

Report

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&

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The International Ozone Day 2012 and Celebration of 25th Anniversary of the signing of the Montreal Protocol was observed throughout Bangladesh on 16 September 2012. 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 the People's Republic of Bangladesh undertook various programmes on that Day including brought out special supplements in five National Dailies in which messages of the Hon'ble President, the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Hon'ble Minister for Ministry of Environment and Forests, Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests were published. The special supplements in the Daily news paper also contained articles of Director General of the Department of Environment on the theme, "Protecting our atmosphere for generations to come" and article of the National Project Director of all ODS Projects on the theme "Activities of Bangladesh on the Protection of Ozone Layer".

A painting competition was organized among the children on 5 September 2012. About 400 (four hundred) children belonging to various age groups between 3 to 16 years 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. A poster design was called among the artists in Bangladesh. One design was selected among the participating competitors.

A discussion meeting was then held at the Auditorium, Bangladesh Forest Department, Dhaka. Dr. Hasan Mahmud, MP, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Environment and Forest was the chief guest of the seminar. He stressed the need for creating awareness about the importance of ozone layer and possible impacts on nature caused by ozone layer depletion. He also reiterate the commitment of Bangladesh to phase-out remaining ODSs from the country on this occasion. Secretary for Environment and Forest Mr. Mesbah ul Alam, UNDP Bangladesh Resident Representative, a.i, Mr. Robert Juhkam and Chief Conservator of Forest, Bangladesh Forest Department Mr. Md. Yunus Ali were among the discussants. Mr. Md. Shahjahan, National Project Director of all ODS Projects presented key note paper. The minister handed over prizes to winners of art, essay and poster competition held on the occasion.

This year the world is celebrating the 25th anniversary of Montreal Protocol. Like other countries Bangladesh also undertook special event to commemorate the day. Government has released a commemorative stamp on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of Montreal Protocol. Minister of Environment and Forests has released the stamp on the International Ozone Day programme.

Bangladesh has been creating excellent evidence on protecting the Ozone Layer. On this recognition Ozone Secretariat has given a crest to the government of Bangladesh on

recognizing and appreciating Bangladesh for her vital role in Protecting the Ozone Layer for Generation to Come. Director General, Department of Environment and UNDP Resident Representative has handed over the crest to the Honb'le Minister for Ministry of Environment and Forests and Secretary of Ministry of Environment and Forests on the International Ozone Day 2012 Celebration.

The Programme was ended with the vote of thanks by the Director General of Department of Environment.

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 2012 in Bangladesh Television participated by the Minister, Ministry of Environment and Forest Dr. Hasan Mahmud, MP, MP; Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Mr. Mesbah ul Alam; and Director General, Department of Environment, Mr. Monowar Islam. A Radio discussion program was also broad casted during the occasion. National Daily News Papers publicized the importance of the International Ozone Day to create mass awareness. Posters, folders, special articles were distributed among the participants of seminar celebrating the International Ozone Day 2012 and 25th Anniversary of Montreal Protocol.

Photo Gallery



Picture - 01: *Dr. Hasan Mahmud, MP, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Environment and Forest was the chief guest of the seminar.*



Picture - 2: *Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Forest is delivering his speech to the audience.*



Picture - 3: *Mr. Mesbah ul Alam, Secretary Ministry of Environment and Forests is delivering his speech*



Picture - 04: *Mr. Robert Juhkam, UNDP Resident Representative a.i., is delivering his speech*



Picture - 5: Director General Department of Environment, Mr. Monowar Islam is delivering his speech to the audience and giving vote of thanks.



Picture - 06: Mr. Yunus Ali, CCF, Bangladesh Forest Department is delivering his speech



Picture - 07: Mr. Md. Shahjahan, Project Director of all ODS Projects is presenting key note paper



Picture - 8: Hon'ble State Minister for Environment and Forest is handing over crest among one of the winners of Paining Competition.



Picture - 9: *Hon'ble State Minister for Environment and Forest is handing over crest among one of the winners of Essay Competition.*



Picture - 10: *Hon'ble State Minister for Environment and Forest is handing over crest to The Poster Competition winner.*



Picture - 11: Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Forest is releasing the commemorative stamp.



Picture -12: Handover ceremony of Crest of Appreciation from the Ozone Secretariat.



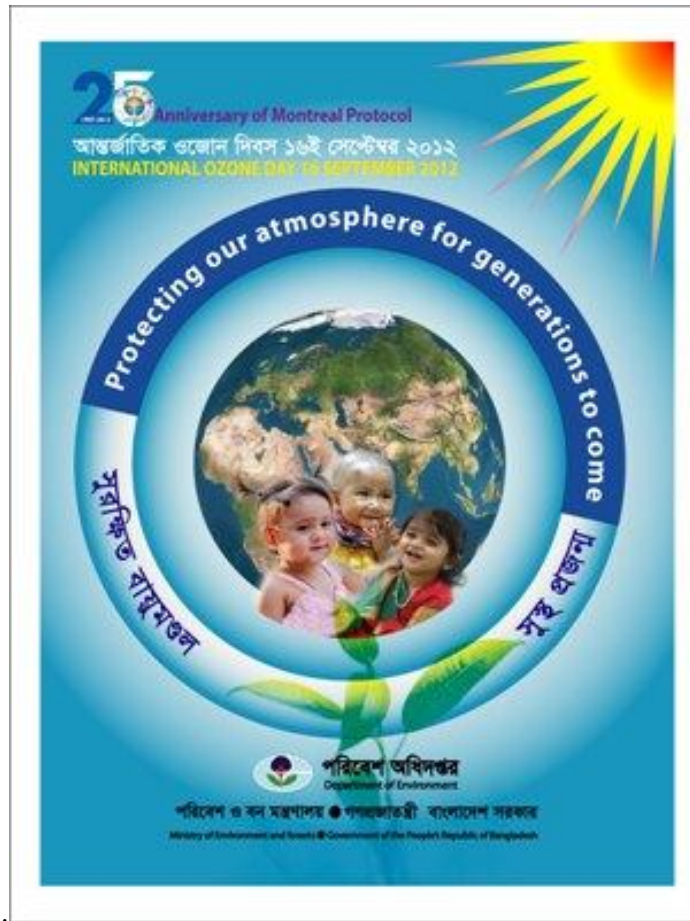
Picture - 13: The Commemorative Stamp.

<p>আন্তর্জাতিক ওজোন দিবস ২০১২ এবং মন্ট্রিয়াল প্রটোকল বার্ষিকের ২৫ বছর</p>	
<p>মূল্য : ১০.০০ Price : 10.00</p>	<p>INTERNATIONAL OZONE DAY & 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL</p> <p>আন্তর্জাতিক ওজোন দিবস ২০১২ এবং মন্ট্রিয়াল প্রটোকল বার্ষিকের ২৫ বছর</p> <p>বাংলাদেশ BANGLADESH ১০.০০ আন্তর্জাতিক ওজোন দিবস ২০১২ ১০.০০ INTERNATIONAL OZONE DAY 2012</p> <p>সুসংরক্ষিত বায়ুমণ্ডল-সুস্থ প্রজাতি Protecting our atmosphere for generations to come</p> <p>BANGLADESH POST</p>

<p>Salient Features of the Commemorative Postage Stamp Issued on the Occasion of International ozone day & 25 Anniversary of the montreal protocol</p>	<p>Date of Issue : 16 September, 2012</p> <p>No. of Stamps : 1 (one)</p> <p>Denomination of Stamps : Tk. 10/-</p> <p>Size of Stamps : 42 mm x 32 mm</p> <p>Perforation of Stamp : 12.5</p> <p>No. of Stamps in each sheet : 100</p> <p>Color : Multicolour</p> <p>Process of Printing : Offset</p> <p>Stamp Designer : Jamim Uddin</p> <p>FDC Designer : Anwar Hossain</p> <p>Printer : The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd., Gazipur.</p>
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<p>আন্তর্জাতিক ওজোন দিবস ২০১২ এবং মন্ট্রিয়াল প্রটোকল বার্ষিকের ২৫ বছর</p> <p>জাতিসংঘ পরিবেশ কর্মসূচীর আওতায় ১৯৮৭ সালের ১৬ সেপ্টেম্বর বিশ্বের চল্লিশটি দেশ একত্রিত হয়ে ওজোন স্তর রক্ষায় মন্ট্রিয়াল প্রটোকল স্বাক্ষর করে। আজ ২৫ বছর পর জাতিসংঘের সকল সদস্য রাষ্ট্র অর্থাৎ ১৯৭টি দেশ এই প্রটোকল অনুমোদন করেছে যা এই প্রটোকলকে সর্বজনীন মর্যাদা দান করেছে।</p> <p>বাংলাদেশ ১৯৯০ সালের ২রা আগস্ট মন্ট্রিয়াল প্রটোকল স্বাক্ষর করে এবং পর্যায়ক্রমে এর সকল সংশোধনী ও সংযোজনসমূহ সমর্থন করে। বাংলাদেশ মন্ট্রিয়াল প্রটোকলের অত্রক নির্ধারিত ওজোনের স্বত্বকারী দ্রব্য বা সিএফসি, হ্যালন, কার্বনট্রাইক্লোরাইড, মিথাইলব্রোমোইড এবং মিথাইলক্লোরোইডের ব্যবহার ২০০৯ সালের ৩১ ডিসেম্বরের মধ্যে সম্পূর্ণরূপে রহিত করেছে। বর্তমানে বাংলাদেশ মন্ট্রিয়াল প্রটোকল নির্ধারিত অন্যান্য ওজোনকার স্বত্বকারী দ্রব্যসমূহ বা এইসিএফসিসমূহের ব্যবহার সম্পূর্ণরূপে রহিত করে লক্ষ্যে কাজ করে যাচ্ছে এবং এর প্রাথমিক ব্যবহারকারীদের মাঝে আর্থিক ও প্রযুক্তিগত সহায়তা প্রদান করেছে। বাংলাদেশ ওজোনের স্বত্বকারী দ্রব্যের বিকল্প নির্বাচনে এমন নীতি গ্রহণ করেছে যা শুধু ওজোন বাধনই হবে না, জলবায়ু বাধনও হবে এবং শক্তি সঞ্চয়ী হবে। আন্তর্জাতিক ওজোন দিবস ২০১২ এবং মন্ট্রিয়াল প্রটোকল বার্ষিকের ২৫ বছর পূর্তি উপলক্ষে বাংলাদেশ মন্ট্রিয়াল প্রটোকলের সকল বাধ্যবদ্ধকর্তা পালনসহ ওজোনের স্বত্বকারী দ্রব্যের ব্যবহার সম্পূর্ণরূপে রহিত করার অঙ্গীকার করেছে।</p>	<p>INTERNATIONAL OZONE DAY & 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL</p> <p>Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer was signed by twenty four countries on 16 September 1987 under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Programme. Today, twenty five years later, the Montreal Protocol has been ratified by 197 countries, making it the first treaty of any kind to have achieved universal ratification.</p> <p>Bangladesh ratified Montreal Protocol on 2 August 1990 and it has ratified all its amendments and adjustments subsequently and complied with phasing out of CFCs, Halons, Carbon tetrachloride, Methyl Chloroform and Methyl bromide by 31 December 2009. Bangladesh is now working on remaining ozone depleting substances, viz. HCFCs, through providing technical and financial assistance to the end users. Bangladesh has adopted policy for selecting alternatives to ODSs in such a way that they are not only ozone friendly but also climate friendly as well as energy efficient. On the eve of International Ozone Day, 2012 and marking the 25th Anniversary of Montreal Protocol, Bangladesh reiterates her strong commitment to comply with all the obligations under the Protocol and phase-out all remaining ozone depleting substances.</p>
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Picture - 14 : The Commemorative Stamp Write-up.



Picture -15 : Poster, sticker and folder was made on the picture above to disseminate message of International Ozone Day 2012.



Picture- 16: Painting Competition organized by Department of Environment on the eve of International Ozone Day, 2012.



Picture- 17: *Amlan Sarker a five year old boy was selected first in the Painting Competition in Group-A on the eve of International Ozone Day, 2012.*



Picture - 18 : *Sayed Gaus Ahmed Ghalib a ten year old girl was selected first in the Painting Competition in Group-B on the eve of International Ozone Day, 2012.*



Picture-19 : *Sadat Anwar a thirteen year old boy was selected first in the Painting Competition in Group-C on the eve of International Ozone Day, 2012.*