

# NEWS LETTER

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## World Autism Awareness Day 2016

Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP) observed the World Autism Awareness Day on April 2, 2016 in its premises. A rally with autistic children, their parents, paediatricians and therapists of CRP started from the reception, went around CRP and finally ended at reception. CRP's Founder and Coordinator Dr. Valerie Taylor participated in the rally. Some autistic children and teachers from CRP's William and Marie Taylor School (WMTS) joined the Prime Minister's Programme on this occasion. CRP-Mirpur and other divisional centres of CRP also observed this day with rally, workshops and other programmes.



## Berger Paints day with CRP

This year Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd. had their Community Engagement Day with Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP) on April 9, 2016. Almost one hundred officials including the Managing Director of Berger visited CRP. The day started with beautiful cultural performances by the school children. Then Berger's Managing Director Rupali Chowdhury handed over a check amounting Taka 3 lac as a donation to purchase a dye cutting machine for CRP's printing press. Printing press is a source of income generation for CRP. After visiting all the departments, they had their lunch with the special children of William and Marie Taylor School of CRP and the children of the paediatric unit.



### Industrial Sewing Machine Donation

On April 18, 2016, Kenpark Bangladesh Private Limited and Karnafhuli Export Processing Zone (KEPZ) North Patenga, Chittagong donated 15 Industrial Sewing Machines to CRP. These machines are for the trainees of Marks and Start project, running at CRP-Ganakbari Women's Rehabilitation Centre. This handover programme was held on 18th April, 2016 at CRP-Savar. Dr Valerie A. Taylor, Founder & Coordinator of CRP, Md. Shafiq-ul Islam, Executive Director of CRP, Mizanur Rahman, Senior Social Compliance Manager of Marks & Spencer, Md. Khalilur Rahman, Head of HR, Md. Anwar Wahed, HR Officer, Kenpark were present in this programme. Ramesh Chandra Halder Vocational Training Coordinator of CRP and Josephina Nupur Gomes, Program Assistant, Marks and Start Project CRP, arranged the function.



On April 11, 2016, Bangladesh American Charitable Organization (BACHAO) donated 20 sewing machines and 20 wheelchairs to the poor patients of CRP.

The spinal cord injured patients received those sewing machines after completing a six months training course on basic tailoring and dress making at CRP's vocational training institute. With the sewing machine and training they can earn their own livelihood. Wheelchairs are given to those poor SCI patients, who cannot afford to buy a wheelchair for themselves.



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## 3rd commemoration day of Rana Plaza

Three years ago on April 24 an incident shook the whole world; the Rana Plaza tragedy. This year on the same date Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP) organized its 3rd commemoration day in collaboration with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). The theme of the commemoration was "Trigger for a Better Future". The function started with a brilliant dance performance by Rana Plaza survivors.

Then CRP's Executive Director, Md. Shafiq-ul Islam welcomed the guests. In this event, Nasrin Ara Surat Amin, Additional Secretary of Ministry of Social Affairs and Managing Director, Jatiyo Protibondhi Unnayan Foundation (JPUF) was the Chief Guest of the programme. Ikhtiyar Aslanov, Head of Delegation, ICRC and Faruque Hassan, Senior Vice President BGMEA were present as Special Guests.

Mohammad Monjurul Karim, Project Manager of Inclusive Job Centre, CRP and Mohammad Morshedul Quader, Operation Manager, AHEAD, CRP disseminated the research result of current status of Rana Plaza survivors. Bettina Schmidt, Sr. Advisor and Team Leader, Promotion of Social and Environmental Standards in the Industry (PSES),

GIZ gave her presentation on bridging the gap through Inclusive Job Centre. Finally there was an open discussion regarding the workers safety issues in garments sectors. The members of the Panel answered all the questions of the audience. Rana Plaza survivors who joined garments factories again shared their experiences about the tragedy and their present status. They are still afraid of remembering the day of Rana Plaza collapse. They need community based psychosocial counselling.



## Agreement signing with DBBL

Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP) is planning to introduce an online appointment and payment system for patients. In this regard, CRP has signed an agreement with Dutch Bangla Bank Limited (DBBL) on the "Payment Gateway Service". This agreement signing ceremony was held at CRP conference room on April 27, 2016. CRP's Executive Director Md. Shafiq-ul Islam and DBBL's senior Vice- President & Head of Retail Banking & e-Banking Business

Division, Md. Kamruzzaman signed the agreement. Mohammad Dastagir, Senior Assistant Vice- President & Manager of DBBL Savar Branch with other officials attended the event. All Departmental Heads and some other staff of CRP were present there. At the end, Md. Shafiq-ul Islam handed Md. Kamruzzaman a copy of Journeys, a collection of success stories of SCI patients.



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Jessica Meyer (Physiotherapist)



I am Jessica Meyer. I am 26 years old. I am a Physiotherapist from Germany. It is my second visit to the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP). This time, I returned with a new project. One of CRP's physiotherapists, Emdadul Huq, introduced an idea of hosting a mobile application for the SCI patients. We have prepared the contents of the application including suggestions and preventions for the SCI patients. With the help of this application they can get help with staying in their homes. A few years ago when I was reading an article on the Rana Plaza tragedy written by a volunteer of CRP, I decided to come to CRP at once. Coming to CRP I found that the Bangladeshi people are very helpful, heart-warming and welcoming.

On my first visit to CRP, I worked in the Physiotherapy Department for SCI patients. I, along with some other physiotherapists, introduced respiratory and balance therapies for SCI patients. These therapies must be performed in a group. Returning after two years, I found a well-structured group of patients at CRP. I liked the way Bangladeshi people accept the people coming from different culture and country. Most of the people were very interested to know about my culture. The role of women is a bit different here which was frustrating to me but it is changing gradually. I loved the foods. I have learnt a lot of things from CRP.

I have some tiny observations and suggestions to improve the services of CRP. Sometimes there is lack of communication and co-operation among the staff. The Departmental Heads should not only look at what the staffs are doing but also give training, suggestion and ideas to improve their skills. I am hopeful that the mobile application will be introduced very soon so that the SCI patients living in distant areas need not travel a long way to Savar for some trivial issues.



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### Ayesha's Story (Scarf Injury Patient)

It has been four months that Ayesha is in CRP. She is staying in the women's ward of CRP with her mother. She is a charming little 10 year old girl. She reads in class five and she comes from Bogra. This year in January she faced a terrible accident when going to her Aunt's house. She was very fond of wearing a scarf (orna) but she never thought it would become a threat to her life. They were travelling by a motorized van and suddenly Ayesha's scarf was caught in its wheel and tightened around her neck. She fell down from the rickshaw immediately. Her parents took her to the nearest hospital. The local hospital referred her to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

The authorities of DMC found that her neck was broken and she had no sense of her body parts below the neck. They referred her to CRP. She was on traction for one month and then they went to DMCH for an operation on her neck. One month after her operation she returned to CRP for rehabilitation. Now she is receiving physiotherapy, occupational therapy and counseling to return to her daily life. The therapists are training her to sit, to eat, to dress and to do other tasks. She can sit on her wheel chair now and can move her hands slightly. After finishing her therapy she will return to her home with a wheelchair, as that accident changed her life. She will be able to go to school again. Ayesha's father is a poor farmer and she is the eldest one of two children. It became very difficult for them to bear the costs of her treatment. Considering their economic condition, CRP is providing her expenses with the donations of its kind donors.



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