



# Report on The Observance of World Ozone Day 2021



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## World Ozone Day 2021

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### **Introduction:**

As per decision of United Nations the World Ozone Day 2021 was observed throughout Bangladesh on 16 September 2021 in a befitting manner. The observance of the day has been as elsewhere in the world with renewed expression of solidarity with the international community to create awareness on adverse impacts of the Ozone Layer Depletion.

This year theme of the World Ozone Day was “Montreal Protocol-keeping us, our food and vaccines cool” which also purported into Bangla as “ÒgwUaj c³UvKj †g†b †Rvb`íi i¶v Kwj, wbivc` Lv` I cÖwZ†la†Ki kxZj wek! MwoÓ.

An inter-ministerial meeting (virtual) was held on 29 August 2021 at the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEFCC) chaired by the Secretary, Mr. Md. Mostafa Kamal. Representatives from different ministries/ agencies of the government and different stakeholders attended the meeting. The meeting provided overall guidance to celebrate the day with due importance. The Department of Environment (DoE) under MOEFCC, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh (GoB) chalked out various programs on the occasion. The Program included, special supplement on the daily newspapers, seminars, discussions, poster publication, messages through mobile operator, discussion in the electronic media etc., were advised.

### **Special Supplement**

A special supplement was brought out full on page in 6 national daily news papers on the occasion of World Ozone Day 2021. To mark the occasion, messages from the Hon’ble President of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh and the Hon’ble Prime Minister of the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, Hon’ble Minister, Hon’ble Deputy Minister and the Secretary for Environment, Forest and Climate Change were published in the supplements. Special article from the Director General of the Department of Environment was also published in the special supplements.

In his message, the Hon’ble President stated that ozone layer plays a vital role to safeguarding life on earth. Montreal Protocol has put concerted effort to repair the damage of the ozone layer. He also pointed out that sun ray is important for life on earth but that ray should be safe. He affirmed the importance of the protocol and he also stated that the Protocol also plays vital role for energy efficient appliances. He addressed the need of refrigeration and air-conditioning machines in keeping us, our food and vaccines cool. He



Hon'ble Prime Minister in her message conveyed all concerned her well wishes on the celebration of the World Ozone Day. She considered that this year theme for the World Ozone Day is very appropriate for the present situation. She mentioned that the Montreal Protocol has been a success to repair the damage of the ozone layer as well to mitigate the climate change. She stated the commitment of her government to safeguard the environment. She stated initiatives taken by the government to mitigate climate change, fight against the air pollution and initiatives to save the ozone layer. Bangladesh has successfully phased-out all potent ODSs from the country. She expected that while implementing the Montreal Protocol, other environmental issues would also be addressed. She wished all the success of the day.

Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change in his message stated that Bangladesh is a part of the global success of the Protocol. He mentioned that major ODSs have been phased out from the country. He also mentioned that with the increase of quality of life the demand for refrigeration and air-conditioning is increasing. The importance of RAC for food security, medicine and for our comfortable life is even getting more importance. He affirmed that the world is together working for the ozone layer protection and this gives it more success. He wished the World Ozone Day successful.

Hon'ble Deputy Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change expressed that the government of Bangladesh is working for food security, health, and environment. Montreal Protocol gives us the sustainable opportunity to bring them forward. She stated that with the implementation of Montreal Protocol we get dual benefit of ozone layer protection and climate change. She wished Bangladesh could as before be successful in phasing out remaining chemicals under Montreal Protocol.

Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests in his message reiterated the success story of Bangladesh in the Montreal Protocol. He also stated the ongoing activities taken by the government in implementing Montreal Protocol. He also stated the importance of Montreal Protocol in mitigating the climate change. He wished all success of the World Ozone Day.

Director General, Department of Environment wrote special articles in the supplement. In his articles, Ozone Layer depletion, Montreal Protocol, global and national responses, success stories of Bangladesh, activities taken by the government etc., has been described.

## Outreach Activities

Different outreach activities were undertaken on the occasion of the World Ozone Day. A poster was published on the observance of the World Ozone Day 2021. Radio and TV talk



shows were aired on the occasion of this day. Related TV scroll was also aired. Besides, mobile phone short message (SMS) on the observance of the World Ozone Day was disseminated through all mobile phone operators. Wide media coverage was made on the program undertaken for the World Ozone Day 2021. Major dailies have put up reports about the observance of the day. Special articles have also been published in several daily newspapers about the protection of the ozone layer.

Bangladesh Betar (Radio) and Bangladesh Television (BTV) broadcasted the messages of the Hon'ble President and the Hon'ble Prime

Minister. Other electronic and print media has also broadcasted the news on the observance of World Ozone Day.

## National Seminar:

A national seminar was held on 16 September 2021 on the World Ozone Day. Mr. Md. Shahab Uddin, MP, Honb'le Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change graced the seminar as the Chief Guest. Ms. Habibun Nahar, MP, Honb'le Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Mr. Md. Ashrah Uddin, Director General, Department of Environment, Mr. Ahmed Shamim Al Razi, Additional Secretary, MOEFCC, Mr. Mizanul Haque Chowdhury, Additional Secretary, MOEFCC and Mr. Sudipto Mukerjee, Resident Representative, UNDP Bangladesh were also present at the program as special guests. Mr. Ziaul Haque, Director and Project Director, ODS Project was also present. Mr. Md. Mostafa Kamal, Secretary, MOEFCC presided over the meeting.

Officials from various government organizations and non-government organizations, representatives of different associations, print and electronic media as well as other stakeholders were present in the program.

Before the beginning of the program the audience was entertained with the different videos about the ozone layer depletion prepared by the Department of Environment, UNDP and UNEP.

The ceremony begins with the recitation from the Holy Qur'an. Mr. Md. Ziaul Haque, Director, DoE delivered the key note presentation.

Resident Representative of UNDP Mr. Sudipto Mukerjee appreciated Bangladesh's success in protecting the ozone layer through proper implementation of the Montreal Protocol. He praised Bangladesh's efforts. He reiterated UNDP's commitment to assist GOB to address the environmental issues. He thanked the government and desired to work with the government in environmental issues.

Hon'ble minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Mr. Md. Shahab Uddin, MP in his speech, stressed the need for creating awareness about the importance of ozone layer and possible impacts on nature caused by ozone layer depletion. He also reiterated the commitment of Bangladesh Government to phase-out remaining ODSs from the country as per target. He urged the developed countries to contribute more in environmental issues.

A prize giving ceremony was also organized during the meeting for the winners of Environment Olympiads, National Integrity and Innovation award winners.

Following the speech of the Chair, the program was ended.

On 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021, a seminar was organized by Walton Hitech Industries Ltd. in collaboration with the Department of Environment to mark the World Ozone Day. Hon'ble Minister for Environment Forest and Climate Change, Director General of the Department of Environment, Project Director, ODS Project and other officials from DoE and the industry were present. The programme was covered in print and electronic media.

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## Photo Gallery



Hon'ble Minister, MOEFCC is delivering his speech at the seminar.



Hon'ble Deputy Minister, MOEFCC is delivering his speech at the seminar.



Secretary, MOEFCC, Mr. Md. Mostafa Kamal is delivering his speech



DG, DOE, Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin is delivering his speech



Mr. Sudipto Mukerjee, Resident Representative, UNDP-Bangladesh is delivering his speech



Mr. Ziaul Haque, Director, Ozone Cell is delivering his Key Note Presentation.



Audience on the eve of World Ozone Day 2021

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