilities in the Cox's Bazar district and CRP was awarded for its outstanding activities as well as facilities on Rehabilitation.



Md Shamim Miah, Team Leader, Md Amin Ahmed, CPO and Md Khalilur Rahman, Project Coordinator (From Right) at Exhibition Stall



Md Khalilur Rahman and Md Shamim Miah receiving award from organizer

50,000th patient received greetings from CRP

CRP officials greeted the 50,000th patient of the year on 14th December, 2021. Even during the COVID 19 emergency CRP's health professionals continued their services. Though there were many challenges, CRP relentlessly served the beneficiaries in need following all essential health guidelines. So, it was a great achievement in this challenging year.



50,000th patient receiving souvenir from CRP Staff

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