

Report on the Observance of International Ozone Day, 2005

The International Ozone Day was observed throughout Bangladesh on 16 September 2005. Observance of the Day had been as elsewhere in the world with renewed expression of solidarity with the international community to create awareness on the adverse impacts of the Ozone Layer Depletion.

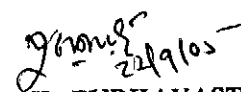
The Department of Environment, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of Bangladesh undertook various programmes on that Day including brought out special supplements in three National Dailies in which messages of the Hon'ble President, the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Forest, Hon'ble State Minister for Environment and Forest, Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests were published. The special supplements also contained articles of Director General of the Department of Environment on the theme, "Act Ozone Friendly - Stay Sun Safe"

The Bangladesh Betar (Radio) and Bangladesh Television had broadcast the messages of the Hon'ble President and the Hon'ble Prime Minister of the Government of Bangladesh. A discussion was held on 16 September 2004 in Bangladesh Television participated by the Hon'ble Minister and Hon'ble State Minister for Environment and Forest; Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest and Director General of the Department of Environment. The discussion was conducted by Dr. Rezaul Alam Khan of Bangladesh Television.

A painting competition was organized among the children on 11 September 2005. About 600 (six hundred) children belonging to various age groups between 6 and 16 years had participated in the competition. A nation-wide essay competition was also organized among the students from Schools to Universities on the eve of International Ozone Day on various topics.

Hon'ble President of Bangladesh Prof. Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on their messages stressed the need for concerted efforts to reduce the use of Ozone depleting substances in line with Montreal Protocol to protect the environment from the adverse impact of Ozone layer depletion.

A seminar was organized by the Department of Environment on 16 September, 2005 at Bangladesh Institute of Administrative and Management, Dhaka where Khan M. Ibrahim Hossain, Director General, Department of Environment was the Chief Guest. He informed that National ODS Phase-out Plan (NOPP) had targeted 2010 to phase-out all major ODSs in Bangladesh. He also informed that under NOPP, refrigeration sector would be completely CFC-free. Phase-out activities for the elimination of Methyl Chloroform & Carbon Tetrachloride were also chalked out for garments, agriculture and chemical sectors.


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