

The Bangladesh ECD Newsletter

Secretariat, ECD Network Bangladesh



Handover of the Maintenance of ECD Website

According to ECD Network's decision Save the Children - USA handed over maintaining, updating and other incidental jobs of the ECD Website Bangladesh to the network's secretariat in the second week of December 2005. The network secretariat, ECDRC, is responsible now for the above jobs of the interactive website.



Home page of the website

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Workshop on Behavior Change and Monitoring



Bangladesh Shishu Academy arranged a two-day workshop in cooperation with UNICEF on Behavior Change and Monitoring in November 2005 at BRAC Inn, Dhaka with a view to understand the needs and planning steps for developing the behavioural objectives for its next project planning during 2006-2010. Professionals from Bangladesh Shishu Academy and UNICEF Dhaka facilitated the workshop. Concerned ECD professionals, teachers and guardian representatives participated in the workshop.

In its first meeting, the executive committee of ECD Network Bangladesh decided to publish a quarterly newsletter, namely, the Bangladesh ECD Newsletter. The network requests the members and professionals to send news/announcements regarding ECD to ECDRC. A sub-committee of the ECD Network has been formed which will be responsible for editing. The mail containing news/announcements intended to be published in the newsletter are requested to be inscribed at 'For Newsletter' on envelopes.

Poetry for Children



develop a set of books for children with colorful illustrations. Only one poem has been placed in each book and ten senior students have illustrated the books according to the theme of the poem. The launching ceremony for the books was held on December 06, 2005 at the

Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University (IFA-DU) with renowned poet Nirmalendu Goon in the chair. A good number of Bangladeshi litterateurs were present in the launching ceremony. An exhibition of the illustration used in the book was also held on this occasion.

Recently Save the Children - USA has published a set of twenty books for children with three objectives a) to encourage young artists to work for children following ECD principles, b) to introduce children with the world of Bangla poetry, and c) to



Second Meeting of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of ECD Network Bangladesh met in its second meeting on 27 November 2005. The meeting was chaired by Md. Mesbahul Islam, Vice Chairperson of ECD Network Bangladesh. The committee decided to name itself as 'Executive Committee, ECD Network Bangladesh'. Besides, the committee decided to handover the maintenance jobs of the ECD Website to Network Secretariat by December 2005. Furthermore, the committee asked the secretariat to prepare a draft action plan for year 2006 which will be finalized in its next meeting. Committee fixed December 28, 2005 as its next meeting date (subsequently shifted to Sunday, 01 January 2006).

ICDP Parakormi Development

To help in the development of children of Chittagong Hill Tracts is one of the major objectives of Integrated Community Development Project (ICDP), Phase II. With this aim ICDP runs Shishu Bikash O Prak Shikha Karyokrom (Child Development and Pre-education Activities) in almost 1300 parakendras (local centres) in three hill districts. ICDP intends to expand the activities to 2220 parakendras by January 2006. To make eight hundred and twenty parakormis familiar with ECD activities, ICDP has trained them in 32 batches during October-December 2005 jointly with UNICEF-Dhaka and Bangladesh Shishu Academy (BSA). To train up the parakormis ICDP worked jointly with ECDRC, BRAC University Institute of Educational Development. On behalf of ICDP ECDRC recruited and oriented ECD professionals/trainers from BSA, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Care Bangladesh, Plan Bangladesh and BU-IED to support the training programme.

ICMH and BU-IED Research Initiative

Institute of Child and Mother Health has initiated a collaborative research work in the field of ECD with Early Childhood Development Resource Centre (ECDRC). Representatives from both organizations met on 23 November 2005 to plan the project activities. They discussed the areas they will work in the next few years. Three problems have been identified to start immediately, i.e. 1) analyzing existing ECD activities at organizational level in Bangladesh, 2) identify existing risk factors in Bangladesh for child development and 3) development of measurement tools appropriate in Bangladeshi context.

Learning Books for Children

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Early Childhood Development Resource Centre of BRAC University Institute of Educational Development has developed a Math Activities Book for 3-6 year children to help enhance children in logical thinking, creativity and reasoning skills.

An age-specific play activities Book for 0-6 year children also is under production to help increase their physical, emotional and cognitive development. Composing, field-test, illustration and editing of the books have been complete and now they are ready for printing. ECDRC intends to publish the books by early 2006.

SISIMPUR in the Communities



SISIMPUR, the engaging educational children's television programme, is helping thousands of Bangladeshi children to be better prepared for schools. The producers, Sesame Workshop and Nayantara Communications have trained 138 resource persons for utilizing educational SISIMPUR outreach materials that feature muppet characters Halum, Ikri-Mikri, Shiku and Tuktuki to promote health, hygiene and nutritional practices which one integrated with child development and literacy messages. SISIMPUR features music, animation and live action segments to encourage children to develop a life-long love of learning. The Outreach materials, based on the content of the TV series, are written and illustrated by local experts in Bangladesh.

Child Language Development and Writing for Children Workshop

Early Childhood Development Resource Centre (ECDRC) arranged a four day workshop with participants from BRAC, BU-IED, CAMPE, Care BD, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Friends for Village Development Bangladesh, Friends Foundation, Grameen Shiksha, Nayantara Communications, Plan BD on appropriate child literacy writing practices. The aim was to improve skills of existing writers, create new writers and develop a set of quality story books for 3-6 year old children. Dr.



Humayun Ahmed, one of the most popular writers of Bangla literature and film director inaugurated the workshop on 18 December 2005 in Dhaka. Mr. Saleh Chowdhury, journalist and writer, coordinated the sessions. The participants found the plots of stories in the green tea land in Srimongol, Moulvibazar, shared their ideas and composed the stories during three days of field work. At the end of the workshop 45 stories were composed by writers. BU-IED intend to select a set of stories among these, do necessary language editing, complete illustration and publish these in 2006.



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