

## Award Giving Ceremony of the first National e-Content and ICT4D Award 2010 held at Dhaka



Speakers at the Gala Event



Winners of the e- Government & Institutions category

Award giving ceremony of the first National e-Content and ICT for Development Award 2010 was held at the National Museum on August 9, 2010 at 7 pm. Honorable Finance Minister Abul Mal Abdul Muhith attended as the chief guest while State Minister for Science and ICT Architect Yeafesh Osman was present as the special guest.

Ministry of Science and ICT, Government of Peoples Republic of Bangladesh was the host and D.Net was the organiser of the contest. The contest was held in 14 categories both for on-line and off-line content, ICT interventions and applications. Winners of the award will be eligible for participating in World Summit Award 2011. This contest is endorsed by World Summit Award.

Ninety three nominations have been submitted. Forty eight nominations became finalist by the respected juror. Among them thirty two nomination wins various position. Fifty one nominations came from private sector, eight from Government Institutions, seventeen from NGOs/Not-for-profit organisations, seven from academia and ten from Individuals/ Forums.

Each of the categories was dedicated to eminent personalities or institutions of relevant sector. List of People and Institutions are given below.

e Government & Institutions	Professor Rehman Sobhan
e Health	Professor M R Khan
e Learning & Education	Late Abdullah Al Muti Sharfuddin
e Games	Mustafa Monwar
e Entertainment	Late Abdul Alim
e Culture & Heritage	Late Poet Shamsur Rahman
e Science & Technology	Late Dr. Muhammad Kudrat e Khuda
e Environment	Professor Dwijen Sarma
e Business & Commerce	MCCI
e Enterprise & Livelihood	Angela Gomez
e Inclusion & Participation	Bangladesh Army
e Localisation	Ebika Biswas
e News	Late Professor Abdul Kader
m Content/ Apps/Services	Professor Iqbal Z. Quadir

In e-Government and Institutions category, DataSoft Systems Bangladesh Ltd. was awarded for its private-public partnership project 'Customs Information Management System', which has been implemented at the Chittagong port customs office. The first runner-up award went to Millennium Information Solution Ltd. for the national web portal of Bangladesh. Business Automation Ltd. became the second runner-up for the Bangladesh Hajj Management Portal. A special prize went to Management Information System (MIS)-Health for its mobile phone health service.



Winners of the e- Culture & Heritage Category

Bangladesh Genocide Archive received the championship award in e-Culture and Heritage category, while BRT Group was the first runner-up for its 'Amar Ekushey' multimedia compact disk. Biplobiderkotha.com received a special award. In e-Science and Technology category biggani.org was given a special award.

In e-Learning and Education category, the champion was Rangamati-based Ananda Multimedia for interactive multilingual multimedia education software for classes I-III

of national curriculum textbooks. The first runner-up was Multimedia Content and Communications Ltd. for its project: Computer Teaches Everyday English. Varsityadmission.com- an education web portal & primary and secondary education initiative of English in Action have been given an appreciation award.

Bdplay.com won special award in e-Games category. In e-Entertainment category, Multimedia Content and Communications Ltd. was the champion for its website lemon24.com. A special award went to Trimatrik for its computer graphics animation film 'Pekku'.



*Champions of e- Health Category*

Amader Gram has won the championship award in e-Health category for its AG Breast Care-A Choice initiative. A special award went to Trimatrik for e-adolescent health learning software.

In e-Business and Commerce category, no project was declared a champion, while the first runner-up was Bangladesh Telecentre Network for its website msme.com.bd and the second runner-up award went to Golden Bangladesh for goldenbusiness.bd.com.



*Guests with the winners of e-Enterprise and Livelihood Category*

The highly contested category was e-Enterprise and livelihood. In this category digital sugarcane procurement and development system, designed by Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation won the first prize. First runner-up was Bangladesh Telecentre Network's byabsharkhobor.com and e-krishok.com ended up as the

second runner-up. In the same category, a special award went to Young Power in Social Action (YPSA) for its online advocacy platform for workers involved in the ship-breaking industry: shipbreakinginbd.info.



*Winners of the e-Inclusion and Participation Category*

In e-Inclusion and Participation category, YPSA got the top prize for Daisy for All, a project for the disabled children. The top prize in e-Localisation category went to Ankur ICT Development Foundation for its project titled Computer in Bangla for All. Somewhere in Net Ltd was honoured as the first runner-up for somewhereinbangladesh.com, a popular blogsite. In e-News category, the championship prize was handed to computerjagat.com, a live web casting and online news portal while techzoom24.com became the first runner-up.

The much-talked initiative titled paperless admission system taken by Shahjalal University of Science and Technology received the top prize in m-Content category. The first runner-up was i-Informedia's SMS ID empowering identity through mobile SMS.



*Juror members along with Ms. Shaheen Anam Executive Director, Manusher Jonno Foundation*

The Daily Star and The Daily Prothom Alo was the organising partner of the programme. Channel i and Radio abc was the media partner. Digital Empowerment Foundation, India was involved as Knowledge partner and Global Partner was World Summit Award, Austria. Apart from this Computer Jagat was involved as online partner. Manusher Jonno Foundation, Microsoft Bangladesh, Intel and bdjobs.com enhance this competition as General Sponsors.

For detail news and photographs please visit [www.eaward.org.bd](http://www.eaward.org.bd).

## Research findings from Mobile for MDGs has been shared with Stakeholders' at BRAC Centre Inn

D.Net and Panos London jointly organized a stakeholders' meeting on Mobile Phones for MDGs on Maternal and Child Health in Bangladesh at BRAC Centre Inn on August 23, 2010 for developing partnership.



*Dr. Ananya Raihan is sharing research finding with the guests*

Dr Ananya Raihan and Mafruha Alam shared the research findings with the stakeholders. Mr. Emrys Schoemaker, Consultant and Mr. Murali Shanmugavelan, Manager, The Information Society Programme, Panos London discussed on the implementation strategy, role of interested stakeholders, time line, methodology, scope for scalability, it's uniqueness, challenges, possible resource commitment from the stakeholders. The study was conducted under partnership between D.Net and Panos, London.

Three locations have been identified from Bangladesh depending on socioeconomic disadvantages and remoteness of the areas. The selected areas for the need assessment phase were: Shaghata Upazilla of Gaibandha, Purbodhola Upazilla of Netrokona and Bagerhat Sadar of Bagerhat. 168 women were selected from these three locations for in depth interview.

Besides the women MBBS doctors, quacks, midwives, health attendants and opinion leaders were interviewed to

understand gaps in prevailing health service, disease mapping, access to technology by health care providers and possibility of mobile health services in rural Bangladesh

In the process of developing, designing and operating the services through mobile technology D.Net and Panos London are looking for suitable partnership with relevant Government Agencies, International Development Partners and Agencies, Mobile Telecommunication Companies, Software Companies, Health practitioners, NGOs and other relevant stakeholders.

Mr. Asif Saleh, Policy Specialist, A2i, Prime Minister's Office; Dr. Laura Jean Reichenbach, Social Scientist & Head, Reproductive Health Programme, ICDDRDB; Dr. Shamiul Haque, CTO, Click Diagnostics Inc; Mr. Mahrukh Mohiuddin, Adjunct Faculty, BRAC University; Mr. Mridul Chowdhury, CEO, Click Diagnostics Inc; Professor Dr. Abul Kalam Azad, Director, Management Information System (MIS), Directorate General of Health Service; Professor M Omar Rahman, Pro-VC & Executive Director, Centre for Health, Population & Development, Independent University Bangladesh; Professor Shireen Akhter, Director, NIPSOM; Mr. Reza Salim, Director, Amader Gram ICT4D Project; Mr. Shoeb Ahmed, Director, Business Automation Ltd; Mr. Shihab Ahmed, Marketing Director, Banglalink GSM; Mr. Ashraf Abir, CEO, Multimedia Content & Communications Ltd; Mr. Yaseen Fida Hossain, Strategy and Business Development Specialist, Content Management, Grameen Phone were present in the discussion and delivered valuable comments, ideas and commitments.

### Key Research Findings:

1. Average family size of the women respondents were 6.7 members. 83.3% women were unemployed. Males are the decision makers and family head of most of the respondent. 55.36% women lived below poverty line.
2. 91.07% women agreed that they suffered from some sort of physiological problem in their lives. Alarmingly, one-third of the women (36.9%) have never consulted a doctor. 67% pregnant women do not receive antenatal care. 92% deliveries take place at home by midwives.
3. Women mostly suffer from nutritional deficiency diseases like anemia (48.21%). Women die due to unsafe delivery and abortion by unskilled attendants mostly. New born babies/neonates die due to birth asphyxia, pneumonia and diarrhea. Children under-5 die due to acquired respiratory infections (ARI), diarrhea and drowning.
4. Women's access to health service for their own and children's health issues rely on the decision of their husband and elderly family members. Women who could not consult a doctor were prohibited by their husband or family members (24.19%) as their decision makers think "no need of consultation and know what to do". Other barriers are not having permission to go alone to doctor 11.29% (social and cultural barrier), lack of money 11.29% (cost regarding travel and buying service) and health service being far away 4.84% (distance).
5. Face-to-face consultation with doctor is still preferred by women. About 55.36% women preferred face-to-face consultation. Minority consulted with doctor over mobile phones (7.74%). Unavailability of doctor' number impeded women's consultation with doctor over phone.
6. Improving clinical appointments and regularizing waiting lists are crucial issues for our target groups. Ensuring medicine available for 24 hours at home vicinity was a crying need. 72.04% women had to buy medicine outside hospital as they were told that stock was finished.

## Off Grid Solar PC : Starting of a New Era



Students are working with class mate PCs

Power crisis is a common scenario in Bangladesh. Many remote areas of Bangladesh are still beyond the national electricity grid. People of those areas are failing to take the advantages of modern ICTs. To enhance the access to information and remove the digital divide D.Net and Intel jointly take an initiative titled 'Off Grid Solar Lab' in these remote areas. Under this initiatives computer lab will be set-up in the schools of remote areas by using solar power and class mate PCs. Two labs had been set-up at Tenua High School, Tenua, Purbadhala, Netrokona and Beraholdia Junior Girls' high school, Saghata, Gaibandha as pilot basis.

## New CLC started under Refurbishment and e-Waste Management Project



MoU signing ceremony at D.Net premises

Under Refurbishment and e-Waste Management project a new computer literacy center has established at the Lalchandpur High School, Monohorgonj, Comilla by the sponsor of Mrs. Nurun Nesa Begum. D.Net and Mrs. Nurun Nesa Begum jointly provide necessary equipments and training as well as all other assistance to set-up the center. On September 25, 2010 a MoU has signed among D.Net, Lalchandpur High School and Mrs. Nurun Nesa Begum at D.Net Office. We expect that this center will contribute to reduce the digital divide between urban and rural students and the students of the school can take the advantage of modern ICTs in their education.

## 21st & 22nd Batch of CLP Teachers' Training Successfully Completed

Under "Empowering underprivileged youth through computer literacy program – CLP" 21st and 22nd batch of Computer Teachers' training have been completed successfully.



Closing ceremony of Teachers Training

Twenty two teachers from seventeen schools have participated in the training. D.Net team has facilitated the training sessions. Main focus of the training was on ICT in Education and basic computer operation.

## Gunijan website have now more than 200 profiles

Gunijan team had uploaded more then two hundred profiles on Gunijan website till September 2010 under twenty five categories. Apart from this gunijan team has uploaded many articles & news during this period.

Gunijan is also publishing half yearly newspaper for children and youth which contain profiles and photographs of the eminent personalities. Gunijan team is now taking preparation to organise nation wide online Quiz Competition for students.



Visit gunijan website to read about eminent personalities

In 2003, D.Net launched the "Gunijan" programme to create an online repository of biography, photograph, video, picture, image of the creation of eminent citizens of Bangladesh. For detail please visit [www.gunijan.org.bd](http://www.gunijan.org.bd).

## Training for GIS surveyors of Public Access to ICT held

D.Net organized training for young surveyors of the Global Impact Study of Public Access to Information & Communication Technologies which was held on September 19-20, 2010 at Conference Room, CAMPE. Dr. Ananya Raihan, Executive Director of D.Net explained the purpose and process of the research project and Mr. Masum Billah, Research Fellow facilitated the training.



*Inauguration session of the training*

Twenty four participants were present at the training who were later divided into 12 teams. They will conduct survey on 250 public access venue by the end of December 2010. It may be mentioned here that, online survey platform is being used for this survey which is the first of its kind in Bangladesh.

## Stakeholders meeting on GIS Survey held at D.Net Premises

D.Net organized a stakeholders meeting on the Global Impact Study of Public Access to Information & Communication Technologies which was held on August 30, 2010 at D.Net. Mr. Masum Billah, Research Fellow and Dr. Ananya Raihan, Executive Director of D.Net explained the purpose and process of the research project at the meeting.



*Participants at stakeholder meeting*

D.Net has started the second phase of a five years international research titled "Global Impact Study of Public

Access to Information & Communication Technologies" supported by the Global Libraries initiative of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and International Development Research Centre (IDRC). The project is implemented by IDRC in partnership with the Technology & Social Change Group (TASCHA) at the University of Washington Information School. The study is being conducted in Bangladesh, Philippines, Brazil, Chile, and Lithuania at a time. For this Global Impact study, D.Net developed an online survey platform to collect data at 250 public access venues (telecentre/library/cybercafe) all over in the country.

Dr. Md Zahangir Alam, FBO, AIS; A.H.M Sultanur Reza, GM, Fixed Broad Band, Grameen Phone; Md Taufique Arefin, Project Coordinator and Md Sharif Iqbal, Program Officer, Community Rural Radio; Md Mofakhkharul Islam, Senior Technical Trainer and Md Julker nain, ICT Developer, BRAC Education Programme; Mr. Sohail Akhter, General Manager, BRACNet; Abdur Rob, Team Leader, Markets and Livelihoods, Practical Action; Mr.A.H.M Uzzal, Manager, Alokito Gram; Mr. Rashad Hasan, PO, BIID and Mr. Jamal Uddin, System Admin, DEN were present in the meeting and provided their valuable feedbacks.

## Briefing session on Participation in Global & Regional Contest



*Dr. Raihan is answering questions in the briefing session*

A briefing meeting on nomination submission process at Manthan Asia and WSA contest was held on August 28, 2010 at BRAC Centre Inn, Dhaka. Contestants of e-content & ICT4D award participated in the briefing session. Dr. Ananya Raihan, Executive Director of D.Net facilitated the briefing session. After his presentation on nomination submission process at WSA mobile contest and Manthan Asia Award he answered question asked by participants.

This year seven nominations has been submitted for WSA mobile contest and 45 nominations has been submitted for Manthan Award. We are expecting to receive significant number of award from both contests.

## Gala Event of 2nd Citi Financial IT Case Competition held at Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC)



Honorable Education Minister  
Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid is giving his speech

The Gala Event of 2nd Citi Financial IT Case Competition held on September 29, 2010 at Carnival Hall, Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC), Dhaka. Honorable Education Minister Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid M.P. was present as the Chief Guest at the occasion. The education minister called for an increased availability of technology at the grassroots level, while putting thrust on better utilisation of the available technologies. "We need the proper utilisation of technology to realise the dream of Digital Bangladesh by 2021 and to assure that, we need to train the youth," Nahid said.



Champions team with the guests

Fifty three teams from 20 universities participated in the first round of 2nd Citi Financial IT Case

Competition. After intense competition in the first round, 21 teams have battled their way to the 2nd round. In the final round which took place on July 03, 2010, 11 teams were qualified as finalists.

A Jury Board comprising of eminent personalities from different segments of the society supervised and assessed the case solutions based on the project evaluation guidelines. Top three teams awarded USD 5,000, USD 2,000 and USD 1,000 respectively. United International University team became champion for their Pro-BIZ: Intelligent Predictive Modeling Software in Business project. University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh wins the 1st runner up position and Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (BUET) wins the 2nd runner up position for the project DIP Micro-banking Solution and Mobile Cash (MCash)- Virtual Money Transaction respectively.



Mr. Rafiqul Islam Rawly, Chairman  
D.Net's Executive Committee is giving his speech

Chairman of D.Net's Executive Committee Mr. Rafiqul Islam Rawly, Bangladesh Open Source Network General Secretary Mr. Munir Hasan and Professor of Institute of Business Administration Dr. Syed Ferhat Anwar also spoke at the occasion.

This competition is the 2nd time in Bangladesh and is providing an opportunity for undergraduate students of different public and private universities/institutions to compete in the development of unique software and information system solutions for the financial sector in Bangladesh and nurture future leaders of the country. Please visit this link for detail news and photographs [www.cficc.dnet.org.bd](http://www.cficc.dnet.org.bd)



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