

International Women's Day Message



International Women's Day is being observed since early 1900's, a time marked by great industrial expansion, social, economic and political unrest, booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies. By the passage of time women's position in society, empowerment and liberation in day to

day life have certainly received some positive changes and paradigm shifts; there is no doubt about this. But problems remain in the inside of scarecrow development. As a matter of fact we still live in a male dominant society. Woman's plight in the society still depicts unequal norms, discriminatory shares of commodities and exploitative subjugations in all the important transactions of life.

It is a day for collective and global celebration of women's advancement in the ways of life with a call for gender parity. This year, the theme of international Women's Day is "Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50-50 by 2030". As women's rights are human rights and as National Human Rights Commission, Bangladesh is always playing a proactive role to establish women's rights as champion of human rights we endeavor to observe the day in a befitting manner.

This year, NHRCB observes the day organising a round table discussion organized jointly with Daily Samakal. The objectives of the round table are first to commemorate the long term history of the struggle of women with which human civilization is acquainted, next to hear about the unheard stories of women who are contributing towards the country's development silently and finally the ulterior objective being awareness raising about women. Women from different occupations like judiciary, administration, university teacher, NGO worker, tea seller participate in the discussion to share their stories and views. The proceedings of the round table with all points discussed are published as a supplementary in Daily Samakal to disseminate the information throughout the country.

On this day, I expressed my urge that if we can construct together our society and role of men and women in a manner that gender remains equal then the output and impact would be better for all, both men and women. All approaches for economic empowerment must be gender balanced. We have earned appreciation from international community in reducing mother and child mortality rate. (MDG 4 & 5) There has been tremendous development in women empowerment in the country which has been globally acclaimed. We need to follow the same path to achieving women's rights related SDGs as well. For this I would like to urge to the government to withdraw reservations from CEDAW {Article 2 & 16 (1) (c)} immediately.

Kazi Reazul Hoque
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Seminar on Experience Sharing of NHRIs: Challenges and Way Forward



Distinguished guests at the seminar (from left- Kazi Reazul Hoque, Mr. Anisul Huq, MP, Justice H.L. Dattu)

A Regional seminar titled Experience Sharing of NHRIs: Challenges and Way Forward was jointly organized by NHRCB and Human Rights Program of UNDP on 28 January 2017 at Pan Pacific Sonargaon. **Kazi Reazul Hoque**, Chairman, NHRCB initiated the inaugural session of the seminar with welcome address. In his speech, he made a brief background on the establishment of National Human Rights Commission, Bangladesh. The hon'ble Chairman also outlined the activities of NHRCB as undertaken by the new commission (4th commission) under his leadership.

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He set the premise and the ambience of discussions of the seminar which was carried on by different participants all through the day.

Mr. Sudipto Mukerjee, Country Director, UNDP, Bangladesh appreciated NHRCB for organizing such a regional seminar where the Chairperson of NHRC, India along with a Commissioner had participated like many other dignified persons from home and abroad. He emphasized that institutional capacity of NHRIs could be enhanced through harmonizing international principles and standards with local contexts by means of such international seminars and knowledge sharing extensively. In terms of human resource development, he said, “UNDP is always on the side of strengthening NHRIs by making project, program as per requirement; UNDP offers training program as well as technical support toward that end”.

Barrister Amir Ul Islam emphasized on the importance of child rights. He said that though a number of legislations had been enacted by the government, the space for addressing brutality against children in home and in the private sector remained a major challenge. This should be

addressed through developing good curriculum, generating awareness among people that mere legislations cannot resolve.

Justice H.L. Dattu, Chairman, NHRC, India in his speech encouraged the processes of experience sharing between India and Bangladesh NHRIs. He made a brief description about the working system and procedures of rendering services by NHRC, India and their jurisdiction. He mentioned about two problems currently being faced by them; one is the jurisdiction of NHRC in private sector and the other being whether NHRC’s decision should be considered binding to the Govt. or not.

Mr. Anisul Huq, Minister, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs addressed the seminar as the chief guest. He reflected on the achievement of and challenges faced by the NHRCB. He encouraged the NHRCB to take on board many of the institutional facilities that the Govt. of Bangladesh has created such as Legal Aid Trust so that vulnerable people gain more access to justice.

Md. Nazrul Islam, Full time Member of NHRCB addressed the vote of thanks and concluded the session.

Plenary Session on Child protection and justice systems

Kazi Reazul Hoque, honorable chairman, NHRCB moderated the session. **Laila Khondker**, Director of Child Protection, Save the Children reflected some concerns of child rights and root causes and suggested some ways forward.

Mr. Emranul Huq Chowdhury, Chairperson, Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum said, “My concern is for children who are vulnerable. According to reports, the number of incidents on child abuse has reduced from 2015 to 2016, but the disturbing fact is that brutality has increased and that the parents are the main aggressors”.

Mahmuda Sharmin Benu, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, opined that Bangladesh was one of the first-line states to ratify the Convention on Child Rights and had shown significant achievement in the enactment of policies related to birth rights, and combating child trafficking. Though much remains to be done she assured that MoWCA was committed to a rights based approach towards women and

children. **Justice M. Imman Ali**, Hon’ble Justice, Appellate Division, Bangladesh Supreme Court in his comments as the Chief Guest of the session said that the Constitution of Bangladesh laid the basis for the protection of the rights of the children. He also mentioned that Bangladeshi society accepted the beating of children in daily life although it violated the penal code. He recommended that to prevent sexual harassment and assault it was also necessary to educate people in moral values and ethic.



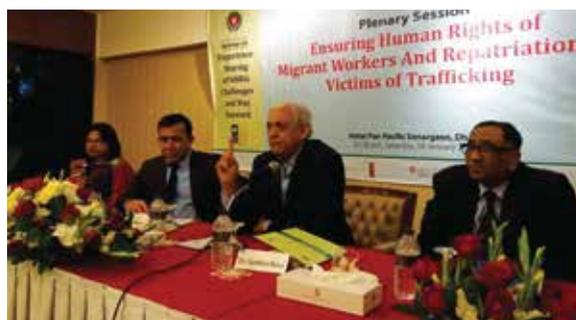
Distinguished guests at the seminar (from left- Mahmuda Sharmin Benu, Kazi Reazul Hoque, Justice M. Imman Ali, Emranul Huq Chowdhury, Laila Khondker)

Plenary Session on Ensuring Human Rights of Migrant Workers and Repatriation of Victims of Trafficking

Md. Nazrul Islam, Full time Member of NHRCB moderated the session. During the Session Begum Shamsunnahar, Secretary, Ministry of Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment commented “International migration is a highly important global issue. Since women form a significant portion of migrants, respect for their fundamental human rights should be maintained. Migrant workers of Bangladesh are a major foreign exchange earner and hence a priority in the economic development”.

Shri Sharad Chandra Sinha, Member, NHRC, India said “Migration can be made easier in the contemporary world but due to conflict and poverty it is getting more and more complicated and corrupted. Migration from Asia is a dominant feature in the world. It is of course a key to economic development as well as a great opportunity to forging new technologies and invention for any developing countries. SDGs or the agenda 2030 have recognized the positive contribution of migrants for inclusive growth and development”. He gave a brief outline of how the NHRC Act in India related migration and migrants in the Indian situation.

Dr. Gowher Rizvi, Advisor of International Affairs to the Honorable Prime Minister in his speech as the chief guest of the session mentioned that the NHRC though formed by the state could perform independently. He said that the Bangladeshi migrants were distinctive in character in the sense that they were temporary migrants who did not develop any choice of being permanent residents while working abroad. As a result their links to their home country and society were greater than the immigrants who went abroad to settle. He also expressed that the remittances accumulated from the money sent by these migrant workers to the country had been a source of equitable distribution in the society.



Distinguished guests at the seminar (from left- Begum Shamsunnahar, Md. Nazrul Islam, Dr. Gowher Rizvi ,Shri Sharad Chandra Sinha)

Campaign to End Physical Violence Against Children Launched



Distinguished guests at the seminar (Chief Guest Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Principal Coordinator (SDG Affairs) to the Prime Minister Office in the middle)

A campaign titled “It takes me to end physical violence against children at Home, School and Workplace” was jointly organized by NHRCB, Child Rights Advocacy Coalition in Bangladesh and World Vision Bangladesh on March 23, 2017

at BRAC Center Inn. Mr. Kazi Reazul Hoque , Chairman, NHRCB chaired the program & Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Principal Coordinator (SDG Affairs) to the Prime Minister Office was present as the Chief Guest at the event.

The program was launched displaying of a documentary show in which some statistics and causes of physical violence against children were projected. Then Mr. Fred Witteveen, National Director of World Vision Bangladesh (WVB) delivered his welcome address in which he quoted that Violence against Children (VAC) was more pervasive which costed almost 8% of total global GDP. SDG would not be realized if VAC remained unaddressed. He stressed on the government action to end VAC and urged to strengthen child protection system.

Quoting Child Marriage Restraint Act 2017, Mr. Abul Kalam Azad said that in the Rules of the Act, government was trying to make stringent special provisions. He also said that amongst the 17 Goals of SDGs, Bangladesh prepared 11 Goals and 58 targets which were kept the same. Moreover, he said that child rights was a cross cutting issue amongst the 17 Goals of SDGs. Finally he expressed his gratitude to NHRCB for inviting him at this event.

Mr. Kazi Reazul Hoque, Chairman of NHRCB and Chair of the event said that children were the future of the country and Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was very much generous to the children that he enacted the Children Act 1974. He also said that the newly enacted Children Act 2013 was a progressive legislation but it still needed some amendments. The four guiding principles of CRC should be followed by all concerned, he added. Shabira Nupur, DD- Advocacy and Justice for Children, gave a brief presentation on the Campaign. In the open floor discussion, the following recommendations were being mentioned:

Recommendations

- ❑ Turning domestic worker welfare policy into legislation.
- ❑ Declaring the sectors which are not hazardous for the children.
- ❑ Making Bangladesh a child labor free country by 2025
- ❑ A strong Child Rights Commission is necessary to play role of watchdog for child rights
- ❑ Rules of CMRA 2017 should be framed in line with people's expectation.
- ❑ Journalists should act as child rights activist
- ❑ Impunity of celebrity in case of child torture should be stopped
- ❑ Sensitizing the guardians/ parents in this regard
- ❑ Attention should be paid to the implementation of laws

NHRCB's Participation in International Forum

NHRCB submits report to UN Human Rights Committee on ICCPR

On 6-7 March 2017 in Geneva, NHRCB delegation headed by honourable chairman Kazi Reazul Hoque attended the meeting of UN Human Rights Committee on ICCPR. In this meeting Bangladesh government and NHRCB submitted reports separately. The meeting was aimed at reviewing the state parties' measures taken to comply with the ICCPR. In its report made after the meeting the Committee expressed concern that the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) might have a broad enough mandate to investigate all alleged human rights violations, including those involving State actors such as the police, military and security forces. It was further concerned that the NHRC lacked sufficient financial and human resources to fulfil its mandate (art. 2). Thus, the committee recommended that the State party should broaden the mandate of the NHRC and allow it to investigate all alleged human rights violations, including those committed by State security forces. It also recommended that the State party should also provide the NHRC with sufficient financial and human resources to allow it to impartially and independently fulfil its mandate in line with the Paris Principles.



Observing Human Rights Related Days



*Distinguished guests at the Discussion
(Hon'ble Chairman, NHRCB at the middle)*

Observation of National Children Day 2017

On 17 March 2017, NHRCB organized a program at BIAM auditorium on the occasion of national children day titled “Role of Stakeholders in Protecting Human Rights”. M. Iman Ali, Hon'ble Justice, Supreme Court of Bangladesh attended the program as the Chief Guest. Kazi Reazul Hoque, Hon'ble Chairman, NHRCB presided over the discussion. Md. Nazrul Islam, Full-Time Member, NHRCB delivered the welcome speech. Md. Jillar Rahman, Secretary, Ministry of Social welfare; Mr. Shyamol Dutta, Editor, Bhorer Kagoj were special guests. Emranul Huq Chowdhury, Chairperson, Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum; Khushi Kabir, Coordinator, Nijera Kori; Khandaker Jahurul Alam, Executive Director, Centre for Services and information on Disability spoke at the program. The program witnessed a cultural program of children in the beginning.

Mentioning Bangabandhu's role in enacting Children Act of 1974, Kazi Reazul Hoque said, “We are proud of this Act as it incorporates all facts related to child rights”. Mentioning Child Marriage, Justice M. Iman Ali said that he believed girls would restrain their marriage by themselves because girls were more aware than before of the implications of child marriage.

Observation of Women's' Day 2017

NHRCB jointly arranged a roundtable discussion with daily Samakal and UNDP on the occasion of international women's day 2017. The topic of discussion was the unseen contribution of women in development. Women from different occupation and representatives of concerned ministries as well as CSOs participated at the discussion. Kazi Reazul Hoque, Chairman, NHRCB chaired the discussion. Key discussants were Mr. Golam Sarwar, Editor, Daily Samakal; Mr. Mikail Shipar, Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment; Ms. Nasima Begum, Secretary, Ministry of Women & Children Affairs; Mr. Mizanur Rahman, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women & Children Affairs; Prof. Dr. Sadeka Halim; Selima Ahmed, Chairperson, Women Chamber of Commerce; Ms. Khushi Kabir, Coordinator, Nijera Kori; Sumaiya Islam, Director, Women Migrant Worker Association; Taslima Akhter, Coordinator, Garments Workers Association; Sharmeela Rassoal, CTA, Human Rights Program, UNDP; Hasina Begum, Business women; Rupali Akter, Garments worker; Kulsum Akter, domestic worker; Shamsunnahar, business women.



*Distinguished guests at the Discussion
(Hon'ble Chairman, NHRCB at the middle)*

NHRCB Visits



NHRCB Chairman talking to Rohingya Refugees at Kutupalong Camp, Cox's Bazar

Visit to Kutupalong Rohingya Refugee Camp

NHRCB team led by hon'ble Chairman Kazi Reazul Hoque and Members Enamul Hoque Chowdhury and Prof. Meghna Guhathakurta along with UNDP representatives visited Kutupalong Rohingya refugee camp, Cox's Bazar on 25th February 2017. The team talked with the refugees and listened to their sufferings and urges. The team also talked to the local administration and NGOs. After the end of the visit hon'ble chairman briefed the media. Rohingya Muslims are being tortured and persecuted inhumanly by the members of Myanmar military. He also emphasized on creating global public opinion against persecution of the Rohingya people and putting pressure on Myanmar so that they get back the Rohingya to

their own land and give citizenship to them. The team also visited the unregistered Balukhali camp and a health clinic which provides them with health services.

NHRCB Chairman visits BSMMU to see tortured child

On 16 March 2017, NHRCB chairman Kazi Reazul Hoque went to BSMMU hospital to see 9 year old boy Abir Hossain, brutally tortured by his neighbor over a trivial matter in Kishoreganj. While playing, Abir had a quarrel with his friend and due to this his friend's father hit him very badly and Abir became senseless. After meeting Abir, honorable chairman talked to media and said that NHRC wanted justice for Abir. He said, "we want to see that the perpetrator is arrested and his punishment is ensured." He also raised concern about the increasing trend of child abuse in the country.



NHRCB Chairman talking to Abir Hossain

Highlighting Important Interventions



Honorable Chairman consoling widow of Hazrat Ali

Suicide of father, daughter in Gazipur

Media reported that Hazrat Ali along with her daughter allegedly committed suicide jumping before a train near Sreepur Railway Station in April 2017 after having failed to get justice for an attempt to violate the minor girl and grab his land. NHRCB took Suo Moto and honorable chairman immediately visited the spot including the railway station, Hazrat's home. He also talked to the widow of Hazrat, the neighbors, local

administration officials. After investigation, he talked to the journalists. He said that the police and public representatives could not avoid the responsibility over the alleged suicide of a man along with his minor girl for failing to get justice. The police officials who were supposed to provide security to the victims failed to perform their duty properly and the police administration did not take any action in this regard. The negligence here was a human rights violation. Honorable chairman told the UNO to provide necessary support to the widow of Hazrat. He also instructed the Police administration to arrest the perpetrator Faruk and other accused. Within few days of the visit, the perpetrators were arrested and the case was under trial.

Gulshan DNCC market fire: NHRCB forms Probe Committee

On January 02, 2017, a fire incidence at Dhaka North City Corporation market in Gulshan-1 occurred causing devastating effects on the shop owners' business and livelihood. NHRCB Chairman Kazi Reazul Hoque visited the spot and spoke to businessmen and others at the spot. He feared that the incident was an act of sabotage. He

said to the media, "It needs to be verified whether it is an act of sabotage or accident. People are not fools. These types of fire incidents are happening frequently which is suspicious. Why are these happening?" He proposed for a joint meeting of police, fire service and shop owners in the process to ascertain the reason behind the fire. "If the incident is an act of sabotage, then the culprits must be found out and brought to justice. If not, then it must be found out who are responsible for the fire," he added.

NHRCB took Suo Moto case on the incident and had formed 8- member probe committee. The committee visited the spot and their investigation is under process.



NHRCB Probe Committee led by Member Nurun Naher Osmani inspecting DNCC market

Thematic Committee Meetings

During this quarter, different thematic committees of NHRCB organized meeting on Child rights, Committee on Migrants Workers, Committee on Disability, Committee on Dalit, organized meetings.

Committee on Child Rights, Child Labor and Anti Trafficking and Migration held meeting in February chaired by Kazi Reazul Hoque, hon'ble chairman of NHRCB and chair of the committee; and attended by representatives of relevant ministries and civil society organizations. The Committee took a number of decisions: to form a core group including WINROCK, IOM, World Vision, Save the Children, etc as well as the relevant state actors to combat child trafficking; to form a core group including Ministry of Religious Affairs, BLAST, Ain o Salish Kendra, UDDIPAN, Unicef, Save the Children, CSID, Nagorik Uddyog,

World Vision on corporal punishment; to form a core group to monitor the human rights issues in line with the SDGs. It was also decided that NHRC would pursue to enact Child Rights Commission Act in the next stakeholder meeting and NHRC would write to the concerned ministry to inform the commission about the update on forming Child Directorate.

Dalit Committee chaired by Professor Meghna Guhathakurta discussed about the inputs on Anti-discrimination Act given by the CSOs. It was decided that NHRC will prepare a draft of it and send to the concerned ministry as soon as possible.

In the meeting of the committee on Persons with Disabilities and Autism held in February, members of the committee agreed to form a sub-committee to generate a 3 year road map to progress the task of the thematic committee.

Conference/ Workshops

Conference on Regional Action Plan to Combat Child Marriage

On 25 April 2017, NHRCB jointly with South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children (SAIEVAC) and National Action and Coordinating Group (NACG) organised a Conference on Regional Action Plan to Combat Child Marriage at CIRDAP auditorium. During the conference, as Chief Guest NHRCB chairman said, “The special provision of Child Marriage Restraint Act 2017 may increase child marriage in the country. Thus, government must form rules to resist misuse of the provision, Section-19 as well as to protect best interest of children.”

The conference was chaired by Dr. Rinchen Chopel, DG, SAIEVAC. Md. Moinul Kabir, Joint Secretary, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs division, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs; Md. Mashuk Miah, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs; Ms. Purna Shrestha, Centre for Reproductive Rights were present as Special Guests. Mr. A.K.M. Masud Ali, Chair NACG and Executive Director, INCIDIN Bangladesh delivered vote of thanks.

Workshop on Human Rights of HIV/AIDS positive population

On 15 March 2017 at NHRCB office, NHRCB jointly with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare arranged an awareness raising workshop on Human Rights of HIV/AIDS positive population.

Kazi Reazul Hoque, chairman, NHRCB attended



Participants at the workshop (Hon'ble Chairman, NHRCB at the middle)

the seminar as Chief Guest. In his speech, he said that State should come forward to ensure the rights of HIV/AIDS vulnerable people. Human rights were inextricably linked with the spread and impact of HIV on individuals and communities around the world. He also said that a lack of respect for human rights exacerbated the impact of the disease, while at the same time HIV undermined progress in the realisation of human rights. This link was apparent in the disproportionate incidence and spread of the disease among certain groups which, include women and children, and particularly those living in poverty. It was also apparent in the fact that the overwhelming burden of the epidemic today threatened to reverse vital achievements in human development. He raised concern about the social stigma towards HIV positive people and urged to raise mass awareness on the issue.

Workshop on Human Rights Protection and Development: Role of National Human Rights Commission

During this quarter, NHRCB organized awareness raising workshops on human rights in a number of districts. On 11 April 2017, at Munshiganj district, NHRC jointly with District Administration organized an awareness raising workshop on Human Rights Protection and Development: Role of National Human Rights Commission as part of NHRC's awareness raising campaign in district level. NHRC Chairman Kazi Reazul Hoque



Participants at the workshop (Hon'ble Chairman, NHRCB at the middle)

attended the workshop as Chief Guest. Ms. Shaila Farzana, DC, Munshiganj chaired the workshop.

In addition, Md. Nazrul Islam, Full Time Member, NHRCB attended a number of awareness raising seminars on human rights and NHRCB organized jointly by NHRCB and district administrations in a number of districts including Sherpur, Jamalpur, Jhainadaha, Magura and Jessore.

Conference on Human Rights Protection and Standard of Life Improvement of Dalit Community

On 20 March 2017, at CIRDAP auditorium Conference on Human Rights Protection and Standard of Life Improvement of Dalit Community was organized by Nagorik Uddyog. NHRC Chairman Kazi Reazul Hoque attended the conference as Chief Guest. He said that different

initiatives to improve the standard of life of Dalit community taken by the government had involved the community in the development mechanisms. In spite of these initiatives, discriminatory mindset of our people towards Dalit community was prevailing. To end this, the enactment of Anti-discrimination law was crucial. He urged the Ministry of Law to enact the act as soon as possible. He also committed to provide assistance from NHRC to the human rights organizations which work on Dalit issue.

In this program, Professor Akhter Hussain, Member, NHRC; Ms. Ayesha Khanom, President, Mahila Parishad; Mr. Abdur Razzak, Deputy Director, Department of Social Welfare and Ms. Laila Banu, Program Manager, EU delegation to Bangladesh were present as Special Guests.

Suo Moto Cognizance

NHRCB took Suo Moto cognizance seeing several cases of alleged human rights violations seeing media report during this quarter and issued notices to the concerned authorities for reports. Summaries of some of these cases are as follows:

Murder by a Police official (Case No. 09/17)

The media reported that ASI Rabiul Aual arrested a man named Thandu Mia without informing higher authority. When Thandu Mia asked the reason for his arrest, the ASI tortured him and he was taken to the hospital. Doctors confirmed that he was dead. NHRCB took the case with strong conviction and issued notice to the Ministry of Home Affairs calling for detailed report and actions accordingly. The Ministry sent report that in investigation it was proved that ASI Rabiul arrested Thandu Mia without informing higher authority but the allegation of

torturing Thandu Mia was not proved. Thandu Mia died due to the injury he got after jumping from the bike on the way to the police station. In the report it was also mentioned that ASI Rabiul was suspended from his job and departmental action had been taken against him.

Child Abuse (Case No. 12/17)

The media reported that a 12-year old child was severely tortured in Puthia, Rajshahi. Perpetrators accused that the child had stolen CD player and that is why they tortured him. NHRCB took the case with strong conviction and issued notice to Deputy Commissioner of Rajshahi calling for a report and taking steps accordingly. DC sent report to the Commission that the incidence was proved and Police had arrested the perpetrators and taken action according the law. DC also assured that they were keeping surveillance in the area so that this type of incidence would not occur in future.

Torture on a couple of minority community (Case No. 14/17)

The media reported that a couple of minority community had their head shaved as punishment in the name of local salish due to having friendly relation of the wife with a muslim neighbour. NHRCB took the case with strong conviction and issued notice to Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh calling for a report and taking steps accordingly.

Rape by UP Chairman (Case No. 13/17)

The media reported that a UP chairman raped a housewife in Kalihati, Tangail. NHRCB took suo moto and issued notice to Deputy Commissioner of Tangail calling for report after investigation.

Consultation on Migrant Worker's Rights

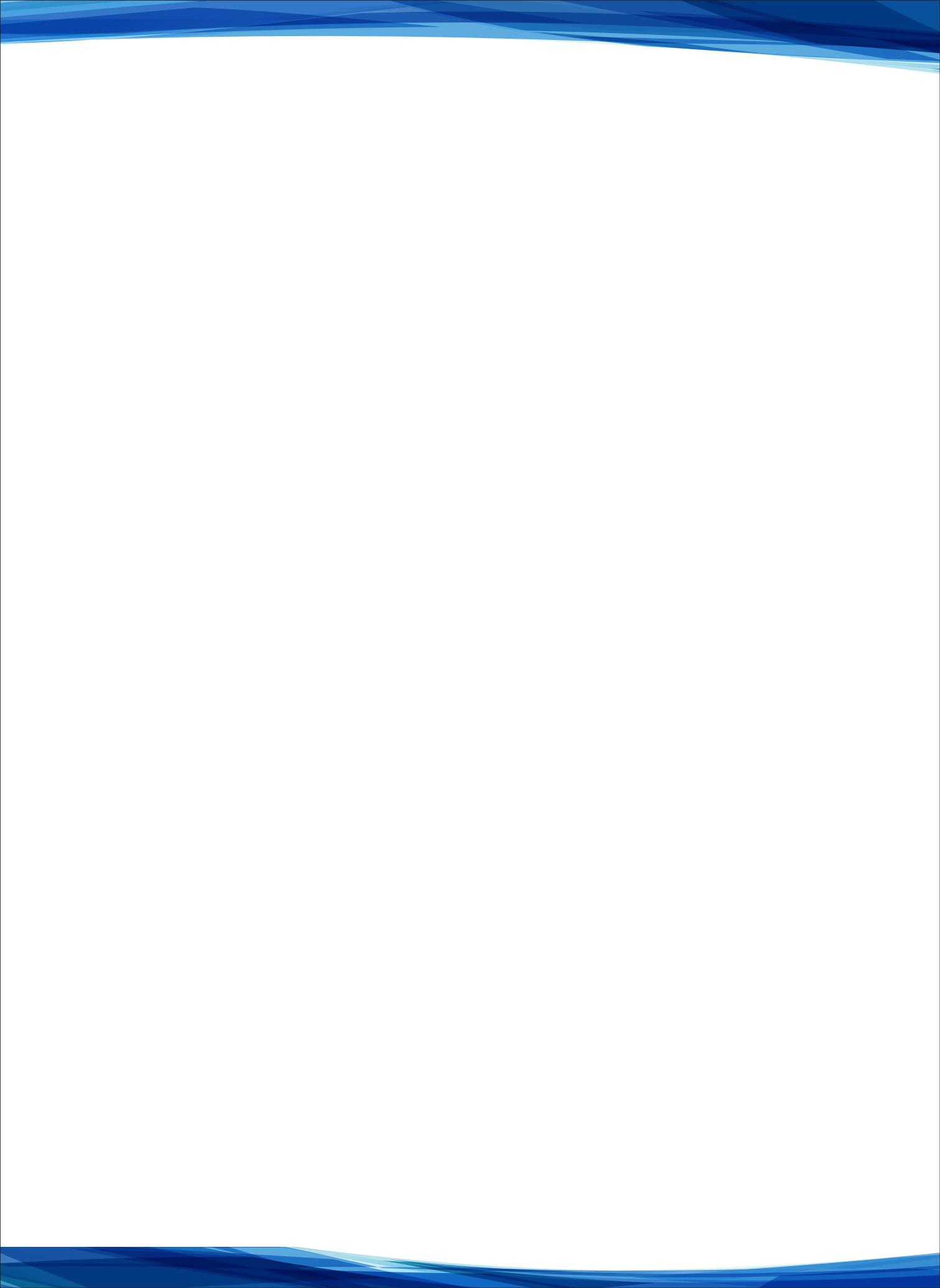
On 16 February 2017, National Human Rights Commission, Bangladesh organized consultation on "Implementation of CMW in Bangladesh" at NHRCB Conference Room. The consultation was attended by distinguished representatives from different government agencies, NGOs and CSOs. Mr. Kazi Reazul Hoque, Hon'ble Chairman of NHRCB chaired the Consultation and made introductory remarks on it and opined that since we were member of UN we had to respond to the list of issues. Md. Nazrul Islam, Full Time Member of NHRCB moderated the Consultation and shared the objectives of the Consultation.



Distinguished Participants at the workshop

Recommendations

- ❑ Regulating and monitoring of the recruiting agencies and preparation of list of all such agencies
- ❑ Focus should be shifted on the implementation status of the convention, all existing laws, rules, regulations and policies
- ❑ The number of officials at Bangladeshi mission at abroad should be increased to respond to the yell of migrant workers and members of their families
- ❑ The term "illegal migrants" should be replaced by "irregular migrants"
- ❑ NHRCB can sign MoU with National Human Rights Institutions of receiving states to address rights of migrant workers
- ❑ Attention should be paid to the skill development for all aspirant migrants



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