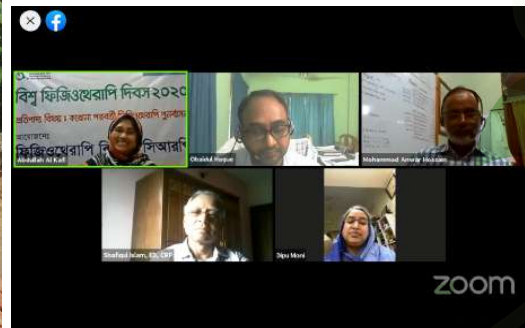


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## International Spinal Cord Injury Day: Webinar on “COVID 19 & SCI: Staying Well”

On the occasion of 5th World Spinal Cord Injury Day, the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP) arranged a webinar on “COVID19 and SCI: Staying Well”. The panelists were Valerie Ann Taylor, Founder and Coordinator, CRP, Mahfuz Anam, Editor and Publisher, The Daily Star, Md. Shafiq-ul Islam, Executive Director, CRP, Professor Dr. Fazlul Haque, Orthopedic and Spine Surgeon, Julian Francis, Developmental Consultant, and Asif Iqbal Chowdhury, Ex-Patient of CRP and Social Worker. The discussion was focusing on raising awareness of Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) and supporting the persons with SCI. Dr. Valerie A Taylor focused on the emerging necessity to raise awareness on SCI and support them physically and economically. Md. Shafiq-ul Islam described how CRP continued services in the COVID-19 pandemic situation and urged towards other hospitals or centers to continue rehabilitation services following CRP’s model. Dr. Fazlul Haque mentioned CRP as the pioneer organization in Spinal Cord Injury not in Bangladesh but also in the global context. The center’s service is level 1 and there is some room to improve government collaborations and acute care services because CRP has world-class professionals, he mentioned. Asif Iqbal Chowdhury, the Prime Minister Award Winner for best disable person and an SCI survivor stated that the impact of CRP’s service is reflected by the patient’s satisfaction and empowerment, he also added CRP added life to years towards its patient. He felt CRP maintained world-class services towards SCI patients. Julian Francis mentioned the world is facing a similar crisis but if the organization like CRP is not supported by the local government, corporate society, or international people the impact will be on the vulnerable population in Bangladesh. Mahfuz Anam expressed that CRP is placed deeper in his heart because the organization is working devotedly for the people of Bangladesh regardless of economic status, ethnicity, or physical barriers. He also added, there is very poor awareness of Medical professionals and general people on CRP’s services and glorious journey. He said, CRP can arrange weekly live discussions with their beneficiaries and he promised to volunteer CRP’s future initiative. The webinar can be found in CRP’s official Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CRP.org>



*Guests speaking in the Webinar*



*CRP's Executive Director signing the agreement*

### Approval of “Inception Report” for sustainability and impact assessment of the project “Regional Inter-professional Masters’ Program in Rehabilitation Science, phase-I”

SAARC Development Fund (SDF) Secretariat has accepted the “Inception Report” on September 09, 2020 which is an important step towards completion of the sustainability and impact assessment of the project, “Regional Inter-professional Masters’ Program in Rehabilitation Science”. Consequently, the external evaluator is going to pretest data collection tools followed by actual data collection and submission of a draft and final report reviewed by the SDF. Earlier, the agreement for conducting the assessment was signed by the external evaluator and CRP.



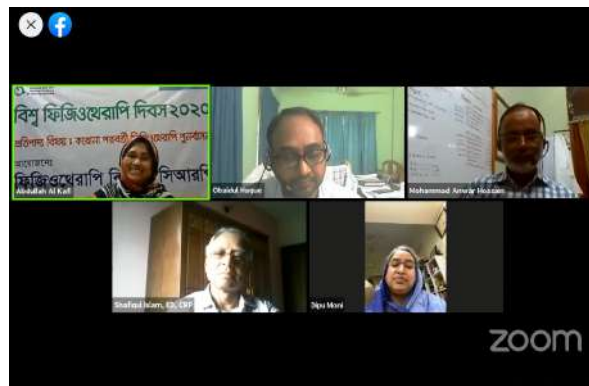
## World Physiotherapy Day celebrated at CRP-Savar

On 8th September 2020 the Department of Physiotherapy of CRP has celebrated World Physiotherapy Day in collaboration with Bangladesh Physiotherapy Association (BPA) along with other member countries across the world. Also, Her Excellency Prime Minister of the Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina; Nuruzzaman Ahmed, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Social welfare; Md. Zahid Maleque, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Founder and Coordinator of CRP, Dr. Valerie Taylor delivered their messages on the occasion of WPT day 2020 in a national daily named the Daily Kaler Kantho. Despite the current restricting situation, the department has organized live public awareness-raising programs throughout September 2020 with the involvement of policymakers, concerned Government authorities, Physiotherapists, Stakeholders, Media personnel, and Faculties from the Public University of Bangladesh through social media.

This year the theme of World PT Day was “the Role of physiotherapists in the COVID-19 rehabilitation”. One of the features that added extra value to that day was to make people aware of the fundamental role of Physiotherapist in COVID-19 rehabilitation, asking the policymakers for a safe and protected environment for the Physiotherapists where they had been working since the very beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak in different rehabilitation centers and hospitals of Bangladesh similar to as Physiotherapists working around the world.

Physiotherapists working at CRP have recently published good quality articles in this volume. Besides, Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Associate Professor of Physiotherapy, BHPI, Senior Consultant, and Head of Physiotherapy Department, CRP, and his team published scientific articles focusing on the COVID-19 situation. This has been a great initiative to address the activities of the Physiotherapy Department of CRP to the scientific world during the global pandemic crisis.

From September 01, 2020, to September 30, 2020 Physiotherapy Department of CRP arranged different programs to promote activities and sustain collaborative approaches. One of the key striking features which enriched the value of the series of programs was the presence of Honorable Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni, MP; Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Social Welfare, Ashraf Ali Khan Khasru, MP and Honorable Minister M.A. Mannan, MP, Ministry of Planning. All the respected guests expressed their concern about the role of Physiotherapists in the acute health care, health promotion, and prevention and rehabilitation sector. All sub centres of CRP had also celebrated the day accordingly.



Webinar on World PT Day at CRP-Savar



World PT Day celebration at CRP-Mirpur



World PT Day celebration at CRP-Pabna

## World Physiotherapy Day celebrated at CRP-Mirpur & Pabna

On 8th September 2020, the Physiotherapy Department of CRP-Mirpur celebrated the World Physiotherapy Day. This year's motto was 'Post COVID Rehabilitation'. Several programs were arranged to celebrate the day. To involve patients in the celebration, two different group therapy sessions were conducted. As physiotherapists have a great role in this current pandemic in treating post COVID patients with various chest therapy techniques and physical interventions, a group therapy session for the post COVID patients was initiated which seemed to be the first of its kind in the country. 15 post COVID patients actively participated and shared their experiences. Another group of 10 patients with knee osteoarthritis was also arranged. The whole program was streamed live online. The celebration ended with cutting a cake.

CRP-Pabna Diabetic Shamity celebrated World Physiotherapy Day on 8th September 2020 with the presence of Chief guest Mr. Baby Islam; President, Pabna Diabetic Shamity and Special guest Dr. Azmal Hossain, Executive Director; Shastho Sheba Hospital, Pabna



## Prosthetics & Orthotics services at CRP-Mirpur

On 14th September 2020, the department of Prosthetics and Orthotics arranged an awareness program through paper presentation at CRP-Mirpur. CRP-Mirpur has started offering prosthetics and orthotics services from October 2010 and added a few more services in 2018 including Hi-Tech prosthesis for lower limb. In 2019, all services related to lower and upper limb prosthesis and orthosis, including hip and shoulder prosthesis, spinal and cervical orthosis had been introduced. From 2020, the department has started to offer breast prosthesis, all kinds of splint and customized patient orthosis.

The aim of this presentation was to provide an orientation about the P&O services to the doctors, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists and prosthetist and orthotist professionals. In the past, the department had a lack of machineries and could provide only orthosis of lower limb but now we can provide all types of prosthesis and evidence based orthosis for both upper and lower limb through MDT approach. All lacking and limitations were discussed openly in the program and the professionals requested for their kind cooperation in spreading the information about the new services offered at the P&O Department of CRP.



*Presentation on P&O services at CRP-Mirpur*



*A child with his orthosis*

## CRP-Moulvibazar construction started

CRP has been serving the underprivileged disabled people and providing them with rehabilitation. Almost 15% of patients of CRP-Savar and CRP-Mirpur come from Sylhet division. In 2011, CRP started its journey in a rented building in Moulvibazar. From 2012 to 2018, Canadian expatriate engineer Syed Abdul Gaffar let CRP operate without rent in his own house. In 2018, UK expatriate brothers Afsarul Haque and Akhtarul Haque donated their 53 decimal land in Mokambazar of Giasnagar union, of Moulvibazar district to CRP to build their own building.

On 16th September 2020, the foundation plaque of CRP-Moulvibazar, Afsarul and Aktarul Haque centre was inaugurated. The Chief Guest of the program was Mir Nahid Ahsan, District Commissioner, Moulvibazar. Many distinguished personnel, health professionals, social activists, donors and media representatives of greater Moulvibazar district attended the program. The program was chaired by CRP's Chief of Administration, Md. Sahidur Rahman.

The founder and coordinator of CRP, Dr. Valerie Ann Taylor and the Executive Director of CRP, Shafiqul Islam joined the program through video conference. The program was arranged and conducted by the centre manager of CRP-Moulvibazar, Md. Salauddin along with all other officials of CRP-Moulvibazar, Afsarul and Aktarul Haque centre. The program ended with laying the foundation stone plaque by the District Commissioner Mir Nahid Ahsan. The construction of the permanent centre will cost approximately 7 crore taka. The Japan Embassy is supporting the construction of the ground floor and CRP is looking for potential donors to cover the rest of the costs of the construction.



*Guests inaugurating the construction of the permanent centre of CRP-Moulvibazar, Afsarul & Akhtarul Haque Centre*



## Donate CRP through “EkDesh” online platform

“Ek Dosh” the first online platform for crowd funding has been launched by the ICT Division of Bangladesh. Individuals or organizations willing to donate Zakat or any sort of relief payment out of humanity to the poor, underprivileged and persons with disabilities, can do so through the web platform of ‘EkDesh’ (<http://ekdesh.ekpay.gov.bd>) or through the ‘EkDesh’ Android app. Go to Google Play Store download the app ‘EkDesh’, select CRP, choose the medium of sending money and then donate any amount you want. Any individual wanting to pay Zakat or willing to donate can donate any amount through any Banking Channel or a Mobile Financial Service (bKash, Nagad, Rocket, etc.).

**Please donate to support CRP’s activities to help the poor persons with disabilities of Bangladesh.**

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