

# NEWSLETTER

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"Service to Sufferers  
is  
Service to God"



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## World Autism Awareness Day celebration

CRP observed World Autism Awareness Day on April 2, 2019 with the slogan “Assistive Technologies, Active Participation”. The paediatric department organized a rally with autistic children, their parents, paediatricians and therapists of CRP, around CRP premises. On the following day, the paediatric department arranged an art competition at CRP’s Faraz Hossain centre. CRP’s Executive Director, Md. Shafiq-ul Islam attended the programme and cheered on the children.

Five autistic children and teachers from CRP’s William and Marie Taylor Inclusive School (WMTS) joined the Prime Minister’s Programme on this occasion. CRP’s Nursing College also held a rally to mark the day including all students and faculties. CRP-Mirpur and other divisional centres of CRP also observed the day with rallies, seminars and other programmes.



*Rally on the occasion of World Autism Awareness Day*



*CRP's Executive Director handing over the prize to a child for participating in the art competition*



*CRP's Executive Director delivering his speech after a successful show*



*Puppet show going on*



*Participants with audience from CRP*



*Ratna with her son on the stage*

## CRP in WoW Festival

CRP participated in the Women of the World (WoW) festival hosted by British Council on 6th April at the Bangla Academy. Led by a renowned actress Kazi Nawshaba Ahmed, a total of 12 persons with disabilities staged a puppet show featuring a true story of a brave girl Ratna. Ratna an ex patient of CRP and a victim to child marriage, domestic violence due to dowry demand of the in-laws, the oppression resulted in her disability. After completing treatment Ratna received vocational training on tailoring and then CRP provided her a sewing machine to generate income from home. Ratna has also become a member of CRP's Women's wheelchair Basketball team and participated in several international tournaments. Her story was mainly portrayed into a puppet show to inspire people. Nawshaba with her team “Together we can” trained the puppeteers for a month and finally staged the play at the auditorium of Bangla Academy. Being a huge success at the WoW festival, CRP is planning to stage the show in other places of the capital.



*Audience and guests in the inauguration ceremony*



*Guests inaugurating the exhibition*



*Visiting the exhibition ground*

**Scrap Metal Exhibition: Duets in metal and water II**

The follow up exhibition of “Duets in Metal and Water” by Arham Ul Huq Chowdhury, held in the Gulshan-2, Lake Park and was organized by Gulshan Society. The series of metal sculptured fountains are mostly made with the scraps from the mobility aid making workshop of the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) in Savar. The opening ceremony of this three weeks exhibition was held at Gulshan-2, Lake Park on 20th April 2019. The Chief Guest of the programme was Mr. Gowher Rizvi, International Affairs adviser to the prime minister of Bangladesh. Robert Chatterton Dickson, the High Commissioner of the United Kingdom was the special guest. Along with many reputed figures and members of Gulshan society, TRP's Trustee member Mr. Anwar Huq and Mustaque Ahmed was also present in the programme. Barrister Shukla Sarwat Siraj, Secretary of Gulshan Society chaired the event. After the inauguration ceremony the guests visited the exhibition ground. Everyone praised the art pieces highly and appreciated the artist's work for supporting CRP's activities. A team from CRP including 35 persons with disabilities and 7 staff attended the event. All proceeds from the sale of this exhibition will be forwarded to the welfare fund of CRP for the treatment and rehabilitation of the poor people with disabilities.

**Master of Physiotherapy Study Tour in Darjeeling**

The students of Master of Physiotherapy program of Bangladesh Health Professions Institute (BHPI) successfully completed the study tour from 12th to 18th March 2019 in India. The visit was conducted at Chengmari tea state hospital at Nagrkata in Siliguri district. The tour was guided by honorable vice principal of BHPI Professor Md. Obaidul Haque, Associate Professor Mohammad Anwar Hossain and Assistant professor Ehsanur Rahman. Dr. Utpalendu Mallik, the chief of medical services in the hospital welcomed the students from Bangladesh. The tour objectives were to explore the comprehensive healthcare delivery in rural India. The visit included treating and consulting patients with diverse physical impairments within the scope of physiotherapy practice. Prof. Anwar provided treatment of admitted patients with lumbar disc herniation in the hospital. Beside this they visited Darjeeling and Sikkim to enjoy beauty of nature.

Report by:  
 Professor Obaidul Haque  
 BHPI



*Providing treatment to a critical case of lumbar disc herniation admitted in the hospital*



*MPT students and faculties with hospital officials in India*



*This Ramadan send your Zakat to CRP and contribute to the treatment and rehabilitation of the poor persons with disabilities. Your help can give these people a new life.*

*Ramadan Mubarak!!!*

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LAMIA KHONDOKAR (8) is a child with Cerebral Palsy. She was admitted to the William and Marie Taylor School in 2018 in the nursery class. Lamia loves to sing, she is generally a very happy girl. She enjoys performing in extracurricular activities including drawing, dancing and sports.

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