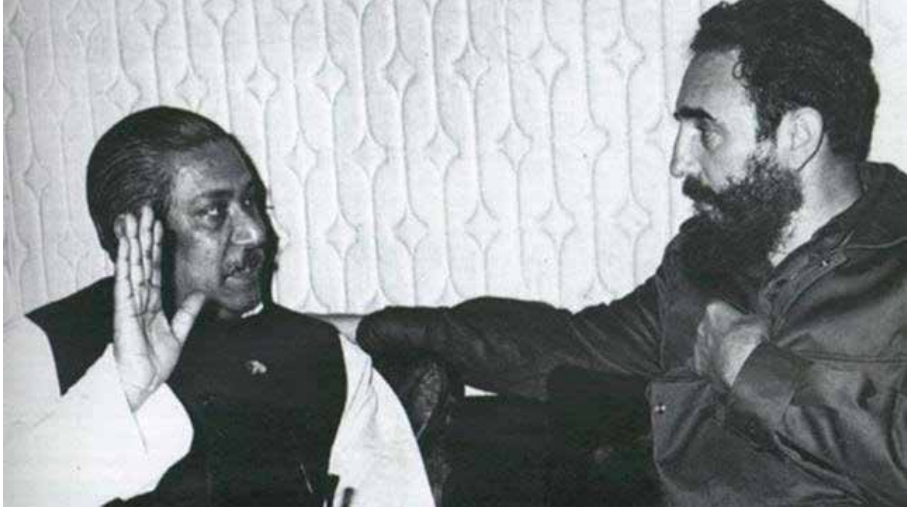


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Preface

The aim of secondary education is to make the learners fit for entry into higher education by flourishing their latent talents and prospects with a view to building the nation with the spirit of the Language Movement and the Liberation War. To make the learners skilled and competent citizens of the country based on the economic, social, cultural and environmental settings is also an important issue of secondary education.

The textbooks of secondary level have been written and compiled according to the revised curriculum 2012 in accordance with the aims and objectives of National Education Policy-2010. Contents and presentations of the textbooks have been selected according to the moral and humanistic values of Bengali tradition and culture and the spirit of Liberation War 1971 ensuring equal dignity for all irrespective of caste and creed of different religions and sex.

Honorable Prime Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina expressed her firm determination to make the country free from illiteracy and instructed the concerned authority to give free textbooks to every student of the country. National Curriculum and Textbook Board started to distribute textbooks free of cost since 2010 according to her instruction. In its continuation, this textbook has been reviewed and updated with a view to create a developed and resourceful Bangladesh keeping vision 2041 ahead.

The following subjects namely, Sociology, History, Civics, Economics, Geography and Populations has been presented in a combined way rather than in an individual manner to prepare the book entitled **Bangladesh and Global Studies**. As a result, the students will gain complete knowledge of the society and environment, history-heritage, culture, socio-economic-political condition and global issues of Bangladesh. It is expected that the students will be turned into citizens with complete civic values by practising these issues following the cherished tradition of Bangladesh. They will get an opportunity to develop themselves as conscious citizens. They will be able to enrich their world of knowledge comparing to global issues. They will be expected to possess the life-skills with a view to dealing with different issues of the society.

The textbook has been revised and re-edited by prominent educationists to make it learner friendly in 2017 and 2020.

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Chapter One

Colonial Age and the Liberation War of Bengal

Though the European Traders came to Bengal for the purpose of trade and commerce, they came into our state power later. Among them, the British East India Company went a step ahead in competition. At that time, they ascended the throne of Bengal by defeating the *nawab* of Bengal-Bihar-Orissa, Siraj-ud-daulah in 1757. The rule of the English continues in Bengal till 1947. Thus, the system of government which came into power in 1757 in Bengal is called colonial rule. The rule of the English from 1757 to 1947 is known as colonial age.

By the end of this chapter we will be able to-

- explain what colony is;
- realize the importance of expansion and termination of colony;
- describe the arrival of the European colonizers to Bengal and expansion of trade;
- explain the causes of the establishment of English rule in Bengal;
- explain and evaluate the activities of English rule;
- explain the characteristics of the East India Company;
- describe the socio-economic condition of Bengal during the reign of East India Company;
- realize the influence of English rule;
- explain the characteristics of British rule;
- describe the socio-economic condition of that time period of Bengal;
- evaluate the impact of British rule;
- explain the idea of upsurge in Bengal.

Lesson-1: Colonial rule in Bengal

Colonization is a process. Usually, through this process, a country uses influence on other countries with a view to exploiting economically and for financial gain. People and resources of the countries in possession are used for self-profit by the controlling country. Here, the country under possession becomes the colony of the controlling country.

Bengal was under British colony for about 200 years. Colonization began with the fall of Nawab Siraj-ud-daulah in the battle of Plassey which ended through different movements in 1947. Before learning about the introduction of colonial rule, it is necessary to learn what the political situation in Bengal was at that time.

Political background of the Bengal: Pre-colonial rule

It is known that human inhabitation began in Bengal from ancient period. Usually, this region was always full of wealth. As a result, people from different places had started to arrive here much before the English. The main attraction for all was the abundance of wealth in Bengal. So, the arrival of the foreigners in the history of Bengal is not a new instance.

Aryan speaking people arrived in Bengal before the Christian era. The Maurya emperor of India Ashoka, the great, occupied the northern part of Bengal in 300 BC. At that time, the northern Bengal known as Pundranagar (Pundra Bardhan Bhukti) became the province of the Mauryans. After the Maurya rule, the Gupta dynasty takes over the rule of India. During the next four centuries, the North Bengal and some parts of South-East Bengal came under the rule of Gupta dynasty. In 7th century, after the fall of the Guptas, the first independent state was established in the then Bengal. After his death, great anarchy had been prevailing for almost one hundred years. In Sanskrit, this age is known as the age of *Matsyanaya* (the age of anarchy). Then a long lasting Bangalee state was established in the middle of the 8th century. The Bangalee Pal kings reigned for almost four hundred years. After the fall of the Pals, Bengal went under the rule of the foreigners again at the end of 11th century. Coming from Karnatak of Southern India, the kings of Sen Dynasty occupied the throne of Bengal.

The rule of the Sen came to an end at the hand of the external Muslim forces. Sen dynasty ended with the advent of Turkish General Ikhtiar uddin Mohammad Bin Bakhtiar Khiljee who had come from abroad in search of fortune and introduced

Muslim rule in Bengal through defeating Lakshman Sen. The Nadiya region to the west of Bengal and some parts of Northern Bengal were under reign and control of Bakhtiar Khiljee from 1204 to 1206 AD. After that Eastern region of Bengal (Bikrompur) was under the rule of the Sen rulers for a long period. But through the reign of Bakhtiar Khiljee, the rule of the Turkey Sultans was made easier. After defeat in the Bihar adventure, Ikhtir Uddin Mohammad Bin Bakhtiar Khiljee died in 1206. From 1206-1338 A.D. the Muslim rule was spread in Bengal.

By this time, three provinces of the Delhi Saltanate were established in three sections of Bengal. These were respectively '*Lakhnouti*' established in Northern Bengal, '*Satgaon*' in Western Bengal and '*Sonargaon*' in Eastern Bengal. In 1338, the ruler of Sonargaon Fakhruddin Mubarak Shah rebelled against the Muslim Sultans of Delhi and declared independence. Thus, he established the system of having an '*Independent Sultan*' in Bengal which lasted for 200 years. Thus, the independent Sultani dynasty begins. It is supposed that the real sovereignty was established in Bengal by sultan Shamsuddin Ilias Shah through the capture of a major portion of whole Bengal. Ilias Shah conferred on himself the titles *Shah-E-Bangala* and *Shah-E-Bangalian*. The other noteworthy ruler of the Sultani dynasty was Sultan Alauddin Husen Shah. His contribution endless to the establishment of religious harmony and the flourishing of arts and literature. In 1538 this independent *Sultanate* came to an end. Though the Sultans were non-Bangalee rulers; they exercised good governance and nobody returned to his own country. Before that Mughals occupied the throne of Delhi. Mughal Emperor Humayun occupied Gaura in Northern Bengal i.e. '*Lakhnouti*' in 1538 AD. But he could not establish Mughal rule in Bengal then. Because the Afgan ruler of Bihar, Sher Khan Sur, drove Humayun away first from Bengal and afterwards from India. In this phase, the power of Bengal went to the hands of Afgans.

The Mughals organized themselves in India again and defeated the Afgans in the battle of Rajmahal and occupied the throne of Delhi. In 1576 during the reign of Emperor Akbar the great, many parts of Western Bengal and Northern Bengal came under the reign of the Mughals. But they could not occupy the Eastern part of Bengal i.e. today's Bangladesh very easily. The twelve Zaminders of East Bengal, popularly known as '*Baro Bhuiyan*', resisted Mughal attacks in a body. Man Singh, the commander of Mughal emperor Akbar, tried to defeat Isha Khan,

leader of the Baro Bhuiyans, but he could not. In 1610 during the reign of Emperor Jahangir, Mughal Subedar Islam Khan defeated the *Baro Bhuiyan* and occupied Dhaka.

Thus the Mughals took the possession of Bengal. This Mughal rule continued till the middle of the 19th century. In 1757, with the fall of Nawab Siraj-ud-aulah in the battle of Plassey, the rule of the Mughal dynasty finally came to an end. In this period, the power of ruling Bengal was captured by the English force. Thus, the Colonial powers started to rule over this territory.

Activity -1 What do you mean by Colonial Rule ? Explain it.

Activity-2 Name the rulers of Bengal from 300 BC to Colonial Age in order of succession.

Lesson-2: The arrival of European and the expansion of trade in Bengals

We all know that the economic condition of some European countries flourished for the discovery of mineral resources, expansion of sea-trade and development in technical and commercial fields. As a result of this, a powerful trade revolution started from 14th century. Then, the internal economic condition and economic organizations of those countries started to be stronger. So it became important for them to look for raw materials and markets for selling their products.

In 1498, Vasco-de-Gama, a Portuguese sailor reached Kalikot port of South India. This incident gave a chance for other countries to contest in the competition of expanding trade and commerce in India. Many different countries of Europe started to involve in this competition. For this purpose in 17th century Dutch India Company (Holland), Danish East India Company, British East India Company and French East India Company were established one by one. India became the target of many of these nations. Silk and many other fine clothes and the different spices of Bengal were the chief attractions for them.

The foreign merchants established big industries and earned a huge profit; they could do so by combining their capital with technical knowledge and by employing local workers to work hard. With the passage of time, English merchants became more important than the Portuguese. Besides, the French, the Danish and the Dutch merchants also established industries and conducted business in Bengal. We can have a short description of foreign merchants'

investment and business even from the description of the foreign tourists. French tourist Barnyard wrote in 1666 'The Dutch sometimes employed 7-8 hundred workers in their silk factory at Kashimbazar.' The English and the merchants of other nations also conducted business of this type. French tourist Barnyard also mentioned 22 thousand bales of Silk were produced every year only at Kashimbazar.

Running business in this way, the English merchants realized that they would get maximum facilities if they could make Permanent Trade Center. One English representative named Job Charnok bought three villages called Kolkata, Sutanoti, and Gobindopur for 1200 taka in 1690, which is later on known as Kolkata. This Kolkata becomes the main centre of commercial and political interest. This time Kolkata, Chandannagar, Chuchura and Kashimbazar started to flourish rapidly. With the flourishing of their trade centers, the English merchants also started to smuggle capital from Bengal. Because of being expert in entrepreneurship and ill business strategies, the British East India Company began to dominate the other European companies in competition. They received the right to business here by making *Kuthi* (commercial office), deploying army, and setting up industries. The East India Company's power increased after getting privilege of special permission for tax-free business in Bengal from Delhi's emperor Farrukhshiar. These facilities made the East India Company highly ambitious and greedy for political power achievement day by day. Before the Battle of Plassey and during the reigns of Mir Jafar and Mir Kashim, much of Bengal's wealth was smuggled to England. Clive himself proudly informed the British Parliament of this abundance of wealth.

Activity-1 Make a list of the European Powers that came to India.

Activity-2 How did the British East India Company spread business?

Lesson-3: The Success of Colonial Power in Bengal

It has been mentioned earlier that the English became gradually ambitious for power. As a result, there started a tussle of power regarding ruling the country between the English and the Nawab of Bengal. After the death of Nawab Alibardi Khan, his grandson, Siraj-ud-daulah, was crowned Nawab at the age of 22. Just after his coronation, he had to face two major problems. One was the difficult task of facing the English with their increasing power and addressing the attacks of Marathas; the other was to resist the conspiracy of his

Eldest-maternal aunt Ghosety Begum, the commander-in chief Mir Jafar Ali Khan and some other close associates. Siraj had also to face a third opposition. A power-greedy Indian business community emerged at big business centers with the expansion of economic activities. A group of local influential businessmen emerged. They were the Marwari businessmen coming from Rajputana. Mentionable among them were Jagat Sheth, Umichand, and so on. More than one local conspirators and the English got united against the Nawab. The incompetence of the Nawab in running administration made the opposition's footing stronger. The ultimate result is the 23rd June 1757 the defeat and tragic death of Nawab of Bengal-Bihar and Orissa at the battle of Plassey and the defeat of Bengal at the hands of English. After win, although the English made Mir Jafor the Nawab, the main ruling power rested with them. Cunning English General, Robert Clive, became all in all. However, at the battle of Boxer in 1764 with the fall of Mir Kashim, a decedent of Mir Jafor, the administrative power of Bengal formally rested with the English.

What were the reasons for successes of a foreign company, that is, a colonist power? There were some main reasons although there-

1. Incompetency, internal conflicts and conspiracy of the local rulers and Nawab's lack of experiences;
2. Continuously emerging economy and military force of the English and lack of local rulers' leadership quality and power to understand the shrewdness;
3. Improved military force, strategy of war, and leadership of the English;
4. The gap between the rulers and the ruled was so widened that the economically exploited and oppressed common people remained inactive in the tussle between the Nawab and the English. The indifference of the common people gave an advantage to the English.

Activity-1 What is the battle of Plassey?

Activity-2 Why did the English win in Bengal?

Lesson-4 & 5: The Colonial Rule and exploitation

The English Rule in this country is basically divided into two periods:

- A. The East India Company Rule (1765-1857)
- B. The British Government Rule (1858-1947)

After the battle of Boxer in 1765, Clive officially received the 'Dewani' (ownership) of Bengal-Bihar-Orissa from the last Mughal emperor of Delhi, Shah Alam. The task of collecting revenue went to the hands of the English after they had got the 'Dewani' of this area. The English also had their control over administration. Clive continued dual administration in Bengal for some period. Dual administration (diarchy) was a peculiar system. In this system, revenue collection, military control and running the administration were in the hands of the British. The Nawab was an administrator only by name. As a result, the Nawab got powerless responsibility and the Company got power without duty.

The Diarchy was an extreme curse for the people of this country. The English, after getting authority of collecting revenue, increased the amount of tax on the subjects and they gave maximum pressure to collect additional tax. Apart from this, the country faced a great famine due to draught for 3 years. This famine is known in history as the "Chhiyattorer Monontar" meaning the famine of Bangalee year 1176. Million of people died in this famine. This amount was one third of the total population of the then Bengal.

From 1773, the title of Governors General of the East India Company became Governor General. Some notable Governor Generals were Warren Hastings, Lord Cornwallis, Lord Wellesley, Lord William Bentinck, Lord Hardinge, Lord Dalhousie etc. In order to expand the British Empire in India, they took various steps including establishment of post and telecommunication and railway.

1. Land and revenue management was given to the British Governor General according to Indian administration law passed by British parliament in 1858.
2. A class of Zamindars was created by implementing 'Permanent Settlement' in 1793 and those Zamindars always remained loyal to the British.
3. British authority in the control of administration was ensured.

4. Various administrative offices, educational and commercial institutions were shifted from Murshidabad to Calcutta, transforming it into an important city. In 1772, Warren Hastings officially declared Calcutta as the capital of British India.

But it is true that English governors like Lord William Bentinck and Lord Hardinge took steps to expand education, stop early marriage and to introduce widow-marriage. They also introduced the practice of modern science. Besides, they co-operated with Bangalees like Raja Ram Mohan Roy and Ishwar Chandra Biddasagar in their attempts to eradicate some social superstitions including 'Sateedah' which means that widow will also be burnt with the dead body of her husband. Thus, a new educated civil society emerged in the country, but the greater Bangalee community was oppressed by the British rule.

The British East India Company did not stop even after getting the control of Bengal-Bihar-Orissa. The Mughal Empire faced a crisis after the death of emperor Aurongzeb. Some Nawabs and local kings started to contest the power of the Mughal Empire. Thus, the throne of Delhi became weaker consequently. Company army officers tried to expand their control in different fields.

A mutiny spread among sepoys in different barracks of British controlled reign in 1857. But the English could control this mutiny as they had sophisticated weapon-skilled soldiers. Their tricks and barbarism also helped them to this effect. After this incident, Indian Rule Act was passed in the British Parliament on 2nd August, 1858, through which the rule of the East India Company came to an end. The British Government took the direct control of India. One minister of the British cabinet was appointed as the secretary of state for India. He would run the administration of India with the help and suggestion of a 15-member advisory board. According to this law, the governor general was called 'Viceroy'. The Viceroy was representative of the British King. Lord Canning was appointed as the first Viceroy. In this way, the British Govt. established their total control over India in 1861. The British parliament instructed the Indian Govt. to form a representative parliament. A declaration was also made to form a Bengal parliament. The function of the Bengal parliament started from 1st February, 1862. At first, this parliament had 12 members; the number of members was increased to 21 in 1892. During the initial stage there was no provision for these members to be elected by voting. Later on, this parliament

became a democratic institution and this system was then introduced throughout India including Bengal. But, the control of the British Government over this parliament remained intact.

A great majority number of people during the British rule (1858-1947) were farmers; on the other hand, a small minority was the privileged Zamindar class. The number of people connected with cottage and small industries was very few. Agriculture, the backbone of economy was almost ruined during the British rule. The same was the case with the weaving industry which was once very famous. The business community of Bengal was not organized. The condition of Bengal in industry was also not worth mentioning. The women-folk lagged behind due to social norms and superstitions. The middle class society also could not become powerful. At that time, Britain was the richest country of the world while India was a British colony and a place of exploitation.

Activity-1 What is the famine of 'Chiyattar'? Explain its causes.

Activity-2 How was India ruled by the English during the reign of the East India Company?

Lesson-6 & 7: Reaction of Colonial Rule: Renaissance in Bengal and Anti-British Movement

The English wanted to make their rule stronger. With this intention they started to create an English educated class that would remain loyal to them. Warren Hastings established Kolkata Madrasa in 1781. The purpose of establishing this madrasah was to satisfy the Muslims by creating job opportunities as the Muslims were broken hearted because of losing their state. For the same reason, Sanskrit College was established for the Hindus in 1791. A new inspiration aroused the local people for coming in touch with modern education. People started to question the age-old beliefs, norms and culture. Movement against 'Sateedah' started from the Hindus; opinions were formed in favour of 'Widow-marriage'. The country witnessed a new tide which was limited but very effective in changing the age-old beliefs of the people. English missionary Sir William Kerri kept himself attached in various social activities apart from active preaching of Christianity. He was a pioneer in composing Bengalee Grammar, setting up printing machines, publishing newspapers, preparing school textbooks and

many other important social works. In this sequence, the British established schools throughout the country. Some colleges were also established for higher studies. At last Kolkata University was established in 1857 as a seat of higher education and research.

The establishment of a Printing Press at Shreerampur in 1821 also played a positive role in inspiring the people of Bengal. The printing press facilitated the printing of books and thus to spread out education among the educated people. The sensitive people now started to cast their attention to the development of the society. They started to criticize the injustice of the rulers and in the same way they made self-criticism about the injustice of the society. Many came forward to create public opinion by publishing newspapers in Bengalee language.

Raja Rammohun Roy and Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar have laid the foundation of society reform. Derozi, Vidyasagar created awareness of freedom in the open mind. Bengalee language and literature were developed by Vidyasagar, Bangkim Chandra, Michael Madhusudan and Rabindranath. the contribution to Bengalee literature of Mir Mosharrof Hossain, Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay and Kazi Nazrul Islam in also very extensive.

Though this renaissance/reawakening of Bengalee people happened at Kolkata city, the entire Bengal witnessed its indirect result. The flourishing of nationalistic feelings inspired by patriotism is another hallmark of modern education during colonial rule. The desire for independence and democratic rights started to spring up in people's mind.

The Anti-British Movement took its final origin due to the planning of the partition of Bengal in 1905 AD. But the British rulers wanted to convey that the reason behind was the benevolence of the country. That time, the periphery (boundary line) of Bengal was very large. Eastern Bengal, Western Bengal, Bihar and Orissa constituted the greater Bangla. So, it was difficult for the Kolkata based British rulers to exercise good governance in remote regions. For this, development work in Eastern Bengal, Bihar and Orissa was not possible. In 1903 British Viceroy Lord Curzon proposed that Bengal would be divided into two provinces for the sake of exercising good governance. A new province named East Bengal would be formed declaring Dhaka its capital. The control of this province would be in the hands of a Lt. Governor.

Despite the logic, the main objective was to divide the gradual increasing Anti-British Movement in Bengal. By dividing Bengal, the British Rulers wanted to breach the communal harmony between the Hindus and the Muslims. Most of the people of Eastern Bengal were Muslims. They thought that with the emergence of a new province, development work would be strengthened. But the educated Hindu leaders protested against the division of Bengal. For this reason the gap between the two communities increased. Indian National Congress was the only non-communal Indian political organization. But most of the great leaders of congress were Hindus. They raised their voice against the partition of Bengal without consulting with the Muslim leaders. So, a new calculation arose among the Muslim leaders that they would need a political platform of their own to secure their demands. Consequently in 1906 AD an organization named 'Muslim league' was formed in Dhaka. The intention of the British was materialized. The conflict between the two sects was made clear after the division of Bengal in 1905 AD. The Bangalee Hindu leaders increasingly insisted upon the British that partition of Bengal would not be wise. In fact, the partition of Bengal in 1905 was one of the manifestations of the British policy of 'Divide and Rule'.

Swadhikar Andolan

The Bangalees never accepted the British rulers without protest. Throughout the British rule, there were various resistance movements all over India including Bengal. At the forefront of this is the Sepoy Revolt of 1857. The Sepoy Revolt was the first anti-British freedom struggle. For a long time, the East India Company's economic, political exploitation, social and cultural deprivation, persecution, hurt of religious sentiments and, above all, discriminatory treatment of Indian soldiers have served as the precursors of this revolt. Sepoy Mongol Pandey and habildar Rajob Ali led this mutiny in Bengal. The rulers of different areas of India who wanted freedom joined their hands with the sepoys in this mutiny. Some of these groups are Queen Lakshmibai of Jansey and Tatiya Tupee of Moharashtra. The monarch of Delhi Bahadur Shah Jafar also supported the sepoys.

Various movements started in the whole of Bengal centering on the Partition of Bengal in 1905. These include the Swadeshi movement, the boycott movement, the Swaraj and the armed movement. Through the Swadeshi movement, various programs like boycott of British products and education; and introduction of

local products and education were taken up. Armed revolutionary movement was formed among the educated youth. This armed revolutionary activity lasted until the 1930s in the midst of a brief ups and downs. Among them are Khudiram, Bagha Jatin, Masterda Suryasen, Pritilata Waddedar and other revolutionaries. Each of them sacrificed for the country. Pritilata was the first female martyr of the anti-British movement.

Besides, various constitutional and nationalist movements were going on at the national level all over India including Bengal. Notable among these are Non-cooperation Movement, Khelaphate Movement, 'Quit India' Movement etc. Some of the notable Bangalees leaders involved in these national level movements are Netaji Subhash Bose, Chittaranjan Das, Hossain Shaheed Suhrawardy, Sher-e-Bangla A.K. Fazlul Haque and others. It should be kept in mind that despite various reasons, the British were forced to leave the country due to the pressure of these movements and struggles.

Lesson-8: Lahore Proposal and Establishment of Pakistan

Fearing the widespread nationalist movement in Bengal including India, the British rulers began to apply the principle of 'Divide and Rule' in various parts of the constitutional policy and activities. The divisions that had already arisen between the Hindu-Muslim leadership of Bengal over the partition of Bengal, gradually became a direct political dilemma at the instigation of the British. It is to be noted that the power-centered interests of the non-Bangalee Hindu and Muslim leaders of the Indian National Congress and the Muslim League were also largely responsible for this. As a result, religious and communal polarization began to take place in the ongoing nationalist politics. Gradually the Congress came to be regarded as the political party of the Hindu community and the Muslim League of Muslims, although there were many large-scale Muslim leaders in the Congress. However, as a result of the politics of division, the idea of the Lahore resolution began to work among Hindu, Muslim leaders and people in the community. The Lahore resolution, raised in 1940, called for the formation of states with Muslim-majority areas in India. On the basis of which India was divided in 1947 and two independent states named India and Pakistan were established.

At the same time, almost two hundred years of English rule came to an end. With the partition of India, Bengal was also divided into two parts - the Muslim-inhabited East Bengal was annexed to Pakistan and the

Hindu-dominated West Bengal was annexed to India. However, the Hindu and Muslim leaders of the Bengal Congress and the Muslim League did not accept this part of Bengal in the same way. Sarat Bose and Hossain Shaheed Suhrawardy were trying to establish a united Bengal state, but that attempt was not successful.

But this was not the true independence of the people of Eastern Bengal although they were freed from the British Rule. The Pakistani rulers enforced their torture and exploitation over the people of Eastern Bengal. In fact, the people of East Bengal had to start their movement again from the 14th August, 1947 to achieve independence in the real sense.

Activity-1 Write down the names of ten social reformers in Bengal.

Activity-2 Name the institutions which play an important role in Bangalee renaissance.

Activity-3 Explain the causes of nullification of the division of Bengal.

Activity-4 Explain the causes of division of India.

Exercise

MCQ

1. Who established Independent Sultanate in Bengal?

- a. Nawab Siraj-ud-dawlah b. Nawab Aliwardi Khan
c. Fakaruddin Mubarak Shah d. Ikhtiar uddin Mohammad Bin Bakhtiar Khiljee

2. The tenure of one hundred years after the death of King Shashanko is called the Age of Matsyanaya, because -

- i. mere anarchy prevailed in the country
ii. larger fishes swallowed up smaller ones
iii the rulers were incapable of good governance.

Which one of the following is correct?

- a. i & ii b. ii & iii
c. i & iii d. i, ii & iii

Read the following stem and answer the questions No. 3 and 4.

Asha's grandfather narrated a historical event to her. He told the Nawab of Bengal was liable for his ruling system but he had to depend on another authority for bearing the expenditure.

3. Which picture of governance is reflected here?

- a. Nawabi rule
- b. Dual administration
- c. Subedari rule
- d. British rule

4. As a result of circumstances narrated in the stem-

- i. economic flourishing occurred
- ii. people were in a great loss
- iii. rebel attitude developed

Which one of the following is correct?

- a. i
- b. ii
- c. iii
- d. i, ii & iii

Creative Question

Nabinpur lagged behind in education. As a result, people of this locality lagged behind in all fields. An influential and wealthy person of the locality established a primary school, a high school and a college. People of the locality gradually became educated. The people of that locality became socially conscious within the span of several years. Rayhana, an educated youth of the locality, made people conscious about female education, human rights and basic rights.

- a. Who was appointed the first Viceroy in India?
- b. Why did a great famine occur in this country in the Bengalee year of 1176?
- c. What happened in Bengal in 19th century which is similar to the situation narrated in the stem? Explain.
- d. "The steps of development workers like Rayhana paved the way of independence of India" - Justify this statement.

Chapter Two

The Liberation War of Bangladesh

On the basis of 'Two-Nation Theory' two states called India and Pakistan emerged in 1947. East Bengal was made a province of Pakistan based only on religion although there were dissimilarities in geographic position, language, and culture. This new state could not bring any freedom in the life of the people of East Bengal. Only the rulers were changed and the people of East Bengal got ruled by a new foreign ruler. Later, a new independent Bangladesh emerged in 1971 through many movements, struggles and much sacrifice. We become absolutely free from foreign rule. As an independent country the history of the emergence of Bangladesh is eventful. We have learnt details about Language Movement, formation of United Front, Six-Point Movement, Mass upsurge of 1969 and the election of 1970. We will learn about the incidents of 1970's election and the war of liberation.

By the end of this chapter we will be able to-

- express the reactions of the people and political leaders after the election of 1970;
- know the inner meaning of the Historical Speech of 7th March and explain its importance and influence;
- narrate the hellish killing of 25th March, 1970, and realize its dreadfulness;
- mention the Declaration of Independence of 26th March;
- give description of the preparation for the Liberation War and the formation and functions of the interim government;
- describe the formation of *Mukti Bahini* and assess the role;
- describe the role and functions of the Anti-liberation forces;
- explain and evaluate the nature of assistance of Bangalees in Liberation War;
- assess the role of the outer world;
- analyze the significance of the joint forces;
- give description of mass-killing and torture of Pakistani Army during the Liberation War;
- tell the story of surrender of Pakistan Army;
- explain the significance of the Liberation War;
- be regenerated with patriotism, nationalism and democratic zeal.

Lesson-I: Background of liberation War

A general election was held in Pakistan for the first time in 1970. But the Pakistani Army ruler started conspiracy without handing over power to victorious Awami League. They postponed the session of the national assembly several times. This made the president of Awami League, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, call for non co-operation movement from the beginning of March, 1971. On the 7th March, 1971 he also addressed the people to build fort in every house. As a result, the preparation of independence of the Bangalees started. On the other hand, the Pakistani armed forces started brutal mass killing on 25th March. On 26th March Bangabandhu declared the independence. Henceforth the resistance and independence of the Bangalees started. The government formed at Mujibnagar conducted the war for nine months and at last the Bangalees became victorious on 16th December, 1971.

On one side Awami League started to take preparation for accepting power and on the other side the then leader of the Pakistan People's party, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto started a conspiracy to nullify that. He created a new crisis in the politics of Pakistan by declaring that he would boycott the National Assembly to be held at Dhaka. The people of East Pakistan reacted angrily at this declaration. They took spontaneous part in all activities demanding the handover of power. Students played a pioneering role in this movement. Besides, teachers, professionals and women organizations also came forward to join the movement. Meetings and the procession were held everyday from the beginning of March, 1971 and people attended in huge numbers. Being motivated by the conspiracy of Bhutto President Yahya Khan suspended the holding of national assembly on 1st March to delay handing over power to Awami League. Scheme of all-out movement was declared that day in the parliamentary meeting of Awami League. People extended their spontaneous support. Thus, another chapter of Liberation War of Bangladesh started which is called 'Non co-operation movement'.



First Flag of Independent Bangladesh

The Awami League declared 'Hartal' in Dhaka city on 2nd March and in the whole country on 3rd March. On 2nd March, at 11am. Leaders of Dhaka University Chattra League and leaders of DUCSU (Dhaka University Central Students Union) jointly hoisted the flag which was inscribed with the map of the country. It was the first flag of independent Bangladesh which was hoisted formally in a big gathering. This flag inspired us during our liberation war. Full non co-operation movement started from 3rd March and continued up to 25th March. Students' action committee was formed on 3rd March. At this, the movement became stronger. Students' action committee pledged total confidence under the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and gave manifesto of independent sovereign Bangladesh.

Being afraid of this step, Yahya Khan in a radio speech on 6th March convened the session of National Assembly on 25th March. The undisputed leader of Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, however, could not become satisfied with this declaration of Yahya Khan. A public meeting was convened on 7th March at Racecourse ground (today's Suhrawardee Uddyan) with a view to declaring a programme for a greater movement.

Activity Give a pen picture of the conspiracy of Pakistan and the preparation of the Liberation War by the Bangalees.

Lesson-2: Historical Speech of 7th March and the Bangalees Preparation for Liberation War

In his speech of 7th March, Bangabandhu gave the declaration of running the country's administration as the elected party. He did this according to a consensus of Awami League leaders. He instructed the people to maintain non cooperation with Pakistan Government and declared the closure of courts, offices, educational institutions for an indefinite period. We know that a sovereign country is ruled with money collected in the form of tax and revenue. In his speech, he declared, "There shall be no payment of tax and revenue till my country is liberated." By observing the activities of Yahya Khan and his associate Bhutto from 1st March, 1971, Bangabandhu could understand that they would not hand over power willingly. So, he asked the people to take preparations to launch a liberation war. Side by side he also attempted to solve the problem through dialogue. To make the people ready for achieving independence by war, he told them— 'Form an action committee in each village,



7th March Speech of Bangabandhu

each area under the leadership of Awami League. Remain ready with what you have.' In his speech he also said to the people, "Make a fort in each house. You will have to face the enemy with what you have." This was a clear indication of liberating Bangladesh by guerrilla warfare. In his speech, Bangabandhu used "Bangladesh" in the presence of 10 lac people and thus he finalized the name of the future new state.

The significant side of Bangabandhu's speech was that he wanted to make people ready for war, for freedom, and for independence. He openly gave a call to fight for independence when in the later part of his speech he said, "This struggle is the struggle for our freedom, and this struggle is the struggle for our liberation." Actually this was the clear declaration of independence by Bangabandhu.

In the speech, Bangabandhu did not turn his back against the path of dialogue to settle the problem. About participation in the session of National Assembly on 25th March, he gave four pre-conditions:

1. Withdrawing martial law.
2. Handing over power to people's representatives.
3. Inquiries into mass killing by the army.
4. Taking the soldiers back to the barrack.

He instructed all to continue non-cooperation movement till these demands were met. Pakistani martial law administrators under the leadership of Yahiya Khan did not accept Bangabandhu's democratic demands and as a result, the movement for liberation became momentous.

The speech of 7th March of Bangabandhu inspired all the people of the country to fight for liberation. This speech united the people and encouraged them to make maximum sacrifice for the country. It magically transformed the Bangalee masses into a nation of heroes. So, this speech is an unprecedented example in the political history of the world. In 2017, the UNESCO has recognised 'The Historic March 7, 1971 Speech' of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as a world documentary heritage. The speech has been included in the Memory of the World International Register, a list of world's important documentary heritage maintained by the UNESCO. This is for the first time the UNESCO recognise any such document as a world heritage which was a speech without any script and thus unwritten.

After this speech, the united people took active part in the non-cooperation movement and spontaneously took part in the fight for freedom. Schools, colleges, offices, mills and factories of the whole country were closed at the order of Bangabandhu. Agitated people started to resist Pakistan's forces in different places. There was no collection of tax and revenue. The control of Bangabandhu was established everywhere except in the cantonments. Bangladesh was then ruled not by the Governor's house, cantonment, or the secretariat but by the house (677 no.) of Bangabandhu at Dhanmandi, Road 32. This house became the office of the Government. Tajuddin Ahmed, General Secretary of the party, continued to implement the instructions of Bangabandhu from the head quarter of Awami League. Realizing the gravity of the situation, Yahya Khan arrived in Dhaka on 15th March and proposed negotiations with Bangabandhu. Negotiation started on 16th March. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto took part in the negotiation. Finding negotiation futile Yahiya Khan left Dhaka on the night of 25th March. The wrath of the Pakistan Army fell upon the Bangalees at midnight that day. Pakistani soldiers mercilessly killed many innocent Bangalees on that black night.

Activity-1 Describe the conspiracy of Pakistan and the preparation of Bangalees in the context of Liberation War.

Activity-2 Write in short your idea about the non cooperation movement of 71. You will write what you have learnt about this from classroom discussion and studying this chapter.

Activity-3 You all listen to 7th March speech of Bangabandhu in your classroom. Now write your opinion about this.

Lesson-3: The Hellish Genocide of 25th March

Genocide conducted by Pakistani soldiers on the night of 25th March, 1971 in the then East Pakistan was named 'Operation Search Light.' Though this operation started on the night of 25th March, its preparation had started from the beginning of March. A ship named M. V. Swayat loaded with arms and weapons reached Chattogram port from West Pakistan on 3rd March. President Yahiya stayed at Dhaka from 15th-24th March in the name of discussion with Bangabandhu, but actually he stayed at Dhaka to supervise the preparation of 'Operation Search Light.'

According to 'Operation Search Light', the responsibility of conducting genocide in Dhaka city was given to Major General Rao Forman Ali of Pakistani army. According to the plan, Pakistani soldiers wanted to take control of EPR headquarters at Peelkhana and Rajarbag Police Lines. The primary responsibilities of the soldiers were to attack Dhaka University, Dhaka Engineering University, to arrest Bangabandhu, to control telephone exchange, radio, television, state bank, communication system of Dhaka city and to arrest Awami League leaders and to seize the arms of all Bangalee soldiers of Rajshahi, Jashore, Khulna, Rangpur, Syedpur and Cumilla cantonments and all members of EPR, Ansar and Police departments. To keep Chattogram port and other important settlement under their control was also the target of Pakistani soldiers. Outside Dhaka,



Mass killing at Dhaka University

this operation was conducted by General Khadem Hossain Raja. The head of this operation was Lt. General Tikka Khan.

Pakistani soldiers came out at the streets from Dhaka Cantonment at 11.30 pm. on 25th March. A procession in support of liberation became the first target of Pakistani soldiers at Farmgate. At the same time, attack was carried on at Peelkhana and Rajarbagh Police Lines. Bangalee soldiers tried to resist Pakistani soldiers; but they had no arms and preparation capable of resisting the planned attack of well armed soldiers. As a result, Pakistani soldiers mercilessly killed many of them on that night.

Attack was conducted in the halls of Dhaka University at dead of night. Pakistani soldiers entered Iqbal Hall (now surgent Jahurul Huq Hall) Jagannath Hall and Liakat Hall of Engineering University and killed many innocent sleeping students. They conducted mass killing also at Dhaka Hall (Shahidullah Hall), Rokeya Hall and University residential area. 10 teachers and 300 students and employees of Dhaka University were killed during the genocide in March. The railway slums near Jahurul Huq Hall were on fire and the result of this was heavy destruction. 7-8 thousand innocent people were killed on the night of 25th March.

Pakistani soldiers conducted attack in the cantonments, EPR base and in other places outside Dhaka city and killed a good number of people. In this way, the Pakistani soldiers could take the control of all police and EPR settlements from the beginning of 'Operation Search Light.' Many innocent persons were killed in these areas.

According to the plan of 'Operation Search Light', the Pakistani soldiers arrested Bangabandhu from his 32 no. Dhanmondi house at 1.30 am. on 25th March (at the start of 26th March). Before being arrested, Bangabandhu declared independence and gave a clarion call to his countrymen to launch war.

Activity -1 Dramatize the genocide conducted under 'Operation Search light'.

Activity -2 Describe the frightening picture of 'Operation Search Light'.

Lesson-4: Declaration of Independence by Bangabandhu on 26th March

The declaration of Independence by Bangabandhu in the first hour of 26th March was a very significant event in the history of Liberation War. What did Bangabandhu say in his declaration of independence? He said, *"This is perhaps my last speech. Bangladesh is independent from today. I urge upon all the people of Bangladesh to face the occupation forces with all what you have. You will have to carry on the war till the last soldier of Pakistani force is driven away and ultimate independence is achieved."*



Father of the nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

This declaration was sent to Chattogram by wireless. The Awami League leaders of Chattogram came forward to broadcast this. There were some enthusiastic and patriotic employees at Chattogram radio centre. They converted Kalurghat Relay Station into the 'Independent Bangalee Revolutionary Radio Centre'. Abdul Hannan, general secretary of Chattogram Awami League, broadcast this message of declaration on behalf of Bangabandhu at noon on 26th March. Major Ziaur Rahman read out the declaration of independence on 27th March from the same radio centre on behalf of Bangabandhu. This declaration of independence on behalf of Bangabandhu broadcast by the wireless centre created inspiration and expectation at all levels. With the declaration of independence on behalf of Bangabandhu on 26th March, the Liberation War got a real shape.

Though the preparation of Liberation War of Bangladesh was sporadic at the initial stage, gradually it turned into a civil war. The members of Army, EPR, Police, and Ansars joined all types of people such as farmers, workers, students, and youths in this war under the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Activity Write briefly about Bangabandhu's declaration as well as other declarations relating with independence with the help of your teachers.

Lesson-5: Preparation of Liberation War and the Formation of Temporary Government

The Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh that formed during Liberation War was known by different names. This is sometimes called "Temporary Bangladesh Government" and again it is sometimes called "Exile Bangladesh Government." But this is widely known as 'Mujibnagar Government'. The Liberation War was conducted and independence was gained under the leadership of Mujibnagar or Bangladesh Government.

Mujibnagar or Bangladesh Government was formed on 10th April 1971. The cabinet was formed and the declaration charter of independence was officially approved on the same day. Bangabandhu's declaration of independence broadcast on 26th March was also officially approved that day. Members of Mujibnagar Government took oath on 17th April, 1971. The oath taking ceremony was conducted by Professor Yusuf Ali.

Awami League chairman Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was the president of Mujibnagar Government. (official commander-in-chief of the armed forces). Syed Nazrul Islam became vice-president (acting president and commander-in-chief of liberation war during the absence of Bangabandhu) and Tajuddin Ahmed became Prime Minister. Other three ministers were: Finance Minister M. Monsur Ali, Home, Relief and Rehabilitation Minister A.H.M. Kamaruzzaman, Foreign Affairs and Law Minister Khandaker Mushtaq Ahmed.

Activities of Bangladesh Government (Mujibnagar Government)

Activities of Mujibnagar Government can broadly be divided into two types: a) Civil administration b) Military activities.

For the conduct of administration in each country there are different ministries and different directorates under these ministries. Mujibnagar Govt. had also ministries and directorates. These are: Defense, Foreign Affairs, Finance, Industry and Commerce, Cabinet-secretariat, General administration, Health and family planning, Relief and Rehabilitation, Engineering Department, Planning Commission, Youth and Reception Camp Control Boards, Establishment local administration, Information and broad casting, Home Affairs, Parliamentary Affairs, Agriculture etc. Bangladesh was divided into 11 administrative zones.

Members of parliament or the leaders of Awami League were given the charge of their respective areas. A eight-member advisory board under the leadership of Tajuddin Ahmed was formed with the objective of establishing national unity

during Liberation War period. Apart from Awami League leaders, senior leader Mawlana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani, Communist Party chief Moni Singh, NAP (Muzaffar) leader Muzaffar Ahmed and Congress leader Monoranjan Dhar were the members of this advisory board. Besides, planning commission of Mujibnagar government was also formed with Dhaka University Prof. Dr. Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury as its chairman.

Activity Describe Bangladesh Government (Mujibnagar Government)

Lesson-6: Formation of *Mukti Bahinee* and its Activities

Mujibnagar Government started to take massive programme for the smooth conduct of Liberation War. M.A.G. Osmany was the chief general of freedom fighters. Besides, Col. (ret'd) Abdur Rob was the chief of staff. Group captain A.K. Khondaker was the deputy chief of staff.

11 Sectors of Liberation War: For the convenience of smooth conduct of the war, Bangladesh was divided into 11 sectors and 11-sector commanders were appointed. Each sector was again divided into some sub-sectors. The sectors are described below:

Sector No-1: Chattogram, Chattogram Hill Tracts and area up to Feni River.

Sector No-2: Noakhali, Akhaura, Cumilla district up to Bhairab railway station, Habiganj of Sylhet district, some parts of Dhaka and Faridpur districts.

Sector No-3: Akhaura, Cumilla district from the east of Bhairab railway line, Sylhet, some parts of Dhaka district and Kishoreganj.

Sector No-4: Eastern part of Sylhet district, Khoyai-Sayestaganj rail line and all regions in the east and south up to Dawki road.

Sector No-5: Western part of Sylhet district, from Sylhet-Dawki road up to Sunamganj-Mymensingh road.

Sector No-6: Rangpur and Thakurgaon subdivisions (now district) of Dinajpur.

Sector No-7: Southern part of Dinajpur district, Rajshahi, Pabna and Bogura districts.

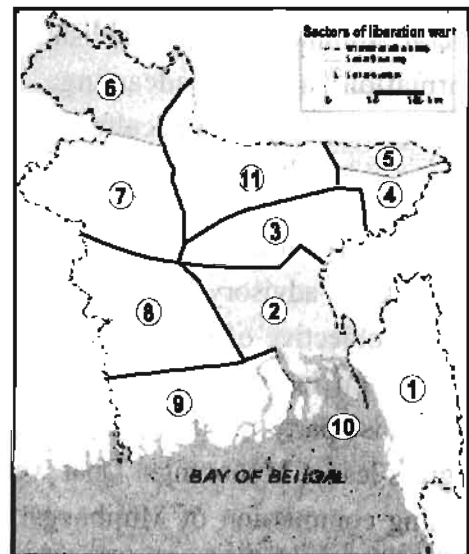


Fig : Sectors in Map

Sector No-8: Kushtia, Jashore, greater part of Faridpur, and up to Dawlatpur– Satkhira road of Khulna.

Sector No-9: From Dawlatpur-Satkhira road up to southern part of Khulna district, some parts of Faridpur district, Barishal and Patuakhali.

Sector No-10: Under this sector, there were naval commandos, minority ethnic groups, areas of the sea and internal naval routes.

Sector No-11: Mymensingh and Tangail except Kishoreganj.

Brigade Forces

The entire war field was divided into three brigade forces besides 11 sectors and other sub-sectors. Forces were named with the 1st letter of the commanders of the brigades. Major Ziaur Rahman was the commander of 'Z Force', Major A.K.M. Safiullah was the commander of 'S Force' and Major Khaled Mosharraf was the commander of 'K Force'.

Regular and Occasional Force

Freedom fighters were divided into two groups; 1. Regular Force and 2. Occasional (Temporary) Force.

1. Regular force: This force consisted of Bangalee soldiers of different units of East Bengal Regiment. They were officially named M.F. (Muktifauz). Bangladesh Government formed Army, Air force and Navy as the regular force during Liberation War.



Guerrilla Operation at Kamalapur Railway Station

2. Occasional (Temporary) Force: This force consisted of students, youths, workers, farmers and freedom fighters of all other levels. This force was formed as occasional/ temporary force under different sectors. The official name of this force was 'Gano Bahinee' or F.F (Freedom Fighters). Members of this force were sent to conduct guerrilla war in their own areas. Besides, 'Mujib Bahinee' was formed with the selected workers of Chattra League. Communist Party (Muzaffar), NAP (Bhasani) and students union had their own guerrilla forces.

Regional Force: Some forces were formed in different regions outside sector areas. Prominent among them are: 'Kaderia Bahinee' (Tangail), 'Afsar Battalion' (Bhaluka, Mymensingh), 'Baten Bahinee' (Tangail), 'Hemayet Bahinee'

(Gopalganj, Barishal), 'Halim Bahinee' (Manikganj), 'Akbar Bahinee' (Magura), 'Latif Mirza Bahinee' (Sirajganj, Pabna) and 'Zia Bahinee' (Sundarban). Besides, a guerrilla group was formed at Dhaka known as 'Crack Platoon'. The function of the members of this guerrilla force was to blast bomb in big settlements of Dhaka city, electricity centers, Hotel Intercontinental, Banks and Television centre. Thus they raised fear in the hearts of Pakistani soldiers and Government Naval commanders of freedom fighters made a name in the entire world when they destroyed 10 ships of Chattogram port and 50 ships at Mongla port in just only one day. This naval operation was known as 'Operation jack pot'.

Contribution of women

In any war, women are assaulted most. Women were directly involved in the War of Liberation of Bangladesh. Women's participation in frontline warfare, their role as co-combatants and as service providers in the battlefield had contributed immensely. Standing before death, women sent children, brothers and husbands to the war with a smiling face. They had been victims of killing, destruction and brutality. Again, they contributed to the liberation war by hiding weapons, providing shelter and food to the freedom fighters, providing information, as an organizer, motivating through cultural activities. After all, women sustained Bangladesh by keeping their families alive amid the horrors of war. The valiant freedom fighters Taraman Bibi and Dr. Sitara Begum have been conferred with the title of Virpratik for their outstanding contribution in the War of Liberation.

Activity-1 Point out the sectors of Liberation War drawing a map of Bangladesh.

Activity-2 Describe the formation and activities of Bangladesh Government (Mujibnagar Government).

Lesson-7: Activities and role of people who were against the Liberation War

According to the then statistics, almost seven and a half crore people lived in Bangladesh and almost all of them were in favour of Liberation War. But a limited number of our people were against it. They collaborated with Pakistani forces betraying the interest of the countrymen.

This opposition force wanted to use religion in their attempt to help the Pakistani forces to maintain the unity of Pakistan.

These anti-liberation forces fueled a reign of terror in the whole country by killing, looting, setting houses on fire and torturing the women. They prepared a list of the people who supported and helped the Liberation War and freedom fighters respectively. Then they handed over this list to the Pakistani forces. They tortured our people more than the Pakistani forces did.

Some organizations were formed during Liberation War. The function of these organizations was to help and assist the Pakistani forces.

Peace Committee

'Dhaka Civil Peace Committee' consisting of 140 members was formed on 9th April. Among the members of this committees were the leaders of Jamate Islami, Nezame Islami, PDP and Muslim League; all of them opposed the Liberation War. The Activities of the peace committees formed in the middle of April expanded up to districts, thanas and even up to union councils and wards level. Truly speaking, members of these committees guided the Pakistani forces in every nook and corner of Bangladesh.

Rajakar

Jamaat leader Maulana AKM Yusuf formed the first Razakar Bahini in Khulna in May 1971 with pro-Pakistani activists to support the Pakistan military forces during the Liberation War. 1st June, Lieut. General Tikka Khan issued the East Pakistan Razakar Ordinance recognizing it as an ally of the Pakistan Army. Gradually, the Razakar militia was formed all over the country. But its leadership was in the hands of pro-Pakistan local leaders. This despised and damned force is accused for killing, arson, loot, women oppression and crime against humanity throughout the country.

Al-Badr

Members of Al-Badr were even deadlier. This Bahinee (force) consisted of students of Islami Chattra Shangha of Jamati Islami students' organization and it is the Al-Badr members who executed the Pakistani plan of kidnap, torturing and killing the intellectuals in the beginning of December.

Al-Shams

Another organization similar to Al-Badr was Al-Shams. Student fronts of Muslim League and other political parties jointly formed Al-Shams Bahinee.

Dr. Malik Cabinet

The Pakistan Government removed military governor general Tikka Khan and replaced him with civil governor Dr. Abdul Mutalib Malik. The Pakistan Government did

this with a view to misguiding the outside world. A civil government opposed to Liberation War was formed under him on 17th September. There were ten ministers in the cabinet of Dr. Malik. They supported the military Janta and worked against Liberation War. They conducted their anti-liberation activities through speeches, reports and instructions. This government was compelled to resign on 14th December.

Activity Give a description of different parties and organizations who opposed our liberation war.

Lesson-8: The Help and Assistance from Home and Abroad in Liberation War

A. The Role of Expatriated Bangalees

Bangalees living in different countries of the world during liberation period started to unite together in protest of genocide and in support of Liberation War. Expatriates living in European countries used United Kingdom as the centre of movement. Bangalees living in United States, Japan, Sweden, France, Canada and Indonesia also responded in support of the movement. They arranged meetings and seminars in protest of genocide and moulded public opinion and collected money in support of Liberation War. Some of them even went to India to take part in the Liberation War. Mujibnagar Government appointed Dhaka University Vice-chancellor justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury as special ambassador to mould public opinion for Liberation War in outside world. He tried to get public support and create public opinion in support of it. Bangalee officers serving at the embassies in Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States, Iraq, Philippines, Argentina, India and Hong Kong were prominent among those who extended their support for Bangladesh sacrificing their life and jobs. Their resignation and allegiance to Bangladesh government made a revolution in the entire world. Representatives of 47 UN countries discussed the Bangladesh problem on the initiative of Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury. As a result of this, Pakistan government was compelled to suspend the killing of Bangabandhu. At the beginning of the War of Liberation in April, a group of expatriated Bangalee females brought out a protest rally, moved along different roads, and then submitted a memorandum to the official residence of the British Prime Minister. In June, the Bangladesh Mohila Samity organized a misil/rally in support of the liberation war of Bangladesh. That group of agitating people submitted a memorandum to the official residence of the British Prime Minister.

Bangladesh Government (Mujibnagar Government) established two missions: one at Delhi and the other at Kolkata during the beginning of Liberation War. The first mission was established at Kolkata. Besides, Mujibnagar Government established missions also at Washington, New York and London. These missions arranged processions, gatherings, and functions and contributed to mould opinions of parliament members and in educational institutes including universities.

B. Role of Other Countries of the World

Many big and small countries, especially neighboring India, Soviet Union, the USA, and China got involved in the war in different ways with the Liberation War of Bangladesh. Among the countries, India and Soviet Union directly helped our liberation war. On the other side, China and United States favoured Pakistan.

India

The role of India is important to draw the attention of the world to our War of Liberation. Indian Government criticized the genocide of Pakistani forces which started from 25th March. The genocide that began in excuse of solving internal problems in Bangladesh, Shrimoti Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister of India, paid attention to the international communities. She visited various countries in Europe for about three weeks for this purpose. In those visits, she exchanged views with the heads of states, diplomats, and the teachers and students of different universities regarding the War of Liberation of Bangladesh. She met Nixon, the President of America, in November. Besides, she met the officials of Bangladesh Mission in Washington. Apart from this, different leaders, officers also toured many countries with her to gather support and mould opinions in favour of Bangladesh.



Refugee Camp



Visiting Refugee Camp by Shrimoti Indira Gandhi

Indian Government gave shelter to about one crore refugees who crossed the border to save themselves from genocide. Indian Government took all

responsibilities for their food and lodging. The Indian Government introduced a new tax named 'Refugee tax' to meet up the expenses of Bangalee refugee camps. Armed training was given to Bangalee youths in India from the last part of April and this continued up to November. Besides, India also helped to run the functions of exile Government at Kolkata and to set up 'Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra' of Bangladesh Government.

Four thousand officers and soldiers of Indian armed forces sacrificed their life in the battle fields for the independence of Bangladesh. Indian people of all levels extended spontaneous support and came forward to render all possible help in our liberation war. Most of the Indian political parties, non-Government organizations, writers, artistes, intellectuals, professionals all stood by the side of us. A concert was organized by Indian famous Artist Rabi Sanker named 'Concert for Bangladesh'. British singer George



George Harrison at the Concert for Bangladesh

Harrison joined in this concert. The money that was earned from the concert given to Bangladesh Government (Mujibnagar Government).

Soviet Union

The then Soviet Union played a very significant role in favour of our liberation war. Soviet Union was with Bangladesh from the beginning till the end of our liberation war. The Soviet president Podgorni wrote a letter to President Yahya in the beginning of April to stop genocide in Bangladesh. Soviet Union decided to prolong cease fire when war finally broke out on 3rd December. Their aim was to give joint command, necessary time and opportunity. The Soviet Union used its right of veto in UN Security Council to maintain cease fire at any cost till the joint command could capture Dhaka. Their aim became successful.

United States

The Government policy of United States supported Pakistan during the liberation war of Bangladesh. In the beginning, US Government helped Pakistan by giving arms and support. But US opposition parties supported our Liberation War. US Government had to give financial support to Bangalee refugees living in India under the pressure of internal opposition parties.



Visiting refugees camp by Edward Kennedy

India-Pakistan war broke out on 3rd December in 1971. Since then United States adopted anti-Indian pro-Pakistani policy. This role of USA went against Bangladesh. At this time, USA sent the 7th

fleet to Indian Ocean to help Pakistan. But observing international reaction, USA then did not put the 7th fleet to work. USA also conducted diplomatic efforts for a cease fire when Pakistan was on the verge of defeat and thus wanted to make our Liberation War meaningless. But USA parliament congress and many members of Senate, different Newspapers, artistes, writers, intellectuals and politicians, people of all levels played a role in favour of Liberation War of Bangladesh.

The foreign pressmen started to collect information about the genocide and destruction done by Pakistan. They started this from the date when 'Operation Search Light' commenced from 25th March, 1971. It is they who first spread the message of genocide and barbarity committed in Bangladesh to the outside world. Simon Dring is a journalist of this type. Pakistan Government made some foreign journalists visit some areas of Bangladesh in the middle of 1971. They were allowed to visit only some occupied areas. Pakistan Government then asked them to make a positive report in their favour. But their attempt did not work. Having the spot idea of everything, they came to know all about atrocities of Pakistani forces and they wrote about the facts. They made it known to world people by radios and newspapers. BBC journalist Mark Tally made news in favour of liberation war during the entire time. Besides, many Bangalee journalists, though living in an occupied country, sent news outside at the risk of their lives.

They had to pay a heavy price for this to the enemies. Nizamuddin and Nazmul Huq, two martyrs of '71 are the journalists of this type. Besides, Akash Bani, BBC and VOA broadcast news in support of our liberation war. "Sangbad Porikroma" a news roundup broadcast by Akash Bani was a very popular programme. Debdulal Bandopaddhay became known to every house by reading out this news. Different programmes of Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra including 'Bajra Kontho' and 'Charampatra' inspired the listeners during Liberation War. At this time M.R. Aktar Mukul awakened Bangalees with the feelings of Liberation War by reading 'Charampatra'.

Activity-1 Give a description of pro and anti powers of Liberation War of Bangladesh.

Activity-2 Describe the significant role played by the expatriate Bangalees in organizing the Liberation War.

Activity-3 Describe the role of India in Liberation War.

Activity-4 Prepare a wall magazine based on Liberation War of Bangladesh collecting information and pictures from libraries, museums and other sources.

Lesson-9: Final war under the command of joint force

Liberation War was conducted sector-wise by Mujibnagar Government. As a result of this, our freedom fighters could face the attacks of Pakistani forces with courage from the month of May, 1971. Trained Guerrilla fighters entered the country from June and they started heavy attacks upon the Pakistani forces. At this, Pakistani soldiers became defensive. Indian forces began to help freedom fighters in the war field from the middle of November.



Command of joint force

On 13th November, two battalions of Indian soldiers built bases with tanks at Jashore. Bangladesh and the Indian Government formed a joint command on 21st November with a view to launching stronger attack upon Pakistani forces. Indian forces that helped freedom fighters during liberation war were called 'Mitra Bahinee' (Allied Force). The liberation war got a momentum with the formation of joint command.

Pakistan-India war broke out in December when Pakistan Air force attacked some of the Indian air bases on 3rd December. Then an attack started in Bangladesh border under the command of joint force. Air raid was also conducted side by side at different important places. India recognized Bangladesh as a sovereign country on 6th December. Joint force entered Jashore the next day when Jashore air port was occupied. During the next two days, on 8th and 9th December, Cumilla, Brahmanbaria and Noakhali came under the control of allied force (Mitra Bahinee). On 10th December Hotel Intercontinental was declared as neutral zone and all foreigners and diplomats living at Dhaka were given shelter there. The British and the citizens of other countries were evacuated by a special flight from Dhaka that day. Mymensingh, Hilee, Kushtia, Khulna, Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dinajpur and Sirajganj were liberated between 11th and 12th December.

Last war of the joint forces

Joint forces conducted air raids over different military settlements at Dhaka on 12th December. Joint forces started to proceed towards Dhaka from all directions. Meanwhile, Pakistani forces started to surrender in different war fields on the border. Sycophant governor of East Pakistan Dr. Malik resigned out of fear and took shelter at neutral zone i.e. Hotel Intercontinental along with his ministers. By 14th December, Pakistan force surrendered in almost all big towns and cantonments except Dhaka. The war of Pakistani force ended that very day. Dhaka city was then surrounded by joint forces. The surrender of Pakistani force was imminent. To facilitate the surrender, both sides agreed to a cease fire up to 3pm. on 16th December at the call of General Sam Manekshaw, the commander in chief of Allied Force.



Governor house attacked by joint forces

Activity-1 Write in short about freedom force, allied force and joint force.

Activity-2 Collect the pictures of Bangladesh liberation war and jointly arrange an exhibition.

Lesson-10: Genocide (Mass Killing) and Tortures

The occupation Pakistani force conducted mass killing mercilessly during the entire 9 months of liberation war. They started killing the unarmed Bengalees from the midnight of 25th March. They attacked the cantonment, EPR directorate, Police Lines, Ansar Barracks and started to kill and arrest the Bangalee members from that very night. Besides, in different parts of Dhaka city including Dhaka University, BUET and Tatibazar they continued genocide and set fire to the houses of the people. Professor Govinda Chandra Dev, Jyotirmoy Guha Thakurota of Dhaka University was the victim of genocide this night. Politician Shahid Mashiur Rahman and many others were taken away; those who were detained and tortured to death.

'Kill at the first sight' was the policy of Pakistani force to Awami League leaders and workers. The minority Hindu community was then the main victim of their merciless killing. The homes, houses, shops, *mahallas* and villages of Hindu members were looted and set on fire. Artistes, litterateurs and intellectuals were the special targets of Pakistani soldiers and their associates. They killed the intellectuals at a mass scale from the beginning till the end of liberation war with a view to making the country barren and devoid of merit. Prominent personalities like Shahid Saber, Ranada Prasad Saha, Nutun Chandra Singh, politician Dhirendranath Dutta, musician Altaf Mahmud were the victims of this merciless killing.

Inside the country, people were seized. Many went into hiding and remained hidden for the entire 9 months of the war because of the Pakistani army, Rajakar and Al-Badr. About one crore people were compelled to leave the country and take shelter in India. Many children died in refugee camps in India because of malnutrition and diseases. Misfortune also came down in the life of the old and the women. In the same manner, seized people inside the country also became victims of mass killing by Pakistani forces and their collaborators. The most heinous genocide in the history was occurred at Cuknagar of Dumuria in Khulna by the Pakistani soldier.

The Muslim League and Jamati Islami Leaders of the country formed Rajakar, Al-Badr, Al-shams to help the Pakistani force. The leaders of these forces were

Matiur Rahman Nizami, Ali Ahsan Mohammad Muzahid, Kader Molla and Kamaruzzaman. They took position against Bangladesh, liberation war and the freedom loving people of the country. With their assistance Pakistani force killed millions of people in Bangladesh. Rajakar, Al-Badr, Al-shams forces were directly involved in looting, setting fire on houses and *hat-bazar*, and torturing women.

On 3rd December, 1971 when the defeat of the Pakistani force was almost certain they made plan to make Bangladesh barren of merit. According to this plan, they mercilessly killed the greatest sons of the soil: intellectuals, teachers, journalists, doctors and musicians. Literateur Professor Munir Chowdhury, friction writer Anowar Pasha, literateur and journalist Shahidullah Kaiser, Journalist Nizamuddin and Sirajuddin Hossain, Writer Selina Parveen and Meherunnesa, Dr. Fazle Rabby and Dr. Alim Chowdhury and others were the victims of these merciless killing. Most of the valiant sons of nation were picked up from 10 to 14th December 1971. So, every year we celebrate 14th December as 'Intellectual Martyrdom Day.' After the victory, the bodies of these valiant sons of nation were found in various places including Rayer Bazar. The Pakistani aggressors and their local collaborators Rajakar, Al-Badr and Al-Shams are responsible for this crime.

In their attempt to conduct this planned genocide, Pakistani forces and their collaborators set up torture chambers in this country. Among the torture chambers and mass graves the big ones are located at Rayer Bazar at Dhaka, Pahartali at Chattogram, Khalishpur at Khulna and Shamser Nagar at Moulovibazar.

This genocide continued in the entire country during the whole of 9 months. Though the story is very cruel and frightening, we should have at least some idea about the nature of torture of Pakistani forces and their collaborators. They used to torture the captured persons in different manners and then killed them. It was a common incident to tie hands and legs and then shoot and throw the dead bodies into the river, ditch or water. Besides, the captured persons were shot down after amputating the different parts of body one after another. Other cruel types of tortures were: to take out eyes, to break the head into pieces by hitting, to deform the face, to take out the heart by using bayonet and sharp knives, to push needle into the fingers, to lift nail, to cut skin and then apply salt and pepper. Some people could somehow manage to escape from prisons torture chambers and death cells of Pakistani forces. The description of torture given by them is so frightening that it cannot be expressed in words.

Activity-1 Make a team to collect the photographs of liberation martyrs and then make an album with their identity.

Activity-2 Arrange a programme in your institution to give reception to freedom fighters and to hear their experiences.

Lesson-11: Surrender of Pakistani forces

The liberation war of Bangladesh came to an end on 16th December 1971. Pakistani forces accepted their tragic defeat and surrendered to the Joint Forces that day. Through this, we got our dear motherland Bangladesh.

The function of surrender was headed by Lt. General Zagzit Singh Aurora, the commander of the joint forces. Group captain A.K. Khandokar, the deputy chief of Mukti Bahinee, was present there as a representative of Mujibnagar Government. The Racecourse ground was overcrowded by the people to observe the scene of surrender. The atmosphere of Dhaka echoed with the sound of 'Joy Bangla'. Lt. General Aurora and Lt. General Niyazee signed the documents of surrender at Racecourse Ground sitting at a table under the open sky on behalf of their respective sides. Ninety three (93) thousand Pakistani soldiers were imprisoned.

Thus, owing to the heroic fight of our freedom fighters, the strong desire of our people for freedom, the strong unity of all countrymen, active help of allied force (Mitra Bahinee) and the support of people all over the world together resulted in the successful completion of our Liberation War only in 9 months. We got independent sovereign Bangladesh at the cost of 30 lac martyrs.

Activity Describe the scene of surrender at the Racecourse ground.



Signing the Document of Surrender



Expression of Victory by Freedom Fighters on 16th December

1. Creative Questions



Picture-1

Genocide scene of the 2nd World War



Picture-2

Expedition scene of joint force during the Liberation War of Bangladesh

- a. Who signed the Document of Surrender on behalf of the joint force?
- b. Explain the idea of mass killing.
- c. Which historical incident is indicated in picture- I?
- d. Did the activities of the force mentioned in picture-2 expedite the independence of Bangladesh? Analyse it.

2. Nasif's father was a university student during the liberation war. He went to Satkhira to take training and took part in the liberation war there. Our neighbouring country helped us in the war by providing different trainings. It also raised public opinion and thus assisted us.

- a. When was the flag of independent Bangla hoisted officially?
- b. When was the joint force formed?
- c. Of which sector Nasifs father was the member? Explain.
- d. 'The co-operation of the country mentioned in the stem expedited the independence of our country'. Evaluate it.

Chapter Three

Cultural Change and Development of Bangladesh

By culture we generally mean the means and ways of living of the people of a society. It means, culture is our way of life. What man creates to sustain his existence and to fulfill his basic needs is his culture. Mainly this type of work or creation of man is of two types. The one is material and the other is abstract. Culture is also divided into two groups- material culture and abstract culture. Material Culture includes houses, utensils, furniture, and production instruments. On the other hand, abstract culture consists of skill, knowledge, thoughts and opinions, behaviours, beliefs, ideals, music, literature and art etc. Culture is changeable. Due to their life and livelihood they change their daily commodities and consuming goods. It also brings change in their thoughts. People invented tools, weapons and new ways of works. These are called cultural development. We have learnt in class VII about the diversity of culture of Bangladesh. In this chapter, we will learn about the cultural change, development of Bangladesh and also the art & culture of Bangalees.

By the end of this chapter we will be able to-

- explain what culture is and what cultural change is;
- narrate how cultural change and development idea are connected together;
- describe the characteristics of cultural change and development idea;
- explain different aspects of cultural change and development;
- analyze how cultural change and development are taking place in Bangladesh;
- tell about the art and culture of the Bangalees;
- follow developed culture and earn the ability to adapt ourselves to it,
- be aware of our culture and respectful to it.

Lesson-1: Cultural Change and Development Idea of Bangladesh

Man lives together in society. He creates many things to meet up his demand. All his creative works are culture. The form of culture varies in terms of society and place. The people and society of Bangladesh have their own culture. The culture of this country is not static in a place. Our culture also changes keeping pace with the environment, atmosphere and time. In culture, positive and expected change is called development. Culture is transferred from one generation to another. Thus through this process of transfer some changes occur in culture. Again culture may change coming in touch with another culture. This is called cultural change.

Whatever the change is, culture is not static. Culture may alter within the environment where man lives or this change may take place by the external elements.

Generally development means anything that attains fulfillment gradually from the start. There was a time when development meant expected economic change or economic progress. But, according to the sociologists, development means social development. So, real development refers to the improvement of people's standard of living. Usually, development or social development is a kind of social change. As social development causes cultural change, also cultural changes bring about development, for example, the use of tractor in place of plough is a material cultural change. As a result of this, production in agriculture has increased which has improved people's standard of living. Thus cultural and social change and development combinedly improve society.

Activity What type of change do you think is it to take rice and fish along with burger?

Lesson-2: Social Change and Characteristics of Development

We have learnt social change, development from the above lesson. Now the traits of social change are discussed below-

1. The aim of development is to improve the living standard of all the people of the society, to reduce or eradicate exploitation and discrimination, and to use knowledge, science and technology for the welfare of human beings. Again, the means and ways of living of the people of a society is culture, so the development of knowledge and technology indicates the development of culture. That means, cultural change is a characteristic of development.

2. Abstract culture does not change so fast as material culture does. So, this imbalance in cultural change creates problems in the society and ultimately hinders development. This rapidity in cultural change is a trait of it.

3. Development prioritizes to fulfill the basic needs of man. When the basic need of man is fulfilled, society improves and development is expedited. So changes are found at different levels of the society.

4. A characteristic of cultural change and development is that change does not always gradually go upward in a straight line. Sometimes cultural change goes downward. So both upward and downward movements are called changes. One is positive and the other is negative. But development indicates upward or positive change. So cultural change is the positive change in culture. For example, due to satellite culture, we have both positive and negative changes. The positive change can be defined as cultural development.

5. Both cultural change and development take place within a time limit. This is another trait of change. For example, Old Stone Age and New Stone Age are two periods. There are differences between the cultures of these two periods. These differences have been created with change of time. So many tools of Old Stone Age have developed in New Stone Age. This is cultural development or change.

Activity Compare between cultural change and cultural development.

Lesson-3: Different Elements of Cultural Change and Development

We know culture is not static. Change is the nature of culture. Though there are differences among the cultures of different groups, there continues addition and deduction in them. New cultural change and development take place with the cultural difference of a time. There are some reasons for this cultural variation.

Span of Culture: Generally, two cultures come in contact and change each other. The more frequent and longer lasting this closeness becomes, the more the cultural exchanges happen. One culture will receive something of the other through this process. This moving tendency of culture and its spread from one society to another are called the span of culture. That means, culture spreads through the mixture of cultures. The span of culture has widened because of globalization and technological development.

Culturization: The process of receiving the elements of other culture and making them of one's own by keeping the original one untouched is called culturization. Culturization is strong in our country because she is ruled several times by external rulers. The touch of different culture is the reason of culturization. For example, the English ruled us two hundred years. So many English words have got mixed with our language.

Cultural Absorption: Cultural absorption is a kind of process through which individual or group absorbs other culture. When a person happens to live in new cultural environment, he tries to receive views, behaviours, thoughts and feelings, values i.e. whole life pattern of that place. Thus absorption happens. For example, when people migrate from his/her locality for the sake of livelihood, marital status or for any other reason, they try to integrate themselves with the culture of that area.

Cultural Ideals: The culture of every country or society has its own cultural ideals which mean the type of culture of the people of a country or society. They are behaviours, food, dress, beliefs, religious belief, folklore, music, folk art etc. Cultural ideals uphold the life style and life pattern of the people of a society or country. For these ideals we notice difference in culture. This is a type of variation of culture.

Technology and cultural development: At present we notice tremendous changes in the culture of Bangladesh. This is called cultural change. This impact of western culture is great in the people of Bangladesh. Besides, the impact of technology and cultural development, rapid advancement of modern technology and material culture improve the culture of a society. The whole world has turned into a global village due to the improvement of information technology. As a result communication process has developed. Now we can learn what is happening on the other corner of the world sitting at home. One culture is coming in touch with another. Poor culture is receiving quickly the elements of rich culture. Thus technology transforms culture and develops it.

Activity How does cultural assimilation occur? Give examples.

Lesson-4: Different Cultural Changes and Development in Respect of Bangladesh

At present we notice tremendous changes in the culture of Bangladesh. This is called cultural change. The impact of western culture is great in the people of Bangladesh. Besides, the impact of religious culture, folk-culture is not less at all. For example, dress, food habit, education, agriculture, treatment, technology, music, art, views, behaviour, fashion have changed much for the influence of western culture which is now impossible to separate from our culture. These changes easily come to our view due to the excessive arrangement of folk festivals, new year celebrations fairs and gathering of folk items in rural life, even in city life of Bangladesh. We notice change in the culture of Bangladesh owing to globalization. In the past, *jatra*, *palagan*, *circus*, *jarigan*, *sarigan* fulfilled the recreation need of people. Now people meet it up sitting at home on social communication a media culture. The development of science and technology expedites cultural change.

Both material and abstract cultures have changed in our country. But material culture is much ahead in this regard. We cannot accept the thought and feelings, views and using luxury items of other countries so fast as we receive television, freeze. The family structures and relationship have changed greatly in Bangladesh. Extended family of the past has turned into nuclear families both in cities and villages. This gets expression through their behaviour and life style.

The participation of women in economic activities increase women empowerment, equal rights of women and their freedom in the family. This has changed the traditional relationship between male and female. Now men and women work together in different institutions. Technological change in culture brings positive improvement in our culture. This change has increased the dependency on digital media especially on lifestyle, profession and entertainment. Thus, Bangladesh is turning into a digital country.

Activity Give some examples of cultural changes.

Different Cultural Development

The positive or upward changes of the elements of material and abstract culture bring about cultural development. Particularly technology has brought about a revolution in this sector. Moreover, cultural advancement has also taken place in the sectors like-education, treatment, agriculture, research, games and sports, entertainment, politics, art and literature, international trade and relationship, mills and industries, male-female relationship etc.

Advanced information technology is used in agriculture, industry, treatment and education. The success of this has brought improvement in the culture of Bangladesh. Different banks, insurances, companies, hospitals, restaurants, hotels, private universities, multi-national companies, modern super shops have spread in our country by following western culture. As a result a kind of cultural atmosphere has been created which performs cultural development.

We are endeavoring to make our education time-befitting by using multi-media following the education system of the developed countries of the world. Besides traditional education system, we have introduced distant learning to convey education to every one. The changes in our education system mainly refer to cultural change. This has brought cultural development in education.

The establishment of several publicity media and private channels in Bangladesh has revolutionized our culture. They expand culture rapidly and raise consciousness of the people. As a result, their behaviour is being changed positively. This is another type of cultural development.

Activity What is it called to use ceramic plates instead of earthen ones?

Lesson-5: The Cultural Changes and development Processes of Bangladesh

The Bangalees are ancient nation with rich cultural heritage. Our culture denotes what we are, where we live, what we use and create, what events we celebrate etc. In that sense, our food, shelter, utensils, means of transport, dress, ornaments, festivals, songs, language and literature together define our culture. All these are directly related to creativity. Yet, some activities are more important than others from the cultural point of view. The activities that reflect the power of thinking and intellectual status of a nation are considered as an art. This chapter introduces visual art, literature, and music as art of Bengalee art and culture.

Visual Art

Most of them are known as material art or culture. Bangladesh has an abundance of alluvial land. People have been using this soil along with bamboos produced here to build houses. Traditionally these houses have two, four or eight roofs with bamboo frames called *tarja*. Sometimes these frames are covered with a kind of long grass called *shon*. Still these types of houses are seen in the rural areas.

Once upon a time, many temples were built here with diced bricks. Those bricks were not like the ones we see now. They were special. Many pictures were engraved on the soil plates first, and then burnt to give permanent images. This craft is known as Terracotta (burnt soil). The Kantaji's Temple in Dinajpur is very famous for its Terracotta as they depict the story of the Ramayana and many other pictures of social life. The Sompur Bihar of Paharpur is also famous for its Terracotta. This type of art reveals the social life of that particular time. The tradition of making idols of gods and goddesses of Hindu and Buddhist communities using black stones and soil is also very ancient and famous.

The palm-leaf books *punthis* of the Pal era are equally wonderful. The modern art critics also appreciate the pictures drawn there with locally available colours. After all these years the pictures are still bright. These *punthis* are some holy books of the Buddhist community.

The handloom industry of the Bengal is also very famous. The *Dukul* cloths of the ancient Bengal were well-known to all. In this regard, Koutillya says that the Dukuls of Pundradesh (North Bengal) were dark in colour and as smooth as jewels. Dukul was a kind of fine cloth whereas Khoumobostro was a little coarse. Besides, the potrom, a kind of silk like the Andy or Muga of Magadha and Pundra was legendary too. In that ancient time, the Dukul, Potrom, Khoumo and Carpush were exported to foreign countries.

Some other famous cloths produced in the Bengal were Khasa, Elachi, Hamam, Chouta, Utani, Susij, Kosa, Malmal, Duria, Sirband etc. The Maslin of Bengal was simply legendary for its fineness and unparallel quality. The sharees of Bengal such as Silk, Jamdani, Tangail, Maslin, Garad are still outstanding.

Since the Sultani era the architecture of Bengal was influenced by the Iranian and Turani culture. Many mosques as well as houses and offices with large dome and entrance were built following their tradition. Some of them are the Choto Sona Masjid, the Nawab Katra and the Lalbag Fort.

We cannot but avoid the Nakshikantha of Bengal. For long the village women have been sewing a local kind of quilt full of beautiful visuals and stories. Sewing Nakshikantha is still in practice among the unprivileged women in our society.

Apart from these, the art of carpentry, the craft of shell-cutting and sponge wood, bamboo and cane work are specimens of the creative mind and skills of the people in this country.

Activity-1 Make a list of some visual arts that have played important roles in the development of Bengalee art and culture.

Activity-2 What do you mean by 'burnt soil work'? Give some examples of it.

Activity-3 Make a list of ancient visual art make an exhibition of visual art in the classroom.

Literature

The oldest form of Bangla literary works discovered so far is Charjapada, It was discovered by Pandit Hara Prashad Shastri from the royal court of Nepal. Afterwards Dr. Muhammad Shahidullah worked out its time. From his research we understand that the Buddhist monks wrote them more than 1200 years ago. In the present context, they are too difficult to understand. Besides, we need to realize the thematic meaning along with the denotative meaning of the texts. Lui Pa and Kanho Pa are two of the famous Charjapada writers. Below is an example of Charja followed by its translation.

Lui Pa writes-

*Ka a taruboro pancho b dalo
Chanchalo chie a paitha kalo.*

It means that the five senses of our body are like five branches. We communicate with this world with them. Too much obsession with them leads us to worldly affairs and danger.

The Sultani era was also very much influenced by Sri Chaitanya Dev and his Baishnaba philosophy. During this period, Kirtanas were very trendy. The Kirtanas are stuffed with emotion, and love stories of Lord Sri Krishna and Radha. These are commonly known as Baishnaba Padabali. Some of the eminent lyricists of Baishnaba Padaboli are Bidyapati, Chandi Das, Gyan Dash, Gobinda Das and so on. During this time the Hindus and the Muslims were living in parity and many Muslim poets also became famous by composing Baishnaba Padabali.

Apart from all these, many poets composed different sorts of lyric-stories based on the local gods and goddesses. These are known as Mangal Kabya. The Chandimangal of Mukunda Ram, The Dharmamangal of Ghono Ram, and the Manoshamangal of Bijoy Gupta are quite renowned. The Annadamangal of Bharat Chandra depicts the social condition of that time.

Another important field of literature is Punthi. It was very much loved by the Muslims. These were based on fictitious Iranian stories blended with romantic elements. Recitation from Punthis in front of a gathering was very popular then. Copying Punthi for preservation was also the go of the day. Some of the well-known 'Punthis' are Yusuf-Zolekha, Laily-Majnu, Saiful Mulk Bodiuzzaman, Jongonama etc. The Padmabati composed by Alawal is hugely celebrated in Bengalee literature.

The introduction of Bengalee prose began from 19th century in the British period. It can be said that Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar paved the way for Bengalee prose, while Bankim Chandra and his contemporaries kept the spirit tip and Rabindra Nath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam gave it a complete and decent shape. Writers like Kazi Nazrul Islam, Michael Madhusudan Dutta, Mir Mosharraf Hossain, Dinabandhu Mitra and some others had significant roles in the development of Bengalee literature.

Activity-1 Give a statement of the gradual development of Bengalee literature.

Activity-2 Give some examples of ancient Bengalee literature.

Musical Art

Bangladesh is a land of music forever. Here music is composed even by farmers while ploughing their lands. It is composed by the boatmen while plying through rivers and canals. Even the common people compose their own kind of music with spiritual feelings. Music is a means of prayer for many people. It is interesting that the old form of Bengalee literature Charyapada and popular Baishnaba Padabali were written in musical forms. Besides, the Kirtanas are quite popular among the Hindu community. However, the Baul music and the Bhatiali are adored and sung not by any particular community; rather they are sung by all. Many local songs such as *Murshidi*, *Palagaan*, *Baromashya*, *Bhaoyaiya* and *Gomvira* have enriched the musical arena of this country.

Once upon a time, *Panchali, Kheur, and Khemta* were very popular in the urban areas. With the passage of time, the Bengalee musical devotees were influenced by the classical music of the northern India. This ultimately paved the way for the modern music in Bengalee. Nidhu Babu, Kali Mirja and some others are pioneers in this area but it gained excellence by Rabindra Nath Tagore. Our national anthem 'Amar Sonar Bangla, Ami Tomai Valobashi' is a creation of Rabindro Nath Tagore too. He has borrowed the melody of this music from the Baul songs. Afterwards, many others following the paths of Rabindra Nath have enhanced the growth of modern Bangla songs. Among them, Kazi nazrul Islam stands apart for his approach and variety. He has composed nearly six thousand songs in his twenty year long creative career. Atul Prashad Sen, Dijendro Lal Roy and Rajoni Kanta Sen also contributed immensely to Bengalee music.

Activity Describe the musical collection of the Bangalees.

Exercise

MCQ

1. What is it called to use motor car instead of bullock cart of the past as vehicle?
 - a. social change
 - b. culturization
 - c. cultural absorption
 - d. cultural change
2. As the Bengalees were under British rule, many English words have got mixed with Bengalee. This is called—
 - a. cultural ideals
 - b. cultural span
 - c. culturization
 - d. cultural absorption
3. Bengalee men wear punjabi and women wear sharee on Pahela Boishakh. This is called—
 - a. cultural absorption
 - b. cultural ideals
 - c. cultural span
 - d. culturization
4. Which of the following is the result of cultural development of education?
 - a. to use loudspeaker in the classroom
 - b. to examine the homework of students
 - c. to use computer in the classroom
 - d. memorizing lessons by students

5. The Muslim poets had equal roles in composing kirtanas. It happened in the Sultani era because–

- i. the Hindu-Muslim relation was intimate.
- ii. the era was influenced by the Baishnava style founded by Sri Chaitanya Dev.
- iii. this was the first literary work of the Bengalees.

Which of the following is true?

- a. i
- b. i & ii
- c. ii & iii
- d. i & iii

Read the following stem and answer questions 6 and 7.

Monu Majhi (boatman) is rowing a boat. His boat is full of new paddy harvest. Being happy, he is singing a common Bengalee song in his full throat.

*‘Mon majhi tor boitha ne re
Ami ar baite parlam na.’*

6. Which category of song is Monu Majhi singing?

- a. Murshidi
- b. Bhawaiya.
- c. Baromasya
- d. Baul

7. Which one of the following gets more expression in the song of Mon Majhi?

- a. spirituality
- c. own cultural heritage
- b. natural beauty
- d. practice of literature and culture

Creative Questions

1. Mr Azmol has returned home from Qatar after five years. Returning home he becomes surprised noticing the change in the behavior of his children. His daughter receives newer information and news of home and abroad by using internet sitting at home. Besides, his son communicates with his friends on facebook and collects important information. His younger brother sends money online from abroad. He also notices changes in the life-style of other members of the family.

- What is social development?
- What is it called to absorb the elements of other culture? Explain it.
- What types of changes can we notice in the family of Mr Azmol? Explain it.
- 'The dimensions in the stem play positive role in changing society?' Give reasons for your answer.

2.

Art Element				
A	Burnt clay work	Palm leaf	Nakshikantha	Touch stone
B	Charyagiti, Kirtan gan	Mongal Kabya	Punthi	Prose literature

- Who determined the age of 'Charyapada'?
- Why does cultural absorption take place?
- Explain the kind of art described in 'A' of the stem.
- 'The importance of art 'B' is unlimited for the growth of Bengalee culture'. Analyse it.

3.



Figure : specimens of Bengalee art and culture

- What is Terracotta?
- Why are the Palm leaf pictures of the Pal dynasty still illuminous?
- What cultural characteristics are obvious in the stem? Explain it.
- Evaluate the contribution of Bengalee women in carrying on the stem art.

Chapter Four

Description of Archaeological Heritage of Colonial Age

Two hundred years of British rule in Bangladesh are known as Colonial Age (1757-1947). Apart from this, we had to live under Pakistani colonial rule for two decades. A good number zamindar houses, traders' houses, offices, courts, railway stations, educational institutions and other archaeological sites were built in this country during the British rule. The meaning of 'Archaeology' is old or ancient. By archaeological resource we mean the old settlement and artistic work, statue or sculpture, ornament, coins of ancient period and old valuable furniture. We can get an idea of socio-cultural condition, life style, beliefs and superstitions, taste and outlook of the people of that age.

By the end of this chapter we will be able to-

- give description of the religious architectures of Dhaka city built in the colonial era;
- tell the names of the areas where religious buildings were built;
- describe the temporal buildings built in Dhaka during the colonial era;
- tell which ones were built by the government and which ones were by public;
- describe houses built by the zamindars outside Dhaka;
- describe the temples built by the zamindars outside Dhaka;
- explain the importance of Sonargaon during the colonial age on the basis of archaeology;
- describe Panam city and Sardarbari;
- tell where the archaeological testimonies of colonial period are kept;
- tell about the preserved tokens in the mausoleums;
- eager to archeological places and assets and be inspired to preserve them.

Lesson-1: Archaeological works of Dhaka city

Among the archaeological works of Dhaka city during colonial age are a good number of mosques, temples and churches. The mosques of Dhaka were built according to the Mughal artistic pattern. A trace of European pattern was also added to it. Mentionable mosques built at Dhaka in 19th century are Lalbagh Mosque at Horonath Ghos Road, Lakshmibazar Shahi Mosque, Kolutola Jame Mosque at Sutrapur, Becharem Dewri Mosque, Kayettuli Mosque and Setara Begum Mosque at Sutrapur. The artistic and structural works of these mosques is very beautiful. Chini Tikri Mosque at Narinda is another site of artistic work. The Imambara Hossainee Dalan of the Shias damaged by earthquake was built a new during the English rule.

The famous Dhakeshwari Mandir and Ramna Kali Mandir in Dhaka city were established much before the colonial period. However, the Ramna Kali Mandir was renovated newly during the Colonial reign.

A good number of churches were built at Dhaka during 18th-19th century. The Armanian Church is the oldest of them. This was established at Armanitola in 1781 A.D. The Saint Thomas Anglican Church and the Holy Cross Church were established at Dhaka in 19th century. Bahadur Shah Park located at Sadarghat near Jangannath University is another archeological site of old Dhaka. Nawab Abdul Gani of Dhaka built this park in the middle of 19th century. He named this park 'Victoria Park' after the name of Queen Victoria. Before this, the name of this place was 'Antaghar Moydan'. The history of first Indian independence war of 1857 A.D. is related to the name of 'Antaghar Moydan.' The local soldiers of the British army revolted against the British and started independence war in 1857 A.D. To the English, this was 'Sepoy Mutiny'. The Indian soldiers could not win the battle. The English hanged the rebel soldiers who became captive at their hands. The hanging was executed at this Antarghar Moydan on the trees. A memorial was built at this place in 1957 A.D. after one hundred years of this incident. This memorial was built in memory of the hanged soldiers. The Park was named 'Bahadur Shah Park' after the name of Bahadur Shah Jafar, the last Mughal emperor of India.

The palace, Ahsan Monjil, built by the Nawab of Dhaka on the river Buriganga is another famous sight among the ancient archaeological works of Dhaka. Besides, Ruplal House and the Rose Garden of old Dhaka built by the zamindars and the merchants are also other beautiful archaeological sites. The Curzon Hall is the most beautiful of all buildings built at Dhaka as office and home. This building built during the British rule has been a part of science faculty of Dhaka University for a long time. The old High Court Building was also established during the British rule. A Greek cemetery was built at TSC of Dhaka University in 1915. The shape of these architectural sites is square and the roof is plain. Ancient 'Doric Tradition' of Greece has been followed in these sites.



Curzon Hall

Activity Mention the names of some major archaeological sites of Dhaka city.

Lesson-2: Archaeological sites outside Dhaka

Sonargaon was the capital of Bengal during the Sultani period. The importance of Sonargaon declined during the next Mughal period. But even then, this place had a reputation as a trade centre and for the manufacture of 'Maslin Saree'. Many of the rich businessmen selected the Panam area of Sonargaon as their dwelling place during the 19th century. They built many buildings in a row in



Panam Town

both sides of the Panam main road. 52 buildings of this type still exist at Panam town. The buildings are beautifully arranged on both sides of the wide road. 31 buildings are on the north side and 21 buildings are on the south side of the road. Meanwhile, some of them have been damaged. The inhabitants of Panam dug canals on all the four sides of the buildings to ensure the security of the area. European architectural design was maintained in the construction of these buildings which was built during the British Period. The touch of Mughal architecture is also visible in these buildings. Coloured mosaic was used in these buildings.

Some beautiful buildings still exist around Panam. The local zamindars and the businessmen established these buildings. Among them, Sardar House, the house of Ananda Mohan Puddar and the house of Hasimoy Sen are prominent. Sardar Bari or big Sardar Bari has now been converted into folk-culture museum. This house was built in 1901 A.D. This consisted of two big buildings.



Sardar House

The buildings are attached with a corridor or long verandah. There are 70 rooms in this two-storied house. The Sardar Bari has been decorated with many artistic works done in coloured mosaic.

There are also a few exquisite palaces and settlements in different places of Bangladesh other than Sonargaon. These were built by zamindars. Shoshi Lodge of Mymensingh is one of them. The zamindars of Muktagachha built this. Zamindar house at Baliyati in Mankganj is another excellent site of architectural work. Zamindar House of Tajhat at Rangpur is also very famous. The palace of Dighapatiya, zamindar of Natore, attracts every body's attention for its excellent architecture. This is now known as 'Uttara Gono Bhaban'. Two palaces, one at Natore and the other at Tajhat have been preserved as the valuable archaeological sites of the country.

Activity Mention some of the archaeological sites situated outside Dhaka.

Lesson-3: Archaeological resources preserved at Museum

Many archaeological items collected from the archaeological works have been preserved for exhibition in the museums. Looking at these archaeological resources, we can have an idea about old history and tradition of the country. Our national museum is at Dhaka. Besides, there are many archaeological resources at the archives of different archaeological sites.



Bangladesh National Museum

There are a good number of archaeological resources relating to the Nawab of Bengal, zamindars and the English rule in the gallery of Bangladesh National Museum. Mentionable among them are the commodities and goods made of ivory used by the Maharaja of Dinajpur. The dress, goods made of ivory and many arms and arrows brought from the collections of Zamindar Narendra Narayan Roy Chowdhury of Baldhar have also been kept in our national museum. Besides, goods, dresses, arrows, the throne used by the zamindar of Dighapatiya and the embroidered dresses and artistic goods used by the Nawabs of Dhaka have also been preserved in this museum.

Many archaeological works have also been kept at some regional museums and archives for public exhibition. Most of the archives are located at the old palace of the zamindars. Many goods used by the zamindars and many archaeological resources collected by them are exhibited in those places.

There is an archive at Ahsan Manjil at Dhaka. The dresses, cots, chairs, sofa sets, ornaments and the photographic works of the Nawabs of Dhaka have been kept there. A museum was established at Mymensingh town in 1969 AD. The archaeological department of Bangladesh government runs this museum. Mainly the commodities used by the zamindars of greater Mymensingh have been kept there.

The archaeological resources of the zamindars of Muktagachha are prominent in Mymensingh museum. Mentionable among them are the flower vases made of stone, compass clock, ornaments, pottery-items, weaving machine, iron safe, sports materials, statue of Saraswati and Bishnu, tiger dragon, wild ox, head of deer, sofa set and the statue made in Italy.

There is another archive at the palace of zamindar of Tajhat at Rangpur. Commodities used by Tajhat zamindar, items made of burnt-clay, manuscript written in Sanskrit and Arabic have been preserved in this museum.

Many commodities and photographic works commemorating Rabindranath have been kept at his Kuthibari (cottage-house) at Shilaidah in Kushtia. We can get an idea about the life style of the elite class from the different archaeological resources kept at museums and archives.

Activity Make a list of archaeological items kept at the National Museum.

Exercise

MCQ

1. Which one was the colonial age in Bangladesh?

- a. 1757-1857
- b. 1781-1857
- c. 1757- 1947
- d. 1857-1957

2. Panam town of Sonargaon was -

- i. centre of Bengal during Sultanee period
- ii. a place full of buildings built in row in the pattern of European architecture
- iii. a place located by the side of wide road with canals dug for security purpose.

Which one of the following is true?

- a. i
- b. ii
- c. i & ii
- d. i, ii & iii

Read the following stem and answer the questions 3 and 4

Mr. Azad, a teacher, along with the students went to Shahbag to visit a building after their annual examination. The students became highly impressed entering the building when they could practically see the ancient items that they had studied in the book.

3. Where did Mr. Azad take his students to visit?

- a. Bangla Academy
- b. Shilpakala Academy
- c. National Library
- d. National Museum.

4. The reason of Mr. Azad's taking the students to such a building is -

- i. to show the daily commodities used by zamindars
- ii. to introduce them with the characters of history
- iii. to introduce the age-old traditions to the next generation.

Which one of the following is true?

- a. i
- b. i & iii
- c. ii & iii
- d. i, ii & iii

Creative Question

1. Arnob and Arpa went to a visit their maternal uncle's house during the Eid vacation. After going there they insisted on visiting the famous places near their maternal uncle's house. Their uncle took them to visit the place famous for the Maslin. There they saw several ancient buildings and designs and became pleased. Their maternal uncle said that he would take them to visit the other architectural sites and thus they would know about ancient heritage.
 - a. Where is Kuthi Bari of Rabindranath Tagore situated?
 - b. What is archaeology?
 - c. Explain the tradition of the place they visited.
 - d. Analyze where they can realize the values of tradition as you have read in the text.

Chapter Five

Socialization and Development

Socialization is a life-long ongoing process of human beings. This process continues from birth to death. Individuals learn expected behaviour through this process and adjust to the society. He attains rules and regulations, values, beliefs and thus he develops himself and becomes a part of the development of the society. You have learned socialization in Class Six and Seven. In this chapter, we will learn the impacts of some elements on socialization, the process of socialization in villages and cities of Bangladesh and the influence of globalization on socialization.

By the end of this chapter we will be able to-

- explain the influence of different institutions and elements on socialization;
- tell about the differences between the socialization of village and that of city of Bangladesh;
- analyze the influence of mass media and information and communication technology on socialization and be inspired to their positive use;
- narrate the impact of globalization on socialization and present reports on it by collecting real data;
- develop family and social relationship and behave politely by acquiring human and social qualities.

Lesson-1: Impacts of different institutions in socialization

Socialization is necessary for the proper development of an individual. From birth, a child starts learning different kinds of laws, rules and regulations of a society. This is called the process of socialization of children. This chapter focuses on the roles of some institutions in the process.

Family : Family is the first and main agency for socialization. The feeling of love, emotion and respect grows in child with the members in a family. The impact of family culture regarding food habit, dress, religious practice and education is reflected on the child. For this reason, the strongest agent of socialization is family.

Local society: The local society has the most important roles in socialization after the parents. A child grows up by observing his surroundings and learning rules and regulations and behaviour. Thus he develops social behaviour and becomes familiar with social customs. The gesture and posture of the people and the values he observes influence his behaviour.

Different elements of a local society: Different elements of a local society include literary circles, cultural organizations, sport clubs, music institutions, science clubs etc. These locally developed organizations affect a person's way of thinking, attitude to life, and behavioural pattern. People involve themselves with these organizations to sharpen cognitive, aesthetic and other softer aspects of life by socializing with others in these places. Thus they develop adaptability in them and become a part of that society.

Same age companions: Companions also play important roles in the process of socialization. Children naturally play with their mates when they are in their teens. During this period, they learn many things from their friends. They influence one another through their conversations, behaviour, and attitudes. In this way, they develop fellow feelings, cooperation, patience, and qualities of leadership.

Educational institutions: Educational institutions provide opportunities for children to interact and influence one another. In educational institution students can acquire co-operation, fellow-feelings, empathy, patriotism and leadership qualities. Thus, educational institutions have important roles in the process of socialization.

Political institutions: Political parties, their leaders and different kinds of movements are also important in socialization. They play their roles by encouraging people to discharge their civic duties and responsibilities by making them conscious and organized.

Activity Discuss the roles of institutions in socialization.

Lesson-2: Impacts of Different factors on Socialization

Every human being must learn some rules and regulations, ideas and habits for expected peaceful life. Individual acquires them through socialization. Many factors work for their acquisition. These factors are imitation, suggestion, incorporation and language.

Imitation: When a person exactly copies the work, custom and conducts of another person it is called imitation. Children always imitate their elders. They learn language, pronunciation and manner of speaking through imitation. Even elders often imitate others to make themselves suitably adapt to new and unknown environment.

Suggestion: It is a type of communication medium or process. Proposal or information is sent to others through this process. Children do not have logic or ripeness of knowledge. So they become influenced by suggestion easily. The use of suggestive process is noticed in different sections of society; such as education, politics, industry and commerce. Through this process one's thoughts and ideas are infused in others and others' thoughts and ideas are conducted as if they were of one's own. In recent times in publicity of social work and in scientific enterprise it is largely used.

Incorporation: In infancy a child does nothing consciously or knowingly. In childhood he does everything in confusion. But with the growth of years he applies knowledge and intelligence and identifies the thing necessary for him and these things become the subjects of his incorporation. Thus children incorporate different toys, pictures, rhyme books which are needed for his recreation. Parents and others agree with his well-being. Sometimes, he disguises himself as Spiderman to surprise others. This is one kind of entertainment for children. The limit of this process and tendency of incorporation gradually expands and social human beings achieve the nature of society.

Language: Language is one of the most communication media of human beings. Elements of society and culture are transferred through language. Individual expresses his mind through language. Moreover, language is used to know one another or one's country and society, acquire knowledge about the world, earn education. In fact, language influences personality from childhood.

Activity: Explain the influence of language on socialization.

Lesson-3: Socialization Process in the villages and cities of Bangladesh

Though about 85% people live in the villages the social structure of Bangladesh includes both village and city. The socialization process of most of the people of this country occurs in rural environment. But the social structure of the city is different from village and so the process of socialization is different too. Due to the difference between the family structure of village and city the socialization is also different.

Socialization Process in the villages

Children grow up in family among its members and other relatives in rural environment. As a result of an interaction of behaviours of children and of the family members, children learn different qualities like cooperation, tolerance, sympathy and respect. Social and religious institutions influence socialization greatly in the villages. In other words family, neighbours, community, same age-groups, play-mates, workplace respective religious institutions etc. play a role in the socialization of individuals. Besides socialization also takes place owing to different elements of folk culture like festivals, Palagan, folk-drama, folk-music, Jatra, Puppet-show, common behaviours etc. Educational institution is one of the main media for socialization. Moreover television, cinema, internet also play a role at present.

Socialization process in the cities

Family is the first and foremost medium in the process of socializing city people. Family is the first place for children's learning. Educational institutions and mass-media play a role next to the family. Most of the city people are wistful for development. Work-place, entertainment sites, religious institutions, meetings and associations, political institutions play important role in socializing city people. Mass media play strong role in socialization of city people. People get

much information through mass media. As a result, city people easily receive new and recent information and knowledge, science about the contemporary society and world and thus, they rapidly adapt themselves to it.

The role of neighbours in socialization is great both in village and city. In villages, children have the opportunity to grow up in extended families. On the other hand most of the children in cities grow up in nuclear families. As a result, sometimes it is noticed that the children of cities lack of co-operative attitude. The relationship with neighbours is very intimate in villages but it is not seen in the cities. But city children sometimes become very close to one another by participating in sports and festivals. Children easily learn social behaviours if they remain in close contact with neighbours. Admiration for good work and criticism for bad work encourage children to learn social behaviours. This is how socialization takes place in the children of villages and cities through schools, mass media, local sports etc. At present for the blessing of information and technology, the difference of socialization between village and town has decreased a lot.

Activity Describe the role of family in the socialization of villages and cities.

Lesson-4: The role of information and communication technology and media in individual's socialization

Newspapers, radio, television, cinema are called mass media as they are some means to present news, opinions and entertainments to mass people. On the other hand, information and communication technology is that through which information can be preserved and used such as internet, phone etc. Nowadays, media, information and communication technology have strong roles in socialization. This role is on the rise as technology is advancing every day.

Newspapers: Newspapers too play significant roles in socialization. In developing countries like ours, newspapers are an effective means of mass education. It helps create true pictures about own society and the universe and broadens insight. It improves our patience, fellow feelings and universal thinking.

Radio: Radio broadcasts not only news but also different types of educational and entertaining programmes. It increases consciousness among mass people and develops cultural insight.

Television: Television is another strong and popular media all over the world at present. It manipulates human thinking and life style in different ways. It presents various kinds of entertaining programmes along with informative and educative programmes to entertain and educate people. Television has huge influence over people and children. This influence can be interpreted both in the negative and positive ways. Informative and educative programmes can enlighten people if presented in attractive ways. Television can maximise patriotic feelings among new generations by introducing them to their country, cultural aspects and traditions. It makes the task of socialization easy. In contrast, cheap entertainments or sub-standard programmes cast adverse impact on society especially on children. As a result, they grow up with sick mentality and perversion. Too much addiction to television hampers students' studies too.

Cinema: Pleasant, decent, and educative cinema can be an influential medium for socialization through recreation. It enhances values, humanity and fellow feelings. On the other hand, vulgar or indecent cinema has adverse impact on human values and taste. It creates negative influence on a society too. In that case instead of enhancing socialization, it works as a tool to increase crimes and anarchy by destroying values.

Influence of information and communication technology

People's communication at home and abroad has been easy owing to internet. Social communications, exchange of feelings and emotions with friends and family members or business deals are possible now from homes very easily. This could not be thought of previously. Thus information and communication technology is playing an important role in social development through socialization.

Electronic mail: E-mail is a commonly used term nowadays. It stands for electronic mail. It is used to exchange letters and information at home and aboard with less time and expenditure. E-mail has revolutionized the field of communications world wide. In recent times, it has effective influence on social development through personal communications. E-mail has no alternative to expanding our talents and thoughts as well as to keeping pace with the ever changing world.

Electronic commerce: E-commerce stands for electronic commerce. A customer and a trader can do business online through this system.

Facebook and Twitter: Facebook and Twitter help communicate with people at home and abroad as well as make new friends and exchange opinions and photos or pictures. The present world has acknowledged them as effective means of social networking. Their importance is increasing day by day.

However, facebook and twitter have some negative aspects too like all other scientific innovations. Their abuse can be destructive for individual and social life.

The negative impact of facebook and twitter on our young generation is commonly heard these days. We have to be aware of these.

Activity-1 Discuss the role of media in the process of children's socialization.

Activity-2 Discuss the influence of e-mail in the process of individual's socialization.

Lesson-5: Globalization and Socialization Process

Modern communication media has reduced the distance among the countries of the world. So, different society and cultures influence our life. And this is globalization. As a result of globalization, the world has become a global village. People are no longer confined to their own society and culture owing to the development of communication media and the spread of information technology. People have become the citizen of the world now. People travel from one country of the world to another for employment, trade and commerce, education and medical treatment. They travel to collect information. Therefore, he must know about the world. For the same reason, people must adapt themselves to other society and cultures along with their ones. That is why globalization and socialization go side by side.

Globalization has impact on education and culture. Now we are adjusting ourselves to the global society particularly for global socialization. We exchange mutual opinions with the society and cultures of many countries of the world. Consequently, we get cooperation of others in different fields. If we learn the international language English, we can overcome language obstacles and come closer to all. Owing to the development of mass media and information technology we can gather different experiences of the world through satellite communication sitting at home today. Everyone is building himself up as the global citizen and thus becoming able to improve himself and his society. So, globalization has become able to stretch important and strong influence on the socialization of individuals. This changes the life of the people.

Activity: Describe the influence of globalization on socialization.

Exercise

MCQ

1. Which one of the following is an element of a local society?

- a. Science Club
- b. National Parliament
- c. Union Parishad
- d. City Corporation

2. The process of socialization continues -

- a. from childhood till teen age
- b. from childhood till youth
- c. from teenage till youth
- d. from childhood till death.

Read the following stem and answer questions 3 and 4.

Mohosin learns his lessons regularly with the help of his parents. Now he is a member of a recitation group. His mother notices that his behaviour is much better now with his family members and friends.

3. Which of the following processes has worked for Mohosin's change?

- a. social
- b. political
- c. financial
- d. familial

4. A person through that process -

- i. gets used to social behaviour.
- ii. learns appropriate behaviour.
- iii. grows up as a good citizen .

Which of the following is right?

- a. i
- b. ii
- c. iii
- d. i & ii

Creative Questions

1. Shihab, a friend of Mizan and Russel, is a student of Class viii. Shihab stood first in a chess competition in Inter-House Indoor Competition consecutively twice. Russel was being influenced by Shihab to learn how to play chess and this time he has stood second in the competition. Mizan, another friend of Shihab, is often late to school these days. He is irregular in doing his home work as well. His teacher came to know from his mother that Mizan chats with his friend through internet till late night.
 - a. What is mass media?
 - b. Explain what plays an important role in individual's socialization.
 - c. Explain what institution has worked for Russel's being second in the chess competition.
 - d. 'Mizan is a victim of abuse of technology' - explain it.

2. Mr. Shahed is an architect. He was designing a house on a large piece of paper. His five-year old son, Rony, saw him and started to draw on paper with pencil. After sometime, he showed his father the small houses he had drawn. His father encouraged him and said that he would take him to show the real thatched houses, trees and river. Few days later they went to their village. There his cousin, Sohel, showed him field, pond, house, trees etc. and asked him to draw them.
 - a. What is the strongest medium of socialization?
 - b. What is it called to guide others according to one's own style? Explain it.
 - c. Which element of socialization makes Rony to draw? Explain it.
 - d. Is there any difference between the socialization process of Rony and Sohel? Give reasons for your answer.

Chapter Six

Economy of Bangladesh

Bangladesh is mainly an agricultural country. Most of the people of this country live in the villages. Agriculture is the main source of their livelihood. Besides, some of the village people are weavers, potters, blacksmiths, grocers and shopkeepers. Some people also live by small business. People of the town are mainly service holders and businessmen. Besides, among the people of the town many are rickshaw pullers, some are small shopkeepers, hawkers, labourers and workers. All these jobs are done on personal initiative. Side by side, there are some state-owned industries, railways, highways and water transports. There are also welfare oriented sectors like education and health. At present many industries and business organizations have been established in the country under private sector ownership. These play a vital role in the development of the country. Besides, a large number of people are being employed in this private sector. The economy of Bangladesh is flourishing with the help of both of these government and non-government sectors.

By the end of this chapter we will be able to-

- explain with examples GDP, GNP, Per-capita income;
- tell about the sectors contributing to Gross Domestic Product;
- explain the idea of human resource development;
- describe the condition of human resource development of Bangladesh and compare it with other countries;
- explain human resource development index;
- compare Bangladesh with some developing countries regarding human resource development index;
- explain the importance of remittance sent by the Bangladeshis living abroad on our economy.

Lesson-1: Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

GDP is the monetary value of all goods and services produced every year by the citizens (native and non-native) living in the country. GDP is estimated to understand the overall economic capability of a country.

If any citizen works abroad and sends money or any company runs business abroad and sends money to the country it will not be counted as Gross Domestic Product and it will not be added to GDP.

Gross National Product (GNP)

Gross National Product GNP is the total monetary value of all goods and services produced by the citizens of a country within a specific period (usually a year). In other words, the citizens of a country may work or run business anywhere in the world. When he sends his earned money to his country it is included in the economy of the country and is considered as the gross national product. GNP is estimated to realize the contribution of the citizens of a country to its economy. For example, any individual or a business firm works or runs business abroad and sends money legally to Bangladesh; it will be the part of gross national product.

Per Capita Income (PCI)

When the sum of Gross National Income is divided by the population we get per capita income. By means of per capita income we can measure the overall standard of living of a country. The more the per capita income is, the higher the standard of living is and this indicates prosperous economy.

$$\text{Per Capita Income} = \frac{\text{Gross National Income of a Year}}{\text{Total Population of the Year}}$$

For example, in 2011 the population of a country was 10 crore and the gross domestic product was 5000 crore US dollars.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So Per Capita Income} &= \frac{5000 \text{ crore US dollars}}{10 \text{ crore}} \\ &= 500 \text{ US dollars.} \end{aligned}$$

The aim of increasing production in agriculture, industry and service sectors of a country is to increase income of the people. This increase of income improves their standard of living. It gives us liberty from poverty. After the independence of Bangladesh per capita income has increased; as a result the standard of living is improving gradually. Our per capita income during the financial year 2010 was 928 US dollars, where as this amount increased at 2064 US dollars during the financial year 2019-2020.

How much developed or underdeveloped a country is- that is determined by some indicators. The indicators are gross national product (GNP), per capita income of the people and their life style viewed from these indicators. Economic condition of Bangladesh is improving. The rate of growth of our economy is increasing every year. Our domestic production and the contribution of our overseas workers and other job-holders have made this growth possible. A statistics of Bangladesh Bank shows that the amount of our gross domestic product during the financial year 2004-2005 was Tk. 3,70,707 crore. Where as the amount of our GDP during the financial year 2019-20 was 27,96,378 crore taka. (Source: Bangladesh Economic Survey-2020)

The main aim of increasing production and income in agriculture, industry and welfare sectors of the country is to improve the standard of people's life style. Any increase in production will have an effect in the people's life standard; poverty will come down, purchasing ability of people will increase and there will be more scopes for employment, unemployment will be decreased. If we can control the growth rate of our population, our country will develop much in the judgement of progress indicators.

Activity Explain your idea about national production and Per Capita Income.

Lesson-2: Contribution of different sectors to the Gross Domestic Income of Bangladesh

We can mention the names of many sectors as the source of Gross Domestic Product in Bangladesh such as agriculture and forest, fishery, industry, mineral, electricity, gas and water, construction-industry, wholesale and retail marketing, hotel, restaurant, transport and communication, bank and insurance, health and social welfare, trade, commerce and excise etc. Of them, the accounts of our national production and income in some sectors are given below:

Agriculture and forest: Food grains, vegetables and forest resources are included in this sector. The contribution of this sector during the financial year 2012-2013 was 13.09% and the growth rate is 1.47%. The contribution of this sector during the financial year 2018-2019 was 10.15% and the growth rate was 3.15%.

Fishery: During the financial year 2012-2013, the contribution of fishery sector to local production or GDP was 3.68% and the growth rate was 6.18%. The amount of the contribution in the financial year 2018-2019 was 3.56% and the growth rate was 6.21%.

Industry Sector: The contribution of industry sector to Gross Domestic Production during 2012-2013 financial years was 19% and the growth rate was 10.31%. The amount of contribution of this sector will be much more if we include electricity, gas, water supply, mineral resources and construction industry in this sector. The contribution of this sector during the financial year 2018-2019 was 24.08% and the growth rate was 14.20%.

Whole and retail marketing: During the financial year 2012-2013, the contribution of this sector to our Gross Domestic Product was 14.03% and the growth rate was 6.18%. The contribution of this sector during the financial year 2018-2019 was 13.92% and the growth rate was 8.14%.

Transport and communication: The contribution of this sector to our Gross Domestic Product income during 2012-2013 financial year was 11.50% and the growth rate was 6.27%. During the financial year 2018-2019, the contribution was 11.01% and the growth rate was 7.19%.

Health and welfare sector: The contribution of this sector to our Gross Domestic Product during the financial year 2012-2013 was 1.88% and growth rate was 4.76%. During the financial year 2018-2019, the contribution was 1.89% and the growth rate was 7.66%.

(Source: Bangladesh Economic Survey-2020)

Significance of GDP in the Economy of Bangladesh

The contribution of agriculture to our gross national production is the biggest if we calculate sector-wise. The role of industries is also becoming more significant day by day. Besides, welfare sectors are also contributing greatly in the economy of the country. The modern world depends on technology. If we can utilize technology in agriculture, industry, communication and welfare sectors, we shall be able to expedite our national development and increase our national income. We should maintain coordination in the development of different sectors by adopting proper plans. We also should maintain a balance of income. If we can do so, this will help to upgrade people's standard of life.

Activity Make a list of sectors which are playing a significant role to increase Gross Domestic Product of Bangladesh and give description of sector-wise contribution.

Lesson-3: Human Resource Development in Bangladesh

Human Resource Development

A human being becomes an asset of the state and society only when she or he can do something. Some become resource for the society and the state by their physical labour. Some innovate and help innovating new resource with the help of merit. Those who employ their merit and labour to increase production in agriculture, industry and service sectors of the country turn themselves into manpower. This sort of manpower is called human resource. Human resource means to turn every unskilled person into skilled manpower or asset. It is possible to develop human resource with the proper education, training, housing, medicare and food.

Not unskilled but only skilled human beings can contribute to the economic development of a country. So, we have to make sure that every human being can have the opportunity to attain knowledge through education. We have to develop necessary skills through education and training. We have to arrange proper medicare so that one can work according to one's skill. Therefore, human resource development means to make skilled and productive human beings through training on the basis of need.

Human Resource Development in Bangladesh:

At 1st January 2017, total population of Bangladesh was 16 crore and 27 lac. (SVRS 2017, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistic) According to the census of 2011, the population of Bangladesh was 14, 97, 72, 364. According to the last survey of labour force 2016-2017, of this population only 6 crore and 35 lac who were above 15 years had employment. Of the mentioned manpower 40.6% was in agriculture, 20.4% was in industry, 39.0% was in various welfare service sectors. Of the total population, 4 crore 35 lac man and 2 crore women have employment. The rest of people do not have employment all the time. But, among them there are children (aged under 15) and old people. (Source: Bangladesh Economic Survey 2020)

The literacy rate of our country is increasing rapidly. Nowadays, the literacy rate of Bangladesh is 73.9% (Source: 'Human Development Reports 2020). The literacy rate in our country in 2009 was 54.8%. We have great problems in health, medicare and housing. As a result, it is difficult to improve skill and create employment for our large population. Some of the people cannot afford to provide food and education to their children due to poverty. As a result, they cannot become skilled in manpower rapidly. This circle is called the 'vicious circle of poverty'. If we read the example below, it will be clear to us how this circle stands on the way to develop manpower.

Poor people do not have sufficient food to eat, so they possess ill-health. They cannot work. As a result, their income is less. Due to less income their savings is small. Their small savings creates small Capital; as a result, investment becomes small. When there is small investment, it cannot create new employment. So, due to lack of employment they remain poor. Thus, the cyclic order of poverty hampers human resource development. It is necessary to provide food security to the people of Bangladesh to develop the condition of human resource development. We have to invest in the sectors of health and nutrition, education and vocational education. Finally, we must create employment for all.

Activity How does the vicious circle of poverty obstruct human resource development?

Lesson-4: Human Development Index/ Indicators

The labour which we cannot sell in the market is not counted in GDP, GNP and per capita income. So, the labour of a large population does not get a position in the GNP. This creates discrimination among people. For example, the household chores done by women are not estimated. So we cannot get the real picture of GDP. On the other hand, the labour of women in household chores becomes worthless.

There are many different problems except the above ones. For this reason human development indicators are used to know the real condition of the people of a country. Here different indicators are used to know how benevolent the economy of a country is. Some mentionable indicators are average life expectancy, average social inequality, rate of maternal death, unemployment rate, percentage of poverty, rate of child labour, allowance to workless and helpless people, rate of early marriage, rate of early motherhood, rate of income discrimination, percentage of education, environment friendly sustainable development etc.

To know the life standard of the people of a country, we need to know some controlling indicators. They are called human development indicators, such as literacy rate of the people, admission rate of students, their income, expenditure, their living places, medicare, food etc. If we assemble all these indicators we can learn the standard of living of the people of a country.

The Position of Bangladesh in Human Resource Development Index

The GDP, GNP and per capita income have increased in Bangladesh. Along with this development, the government of Bangladesh spends 20% more than the budget in socio-economic sectors for a balanced economic development and human resource development. According to the Human Development Report 2020, the position of Bangladesh in Human Development Index was 133 which was 142 in 2014. The government has introduced National Education Policy 2010 in order to make skilled and capable human resource by inclusive education in all sectors and by improving the quality of education. The government has made rules to appoint 60% women teachers in government primary schools. As a result, the percentage of women teachers was 21% in 1991 and now it has increased to 64.9%. Besides, the government has given priority to health, nutrition and population sectors. Consequently, birth rate and death rate have decreased, average life expectancy has increased, infant and maternal mortality rate and malnutrition have decreased notably.

The Bangladesh thana based survey on income and expenditure finds that according to income the rate of poverty which was 31.5% in 2010 has come down to 24.3% in 2016. On the other hand, the income based poverty rate has come down from 40% in 2005 to 31.5% in 2010.

(Source: Bangladesh Economic Survey 2020)

The government has created social security net by providing ready cash allowance and free food to the destitute poor, distressed women, freedom

fighters, handicapped people, orphans and many other people in order to bring speed in rural economy. Moreover, the government has successfully implemented the projects 'a House a Farm', 'Ashrayan' and 'Grihayan'.

Bangladesh has already been recognized for achieving the Millennium Development Goals as a result of the successful implementation of above mentioned economic programs under the prudent leadership of Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. In terms of per capita income, Bangladesh has become a middle income country from a low one in 2015. In 2018, it has gained the status of a developing country from a least developed country. Although per capita income, human resource index and economic fragility are the conditions for achieving any two of these three indicators for transition to developing countries, Bangladesh has already improved on the criteria of the three indicators too. If we compare Bangladesh with some developing countries regarding human development index we will realize the authenticity of this recognition.

Activity Determine the position of Bangladesh in human development index.

Lesson-5: Comparison among Bangladesh and Some developing Countries

Let us look at the list of indicators: per capita income, rate of admission irrespective of gender, education rate above 15 years, saving rate, medicare expenditure, housing rate, expenditure on consumer goods, unemployment rate, educational expenses, GNI, the number of people spending less than 1.25 dollars a day, birth rate and infant mortality rate etc. We can realize the condition of human development from the table given below.

The human development index of Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Srilanka, Malaysia and Indonesia is given below:

Table-1

Indicators	Year	Bangladesh	India	Pakistan	Srilanka	Malaysia	Indonesia
Saving (% of GDP)	2010	26.2	33.2	14.2	23.7	22.4	31.0
	2019	31.6	27.5	14.0	27.1	23.0	32.3
Literacy rate (15 years above)	2010	47.1	69.3	55.4	91.2	93.1	92.8
	2019	73.9	74.4	59.1	91.7	94.9	95.7
Unemployment rate (% of manpower)	2010	3.4	2.4	0.7	4.9	3.3	5.6
	2019	4.2	5.4	4.5	4.2	3.3	4.7

Source: UNDP Human Development- Data (1990-2020)

Let us have a close look at the above indicators. In 2010, the literacy rate (15 years above) was 47.1 in Bangladesh, 69.3% in India, 55.4% in Pakistan, 91.2% in Srilanka, 93.1% in Malaysia and 92.8% in Indonesia. At the year 2019, the rate in Bangladesh has increased 73.9%, in India 74.4%, in Pakistan 59.1%, in Malaysia 94.9%. But in Indonesia and in Srilanka increased a little. Give a look at the table, on the indicators of human development.

According to the Human Development Report 2020, the position of Bangladesh is 133, India 131 and Pakistan 154. Life expectancy in Bangladesh is 72.6 years, India 69.7 years and in Pakistan 67.3 years. Income based inequality rate in Bangladesh 16.6%, in India 18.8% and in Pakistan 17.2%. Gender discrimination rate, the rate of extreme poverty, the rate of employment according to total population etc are also considered in Human Development Index. (Source: UNDP Human Development Report 2020)

The government of Bangladesh has given priority to these issues and so working to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

Activity Make a comparative picture between Bangladesh and Srilanka in Human Development Index according to Table-1.

Lesson- 6: Expatriates Income or Remittance

The money sent to the country by the expatriate workers is called remittance. The labourers, employees and professionals working abroad send a part of their income to their families by Bank. This money does not only serve their family purpose or improve their life style, but also plays a great role in the development of the country. The money is also being invested in different fields. At present, a great part of national income of Bangladesh comes from remittance sent by the expatriates.

Influence of Overseas / foreign employment and remittance on our economy

At present, millions of people of Bangladesh are working in different countries of the world. The labourers and the other professionals of Bangladesh are working in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and other countries of the Middle East. Many people of Bangladesh are doing different jobs in the near and far eastern countries such as Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, South Korea. Many Bangladeshis are also doing different types of jobs and business in Europe, America, Australia and Africa. According to the statistics of Ministry of Expatriates' welfare and Overseas Employment, Bangladesh bureau of manpower, employment and training and the World Bank shows that, during the financial year 2019-2020, the Number of Bangladeshis working abroad were 4.78 lacs and the amount of money they sent (remittance) stood at 18,205.01 million US dollars. Whereas, the amount of remittance in the economic year 2008-2009 was 9,689 million US dollars. According to World Bank statistics, the position of Bangladesh was 12th among the countries receiving the highest amount of remittance in the year 2008. This position was upgraded to 8th in 2009. The position of Bangladesh among SAARC countries in this period was 2nd. The economic condition of Bangladesh did not face any crisis even during the economic depression throughout the world in 2008-2009. The main reason of this was the huge amount of remittance sent by the expatriates.

(Source: Bangladesh Economic Survey 2020)

Activity Explain how remittance is playing a great role in the development of country's economic condition.

Exercise

MCQ

1. Which sector has the highest contribution individually in national production?

- | | |
|----------------|-------------|
| a. agriculture | b. industry |
| c. trade | d. health |

2. Which belongs to national income?

- i. signing of a singer
- ii. cooking of a housewife
- iii. running a business.

Which one of the following is true?

- | | |
|-------------|----------------|
| a. i | c. i & iii |
| b. ii & iii | d. i, ii & iii |

Read the following stem and answer the questions 3 and 4.

Shafiq is a youth of 16. But he is very weak due to starvation and half-eating. So no one employs him in work. Owing to financial crisis, his condition is deteriorating day by day.

3. Which factor of the state does Shafiq's ill-condition indicate?

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. economic infirmity | b. lack of employment |
| c. vicious circle of poverty | d. lack of training |

4. To make Shafiq human resource we need to provide him-

- i. food security
- ii. rehabilitation
- iii. education

Which one of the following is true?

- | | |
|-------------|----------------|
| a. i | b. i & ii |
| c. ii & iii | d. i, ii & iii |

Creative Questions

1. Miss Oshin came to his neighbouring developing country from Japan to collect data for his research work. She observed that the people of the country are engaged in different enterprises to develop the country. The internal annual income of the country is 10,000 crore US dollars. The remittance sent by the expatriates that year amounted 5000 crore US dollars. The population of the country is 15 crore at present. The government is emphasizing on the increasing use of machine in agriculture, technology and industry.
 - a. What was the literacy rate of Bangladesh in 2009?
 - b. Explain National Income.
 - c. Calculate the per capita income of the country mentioned in the stem and explain the rule.
 - d. The main target of the government mentioned in the stem is to 'create employment' - explain.

2. Mr. Raihan lived in Malaysia for a long time for his job. A few days ago he has returned to his village. He found that the teenagers of his village and nearby villages do not go to schools and colleges. They spend their time idly doing nothing. Infant mortality rate is also very high. With the help of the respected persons of the village, he arranges training on different topics and thus manages to create employment.
 - a. What was the population of Bangladesh in 2011?
 - b. Why was the project 'a house a farm' taken? Explain.
 - c. What type of asset can Mr. Raihan's initiatives make? Explain it.
 - d. Analyse the condition of Bangladesh according to the development index mentioned in the stem.

Chapter Seven

Bangladesh : State and Government System

The state is a political organization. Government is one of the elements to form a state. Every independent country in the world has its own government system. Government can be of different types. Every government has some organs. By these organs government has to perform various types of functions. The state is governed according to some principles which are written down in the constitution. After liberation, the constitution of Bangladesh was framed in November 1972. In this constitution the principles and regulations of our country have been mentioned clearly.

By the end of this chapter we will be able to-

- describe the system of government in brief;
- narrate the fundamental rules of running the state of Bangladesh;
- describe the main characteristics of the constitution of Bangladesh and show respect to it;
- describe the formation and functions of different institutions of the government of Bangladesh;
- explain the formation and functions of local government of Bangladesh;
- realize the significance of good governance on governing the state of Bangladesh and accordingly help the ongoing process of good governance.

Lesson-1: Types of Government

Among the four fundamental elements of the state, government is one of them. This is the basic controlling power of the state. As a ship cannot run without an engine, in the same way a state cannot run without a government. Every function of the state is performed by the government.

The government is an essential element of all the states. But it can be of different types. The types of government were not same from the period when the state originated. From time to time the types and concept of the government have been changed.

At present, the government can be classified according to the following chart.

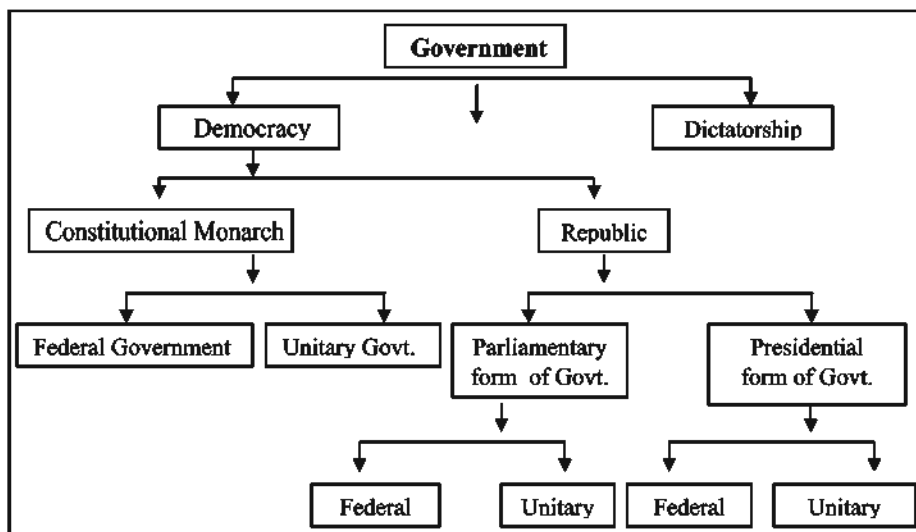


Fig: Various Types of Government

1. Government can normally be divided into two forms; namely Democracy and Dictatorship. In democracy sovereign power of the state is vested in the hands of the people. People are the source of all power. People elect their nominated persons or political party by exercising their power of voting. The elected representatives form the government and administer the country. Most of the countries in the world have such type of government. On the other hand, Dictatorship is a rule of one person or one political party. In this system of government, people do not have any recognition of their rights and opinion. Here the country is ruled according to the wishes of a dictator or according to the wish and desire of a political party.

2. On the basis of power of the head of the state, the democratic form of government is classified into Constitutional Monarchy and Republic. Constitutional Monarchy is such type of government where head of the state gets power by heredity. At present direct Constitutional Monarchy hardly exists except one or two countries like Saudi Arabia. But many countries of the world still sustain Constitutional Monarchy to preserve tradition. On the other hand, Republic is a system of government where head of the state gets power through indirect election by the votes of the people. In this system, people are considered the owners of the state.

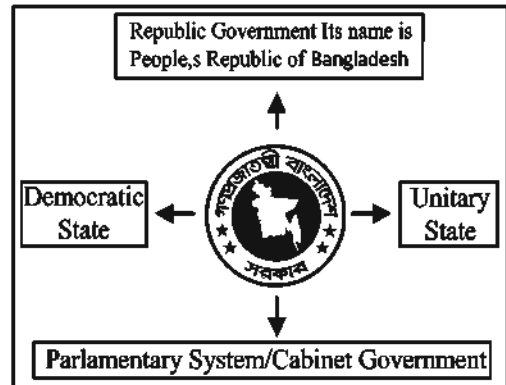
3. On the basis of the distribution of power, democratic government can be divided into two forms: Unitary Government and Federal Government. Unitary form of government is a system in which all the power is vested upon the central government. Federal form of government is a system in which governmental power is distributed by the constitution between central government and provincial government.

4. On the basis of the relationship between the Executive and Legislative, democratic government can be divided into two forms: Parliamentary form of government and Presidential form of government. In Parliamentary form of government the Executive as a whole becomes responsible and dependent to the legislative department. But in presidential form of government Executive department does not remain accountable and responsible to the legislature. In this system of government President and his cabinet govern the country directly.

Activity Write down the forms of government on poster papers as charts and hang them on a wall of the classroom.

Lesson-2: Types of government of Bangladesh

Bangladesh is a democratic country. Republic form of government is present here. The people are the owners of the state here. She has no province. The administration is run from the center. Parliamentary form of government exists here. In a cabinet form of government a constitutional head runs the government. The Prime Minister becomes the head of the government and a cabinet works under him. The priority of the legislature is ensured here. The cabinet is accountable to the legislature for its activities.



Characteristics of Bangladesh Government

Activity Give two examples to prove Bangladesh as a democratic state.

Lesson-3: Fundamental State Policies of Bangladesh

According to the original constitution of 1972 and the fifteenth amendment of the constitution, there are four fundamental state policies which are as follow:

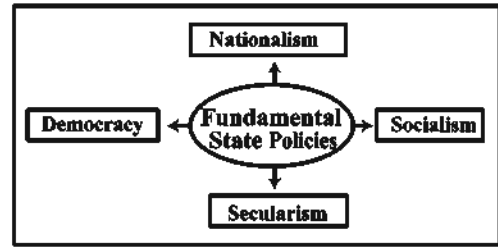


Fig: Fundamental Policies of State

1. Nationalism: A unique bond has been created among the Bengalee nation with the help of the same language, literature and culture. So it is declared in the constitution that as Bengalee nation achieved the independence and sovereignty of Bangladesh by their struggle and unique bond, this unity and fraternity will be the basis of Bengalee Nationalism.

2. Socialism: To bring an equitable distribution in economic sector and ensure the amenities and facilities for all are the objectives of this policy. Socialism is accepted as a fundamental state policy to ensure impartial justice and building up exploitation-free society.

3. Democracy: The main purpose of making democracy a fundamental state policy is to ensure people's participation in all activities. The fundamental human rights and freedom of the people will be ensured through this. It will establish the prestige of the people.

4. Secularism: Secularism has been included as a state policy so that every citizen can practice his/her religion equally and nobody can create any hindrance to one another in the practice of religion.

The major policies are followed in every sector of the state administration. Every citizen should abide by these policies. Besides, the constitution is a holy document of the state administration. So it is the duty for every citizen to honour and abide by the constitution.

Activity Give two examples of how we can follow democracy and secularism- the basic two principles in our practical life.

Lesson-4: The Main Characteristics of Bangladesh Constitution

Constitution is a basic document of running the state. As a building or construction is made according to a design, in the same way the administration of the state is run according to the constitution. What will be the types of a government? What kind of rights will we enjoy as citizens? What kind of power will be exercised by the various organs of the government? Everything is written in the constitution. The history of the constitution of Bangladesh is as follows:

The independence of Bangladesh was declared on the 26th March, 1971. The victory of Bangladesh was achieved on the 16th December, 1971 through the armed liberation war of long nine months. The first session of 'Gonoparishad' was held on the 10th April, 1972. In this session a constitution committee was formed and Dr. Kamal Hossain was nominated the president of this committee. This committee made a draft constitution within six months. It was presented in the Gonoparishad on 30th October, 1972. The constitution was finally approved on the 4th November, 1972.

According to the opinion of the father of the nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, this constitution has been written with the blood of lacs of martyrs. So it is a sacred document for all of us. Constitution is not an unchangeable document. It can be changed and amended with the changes of time. Till now it has been amended seventeen times. Last amendment (seventeen) of the constitution was passed by the Jotiya Sangsad at 8th July 2018.

The main characteristics of the constitution of Bangladesh are as follow:

- 1. People's Republic of Government:** Bangladesh will be known as an independent and sovereign republic.
- 2. Parliamentary form of Government:** Cabinet or Parliamentary system of government will be in action in Bangladesh. The real power of the government will be vested in the hands of the Prime Minister.
- 3. Written Constitution:** This constitution is a written document. It is divided into 11 parts and there are 153 articles and a preamble in the constitution.
- 4. Fundamental Principles of the State policy:** In this constitution four fundamental principles of state policy have been formulated. These are Nationalism, Socialism, Democracy and Secularism.

5. State Religion: The constitution has declared Islam as a state religion. At the same time it also ensures the rights and status of the followers of Hindu, Buddhist, Christian and also other religions.

6. Nation and Nationality: As a national identity the people of Bangladesh will be known as 'Bangalee' and the identity of the citizen will be 'Bangladeshi'.

7. Unitary Government: Unitary form of government will be introduced in the country.

8. Unicameral Legislature: In this constitution there has been a provision of a single chamber in the parliament. The parliament will be formed with 300 members who will be elected by direct election and 50 female members will be elected by the votes of the elected members of the parliament.

9. Fundamental rights: Fundamental rights of the citizens and their preservation have been ensured in the constitution.

10. Sovereignty of the people: According to the constitution, all powers of the state belong to the people and a particular authority will exercise this power on behalf of the people.

11. Independence of the Judiciary: Independence of the judiciary has been guaranteed in the constitution.

12. Universal adult franchise: Without any discrimination of nation, religion and colour, it is declared in the constitution that those who are 18 and above will exercise their voting power.

13. Election procedure: A general election of the members of Parliament shall be held in case of a dissolution by reason of the expiration of its term, within the period of 90 days preceding such dissolution; and in the case of a dissolution otherwise than by reason of such expiration, within 90 days after such dissolution.

14. Amendment of the constitution: The constitution can be amended by the votes of two-thirds majority of the total number of members of the parliament.

Activity-1 Mention the main characteristics of Bangladesh Constitution.

Activity-2 Collect the constitution of Bangladesh from your school or any other nearest library of any institution and write its identity in short.

Lesson-5: Different organs and functions of the Government of Bangladesh

Government is a basic controlling power of the state. The state performs all its activities by the government. It cannot run without a government. Government has to perform various types of functions to run the state. For example, the state ensures our food, education and security as the citizens of the state. Government has to formulate various kinds of laws for the welfare of the people. If anyone violates the laws, he/she will be punished by the state. There are many other jobs of this type that the government has to perform. To perform these functions of the state, the government has three organs: 1. Legislative 2. Executive and 3. Judiciary.

Structure and formation of the various organs of Government

Three organs of the Bangladesh Government in three pictures are shown as follow:

Bangladesh government organs

Legislative



Jatiya Sangsad

Executive



Bangladesh Secretariat

Judiciary



Supreme Court

First picture shows **Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban**. It is situated at Agargaon in Dhaka. The elected representatives formulate the necessary laws for the state and give their decision in other policy making affairs in the sessions of the parliament.

The second picture shows **Bangladesh Secretariat**. From this center, government governs the country.

The last picture shows **Bangladesh Supreme Court**. It is the highest court of justice of Bangladesh government.

The short description of three organs of the government is as follows:

Legislative

The legislative of Bangladesh is unicameral. Its name is Jatiya Sangsad. It consists of 350 members. Among them 300 members are elected from 300 constituencies by the direct vote of the people. While 50 more seats are reserved for women. In the reserved seats women members are elected by the members who are elected by direct vote. That means in the reserved seats women members are elected indirectly. But again out of 300 constituencies, the women members can be elected from any constituency by direct competition. The tenure of the Sangsad is five years. There is one Speaker and one Deputy Speaker in the parliament. The responsibility of the Speaker is to conduct all activities relating to the sessions of the parliament. Deputy Speaker assists him in this regard. Besides, in absence of the Speaker Deputy Speaker presides over the parliament session. Both of them are elected from among the members of parliament by their vote.

The legislative or the Jatiya Sangsad enacts and amends general laws of the country. It also ventilates and expresses public opinion, controls government income and expenditure, formulates and amends the constitution, if any allegation is raised against the President; the legislative takes this into consideration. Besides this, it also plays its role as a guardian of our national exchequer. Taxes are levied and the budget is approved by it.

Executive

The organ which is entrusted with the administration of the country is called the executive. In a wider sense executive means the officers and employees who are entrusted with the state's functions. In this regard, from the head of the state down to village guards all are the part of the executive. In the real sense, the executive consists of the head of the state, head of the government, members of the cabinet and officers of the secretariat. The executive administers the country and executes the laws passed by the legislature. It maintains the internal law and order in the country. It also maintains relationship with foreign countries. It works for the defense, liberty and sovereignty of the country.

Judiciary

The organ which administers impartial judgement according to the law of the country is called judiciary. The judiciary consists of the judges of all the courts of Bangladesh. The Supreme Court is the highest court of Justice in the judicial department. The chief of this institution is called the Chief Justice. The president appoints the Chief Justice. The Supreme Court has two divisions Appellate division and High court division. The President also appoints the justices of these two divisions. The judiciary administers justices according to the existing laws of the country. It makes civil life simple and beautiful and establishes fair justice by punishing the guilty and criminals. The judiciary conducts and gives verdict of the different cases and litigations filed in court. It interprets the provisions of the constitution and does various investigative works. The judiciary also acts as a safeguard of the constitution and rights of its citizen and it also conducts the works on various enquiries.

In the above discussion, we observe that every organ of a government has its functions and scope. According to this, the functions of the organ are conducted. The total summary of all organs is government and the functions of the organs are included in the government works.

Activity-1 Make a comparative report in short about the different organs of the Bangladesh government.

Activity-2 Identify which work belongs to what organ and then write down.

To work for the development of agriculture, give verdict on the different cases, change the laws, protect the country from foreign aggression, punishes the guilty, frame the constitution.

Legislative: 1.

2.

Executive : 1.

2.

Judiciary : 1.

2.

Lesson- 6: Structure and Functions of Local Government

Generally the local government is a system of government which is elected by the people to run the local administration and maintain development works. This type of government is formed locally to solve local problems.

As the territory and population of the state is large at present, it is not possible for the government to solve all types of regional problems from the centre. In this way the extra pressure of the central government is reduced and the solution of local problems also becomes easy. It is an important part of Bangladesh administration.

The local government system has spread out in both village and urban areas of Bangladesh. Structures of local governments in both the regions have been shown in the following chart:

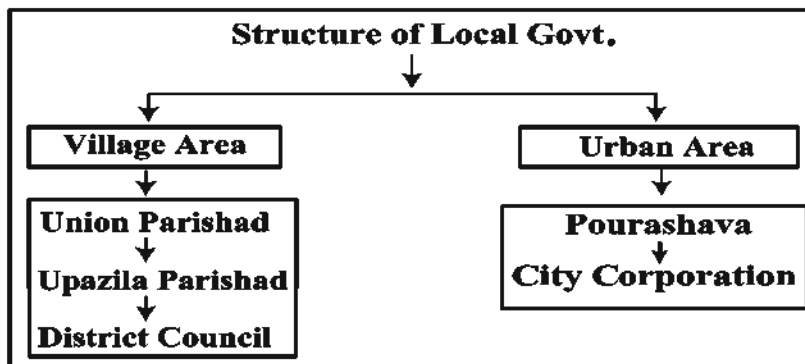


Fig : Structure of Local Government

In the village area of Bangladesh, there are three layers of local government. Among them Union Parishad is the last one. Besides this, at Upazila level there are Upazila Parishads, at district level there are District Councils. In urban areas there are two types of government; such as Pourashava and City Corporation. Except eight divisional cities, city corporation perform functions in Cumilla, Narayanganj and Gazipur. Pourashavas perform functions in other district areas.

Formation of Local Government

Except District Council, the leadership of every organ in local government is elected by the direct votes of the people. The tenure of every organ is five years.

Union Parishad

The primary level of local government is Union Parishad in rural areas. At present there are 4571 Union Parishads in the country. A Union Parishad consists of several villages. Union Parishad is the local government in village area. The aim of Union Parishad is to remove the village problems, spread the leadership at the local level and increase mass consciousness. Every Union Parishad consists of an elected chairman, nine members from nine wards and three female members in the reserved seats having a total of thirteen members (01+09+03).

Upazila Parishad

Upazila consists of some unions. The Upazila Parishad consists of one chairman, one Vice Chairman, one Woman Vice Chariman and all chairmen of Union Parishads under the Upazilla, Chairmen of Pourashavas and one-third of all the female members. There are 492 Upazilas in Bangladesh at present.

District Council

A District Council consists of some Upazilas. There are 61 district councils out of 64 under the Ministry of Local Government Affairs. Khagrachari, Bandarban and Rangamati— these three district councils are under the Ministry of Chattogram Hill Tracts Affairs. The district council consists of one chairman and twenty members. Out of 20 members there will be five female members. The Chairman with all other members will be elected indirectly. They are elected by the votes of Mayor and Councilors of all the City Corporations under the District Council, all the Chairmen of Upazilla, Mayor and Councilors of all the Pourashavas and all the Chairmen and members of Union Parishad. The members of parliament under the district will be the advisors of District Council.

Pourashava

The Pourashava is a local government in urban areas. There are 327 Pourashavas in Bangladesh at present. A Pourashava consists of one Mayor, one Councilor from each ward and female Councilors from the reserved seats. The number of members of Pourashava can be more or less on the basis of territory and population.

City Corporation

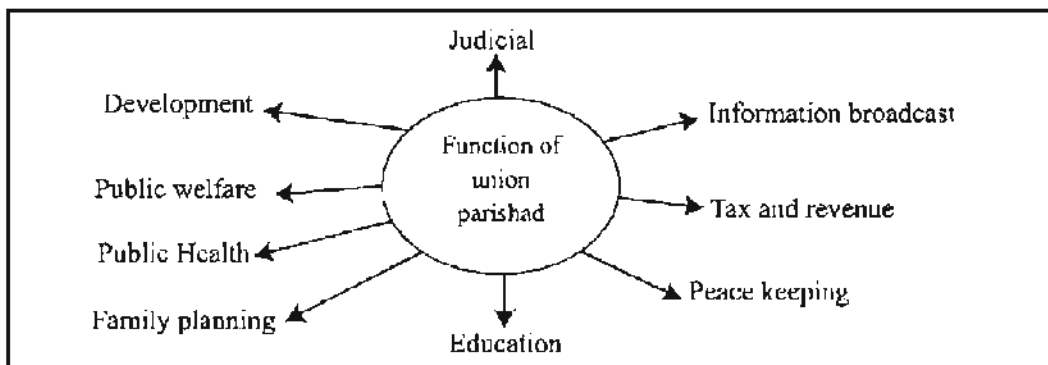
There are twelve City Corporations in Bangladesh. They are Dhaka North, Dhaka South, Chattogram, Rajshahi, Khulna, Sylhet, Barishal, Narayanganj, Rangpur, Cumilla, Gazipur and Mymensingh. The chief of the City Corporation is called Mayor. There are Councilors, as a helping hand of the Mayor. The numbers of the Councilors can be more or less on the basis of territory.

Activity Show the comparative structure of Union Parishad and Pourashava in chart.

Functions of Local Government

Local government is the system of local representatives. It is self-governed and beyond direct control of the government. Local government performs many welfare and development works at local level, where it is the key-force of all development works.

Functions of a Union Parishad



Functions of Union Parishad

It appears that a Union Parishad has to perform a variety of functions. These are-

- to make and implement plans of total development of Union Parishad;
- to make arrangement for pure drinking water;
- helping the affected people and managing their rehabilitation;
- to keep environment clean and tidy in the Union Parishad;
- to make arrangement for first aid;

- creating mass awareness and making various family planning equipments available for the implementation of family planning programs;
- making arrangement for awarding stipend to poor and meritorious students and arranging adult education for removing illiteracy;
- maintaining law and order in the area;
- to make arrangement of collecting the land tax in the area;
- creating mass awareness against the offence and informing the policy if any offence or bad incident happens in the area;
- working to raise consciousness against different social problems like sexual harassment, dowry system etc;
- to settle the local disputes to maintain peace and harmony in the area.

Functions of Upzila Parishad

The functions of Upazila Parishad are almost the same as the functions of Union Parishad. Besides this, Upazila Parishad takes necessary long and short term development projects including five-year plan. Upazila Parishad implements, supervises and coordinates various projects of the government. It constructs and maintains the link roads among different Union Parishads.

Functions of District Council

The functions of District Council are to conduct different development programs of District Council. It builds roads, bridges and culverts in the reserved area of Upazila and Pourashava. The construction of educational institutions, residential hotels, training centers, orphanages, libraries and night schools, agriculture farms, flood control embankments are also the functions of District Council. It arranges irrigation, preserves public health and works for the development of communication and transportations.

Functions of Pourashava

A Pourashava performs its functions like a Union Parishad, such as maintaining the public health, education and public welfare activities and judicial types of

works. Besides these, other functions are-

- making arrangements for pure water and removing the blocked water;
- controlling the sale of unhygienic and adulterated food;
- adopting plans and implementing them for maintaining a good environment in the towns;
- arranging the proper construction of the houses and homes;
- constructing and maintaining the roads and controlling vehicle movement;
- planting trees on both sides of the roads, establishing parks and gardens and preserving open spaces.

Besides, Pourashava celebrates various national days, performs work relating to relief and rehabilitation, arranges orphanage for the orphans and the helpless, sets up libraries and clubs, controls begging, arranges games and sports, builds and maintains auditorium, maintains birth and death registration, controls epidemic and contagious diseases and arranges reception for special guests.

Functions of City Corporation

City Corporation performs its functions in the metropolitan areas like the Pourashava. These are-

- making arrangements for pure water and removing the blocked water;
- control the sale of unhygienic and adulterated food;
- adopting plans and implementing them for maintaining a good environment in the city,
- arrange the proper construction of the houses and homes;
- constructing and maintaining the roads and controlling vehicle movement;
- planting trees on both sides of the roads, establishing parks and gardens and preserving open spaces.

Activity-1 Evaluate the implementation works of your Union Parishad/ Pourashava and City Corporation. Point out the sectors where the work has not been implemented and recommend for necessary development. The work can be done in groups.

Activity-2: How can you help to implement the functions of the local government in your area?

Lesson-7: Good Governance in Government Administration:

The ability to run the government largely depends on good governance. In fact, good governance means a type of government which is formed according to the constitution. It works under a jurisdiction with honesty and sincerity. It employs its ultimate efficiency for the protection of citizen rights and for public welfare. In easy words, good governance is a type of state or government system where different organizations are responsible for their jobs. Here institutional interest is greater than individual interest. Transparency and accountability in the execution of different functions and to establish the rule of law are the factors of good governance.

It is essential to ensure responsibility and accountability in administration to run the government. For the good establishment of rule of law and democracy, corruption, individual interest and nepotism should be stopped. Besides establishment of human rights is urgent for a country so that the people can get justice. It is necessary to establish good governance in every corner of the government to eliminate poverty, to attain self-reliance, to establish justice and to ensure development. The hindrances to good governance should also be removed.

The government has taken steps to establish good governance in the country. We have to cooperate the government to implement the efforts taken by it. We have to build ourselves as the upholders and bearers for the establishment of good governance. We have to make ourselves responsible to build Bangladesh as a prosperous and corruption free country in the canvass of the world.

Activity Identify the importance of good governance for running the government of Bangladesh.

Exercise

MCQ

1. How many times has the constitution of Bangladesh been amended till today?

- a. 11
- b. 13
- c. 16
- d. 17

2. Where are the fundamental principles of running the state written?

- a. constitution
- b. law book
- c. document of independence
- d. constitution of ruling party

Read the stem and answer the questions 3 and 4.

Mrs. Taslima is a parliament member. But she was not the candidate in any of the constituency out of the 300 constituencies at the time of parliamentary election. As an elected member, she tabled a bill in the parliament session in favour of women for increasing women quota in government service.

3. Who elected Mrs. Taslima a parliament member?

- a. people
- b. parliament members
- c. cabinet
- d. Upazila Chairman

4. Mrs. Taslima was elected a parliament member in order-

- i. to increase women representation
- ii. to increase the numbers of parliament members
- iii. to preserve women interest.

Which one of the following is true?

- a. i & ii
- b. ii & iii
- c. i & iii
- d. i, ii & iii

Creative Question

Mr. Golam Kuddus is an inhabitant of Rahimpur village under the Hathazari upazila. He was elected chairman in the local government election of 2015. He installed five tube-wells to solve the problem of pure water of the inhabitants. He repairs and constructs roads of the union. He also provides scholarship to the meritorious students. Meanwhile he has become familiar as a popular person in his locality.

- a. How many District Councils are there in Bangladesh?
- b. 'People are the root of all powers' - explain it.
- c. In which local government Mr. Golam Kuddus is elected chairman? Explain it.
- d. 'Mr. Kuddus has to perform many more duties than he does as a chairman mentioned above' - explain it.

Chapter Eight

Climate and Natural Disasters in Bangladesh

Bangladesh is one of the highest disaster prone areas of the world. We know that the whole world is undergoing a climate change due to temperature rise on the earth's surface or global warming. This climate change causes less crop production in the torrid zone during the dry season. Besides, this results in excessive rain, flood and water logging in the rainy season as well as draughts, tornadoes, cyclones, tidal bores or similar natural disasters in the dry seasons. Salinity increases in the coastal areas. Sudden cold or hot wave, deep fog, hailstorm are also some byproducts. Besides, earthquake is one of the natural disasters of the country. Geographic position and global warming are the causes of this disaster. We notice the impacts of these disasters on the life and economy of Bangladesh.

By the end of this chapter we will be able to -

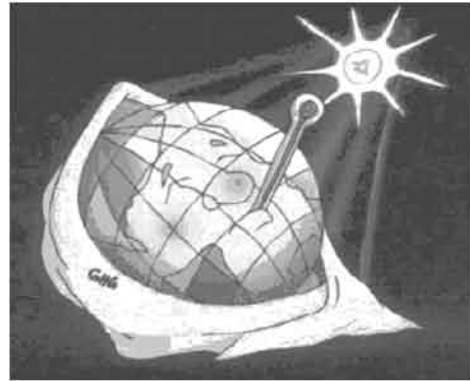
- explain the idea of global warming;
- analyze the causes and effects of global warming;
- explain disaster;
- mention the types of disasters;
- describe different types of natural disasters like cyclone, flood, drought, earthquake, tsunami, fire-accident etc;
- narrate the causes of natural disasters of Bangladesh;
- analyze the impacts of these disasters on the life and economy of Bangladesh;
- give advice and make a plan to prevent natural disasters, to undertake necessary steps to save life and assets from disasters;
- be aware of environment.

Lesson-1: The concept of global warming

The earth has flora and fauna as it has suitable environment for them. Water, air and other necessary elements together constitute that suitable environment. Due to global warming the environment is hugely endangered. Let us know at this stage what global warming means. In fact, as the amazing discoveries of science have made our life easy and comfortable, they have either damaged or made an imbalance in the environment too. The huge boom of population, deforestation, mills and factories along with the engine run vehicles are destroying the balance of ecology. As a result, many problems are being created. One of those difficult problems is 'greenhouse effect'. This is a complicated problem. Greenhouse is a

kind of covering made of different types of gases. It works as heat maximiser. It creates a kind of covering or shield around the world.

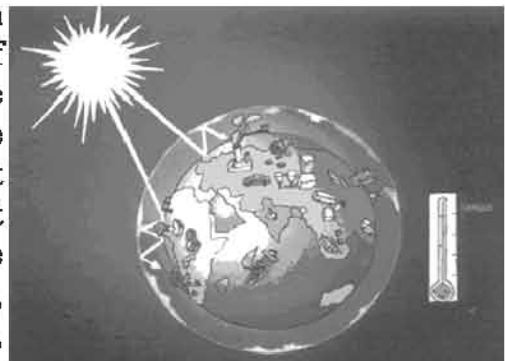
Look at the right side picture. Here the green house gas has formed a layer around the globe. What is its impact? This layer absorbs heat from the sun and then scatters it on the surface of the globe. Thus, the heat of the world increases. This increasing heat is known as global warming. Due to this problem the air and the earth are getting warmer gradually and the sea surface is going up.



The greenhouse gas covering the earth

Lesson-2: The causes of global warming

The main elements of the air are nitrogen and oxygen. Besides, a little amount of carbon-di-oxide, methane and nitras-oxide are also available in the air along with some vapour and ozone gas. These less important gases are called greenhouse gases. Apart from these natural gases, few man-made gases such as CFC (Chloro Fluoro Carbon), HCFC (Hydro Chloro Fluoro Carbon), Halon are also called greenhouse gases. Due to these gases, Carbon-di-oxide has



Greenhouse gas around

increased 25% in the atmosphere in last one century. Similarly, Nitras oxide has increased 19% and methane has increased 100%. These are the main reasons of global warming. There are other causes also liable for global warming. Our household items such as refrigerator, air conditioner, plastic items, foam, aerosol etc. produce a kind of greenhouse gas (HCFC). This is destroying the ozone layer of the atmosphere. There are many layers in the atmosphere. The closest layer to the earth is troposphere which has an average height of 12 km. from the sea level. The next one is ozone layer and it is extended up to 20 km. The ozone layer absorbs the ultra violet rays of the sun and saves the flora and fauna of the earth. Due to erosion of ozone layers, there is a rise of 5% ultra violet ray in the earth's surface. This is also a cause of global warming.

Besides, the developed countries are also liable for greenhouse effect. They are destroying ecology by their increasingly high use of fossil fuel. Many of these countries are using nuclear plants that produce huge waste. This waste also increases greenhouse gas, but its role in global warming is very little. Not only that the industrial waste and black fumes produce loads of mercury, lead and arsenic that are also liable for global warming.

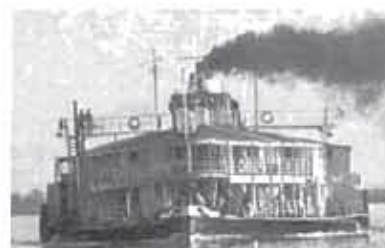
The oceans are compared to the lungs of human body. They have significant roles in controlling world temperature. But they are gradually getting polluted as radioactive wastes are thrown there. It pollutes vapours that mix up with the air and increases world temperature. Though Bangladesh is a small country once it had many rivers, ponds, canals, marshy lands etc. They had vital roles in controlling temperature. Currently many of them are either dried up or thoroughly filled up. Many of them are used for waste discharge. Thus rivers are being abused in many developing countries that also results in global warming.

Deforestation is another important factor in this regard. We know, the green trees take in carbon-di-oxide from the environment and leave out oxygen for us. But due to massive deforestation, the amount of oxygen is getting minimized and the amount of carbon-di-oxide is getting maximized in the air. As a result, the amount of harmful CFC gas rises up to damage the ozone layer.

It is true that the present world is getting urbanised too rapidly. People are rushing to cities and towns for work. Therefore, cities are getting over burdened with extra population. This huge population needs extra vehicles too. Emission of black fumes is carbon-di-oxide. Likewise, the black fumes produced by the mills and factories are also increasing the amount of carbon emission in the air which is the further cause of global warming.



Black fumes



**Waste discharge in the sea and
exhaustion of black fumes**



Deforestation



Increasing vehicles

In addition, artificial irrigation, use of nitrogen fertilizers and pesticides in agriculture have roles in damaging ozone layer which ultimately contribute to global warming.

We have learnt about climate change in Bangladesh at Class Seven. One of the main reasons of climatic change is global warming. In fact, global warming has panicked the whole



Use of chemical fertilizers in agricultural lands

world including Bangladesh. Below is a discussion on how global warming may affect the ecology and life style in Bangladesh:

The level of sea water will increase due to global warming. As a result, sea water will enter the coastal areas. Due to salinity in sea water, trees and forests, fisheries and crops will be massively ruined. This situation is already evident in Bangladesh. Global warming is already damaging the mangrove forests in Bangladesh. We know that the bio-diversity in the Sundarbans is already at stake. Salinity has increased at agricultural lands in the coastal areas. Therefore, lands are losing fertility. It has affected the agricultural production. Besides, many species of trees and sweet water fish have been lost in the mean time. All these have adverse impact on people's life and livelihood. People are going to cities for their survival. So the cities are getting overburdened.

As the level of sea water is rising up, tidal waves are becoming higher than their natural size. Sometimes it takes the shape of tidal bores. Sometimes depressions take place in the sea and turns into cyclones. We have heard the names of 'Ayla' and 'Sidr'. These two natural disasters have immensely ravaged lives and resources at the coastal areas. In addition, the entrance of saline water into large locality has ruined crops, houses and institutions. These areas have acute shortage of drinking water too. Ayla and Sidr have devastated nearly one-fourth of the Sundarbans. They have affected our bio-diversity and fishery sector as well.

It is mentioned that due to the global warming the temperature of the earth is rising and the ultra violet rays of the sun also enter this world directly. As a result, human beings and other animals are suffering from several types of diseases such as cancer, skin diseases, and some others. Global warming is also destroying the ecological balance. The desertification of the northern part of Bangladesh is an example of this.

Global warming will result in flood, draught and salinity. As a consequence, there will be shortage of food for livestock and different types of diseases will spread. Considering all these negative aspects, we need to take cautious steps to face the problems of climate change.

Activity-1 What are the causes of global warming?

Activity-2 Discuss what type of damages human beings, environment, and animals are undergoing for global warming. What are likely to take place in future?

Lesson-3: The concept and kinds of disaster

When any natural or man-made situation becomes unnatural and intolerable and as a result of which crops, asset and life are destroyed and environment is damaged, it is called disaster. Disasters are of two kinds; natural disasters and man-made disasters. Natural disasters take place suddenly and human beings are generally helpless here. However, man-made disasters are results of some activities done by them. We can avoid them or save ourselves from their adverse impact by being conscious and careful. Disasters that are created due to the malpractices of human beings or which are caused due to their lack of far sightedness are called human being created disasters. This type of disaster destroys lives and disrupts natural life-styles. It also disturbs ecological balance and increases restlessness in a society. Some of the man-made disasters are war, communal riot, deforestation, water logging through obstacles at natural flow of rivers and desertification, fire etc. On the other hand, when any natural accident or destruction hampers the normal flow of life, we call it natural disaster. Flood, cyclone, tidal bore, tornado, earthquake, draught, river erosion, tsunami, volcanic eruptions are some examples of natural disasters.

Activity-1 What is a natural disaster?

Activity-2 Mention 5 causes of human beings created disasters and another five causes for natural disasters.

Lesson-4 and 5: Different kinds of natural disasters

In Class Seven we have learnt about some natural disasters caused due to climate change like cyclones, flood and drought. In this chapter we will learn about some more natural disasters. We will also learn about the means how to face them.

Earthquake

Among all the natural disasters of the world earthquake causes much havoc within a very short time. No advance news can be conveyed about earthquake. It turns a whole area into debris with a shake or some before human beings knowing anything about it. Generally massive, moderate or mild earthquake may occur several times at the same place. We have got evidence of it in the earthquakes of Iran, China, Mexico, Chile and Japan. Bangladesh is at the risk of earthquake. Particularly Dhaka, Sylhet, Rangpur and Chattogram are in the most risky zones. In recent times mild quakes often shake Chattogram and Sylhet. The quake that occurred on 18th September 2011 was quite severe. The whole country shivered with this. Man knows no means to prevent earthquake. But we can teach people to keep themselves safe during earthquake and give idea about rescue methods and relief works after the quake.



Earthquake

Tsunami

'Tsunami' is another natural disaster. It is mainly a Japanese word which means waves of the sea shore. If there is any movement at the sea bed due to earthquake or volcanic eruption or any other reasons, massive waves are created throughout a large area. These waves dive on the coastal belt with strong current ranging from 800 to 1300 kilometres per hour. Due to Tsunami the water of the sea



Tsunami

turns into tidal bore and enters within 10 kilometres of the coastal belt with a huge speed as mentioned above. As a result, within a very short time houses and buildings, road or railways or other communications, electricity or business centres can be completely destroyed.

A huge Tsunami hit the north-east area of Japan in 2011. It was the result of an 8.9 Richter Scale earthquake under the sea. It hit an area which was 400 kilometres away from Tokyo the capital city of Japan. As a consequence, five nuclear electric plants in Japan were highly damaged. Radio-activity from these nuclear plants started spreading through air and water. It created huge health hazards for human beings. Thousands of railway commuters were missing and many ships drowned due to this disaster.

Landslide or landfall

The sudden fall of a mass of earth from a hill or mountain is called landslide or landfall. Hills composed of sand-stones or heavy mud may have landslide during intense rain or long time rain. It also takes place for massive deforestation and leveling of hills. Landslide causes problems for the people who live beneath the hills as their houses can be buried down for this. This problem is very common in Chattogram, Cox's Bazar, Rangamati, Khagrachhari, Bandarban, Sylhet, Netrokona and some other districts of Bangladesh. Here many lives are lost and many houses are destroyed every year.



Land slide

Fire

Fire may take place as a natural disaster as well as a disaster caused by carelessness or an accident. Sometimes fire takes place at forests in many countries because of immense heat. It is called wildfire. It destroys forest resources as well as bio-diversity. Wildfire does not take place in our country. So we do not consider fire as a natural disaster. In Bangladesh, fire takes place due to carelessness or as an



Fire

accident. This accident usually takes place in mills and factories, oil refineries, garment industries, jute mills, chemical godowns, residential buildings, shops, offices and commercial centers. Recently the fire caused from a chemical godown at Nimtali, Dhaka has taken away many lives and leaving many people physically challenged. Many people have turned to have-nots as a consequence of it. It is to note here that both in the rural and urban areas lack of consciousness is a prime factor for fire and often the sources of fire are burning ovens, lamps, mosquito coils, cigarettes and hurricanes (kerosene lamps) etc.

Activity-1 Make a list of different kinds of disasters.

Activity-2 Discuss the sources and consequences of natural disasters and man-made disasters.

Lesson-6: Causes of Natural Disaster

Natural disasters are caused by natural factors. The geographical position of a country, climate impacts, global warming i.e. the natural environment as a whole is liable for natural disaster. Geographical position, climate, soil structure, rivers and canals etc. are considered as the causes of natural disasters in Bangladesh.

Geographical Position: Geographical position is one of the main causes of our natural disasters. Ours is a riverine country. The land is almost plain. The Himalaya is to the north and the Bay of Bengal is to the south of the country. The source of the rivers flowing through this country is in India or Nepal. There is no such blockade in the south like hill, mountain, hillock or any other natural obstacles which can prevent cyclone or tidal bore naturally.

Soil Structure: Most of the land is built during the recent time as flood plain. Besides, geographically Bangladesh is located near the plate on which India and Myanmar are situated. As a result, Bangladesh is very prone to earthquake.

Climate: Bangladesh is situated in the tropical monsoon region. As a consequence, there is a lot of rain. So natural disasters like cyclones, flood and tidal waves occur here.

Rivers and Canals: Bangladesh is criss-crossed by innumerable rivers. Hence, flood and river erosion are very frequent here.

Activity Point out the cause-based natural disasters in the map of Bangladesh.

Lesson -7: The Impacts of Natural Disasters on Life and Economy of Bangladesh

Both natural and man-made disasters are terrible and destructive for any country or society. They cause serious damage to human life and economy of a country. Natural disasters occur more or less every year in Bangladesh. Flood is one of them. The floods of 1988, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2004, and 2009 were dreadful. These floods caused much destruction to the crops of farmers, their houses, cattles, trees, fish-farms, mills and factories, business-firms etc. Besides, houses and bio-diversity got destroyed due to flood. Every year 20 % area of our country is

inundated by flood water. If it takes unusual shape, there is a dread that it may submerge 68% area. Women, children, old and disabled people are affected much by different types of disasters. Women play great role in preparing food, collecting water, caring dependent children and keeping the old people safe during and after the flood.

As a result, they face many obstacles to address these problems. Poor people of our country face great loss due to different types of disasters. Most of the people lose ability to encounter natural disasters due to poverty. Moreover, most of the poor people live in the disaster-prone areas. As a result, they become the primary victims to it.

Natural disasters pollute air and water which affect human life greatly. Filth and waste, dead bodies of animals and human waste driven by floods, tidal waves and tornado pollute air and water around us. Human beings do not get sufficient medicare during this period. Above all, women, children and the old suffer much during the disasters.

A large number of coastal people of Bangladesh lost their possession and faced socio-economic problems due to the Sidr of 2007 and Aila of 2009. Due to these disasters thousands of people lost their houses and belongings and had to move elsewhere for their living. These types of disasters cause much damage to life and crops. Natural disasters are also responsible for the establishment of slums in the cities of our country.

Strong wind blows during cyclones and high tidal waves cause much damage to the trees of coastal areas. Again tidal waves increase salinity in inland water which kills fish. Besides, this salinity damages fertility of land and decreases crop production. Moreover, saline water destroys fresh water fish species. Forests get immersed in the rivers due to river erosion. This affects the balance of the environment.

Activity Identify the impacts of disasters on our family life.

Lesson-8: Duties and responsibilities during natural disasters

We have already learnt that due to geographical location and natural characteristics, Bangladesh has been one of the most natural disaster prone areas. For ages the people of this country have been fighting with natural disasters for their survival. In most of the cases, natural disasters cannot be avoided. However, the amount of death and destructions in these disasters can be minimized to a certain extent with proper planning and preparedness.

Duties and responsibilities during floods and cyclones

Pre-disaster Dos

1. Use high lands as much as possible to build houses and animal sheds.
2. Build houses within embankments in river bank areas and within enclosures in coastal areas.
3. Plant bamboo, banana, *dholkolmi*, *dhoincha* and similar trees around your houses. They can defend currents of any flood to a large extent.
4. Make an extra roof or platform inside your house and preserve foods, seeds, and other necessary items there. If flood/cyclone water enters inside the house, they are not damaged.
5. Keep some essential things such as chopper (*da*), cooking tool, (*khunti*), axe (*kural*), spade (*kodal*), basket (*jhuri*), nylon ropes, bamboo mats, broken pieces of tin, portable oven (*chula*), radio, torch light and battery in possession.
6. Make pond sides high and install tube-wells and latrines at high places as much as possible. If necessary, use extra pipes to make tube-wells high.
7. Stock some dry foods such as steamed rice (*chira*), puffed rice (*muri*), *khoi*, molasses (*gur*), oral saline and some life saving emergency medicine. Preserve some animal foods to be used during flood situation too.
8. Inspire each of your family members to learn how to swim.
9. Repair your house and replace the old poles (*khuti*) before the cyclone period or the monsoon starts.
10. Know where the nearest shelter is.



Dholkolmi and Banana are planted in the surrounding of the house



Pre-disaster forecast

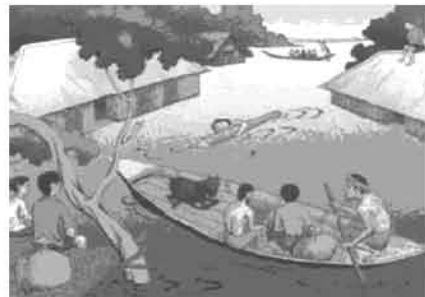
11. Make a habit of savings.
12. Learn the danger signals and their explanations.
13. Keep in regular touch with local disaster management committees and volunteers.
14. Take combined initiatives to repair dams, bridge, roads, and culverts of your locality.
15. Have regular meetings with local disaster management committee, social organizations, and volunteers to teach local people what to do to prevent disasters.



A social committee

During disaster Dos

1. Monitor of water regularly during the flood time. Be attentive to cyclone forecasts.
2. Wrap household items with polythene or any other water resistant materials and place them on extra roofs/ platforms inside the house. Keep some pure water in a pitcher and close its mouth with a lid. Cover the pitcher properly with a piece of polythene and then preserve it under the earth. Preserve some dry foods such as *chira*, *muri*, *gur* in the same process.
3. Shift livestock such as cows, goats, hens, and ducks etc. to high lands.
4. Take shelter in the nearest shelter centres. You do not need to go to any shelter centre for signal number 1, 2, 3 and 4 for any cyclone or tidal bore. Shift children, old people, challenged people and women to shelter centers if it is signal number 5. If there is no shelter centre, take shelter in the nearest high buildings, or schools/ colleges or any other institutions.



Taking shelter during the disaster

5. Take safe drinking water only. Water from any tube-well not submerged in flood water is safe for drinking. If necessary, boil water properly or use water purification tablets or *fitkiri* to have safe drinking water.
6. Take special care for children. Take extra care for ill, challenged, pregnant and old people too.
7. If there are no boats for communications, use banana trees to make local rafts (*vela*).
8. Take necessary steps for vaccination to guard against infectious diseases. Take safe drinking water during disaster.
9. Take social measures to ensure security in shelter centres.
10. Ensure latrine facilities and sewerage system in shelter centres.
11. Take sympathetic and human views of all instead of being attentive to your own advantages and disadvantages.



Taking safe drinking water during disaster

Post-disaster Dos

1. Leave shelter centres and come back to own places after the flood or cyclone is over.
2. Do not leave shelter centres immediately after the cyclone stops. Often there is a reverse gust of storm after some time of the first attack. This reverse storm along with the tidal bore usually drives everything to the sea.
3. Repair and clean your home. Use bleaching powder if necessary.
4. Give primary aid if anyone is injured during the disaster. If the injury is serious, take him or her to nearest hospital for treatment.
5. If anyone dies, take initiative to bury him/ her immediately. If any animal or birds die, bury it in the same way.



The volunteers work unitedly

6. Cooperate relief or medical teams to support the real victims.
7. Work together with others in the society for post disaster management.

Dos to prevent river erosion

If there is any sign for river erosion, steps should be taken immediately to save lives and resources. It is better to decide where to take shelter if there are signs for river erosion. We should shift children, aged people, pregnant women, new mothers (*proshuti*) and challenged persons either to safe places or to relatives. We should also shift livestock such as hens, ducks, cows, and goats to safer places. In this process, the valuable items of home and important documents should be shifted to safe places too. If river erosion is evident, better to sell out the trees and vegetables at homesteads. The kitchen and animal shelter should be shifted to safe places beforehand. Even the living rooms should be shifted to safe places before the erosion is too close.



River erosion

There are few other things to do for our safety before the river erosion starts. Anything built near the rivers should be portable in nature. We should plant such trees in river erosion areas whose roots can enter deep down the earth. After the river erosion people goes to safe places. The speed of water vehicles should be restricted so



After the river erosion people goes to safe places

that they cannot create any strong wave. We should be always vigilant to monitor the rivers once there are signs for river erosion. We must stand beside the victims after the erosion takes place. We should help them to reconstruct their houses and repair the cracks in damaged bridges.

Dos to prevent draught

Sometimes the northern part of our country faces draught. We can take some precautions to face this situation. Ponds and canals can be excavated in these areas before the draught starts. We should take initiatives to reserve rain water as much as we can. We have to preserve some dry foods and save cash money for draught period. Foods should be preserved for livestock too. We can install some tube-wells in our own locality and select draught resisting crops to be cultivated in the draught prone areas.

The victim families should find out some alternative sources of income. People should be calculative in using water and livestock should be kept away from watersides. After the draught is over, organic fertilizers should be used instead of chemical fertilizers. Weeds and wild plants should be cleaned to avoid water misuse. This time land should be cultivated in depth. Crops with long roots which can enter deep down the earth should be cultivated and more trees should be planted in the draught affected areas.



Draught

Dos to prevent earthquakes

Some areas of Bangladesh are in high risk of earthquake. These areas are called earthquake prone zones. They include Dinajpur, Rangpur, Bogura, Tangail, Dhaka, Cumilla, Chattogram and Cox's Bazar. This does not mean that other areas of the country are free from the risk of earthquake. Among the natural disasters, we do not get forecast of earthquake. Still we have to face earthquake and the steps which we can take to minimize the losses of life and property.

Preparation before Earthquake

Every house should have an emergency exit other than the main entrance. Moreover, there should be some first aid items, few helmets and a torch light in each family. A strong table should be kept in each house to take shelter underneath during the earthquake time. Heavy furniture should be kept on the floor.

Without being upset we should stay at home until the quake stops completely. All electric and gas connections should be switched off immediately. If there is sufficient open space beside the homestead, shelter should be taken there immediately. Commuters should ask drivers to stop vehicles instantly. We must not use any lift during this time.

After the earthquake, we should take injured persons to the nearest hospitals for treatment. We should do the best to participate in the rescue work. Measures should be taken to ensure temporary shelters, foods and water for the distressed people.

Activity-1 According to you what measures should be taken to minimize the losses in flood?

Activity-2 What measures will you take for the distressed people of your locality after the flood?

Activity-3 What will you do if there is any sudden earthquake?

Exercise

MCQ

1. The causes of natural disasters in Bangladesh are—

- i. geographical position
- ii. climate
- iii. soil structure, canals and rivers.

Which one of the following is true?

- a. i & ii
- b. ii & iii
- c. i & iii
- d. i, ii & iii.

2. What happens as a result of the use of luxury goods in our daily life?

- i. increase of man-made HCFC gas
- ii. production of greenhouse gas
- iii. it has become easier to live in comfort and happiness

Which one of the following is true?

- a. i & ii
- b. i & iii
- c. ii & iii
- d. i, ii & iii.

Read the stem below and answer questions 3 and 4.

The students of Karimgonj High School go on a picnic to Modhupur. There they saw some persons cutting wood in the forest violating laws.

3. Which disaster is directly indicated in the stem?

- a. greenhouse gas
- b. ozone layer
- b. deforestation
- c. temperature rise

4. The effects of the disaster are—

- i. the amount of carbon di oxide increases
- ii. electric supply is disrupted
- iii. canals and marshes dry up

Which one of the following is true?

- a. i
- b. ii
- c. i & ii
- d. i & iii.

Creative Questions

1. Event-1: Yesterday Rifat came to know from TV news that an accident occurred in the 11th and 12th floor of a renowned shopping mall. Several shops were damaged. Many people died and got injured in the accident. The members of a particular force came and brought the incident in control.

Event-2: Entire Nepal as well as Bangladesh shivered at the same time at 11:56 am on 2nd April, 2015. Many houses were damaged at this. Many people were killed and injured. If we become a bit cautious, we may minimize the losses.

- a. What is the name of the gas that erodes the ozone layer of the atmosphere?
- b. What do you mean by 'greenhouse effect'?
- c. Explain the causes of disaster in event-1.
- d. What steps can you take to reduce losses in the disaster described in event-2? Give your opinion.

2. The village of Sajid stands on the bank of the river Dhaleswari. In the morning he went to the playground and saw the river full with water to the brim. But in the afternoon people were running to and fro. They were taking their cattle and goods elsewhere. They were taking extra preparation to preserve crops. Seeing all these he realized that they have to leave the village now too. Sajid's family members were worried about his grandmother and his three-year old younger sister.

- a. What is greenhouse gas?
- b. Why does landslide occur?
- c. What disaster has attacked Sajid's village? Explain.
- d. Determine the effects of the disaster on Sajid's family.

Chapter Nine

Population and development of Bangladesh

Population and development these two concepts are interrelated. The development of a country largely depends on her population. This will be very clear to us if we compare the population of a developed country to that of a developing one and if we also compare the per capita income of the people of these two countries. For example, we can study the case of USA and Bangladesh. 36 people live in United States of America in per sq. kilometer and their per capita income is 66,060 US dollars (World Bank, 2020). On the other hand, 1,103 people live in Bangladesh in per sq. kilometer and their per capita income is only 2064 US dollars (Bangladesh Economic Survey, 2020). The future development of a country depends on the effective implementation of its economic planning and population policy. This is more true with a populous and developing country like Bangladesh. In this chapter, we shall learn about different plans of Bangladesh on population and also about the techniques of how population can be turned into human resource.

By the end of this chapter we will be able to –

- explain the population policy of Bangladesh;
- describe government and non-government programmes to control population;
- find out the relationship between population and human resource;
- describe the ways of turning population into human resource;
- be aware of the problems of population of Bangladesh.

Lesson-1: Population Policy of Bangladesh

In general sense, population policy means the national planning about population of a country. This policy is made keeping similarity with the socio-economic condition of the country. The objective of this policy is to control the population and upgrade the living standard of the people by ensuring the socio-economic development of the country. The main objectives or the aims of the population policy of Bangladesh are:

1. to arrange necessary health and family planning welfare services for all people of the country,
2. to strengthen family planning programme and maternity health care,
3. to minimise malnutrition of children and women,

4. to arrange health care for women and children up to union level. To ensure the full-time presence of doctor, nurse and regular supply of medicine in the Upazila and the Union Health Complexes,
5. to expand primary health care to every people everywhere,
6. to arrange reproductive health care services for the poorer section of people and also for those who have special demand,
7. to ensure security and health care for the older people of the country.

The slogan of Bangladesh on population is 'Be it son or daughter- two children are sufficient'. 2nd February is observed as population day every year in Bangladesh.

Activity Discuss the role of population policy in socio-economic development.

Lesson-2: Government and non-government initiatives to control population

Government initiatives

The government has taken the following steps with a view to reducing the present growth rate of population:

A. Priority has been given on primary and the mass education with a view to removing illiteracy and increasing the rate of education. The government has undertaken the policy to remove illiteracy by 2014 and ensure education for all by 2015. Meanwhile this target, though not achieved fully is almost on the way of fulfilment.

B. The government. has taken a massive plan for the expansion of women education. For example, text books are being given free of cost to all students from primary level up to secondary level. Subscholarship is also being given to girl students from Class VI to Class XII.

C. The government. has taken a plan to ensure medicare of the citizens. Side by side, health and family planning programme is also going on to keep family small.

D. Emphasis has been given for the registration of marriage at the kazi (marriage registrar) office.

E. The government. has also given emphasis on women's participation in income generating activities, such as poultry farm and pisciculture. Besides, women are now taking part in large number in garment industry, handicrafts, cottage industry and other manual industries. These will play a significant role to control the overall population. Bangladesh got United Nations award (UN award) in

2010 for achieving success in reducing infant mortality rate. Besides, quota system has been introduced in teaching and many other fields for women empowerment.

Activity Which step do you think is more effective to control population in your area? Explain.

Non Government Initiatives

Non government development organizations (NGOs) of regional, national and international levels are playing an important role in the task of controlling population in Bangladesh. They (NGOs) started their work by assisting the people in rehabilitation task after our liberation war. One of the major fields of work of these organizations is population control and family planning programmes. These organizations working in Bangladesh perform many activities to control our population. Their activities have been discussed below:

A. Community based family planning programme: Under this programme, people living in villages and towns are given advice and education to keep family small. They are encouraged to accept family planning method. Under the programme, service is also given for the health of mother and child, providing vaccination, injection and nutritional education.

B. Implementation of making a planned family of two children: Bangladesh government. has finalized national policy of making two children family. Non government. organizations are working to achieve this goal. They are also working to encourage people to accept family planning method.

C. Resistance of child marriage: The non government. organizations are also playing a significant role to encourage people to resist child marriage.

D. Training Programme: The specialists of non government. organizations are training the people on the health care of the mother and the child, vaccination and family planning method.

E. Awareness activities: The non government. organizations make and use various items for making people conscious to address population problem. For example, magazine of family planning, poster, calendar, chart, newsletter, documentary films etc. are made and used to this effect.

F. Encouragement programme of religious leaders: The Non government organizations arrange workshop for the religious leaders and encourage them about this matter. The religious leaders can also play a role to reduce population.

Activity Briefly discuss the role of non government organizations in controlling population.

Lesons-3: The relation between population and human resources

The population of Bangladesh is very large if we compare it to the area of land and the population of other countries of the world. Moreover, our growth rate of population is also very high, though the present growth rate is less than the previous ones. This has been possible only owing to family planning programmes and increasing consciousness of the people. On the other side, the death rate of infant and mother has recently come down for the improvement of medicare management. The number of population is also increasing for this. The population can easily be converted into human resources by providing proper facilities for education, training and employment opportunities for the uneducated and unemployed persons, especially for the youths of the country. By this way, the country will go fast towards economic development.

Activity How can population be turned into human resources?

Lesson-4: The strategy or technique of converting population into resources

The huge population of a country becomes a great problem for her if its resource is limited. Again, the population can be turned into human resource by adopting proper planning. Many countries of the world have already turned their large population into human resource. We can cite the example of China in this regard. Our neighbouring countries India and Srilanka have also shown success in turning population into human resource. India has advanced much in the field of information technology. 23% of the information technology sector of a developed country like the USA depends on the skilled manpower of India. In the last few years, the present government has invested a lot in IT sector for developing 'Digital Bangladesh'. Government has taken a massive programme to turn our youth power into a resource. We can hope that we will get its result in the future. The strategy or technique adopted to turn our population into human resource is mentioned below:

- to expand job-oriented education and build knowledgeable society ;
- to increase skill and expand training-oriented programme;

- to expand technology and technical education;
- to expand women education;
- to expand health and nutrition programme;
- to adopt education and training programme according to production based sectors;
- to expand agriculture-based education and training;
- to modernize agriculture for employment opportunities;
- to improve information and communication sector;
- to expand small and cottage industries.
- to send large number of meritorious students to the developed and technology-based countries of the world by arranging more scholarships through government and non government initiatives.

Activity-1 Discuss when the population can be turned into human resource.

Activity-2 Discuss the measures of turning the population into human resource.

Exercise

MCQ

1. Which one of the following dates is observed as population day of Bangladesh every year?

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| a. 2 nd February | b. 21 st February |
| c. 8 th March | d. 1 st May |

2. The method of turning population into human resource in Bangladesh is–

- i. to arrange education, training and employment opportunities.
- ii. to prioritize agriculture, industry and information and communication sectors.
- iii. to export skilled manpower to foreign countries.

Which one of the following is true?

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| a. i | b. i & ii |
| c. ii | d. ii & iii |

Creative Question

Serial No.	Countries	Population per sq.km	Per capita income (in US dollars)
1	U.S.A.	36	66,060
2	India	454	6,390
3	Bangladesh	1,103	2,064

- a. For which sector success has Bangladesh got UN Award in 2010?
- b. What is meant by 'population policy'?
- c. What is the impediment for the development of Bangladesh according to the above chart? Explain it.
- d. Discuss how Bangladesh can be prosperous in human resource in the light of experience of the country No. 2 mentioned in the chart.

Chapter Ten

Social Problems of Bangladesh

Social problem exists in the society. It creates adverse effects on the people and few people take collective efforts to save the people. There are many social problems in Bangladesh. Juvenile offence and drug addiction are two major problems of them. At present, these two major problems are the concern of everybody.

By the end of this chapter we will be able to –

- explain juvenile delinquency;
- narrate the causes and effects of juvenile delinquency;
- find out the ways of remedy of juvenile delinquency;
- explain drug addiction;
- describe the causes and effects of drug addiction;
- state the ways of preventing drug addiction;
- be aware of the impacts of juvenile delinquency and drug addiction.

Lesson-1: The idea and the causes of juvenile delinquency (offence)

The deeds that are not generally recognized by the state or society are called crime. Different offences committed either by the immature boys and girls or the juvenile are called juvenile delinquency. Sociologists and the lawyers differ on the age-range of juvenile offenders. Offensive work done by the boys and girls between 7-16 years are called juvenile offence in Bangladesh, India and Srilanka. On the other hand, the age range of juvenile offenders in Pakistan and Thailand is 7-18 years. In Japan, this age range is 14-20 years. Juvenile offenders break the laws and the rules of the state and the society and that's why they are juvenile offenders.

The vices that are treated as juvenile offence are stealing, murdering, gambling, fleeing from the school, fleeing from home, adopting unfair means in the examination, unruly activities in school or on the road, pick-pocketing, beating, bombing, breaking vehicles, travelling without ticket, eve teasing, throwing acid, torturing women, watching obscene films, taking drugs etc. The juvenile offenders of our country are associated with these offences.

Juveniles become offenders for different reasons. Poverty is the main reason of juvenile offence in our country. Many desires or demands of the juveniles of poor families remain unfulfilled. For this reason, they suffer from frustration and this frustration leads them towards offence. The juveniles may also become

offenders if they do not get a healthy family life and proper social environment. Many juveniles become offenders due to following reasons:

Inability of the parents to spare time for their children or to give attention to them owing to their extreme business at their work-place or outside home. Lack of affection and caring, premature death of parents or their divorce, excessive punishment or monitoring of the parents are the causes of offence.

Many young boys and girls become offenders for want of proper recreation. The children who are associated with games and sports, music, drawing pictures, physical exercise and different types of cultural activities normally grow up in a healthy manner in a pleasant environment. On the other hand, those who are deprived of these facilities seek other paths to get rid of mental dissatisfaction. It is they who later on get involved with different types of offences.

There are slums in different parts and industrial areas of the towns. The slum environment and many bad incidents of that place make the children offenders. The young children of the slum also get involved with offences due to bad company and poverty. The poor children become compelled to earn money adopting many illegal activities at an early age. They sometimes spend this money in gambling, taking drugs and watching obscene movies. They get inclined towards crime in their attempt to earn money.

Physical or mental problem or deformity creates inferiority complex in the mind of the children. Many may become criminals or offenders due to this. Again too much emotion and genius may also sometimes make the children criminals/offenders because the mental makeup of these children become more complex than the ordinary ones. They also may become criminals or offenders due to not getting proper environment for flourishing their genius.

Those parents, who frequently change their work-place, some of their children cannot cope with a new environment each time. They face a problem in selecting their friends or associates. In this way, many may become offenders due to bad company. At present, another type of new juvenile offence is seen in the society due to abuses of mobile and internet.

Activity What are the causes that make the juvenile criminals/offenders?

Lesson-2: The effect and the prevention of juvenile offence

Stealing, pick pocketing, traveling by train without ticket, attacking man, shop, houses and vehicles, breaking and setting them on fire, doing other destructive work and teasing the girls are some of the offences committed by the juveniles of Bangladesh. Besides, the juvenile offenders sometimes commit robbery in a group and also extort money from the businessmen. Sometimes, they even commit murder. The peace of the family with such juvenile offenders is disturbed. Recently, eve teasing by juvenile offenders is increasing in all places in both towns and villages. They utter filthy and offensive words to the girls. The girls can not go to school and colleges safely. If they do not respond to illegal proposal of derailed juveniles, they kidnap and physically torture the girls. They also throw acid on them. In their attempt to protest, the guardians sometimes become victims of their attack. The institutional education of the girls is sometimes closed due to the torture of the degraded juvenile. The juvenile offenders are frequently related to drug addiction and other bad habits.

Preventive measures

Tendency of juvenile offence is increasing in Bangladesh. The following steps should be taken to prevent this problem:

The consciousness and the responsibility of guardians

If the parents and the elderly persons of the family remain conscious of the types of tendency of juvenile offence, its causes and remedies, they can easily keep juveniles away from doing any offence. For this, it is necessary to create a healthy atmosphere for the mental flourishment of the offsprings in the family. Their movements should be watched over. Their friends and associates should be inquired of. An easy and normal relationship should be built with the offsprings.

Socio-economic programme

The poverty of the family is a main reason of committing offence by the juvenile. For this reason, employment opportunities of the parents and the development of economic condition of the parents must be ensured. The government and different non-government organizations must come forward to this effect.

Education opportunities

All children and juvenile must be brought under the primary and the secondary education. If so, on one hand, they will be inspired by education to lead healthy and sound life and on other hand the environment of the school will keep them away from committing any offence.

Recreation

It is necessary to build a library and gymnasium in every area and 'Mohalla' for the mental development of the children and juveniles.

Apart from all the activities mentioned above, the children and the juveniles must be kept away from doing any bad activity. For this reason, there should be arrangement of showing them local and foreign movies which will give them pure pleasure. These movies should also be informative on scientific and literary fields. Obscene film and publication should be fully banned. Child labour should be forbidden. On one side, the children and the juvenile themselves should be alert so that they do not get involved with bad company and on the other side the guardians also should always remain careful about this matter.

Activity Discuss the steps that can be taken to prevent juvenile offence.

Lesson-3: The concept and causes of drug addiction

Drug addiction begins by mixing with the drug addict friends. The juveniles take drug being instigated by friends only to get momentary excitement. They do this without knowing anything about the harmful effects of drug. Later on, this becomes the cause of their death. The juveniles are by nature curious. As a result, many start to take drugs only out of curiosity. The juvenile sometimes steals 'Biri' or 'Cigarette' from the pockets of their father or other elderly person only to satisfy their curiosity. This curiosity at one time leads them to smoking. They later on develop the habit of smoking and taking other intoxicating items such as hemp, phencidyl, heroine, yaaba etc. Many start to suffer from frustration due to unemployment, loneliness, death of dear ones, family disturbance etc. To get rid of this frustration and at the instigation of friends or following the friends, many start taking drug items. Later on, this turns into their intoxication. The juvenile may also suffer from frustration by being deprived of parental affection and attention or frustration may also come from a family disturbance and quarrels. At one stage, they become drug addicts.

The influence of bad culture is another main reason of drug addiction. At present, the culture of one country is being easily influenced by the culture of another country through cinema, TV channel, internet etc. A group of juveniles are being misguided and lost due to the clash of two different cultures.

Activity What are the causes that make the juveniles drug addict?

Lesson- 4: The impacts and prevention of juvenile drug addiction

Drug addiction has now become a frightening problem in our social life. Its effect in our socio-religious life is also very serious. A drug addict may suffer from physical disease such as heart-disease, TB, cancer, and asthma. His mental health also becomes very weak for this. The drug addicts suffer from frustration and inferiority complex. They not only do their own harm, but they cause chaos in the society being the victim of timidity, anxiety and excitement.

The effects of drug also create different complex problems in family life. The peace and happiness of the whole family is disturbed by this. There is always quarrel in the family of a drug-addict child. That family does not have any respect from the neighbours. The family often becomes ruined for arranging money to buy drugs. Besides, incidents like murder, suicide, fleeing from home or getting lost also happen. The incidents like stealing, robbery, hijacking, killing and murdering frequently happen in that country where drugs are easily available, social insecurity and the decay of moral values also happen due to the effects of drug. Drug addiction must be resisted and controlled with a view to saving the persons of the society from the bad sides of drug. Following measures may be taken for this:

Preventive steps

Preventive steps are most fruitful in the resistance of drug addiction. For this, emphasis should be given on moral education. The parents and the elderly persons of the family should play an active role to teach children religious and moral values from their early age. The harmful sides of drug and all religious restrictions to this effect must be informed to everybody. In fine, anti-drug awareness and social movement must be built through religious education and other means.

At local level, educational, religious institutions, socio-cultural and sports organization like club, society can play significant role to resist drug addiction apart from teaching moral education. They can make people aware of the bad sides of drug by arranging discussion meeting. They can inspire people, especially the young people to follow the promise, 'Say No to drug' by arranging different programmes. Besides, anti-drug awareness can also be created by textbooks, newspaper, radio, television, cinema, poster, billboard and leaflet.

Arrangements must be made for healthy recreation and the infantjuveniles must be attracted to this so that they do not get inclined to drug addiction and other bad habits. Side by side, steps should be taken to stop the production of obscene films. Besides, it is essential to implement existing laws and take steps effectively to prevent drug addiction problem.

Laws of drug addiction control

At present drug addiction is a dangerously complex problem of Bangladesh. To prevent drug addiction the Government of Bangladesh has signed three conventions of the United Nations on drug control. The Government of Bangladesh has also signed the anti-drug SAARC convention in 1990.

The Government of Bangladesh has enacted the law on the use (control) of tobacco products last in 2013. The law includes punishment for the use of tobacco products in public places and public transports. Smoking is treated as a penal offence in the places like offices, libraries, lifts, enclosed workplaces, hospitals and clinics, airports, river-ports, seaports, railway stations, bus terminals, cinema halls, exhibition halls, theatre halls, shopping-complexes, restaurants, public toilets, children parks, fairs, waiting spaces for public transports and places declared necessary by the government. No one can smoke in public places and in public toilets. If anyone violates this law she/he will be penalised with money upto three hundred taka. And if that person commits the offence for the second time or repeats the same offence his penalty will serially be doubled.

Tobacco products, drugs and other additive products should stop production and advertising. Public and private initiatives should have to be promoted through advertising on drug abuse. Alternative employment should be provided for workers involved in drug production. The teachers smoking in front of the student's must be considered as crime. We should control the market of used drug products in medicine.

Activity Discuss the steps that can be taken to prevent drug addiction in our society.

Exercise**MCQ**

1. What is the main cause of juvenile offence in our country?

- a. poverty
- b. want of love and care
- c. divorce
- d. want of recreational facilities

2. The steps that can be taken to prevent drug addiction are –

- i. to give emphasis on religious education
- ii. to teach moral values
- iii. to forbid the production of drug items

Which one of the following is true?

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| a. i & ii | b. i & iii |
| c. ii & iii | d. i, ii & iii |

Read the following stem and answer questions 3 and 4.

Tareq is an affectionate child of his parents. Recently a change has come in his conduct. Instead of going to school, he smokes secretly and disturbs his mother for money.

3. What is expressed in Tareq's conduct?

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Infant offence | b. Decay of moral values |
| c. Drug addiction | d. Loneliness |

4. As a result of Tareq's conduct as narrated in the stem–

- i. different physical problems will be seen
- ii. mental health will not be that much changed
- iii. disturbance will be created in social life

Which one of the following is true?

- | | |
|-------------|----------------|
| a. i & ii | b. i & iii |
| c. ii & iii | d. i, ii & iii |

Creative Questions

Mr. Sayeed has observed that his daughter is unwilling to go to the school alone. The cause of this is some boys of 15-16 years old of his area tease the girls in different ways on their way to school. This matter made him worried. He took steps to discuss the matter with the guardians to solve this problem.

- a. What is the promise that the youth should be motivated to prevent drug addiction?
- b. 'The influence of bad culture is a major cause of drug addiction' - explain it.
- c. What type of social problem has made Mr. Sayeed worried? Explain it.
- d. Evaluate the effectiveness of the step taken by Mr. Sayeed.

Chapter Eleven

Minority Ethnic Groups of Bangladesh

A small section of people speaking in different languages have been living for a long time in Bangladesh. In this chapter, we will learn the geographical location, life-style, social norms and cultural varieties of different minority ethnic groups such as *Chakma, Garo, Saontal, Marma and Rakhain*.

By the end of this chapter we will be able to –

- describe the geographical position of ethnic population like Chakma, Garo, Marma, Saontal, Rakhain and show them in the map;
- tell about their social, economic religious and cultural life;
- explain the intermingling of the culture of Bangalees and ethnic people;
- narrate cultural exchange between Bangalees and ethnic people;
- be respectful to the cultural variety of the ethnic people.

Lesson-1: Geographical location of Bangladeshi minority ethnic groups

Usually according to geographical location, there are two types of ethnic people live in Bangladesh. They are- hilly people and the people who live in the plain land. One of the parts of these people lives in south-eastern part and in Chattogram Hill Tracts that is: Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachhari. The minority ethnic groups living in these districts are Chakma, Marma, Tripura, Mru, Tanjanga, Bawm, Pangkhua, Chak, Khang, Khumi and Lusai. In blood and body structure they are very much like Mongolian People. These people are also known as ‘Hilly people’

Anthropologically Mongolian people also live in the north-eastern part of Bangladesh. Among them, the Garo, the Hajang, the Coach are mentionable minority ethnic groups living in greater Mymensingh. The Khasi or Khasia and the Monipuri minority ethnic groups live in greater Sylhet. Besides, Rakhain, belonging to the Morgue ethnic group, live in Cox's Bazar, Patuakhali and Barguna districts.

The people of small ethnic group named *Saontal, Orao, Mahali, Monda, Malpahary, Malo* etc. live in the north-western parts such as in Dinajpur, Rangpur, Rajshahi, Bogura, Pabna etc of Bangladesh. They are known as plain land inhabitants. They also live in greater Sylhet.

Some more minority ethnic groups of people live in Bangladesh. They are *Dalu, Hodi, Rajbangshi, Patro, Barman, Banai, Pahan, Mahato, Kol* etc. They also live in different parts of greater Sylhet, Gazipur, Mymensingh and Tangail.

Activity-1 Mention the names, living places and the source identification of major minority ethnic groups living in Bangladesh.

Names of the minority ethnic groups	Living places	Identity of minority ethnic groups

Activity-2 Draw the map of Bangladesh and show the locations of the main ethnic minority groups.

Lesson-2: The Chakmas

The name of the largest minority ethnic groups living in the districts of Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachhari in Bangladesh is Chakma. The Chakmas are anthropologically Mongolian. The Chakmas also live outside Bangladesh at Tripura, Mizoram and Arunachal in India.

Social life

Family is the fundamental part in Chakma society. Some Chakma families together form 'Adam' or 'Para'. The chief of the Para is called Karbaree. Some Paras make a Mouja. The chief of the Mouja's is called Headman. The Headman and Karbaree both maintain peace and discipline in the Mouja and Para together. Several moujas make a Chakma circle and the chief of this circle is Chakma king. The post of king in the Chakma society is hereditary. The Chakma society is Patriarchal. Father is the head in a Chakma family.

Economic life

Agriculture is the main livelihood of the Chakmas. The method that they follow in cultivation is called 'Jum'. In this system, they cultivate in circular way by transforming the land. By cutting, burning the hills land; they cultivate them for some years. Later, the land is left for a long time to increase fertility. At present, they are getting used to usual process of cultivation.

Religious life

The Chakmas are Buddhists. In most of their Villages, there is a 'Kiang' or Buddhist temple. The main festival of Chakma is 'Baishakhi Purnima'. Gautam Buddha was born, died and got 'Buddhatta' on this day. Besides, they fly balloons in honour of Buddha at the premises of Kiang or Pagoda on the night of 'Maghi Purnima.' The dead bodies are burnt in the Chakma society.

Cultural life

The Chakmas make clothes by weaving machine called 'Tat'. The dress worn by the Chakma girls is called 'Pinon' and 'Hadi'. Previously, the Chakma men used to put on shirts made of thick thread, Dhuti, Gamchha and a 'Pagry' on head. But at present, they put on shirts, pants and lungi. The clothes made by the Chakma women, 'Fulgadi' and different types of outer garments have become very popular to all people of home and abroad. The Chakmas make beautiful baskets, fans, combs, flutes and musical instruments with bamboo and cane. Rice is the staple food of the Chakmas. They are fond of eating fish, meat and vegetables with rice. Their favourite food is 'Bash korol'. The Chakma women cook different items with Bash korol. The Chakmas like to play Ha-du-du, wrestling (*kusti*) and 'Ghilakhara.' The little girls play 'Bouchi'. The greatest festival of the Chakma is 'Biju'. The Chakma celebrate Biju festival on the last two days and the 1st day of Bengalee year. The Chakmas are comparatively more educated than other minority ethnic groups. The Chakmas have their own language.



Traditional dresses of the Chakmas

Activity Mention the main features of social, economic, cultural and religions life of the Chakmas.

Life style	Features
Social	
Economic	
Cultural	
Religious	

Lesson-3: The Garos

The Garos are the majority among minority ethnic groups living in greater Mymensingh of Bangladesh. The Garos live in Mymensingh, Modhupur of Tangail, Netrakona, Sherpur, Jamalpur and Sripur of Gazipur. There are some Garos in greater Sylhet. Outside Bangladesh, the Garos also live at Meghalaya

and other states of India. The Garo of Bangladesh is normally the inhabitants of plain land. The Garos normally like to identify them as 'Mandi'. Anthropologically, the Garos are Mongolians.

Social life

The Garos live in a matriarchal family. Mother is the head of family in their society. The offsprings take the title of their mother. The youngest daughter of the family is the heir to properties of the family. Father discharges the duty of managing the family in Garo society.

Mahari or the matrilineal identity is at the root of Garo society. The significance of this mahari is unlimited in their social life; especially in marriage, inheritance, share of properties etc. The 'Chatchi' (communities) and Mahari (matrilineal communities) of the Garos are fixed according to mother's communities. The marriage of man and women belonging to the same Mahari is forbidden in the Garo society. The bride and the groom must belong to separate Mahari.

There are a good number of groups in their society. Five main groups are Sangma, Marak, Momin, Shira and Areng.

Economic life

The Garos of Bangladesh generally lives by agriculture. In the past, the Garos were engaged in 'Jum' cultivation. At present, Jum cultivation is not done by the Garos living in plain lands. By cultivation, they normally produce rice, vegetables of different kinds and pineapples.

Religious life

The name of primitive religion of the Garo was 'Sangsharek'. In the past, the Garos worshipped different gods. The name of their chief god was 'Tatara Rabuga'. The Garos used to worship Saljang or the sun, Chhuchhime or the moon, Guyera or the thunder, Men or the land. They used to observe religious festivals and rituals by singing, dancing and sacrificing animals. At present, the majority of the Garos have become the followers of Christian religion. They now observe different Christian religious festivals including Christmas Day.

Cultural life

The name of the dress prepared by the Garo women is 'Dakmanda' and 'Dakshari'. The name of the traditional dress of the males is 'Gando'. The Garos eat fish and vegetables with rice. The bottom part of little bamboos is one of their favourite foods. Its popular name is 'Mewya.' Besides, they like to eat cake (Pitha) wrapped in banana leaf, Mera Pitha and Pitha fried in oil (Teler Pitha). The Garos are very fond of merriment. Their social festivals are agriculture based. Their greatest festival is 'Wangala'. The language of Bangladeshi Garos is 'Achik'. Their language has no alphabet of its own. The Garo language is related to Tibet-Burmeese language.



Traditional dresses of the Garo women



Wangala Festival of the Garo

Activity Mention the salient features of social, economic, cultural and religious life of the Garos.

Life style	features
Social	
Economic	
Cultural	
Religious	

Lesson-4: The Saontals

The Saontals are one of the main minority ethnic groups living in the north-western part of Bangladesh. They live in the districts of Rajshahi, Dinajpur, Rangpur and Bogura. It is thought that the fore fathers of the Saontals came to these regions of Bangladesh from the West Bengal, Bihar and other parts of India. A good number of Saontals live in our neighbouring Indian state of West Bengal and Jharkhand.

Anthropologically the Saontals belong to Australoid people. The colour of their body is black, they are of medium height and their hair is black and a little bit curled.

Social life

The Saontal family is Patriarchal. The groups and kinship of the offsprings are fixed according to those of father in a Saontal family. The main pillar of Saontal society is 'Village Panchayet'. There are five 'Important persons' to run a Panchayet. They are called Manjhi Haram, Jagamanjhi, Gadet, Jagaparanik and Naike. They treat Nayik not as a member of Panchayet, but as a religious leader (Januru).

Economic life

Agriculture is the main livelihood of the Saontal. They work mainly as agriculture workers in greater Rajshahi, Dinajpur and Rangpur districts. They cultivate rice, mustard seed, tobacco, chilly, sugarcane and other crops. Besides, they prepare different types of mat, broom with bamboo, cane, shal leaf. After meeting up their own requirements, they sell those items in the market.

Religious life

The Saontals are mainly worshippers of nature. Some of them also have accepted Christianity and they observe the norms and programmes of that religion.

Cultural life

Rice is the staple food of the Saontals. The Saontals generally live in earthen houses. The wall of their house is made of earth and the roof is made of straw. The Saontals keep their houses very clean and tidy.

Among the festivals of the Saontals, Sohrai and Baha are noteworthy. 'Jhumur dance' is a mentionable programme of their culture. 'Dun' and 'Jika' dance are arranged at the marriage festivals of the Saontals.

The Saontal girls put on sharee wrapped over their shoulders. The male wear 'Duti' and recently they also wear 'Lungi'. The Saontals are very fond of ornaments. The girls use ornaments made of either bronze or nickel in their hands and neck. Many male Saontals also use ornaments. Some of the male persons use garlands in the neck and 'Bala' in the hand.



Traditional dresses of the Saontals

The percentage of educated people in the Saontal society is very poor, but recently the children of Saontal families have become interested in institutional education. The Saontals mutiny in 30 June, 1855 against the British Rule and oppression was one of the historic mutinies of the sub-continent. The pioneers of this revolt are two brothers: Sidhu and Kanu. The Saontals worship them as heroes.

Activity Mention the salient features of social, economic, cultural and religious life of the Saontals.

Life style	features
Social	
Economic	
Cultural	
Religious	

Lesson-5: The Marmas

Among the minority ethnic groups living in hill tracts of Bangladesh, the Marmas are second in number of population. The majority of the Marmas live in Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachhari districts. The word 'Marma' comes from the word 'Mraima'.

Social life

In the hill tracts, the chief of Marma society at Bomang circle is 'Bomang chief' or 'Bomang king'.

There are some villages in every Mouja. The villagers select the chief of the village. The Marmas call the village 'Ruya' and the chief of the village 'Ruyaza' in their local languages. In a Marma family, the mother plays a significant role in family functions, although the father is at the top. The opinion of the female members gets due consideration in the affair of taking any family decision in a Marma family.



Marma Women

Economic life

Agriculture is the main source of livelihood of the Marmas. The process of their cultivation is called 'Jum'.

Religious life

The Marmas are the followers of Buddhist religion. They celebrate the programmes of this religion. Buddhist monastery 'Kiyang' and Buddhist Bhikkhu 'Bhantey' are present at every Marma village. The Marmas go to the temple on the days of Bhaisakhi Purnima, Ashini Purnima, Kartiki Purnima, Maghee Purnima and light the lamp with flowers and then worship Buddha. 'Chit Maram' monastery, located on the south bank of the river Karnafuli near Chandraghona, not far from Kaptai, is a very beautiful monastery built by the Marmas. A large number of Buddhists go there every year to worship Buddha.

Cultural life

The Marmas build their houses at the height of 6-7 feet from the ground on some pillars with bamboo, wood and straw.

The Marma males wear 'Gabang', Shirt and Lungi. Gabang is put on head. The name of the blouse that their women wear is 'Anji'. Besides, they also wear 'Thami.' Marma women are very skilled in weaving clothes. 'Tat' (a type of weaving machine) pulled by both the hands and legs are used by them. Both handloom and waistloom (*Komor Tat*) are used by them.

The Marmas, like the other minority ethnic groups of hill tracts, eat fish, meat and vegetables with rice.

The Marmas celebrate ‘Sangrai’ festival on the occasion of giving farewell to the last year and reception to the new year. On this occasion, they actively take part in ‘Panikhela’ or ‘water festival’. Water is kept in a boat or a big vessel at the place fixed for playing 'Panikhela'. This festival is celebrated with much joy and pleasure in the middle of April at Bandarban and Rangamati.



Panikhela festival

Activity Mention the salient features of social, economic, cultural and religious life of the Marmas.

Life style	Features
Social	
Economic	
Cultural	
Religious	

Lesson-6: The Rakhains

The Rakhains live in the districts of Patuakhali, Borguna, and Cox's Bazar of Bangladesh. Anthropologically the Rakhains are Mongolian. Their face is round, colour of the body is fair and the hair is straight. The word 'Rakhain' is derived from 'Rakkhain' Pali language. Its meaning is 'conservative nation' who are always try to protect their identity, culture and religious rituals.

The original abode of the Rakhain is Arakan region of the present Myanmar. The Rakhains once came to this country from Arakan. They like to identify themselves as 'Rakkhain'.

Social life: The Rakhain family is mainly Patriarchal. Father is the head of the family, but they respect women.

Economic life: The Rakhains mainly depend on agriculture, side by side, they also make cloth by hand-driven 'Tat'.

Religious life

The Rakhains of Bangladesh are the followers of Buddhism. The Rakhain children are taught religious norms and rules by the Buddha Bhikkhu at the monastery.

Cultural life: The Rakhain villages are situated in the plain land by the side of the river and coastal areas of the sea. The Rakhain build their houses on 'Macha' on the bamboo pillars. Some of their houses have roofs made of 'golpata' and some of their houses are made of tin.



House of the Rakhains

The Rakhains observe different programmes and festivals on various occasions. Among them, religious festivals such as birth anniversary of Gautam Buddha, Baisakhi Purnima, Bashanta Utshab (Spring Festival) are prominent. The Rakhains celebrate another festival at Chaitra Sangkranti and its name is 'Sangrai Festival'. This is their greatest festival which is celebrated by all people.

The Rakhain male persons put on Lungi and Fatua. They normally put on Lungi over the Fatua. They put on 'Pagri' (a special type of head covering) when they worship at the temple attending religious and folk programmes. This Pagri is the symbol of their tradition. The Rakhain women put on Lungi. They wear blouse over the lungi.



Rakhain Dresses

Activity Mention the salient features of social, economic, cultural and religious life of the Rakhain.

Life style	Features
Social	
Economic	
Cultural	
Religious	

Lesson-7: The Mixture and Exchange of the Cultures of the ethnic people of Chakma, Marma, Saontal and Rakhain with Bengalees of Bangladesh

The people of Bangladesh came into contact with different cultures and have received different aspects of those cultures. The exchange of the elements of one culture with another creates cultural blending which forms a basis of inter-cultural relationship among the people. The closer and more permanent this inter-relationship becomes, the more balanced communication will be established among different cultures.

The minority ethnic people of Bangladesh have been living with the Bengalees in this land for a long time. To meet the necessities of their life, the minority ethnic people have received many elements of Bengalee culture, so is done by the Bengalees. As a result, inter-dependence among the people has increased. This has made Bangladesh a country of multi-cultures.

Language: The words used in Bengalee like 'Kuri', 'Gonda', 'Ponn', 'Golmal', 'Hoi-Choi', 'Abol-Tabol', 'Ta-Ti', 'Thon-Thon', 'Kon-Kon', 'Von-Von' etc. have come from the vocabulary of different ethnic people. Besides 'Langol', 'Joyal', 'Dheki', 'Kula', 'Moi', 'Dori', 'Kaste', 'Panchni', 'Nirani', 'Hal', 'Paal', 'Dar', 'Logi', 'Boitha', 'Bata', fishing instruments like 'Polo', 'Dula', 'Koch', 'Chai', 'Borshi' etc. have also come from the language of the ethnic people. Linguists have found that the language of Chakma is intricately related with Bengalee, Pali, Oria and Ohomia and they are similar too.

Festivals: New year celebration of the minority ethnic people of Chattogram Hill Tracts and Pahela Boishakh of Bengalees have become synonymous now a days. New paddy harvesting 'Nabanno' celebration of the Bengalees and 'Wangala' of the ethnic people are kneaded with the same string.

Games and sports: The participation of the people of different ethnic groups in different games and sports of Bangladesh is noticeable. Several ethnic women are now playing in the National Women Football and Hockey team. This actually upholds the blending and exchange between the Bengalees and the ethnic people.

Economy: The crops and goods produced and made by the ethnic people fulfill the demand of the whole country. Betel-leaf of the Khasia, orange of the Khasia and Monipuri, spice of the Hills, paddy of North Bengal, pineapple of the Garo meet the demand of all and contribute to national economy. The sharee and Shal of the Monipuri of Sylhet not only meet national demand but also they are exported to foreign countries. This really enriches the fund of foreign currency.

Culture: The people of the minority ethnic groups are getting accustomed to the dress and food habits of the Bengalees. Along with their traditional dresses, ornaments, food habits they are now using shirts, pants, three pieces, ornaments (imitation) and eating rice, fish and soft drinks of the Bengalees in their life. The dance of the Monipuri has earned popularity of all. Moreover, the 'Jhumur dance' of the Saontals 'Bamboo dance' of the Chakmas and 'Bottle dance' of the Tripuras are also popular to all. This has created a bridge for cultural gathering and exchange. As a result, inter-relationship has become much stronger.

Politics: The contribution of the people of minority ethnic groups in the movement for independence and liberation war is unforgettable. This is a burning example of the blending of political culture and exchange of the Bengalees and the ethnic people. The people of the minority ethnic groups like Chakma, Marma, Mong, Rakhain, Saontal, Orao, Malpahari, Garo etc. participated in the liberation war and fought against the Pakistani forces. Many of them died in the war too.

With the use of language and through economic, cultural and political activities the ethnic people and the Bengalees have come closer to one another and thus have made their mutual relationship stronger.

Exersice

MCQ

1. Which minority ethnic group in Bangladesh does the name of the language 'Achik' belong to?

- a. Chakma
- b. Garo
- c. Marma
- d. Saontal

2. Which is the significant historical incident of Indian Subcontinent in 19th century?

- a. Garo Rebel
- b. Rakhain Rebel
- c. Saontal Rebel
- d. Khasia Rebel

3. The features of the Marmas are—

- i. to build houses at the height of 6-7 feet from plain land
- ii. matrilineal family
- iii. skill in handicrafts

Which one of the following is true?

- a. i
- b. i & ii
- c. ii & iii
- d. i, ii & iii

Read the following stem and answer the questions 4 and 5.

Sumaiya went to visit Cox's Bazar with her parents after her annual examination. Going there, she found people of some minority ethnic groups living in houses built on Macha (pillar-platform). The complexion of their face is round, colour of the body is bright.

4. What is the name of the minority ethnic group that Sumaiya saw?

- a. Chakma
- b. Marma
- c. Saontal
- d. Rakhain

5. The cultural feature of the minority ethnic group seen by Sumaiya is -

- i. father is the head of the family
- ii. main livelihood is agriculture
- iii. houses are made of bamboo and straw

Which one of the following is true?

- a. i
- b. i & ii
- c. ii & iii
- d. i, ii & iii

Creative Questions

1. Niru is a hill girl. She lives in Chattogram Hill Tracts. People of their group also live in Arunachal outside Bangladesh. Niru went to visit her friend, Shuvra's village home in Mymensingh with Shuvra. She became very surprised seeing an incident. She observed that all the members of Shuvra's family were giving priority to her mother's opinions. Besides, she got an opportunity to have close observation of the religious behaviours of Shuvra and others.
 - a. What is the Head of the village of the Marma called?
 - b. How is a balanced communication among different cultures established?
 - c. Explain the cultural life of Niru.
 - d. 'There are differences between the social life of Niru and that of Shuvra'. Analyze the statement.

2. The three friends Mathin Chakma, Antora Saha and Arun were enjoying the function of Pahela Boishakh under the banyan tree at Ramna. After the presentation of the singers of Chhayonot they suddenly saw four dancers of Khagrachhari were performing dance. They were wearing Anji and Thami.
 - a. What is the greatest festival of the Chakmas?
 - b. What is 'Mewa'?
 - c. Which minority ethnic groups are the four dancers representing in the stem? Explain it.
 - d. 'Today Boishabi and Pahela Boishakh have come together at a single point'. Analyze the statement in the light of the stem.

Chapter Twelve

Natural Resources of Bangladesh

All objects got from nature are called natural resources. Man gathers these resources from nature. As a result, man's economic and social life advances. Social and economic condition of a country can be improved by planned utilization of natural resources.

By the end of this lesson we will be able to-

- describe different natural resources of Bangladesh like forest, water, agriculture, mineral and fisheries;
- analyze the relationship between natural resources and socio-economic development of Bangladesh;
- describe bio-diversity in Bangladesh;
- give an account of the main industries of Bangladesh like jute, cloth, sugar, cement, medicine, garment, prawn/ shrimp, tea, leather, cotton, tobacco etc;
- explain the contribution of these industries to the socio-economic development of Bangladesh;
- realize the importance of bio-diversity and natural resources and play a role to preserve them.

Lesson-1: Different Natural Resources of Bangladesh

There are different valuable resources in nature such as water, air, soil, animals, crops, minerals etc. Man transforms and utilizes these natural objects according to their demand. In this chapter we will discuss natural resources of Bangladesh.

1. Soil: Soil is a valuable gift of nature in Bangladesh. The plain land of this country is very fertile. In most areas three crops are grown annually. One-tenth of the country is mountainous. There are abundant animal, forest and mineral resources in mountains.

2. Rivers: Bangladesh is riverine country. There are many big and small rivers in this country. The rivers are easy means for cargo transport and communication. Electricity can be produced from current of rivers. Besides, our rivers abound with fish resources.

3. Mine resources: Many valuable minerals are there under earth in Bangladesh. Among them coal, gas, lime-stone, china clay and silica are mentionable.

4. Forest resources: The total forest area of Bangladesh is 24,938 square kilometers. 17.49% of total land area of the country is forest. There is valuable vegetation in forests. They are used to make our home and furniture. Besides, there are bird and animal resources in forests. Forests are invaluable in maintaining ecological balance. We need more than 25% of forest.

5. Fish resources: There are many rivers and canals in Bangladesh along with the Bay of Bengal on the south. There are a huge number of sweet water fishes in these low lands, rivers, canals. Besides, sea-fishes are also catering to our food demand. Many people live by fishing.

6. Animal resources: Among our animal resources, there are cows, buffaloes, goats, rams, fowls etc. They are domestic animals. Besides, there are many kinds of birds in the country.

7. Sea/ Marine resources: There lies the Bay of Bengal covering the southern region of Bangladesh. The three sea-ports Chattogram, Mongla and Payra have developed along the sea coast. We produce salt from sea water. Besides, we have a huge quantity of fishes from the sea.

These are our important natural resources. It is true, that some resources are not enough compared to our population. But the country can become rich with limited resources if these are properly utilized through careful planning.

Activity Make a list of natural resources of Bangladesh. Write a report on how these resources are making our life rich.

Lesson-2: Role of Natural Resources in Socio-economic Development

Man does a variety of jobs for living. These are man's economic activities. Social system builds up on the base of these economic activities.

In ancient period, man used to gather fruits from forests and ate meat after hunting animals. Later they learnt how to grow crops and build up agrarian social system. Man's socio-economic system has been built up centering on the production, distribution and consumption of food and other commodities.

All the resources man used since ancient age to middle up age were natural resources. Man has transformed natural resources for their own use. In the modern age, man has learnt to dig out minerals such as coal, iron, stone, gold, silver, gas etc. They are utilizing natural resources with greater skills and inventing many modern devices. In this way, man has been improving fast their socio-economic condition.

Role of natural resources in development of Bangladesh: Natural resources of Bangladesh are limited. On the other hand, the population is very big compared to the resources. So we have to use natural resources by proper planning.

Production and creating employment: Ours is an agrarian country. The soil is also very fertile. Agricultural production will be much higher by proper utilization of this fertile soil. Industrialization too should be in a planned way. If we use advanced technology in agriculture, production will rise and new employments will be created in villages. As a result, rural people will not rush to towns for employment.

Meeting demands of balanced diet: The utilization of three kinds of animal resources namely cattle, fowl and fish have increased in the country. As a result, the demand of balanced diet is being met. On the other hand, lacs of farms are growing to provide employment for many.

Providing irrigation facilities: We can irrigate our agricultural land with water of our rivers, canals, low lands, haors. As a result, agricultural production can be raised in dry season too.

Industrial development and trade expansion: The gas, coal and limestone of the country are also utilized. These natural resources are being used and industry is expanding.

Forest resources: We use forest resources in building houses and making furniture. Again, forest resources play an important role in reducing temperature for this reason. We have to further increase our forest resources in a planned way. By proper utilization of country's natural resources, the agriculture and industry will develop and employment opportunities will be generated.

Activity How will natural resources of Bangladesh develop our socio-economic condition?

Lesson-3: Bio-diversity in Bangladesh

Bio-diversity: The way in which diverse living beings live in nature is plainly called bio-diversity. The animal world along with man, animals and insects live maintaining a balance in nature. Different flora and fauna live or die due to various changes in climate and temperature. Due to the change in temperature and climate, many of the living beings which used to exist millions of years ago in the earth's climate are now extinct. The existence, reproduction and evolution of all living beings are going on in nature in a balanced way. Living beings are symbiotically dependent. Animals live by inhaling oxygen exhaled by green plants in air. On the other hand, plants get necessary nitrogen from animals. Different animals in the forest live by hunting one another. The reproduction of living beings occurs in a similar way. The flora and fauna in the Sunderbans are damaged in cyclones and again it becomes filled with the same as per the law of nature.

The condition of bio-diversity in Bangladesh

Once upon a time, Bangladesh was abounded with forests, animals and birds. Low marshes abounded with aquatic animals. Houses, roads and towns are now being built filling water bodies due to the increase of country's population which is leaving a negative impact on bio-diversity. The normal flow of water is hampered due to the building of houses and roads. As a result, reproduction of aquatic animals and fishes is hampered.

The cultivable land has diminished due to the building of houses, roads and towns. The fertility of land is damaged by chemical wastes due to unplanned industrialization. The use of chemical fertilizer and pesticides has been a must to enhance food production to feed our increased population. As a consequence reproduction of fishes, insects and birds is hampered. For that reason bio-diversity is also affected.

There has been a pressure on plant, animal and fish resources due to the increase of country's population. Gas and water supply in urban areas has got reduced. Temperature in rural areas has increased too due to the decrease of vegetation. It will be devastating for us to let bio-diversity be affected. We have to be conscious and active immediately to face this danger.

Dos in protecting bio-diversity

- Population should be reduced;
- Cultivable land should not be spoiled;
- Policy to protect bio-diversity in agro-production should be adopted;
- The uses of Chemical fertilizer and insecticides has to be reduced;
- Normal flow of water should not be blocked;
- Water reservoir should be built and water should be reserved;
- Rules should be obeyed in using chemicals;
- Law of nature should be followed in consumption of minerals;
- Forest resources should be increased and more forest should be created in the country;
- Animal and fish resources should be protected and increased;
- The highest vigilance should be adopted in individual and government levels to protect bio-diversity;
- It should be remembered that bio-diversity in Bangladesh is under absolute threat.

Activity Write a report reflecting the real situation of bio-diversity in Bangladesh.

Lesson-4: Main Industries in Bangladesh

Industry is a vital sector of Bangladesh economy. The contribution of this sector is gradually increasing. Local and foreign entrepreneurs have already established a good number of industries in Bangladesh which leave a major impact on socio-economic life. Following are the descriptions of major industries in Bangladesh:

Jute industry: Jute industry started with the establishment of Adamjee Jute Mill at Narayanganj in 1951. Once, the main cash crop of the farmers was jute in our country. The farmers used to meet family's monetary demand by selling jute. Once, the jute mills used to produce jute sacs only. Now, new probabilities for jute products are opening and will open in the future too.

Textile industry: There were only 8 textile mills in the country in 1947. There are a lot of textile and spinning mills in Dhaka, Cumilla, Noakhali, Chattogram, Tangail etc. It is possible in Bangladesh to increase production in this industry using comparatively less capital and more labourers. Textile had a major role in the initial phase of industrialization.

Garment industry: Recently, the ready-made garment industry has advanced remarkably in Bangladesh. The progress of this industry started in the eighties of the last century. Within a very short time, this industry has proved to be the largest export-oriented one in the country. There are more than three thousand units of garment industry at present in the country. More than 40 lac labourers are working in them. Bangladesh earns a huge foreign currency by exporting garments to the US and European countries.

Sugar industry: Bangladesh produces a huge amount of sugarcane. Sugar and gur (*molast*) are produced from sugarcane. The first sugar mill was established at Gopalpur in Natore in 1933. At present, the country has 17 sugar mills. Enough sugar is not produced in the country to meet our demand. So Bangladesh has to import a huge quantity of sugar from foreign countries every year.

Paper industry: Paper industry in the country started with the establishment of Karnafuli Paper Mills at Chandraghona in 1953. Paper production started using local bamboo and cane as raw materials. There are a number of paper mills in both public and private sectors in the country now. Besides, the public sector mills of Karnafuli, Pakshi, Khulna Hardboard and Newsprint, private sector mills of Basundhara and Magura paper mills are major industries.

Fertilizer industry: The enterprise of producing fertilizer was taken with the objective of increasing food production in agro-based Bangladesh. The first natural gas based fertilizer factory was established at Fenchugonj, Sylhet in 1961. In the country, 8 fertilizer factory are operational now. The production of these factories is not sufficient for the demand of fertilizer in Bangladesh. We need to import a huge amount of fertilizer from foreign countries.

Cement industry: A huge amount of cement is required to build up concrete houses, buildings as well as cities. Cement is produced combining lime stone and natural gas. The cement industry in this country was initiated with the establishment of Chatak Cement Factory in 1940. In Bangladesh there are 12 big and medium cement factories now. Only half of the total demand of cement in the country is produced in these factories. We have to import the rest from overseas.

Drug industry: Drug is seen as a prospective industry in Bangladesh now. Once, we had to import drugs spending a huge foreign currency. Now both in public and private sectors, a good number of drug industries have been set up which are not only meeting almost all our huge demand but also exporting a good amount of drugs to foreign countries. Drug is really considered by many in Bangladesh now as a promising export-oriented industrial sector.

Leather industry: A huge number of cows, goats and buffaloes are reared in Bangladesh. Leather industry or tannery started long ago in this country. Leather industry has no match in producing shoes and bags. Now some leather industries have been established in the country which are producing high quality things along with shoes, bags from hides of local cows, goats and buffaloes. Some companies are exporting their products too.

Tea industry: Tea is one of the very old industries in Bangladesh. Abundant tea is produced in Sylhet. Besides, tea is now being produced in Chattogram Hill Tracts, Dinajpur and Panchagarh too. Tea-leaf is processed to make it worthy of drinking. Bangladesh also exports tea overseas after meeting internal demand.

Cotton: Cotton is a cash crop of Bangladesh. Cotton is being commercially cultivated at present. The climate and soil of our country is suitable for cotton cultivation. But the production is less than the demand. As a result, we need to import most of the cotton to meet our demand.

Prawn/ Shrimp: The importance of shrimp in the economy of Bangladesh is unlimited. At present, shrimp is one of the foreign exchange earning goods of Bangladesh. So it is called 'White gold'.

Besides, there are varieties of small and big industries too. New industries are emerging. Varieties of commodities are being produced in these industries which are playing an important role in meeting our demands.

Activity Make a list of industrial sectors in Bangladesh and identify their importance.

Lesson-5: The Contribution of Industry to Socio-economic Development of Bangladesh.

Industry in socio-economic development: Quick industrialization is taking place in the context of the present world order. Man is producing varieties of commodities applying latest technologies. They are trading those commodities to maintain their livelihood. Human enterprise, capital, research and experience play the major role in the development of industries. All countries are now taking up liberal policies for rapid industrialization and inviting local and foreign entrepreneurs to invest and establish industries in their own countries. As a result, massive development is coming in economy. Economic development helps bring changes in the condition of people.

So there is no alternative to industrial growth for rapid socio-economic change or development of the country. Growth in industry sector is essential even for the development of agriculture or service sectors. Those sectors are now developing

highly by using machine and technology. So the socio-economic condition of a farmer has also been deeply related to industrialization. Farmers are now growing more food by using industry and technology. In addition, to meeting own food demand, they are being able to meet other demands too by selling crops in the market. So a farmer's livelihood has been more secured socially than that was ever before.

The impact of industrial development in Bangladesh: The pressure of population growth in Bangladesh is very high. Only agriculture is not able to provide a well off life for all people. In this context, labourers and employees are being able to remove domestic poverty by working in mills and factories. Many are working with handsome salaries after acquiring skills and experiences. In this way opportunities for livelihood are being created outside agriculture for a large number of people. About 40 lacs people in Bangladesh are now directly linked with garment sector only. A major portion of them are women who joined garment sector to alleviate their poverty. They have grown up as self-reliant people. Many of them are acquiring further skills through study and training side by side of their work. They are trying to rear up their children as worthy citizens through proper education.

Besides garments, there are other sectors too where lacs of people coming from rural areas are being employed for livelihood. Thus, coming in touch with industry and technology, they are trying to improve their economic condition on one hand, on the other hand they are having socially the opportunities of new housing, education, medicare, knowledge, science etc. As a result, the socio-economic condition of the country is rapidly changing. In urban areas, the number of lower middle class, middle class and the rich is higher than that of the extreme poor. People are joining new professions along with job, trade and commerce, teaching, law etc. Thus the socio-economic livelihood that people are developing after coming in touch with industry and technology is plainly called modern life style. Developed countries of the world have been able to build up a developed socio-economic system through the development of industry. Now, we will also be able to build up a developed socio-economic system by dint of rapid expansion of industry, information technology and science.

Activity Identify the areas having the impact of the development of industry.

Exercise

MCQ

1. Mongla is a—

- a. land port
- b. air port
- c. river port
- d. sea port

2. The way of decreasing rural people's tendency of moving to cities is—

- i. development of communication
- ii. using developed technology in agriculture
- iii. creating employment in newer professions.

Which of the following is correct?

- a. i
- b. i & iii
- c. i & ii
- d. ii & iii

Read the stem below and answer questions 3 and 4.

Mr. Hasan has a large garden house at Sonargaon in Narayanganj district. There are many fruit trees like mango, jack-fruit, lichi, guava in the garden. Besides, there are several species of wooden trees such as mehogani, shegun, neem, gazari etc. Sometimes, he goes to visit his garden house with his family. His younger son, Limon, moves around and sees everything. He becomes delighted seeing mangoes and jackfruits on the trees. He gets much pleasure listening to the chirping of different species of birds. He feels here cooler than in the house.

3. Which natural resources does Mr. Hasan's garden belong to?

- a. forest resources
- b. mineral resources
- c. fish resources
- d. animal resources

4. The important contribution of those resources to socio-economic development is –

- i. to meet the want of balanced diet
- ii. to provide raw materials for industries
- iii. to maintain balance in nature.

Which of the following is correct?

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|-------------|----------------|
| a. i & ii | c. i & iii |
| b. ii & iii | d. i, ii & iii |

Creative Questions

1. Ratan has come to visit a fertilizer factory at Ghorasal with his friends. He finds the use of natural gas as raw material in this industry. At the same time he also comes to know the direct role of the product of this industry in the enhancement of agricultural productivity.
 - a. Which organization initiates the starting of jute industry?
 - b. Describe the largest export-oriented industry in Bangladesh.
 - c. Explain the industry visited by Ratan.
 - d. 'The relation of industrialization with farmer's socio-economic development is clear in Ratan's experience.' -Justify.
2. Nadia was walking along a road in Bhola town with her father. Suddenly noticing a crowd she went near and saw that water was coming out of a tube-well. As soon as a boy held an ignited match stick near it, flame of fire came out. In answer to Nadia's question her father said that one kind of gaseous thing got mixed with water and so such a thing happened. He added, the concerned gaseous thing is used as fuel at home and in mills and factories.
 - a. Which is the valuable natural resource of Bangladesh?
 - b. Describe the relation of livelihood with mine resources.
 - c. The resources seen by Nadia can help industrial development. - explain it.
 - d. 'Abundance of that resource is complementary to the socio-economic development of the country'. Give reasons supporting this statement.

Chapter Thirteen

Bangladesh and Various Regional and International Associate Organizations

The present world consists of 195 countries. They are situated in different parts of the world. They are independent countries, but in the present world no country can run alone without the help of others. They are to depend on one another economically, socially, culturally and even politically. They are to cooperate with one another for national development as well as global peace. Let's have an example. As a developing country Bangladesh has many problems in the fields of food, health, education etc. The government of Bangladesh alone cannot solve these problems. So the country has to depend on other nations and organizations. Similarly other nations in the world have their own problems. To solve these problems and to build up a peaceful world, many regional and international organizations are formed in the world with everyone's cooperation. The regional organizations are working for the countries of a particular region. Some of them are SAARC, ASEAN, European Union, African Union etc. On the other hand, some organizations are working for international community. They are the United Nations, Non-Alliance Movement, OIC, UNESCO, UNICEF, FAO, UNFPA, NATO, UNDP, WHO etc. We knew about many international organizations in Class Six and Seven. In Class Eight we will know about UNICEF, UNESCO, UNDP, FAO, UNFPA and WHO.

By the end of this chapter we will be able to -

- explain the importance of international co-operation among different countries of the world;
- give brief description of the formation, functions and purposes of mentionable international assisting organizations like UNICEF, UNESCO, UNDP, FAO and UNFPA ;
- evaluate the role of these organizations to develop international co-operation and relationship;
- analyze the involvement of Bangladesh in different organizations;
- be inspired about international friendship and cooperation.

Lesson-1: United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

UNICEF is a special organization of the UN. It serves the children of different countries of the world particularly the developing countries of the world. It works with a view to developing maternal and children health, nutrition and prevention of diseases, primary health care, primary education, and sanitation and women development. UNICEF was established in 1946 with a view to providing relief to the children affected during the Second World War. After 1950 it works for the welfare and development of the children of the least developed and developing countries of the world. The headquarters of UNICEF is situated in New York of the United States of America. UNICEF won Nobel Prize for peace in 1965. UNICEF established its office in Dhaka in 1951 but it started working regularly for the development of women and Children from 1977.

Activity What types of activities does UNICEF do in the third world countries?

Lesson-2: United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

This is a social organization of the UN. It stands for the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization i.e. it is responsible for the educational, scientific and cultural activities of the United Nations. It was established in 1946. Its head office is in Paris, the capital city of France. Presently 195 countries are its members. The main objectives of UNESCO are to ensure peace and security for the world through increasing cooperation in the fields of education, science, culture and communications. UNESCO has been working with a view to arousing respect for justice, rules of law and human rights. UNESCO works mainly in four areas: education, science, culture and communications.

Bangladesh joined UNESCO on 27th October, 1972. The Government of Bangladesh formed the UNESCO commission in 1973. This organization helps UNESCO to implement their activities in Bangladesh. UNESCO has significant roles in eliminating illiteracy. The organization has special interest in adult education, science education, communication development, and preserving cultural heritage. 21st February, our Language Martyr Day, has been acknowledged as International Mother Language Day owing to the support of UNESCO. Besides, UNESCO has extended their help to preserve heritages of the Sundarbans and others as well such as the sixty dome- mosque (Shat Gombuj Masjid) in Bagerhat and Paharpur Bouddho Bihar in Naogaon.

Activity Evaluate the role of UNESCO for its development activities to develop Bangladesh.

Lesson-3: United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

UNDP was formed in 1965. It stands for the United Nations Development Programme. It implements and monitors worldwide development works of the UN. Its headquarter is in New York.

To eradicate poverty from the world and to help the developing countries develop are the main purposes of UNDP. This organization mainly works with six areas such as establishing democratic government, eradicating poverty, facing crisis, protecting environment and preserving energy, information and communication technology, HIV and AIDS.

UNDP has been working for the development of Bangladesh since 1972. UNDP helps Bangladesh to eradicate poverty, to develop socio-economic condition in rural areas, to develop women, to establish good governance and democracy, to develop environment etc.

Activity Evaluate the role of UNDP to develop Bangladesh.

Lesson-4: Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)

FAO stands for the Food and Agricultural Organization. It came into existence in 1945. Now it has 194 member states. Its headquarter is in Rome, the capital city of Italy. The organization has been fighting against poverty around the world. The main objectives of FAO are to ensure food security, agricultural production, and standard life of people by abolishing hunger and malnutrition.

Bangladesh is a member state of FAO. It has a branch in Dhaka. FAO has dominant roles in the development of food and agriculture in Bangladesh. Our country is not self-sufficient in food. On the top of that, due to natural disasters often our crops are damaged resulting in food crisis. FAO supplies essential guidelines to the Government to come out of this problem. Apart from this, FAO extends support in food supply, agricultural development, and emergency situation management. At the same time, the organization extends technical supports for small and peripheral farmers who are victims of natural disasters.

Activity Assess the role of FAO to solve food problem in Bangladesh.

Lesson-5: World Health Organization (WHO)

The elaborated form of WHO is World Health Organization. WHO works as a coordinating organization for public health in different countries of the world. It started working on 7th April, 1948. Its headquarters is in Geneva, Switzerland. The main objective of the organization is to ensure best health facilities for the people of different parts in the world. Naturally this organization has major roles in the development of public health in Bangladesh. This organization has remarkable contribution in eliminating infectious diseases from the country and preventing six deadly diseases such as measles, diphtheria, tetanus, tuberculosis, polio and hooping cough of children. Not only that, the organization is also working to get rid of malaria, ensures pure drinking water, improves sewerage system, and reduces child and mother mortality rate. WHO has notable achievements in controlling cholera and diarrhoea.

Activity Describe the role of WHO in preventing six deadly diseases of children in the world.

Lesson-6: United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA)

The elaborated form of UNFPA is United Nations Population Fund, formerly known as United Nations Fund for Population Activities. UNFPA was founded in 1969. Its headquarters is in New York. More than 140 countries around the world are its members. UNFPA runs its activities through its regional offices in the different parts of the world. The main objective of the organization is to supply necessary consultation and assistance for solving population problems in the developing countries. It helps the developing countries adopt population policy and implement them by providing population information.

Bangladesh is an overpopulated country. This over population is a big problem for the country. UNFPA is helping Bangladesh to solve this problem for a long time. It also gives advice and cooperation to Bangladesh to expedite family planning programme and women empowerment. With the cooperation of this organization, a new department named Population Sciences has been introduced in Dhaka University. This department teaches many issues on population at home and abroad and runs research programmes on related matters.

Activity Evaluate the roles of UNFPA in controlling the population of Bangladesh.

Exercise

MCQ

1. Where is the headquarters of UNESCO situated?

- a. Geneva
- b. New York
- c. The Hague
- d. Paris

2. Where is the headquarters of FAO situated?

- a. Geneva
- b. New York
- c. Rome
- d. Paris

3. UNFPA works to—

- i. turn population into human resource
- ii. implement family planning
- iii. make population self-reliant

Which of the following is true?

- a. i
- b. i & ii
- c. ii
- d. i & iii

4. As the permanent members of the security council have ‘veto’ power they can—

- i. declare war against any country
- ii. cancel or postpone any decision taken by the security council
- iii. go for any conflict resolution

Which of the following is correct?

- a. i
- b. ii
- c. ii & iii
- d. i & iii

Read the following stem and answer questions 5 and 6.

Mr Shamim and Mr Hanif are neighbours. Mr Shamim's baby was suffering from measles. Mr Hanif went to see the baby and came to know that Mr Shamim did not vaccinate him. After knowing this, Mr Hanif told Mr Shamim that vaccines for 6 deadly diseases are supplied free of cost to protect child health. Since he vaccinated his babies timely, they are not suffering from those diseases.

5. What played the most important role to keep Mr Hanif's babies fit?

- a. UNESCO
- b. UNICEF
- c. WHO
- d. FAO

6. What are the main objectives of that organization to take this project?

- a. to ensure the best health facilities for everyone in this world
- b. to provide free treatment for the rural and poor people in the world
- c. to ensure health service for the third world countries
- d. to provide health facilities to the poor countries by the rich ones

Creative Questions

1. **Organization-1:** The headquarters is in Paris. It has 195 member states at present.
Organization-2: It was formed on 7th April in 1948. The headquarters is in Geneva.
 - a. How does UNFPA run its activities?
 - b. Explain the programmes of UNDP in Bangladesh.
 - c. Describe the activities of Organization-2 in Bangladesh.
 - d. 'Organization-1 plays role to preserve tradition in Bangladesh'. Analyze it.
2. Pial is surprised to watch National Geographic Channel as it broadcasts programmes in Bengalee. He comes to know that this practice is going on, since 21st February is recognised as International Mother Language Day. A particular international organization has vital contributions to giving Bengalee such honour. A science laboratory has been established with the assistance of that organization in his school. An internet club has also been established very recently.
 - a. What is the main function of UNDP?
 - b. Why was FAO formed?
 - c. Which international organization has cooperation in Pial's school? Explain it.
 - d. Evaluate the roles of that organization in terms of its activities in Pial's school.

Chapter Fourteen

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

The United Nations (UN), the largest international organization, started its journey formally on 24 October 1945. It represents 193 member states of the world at present. The UN works for global peace mutual peace and cooperation. The first coordinated development attempt taken by the UN was MDG (Millennium Development Goals) for the period 2000-2015. The goals included

- eradication of extreme poverty and hunger;
- universal primary education, women empowerment;
- reducing child mortality, improving maternal health;
- prevention from HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases;
- ensuring sustainable environment and;
- building up global partnership.

In its continuation, the UN declared global aims for sustainable development on 25 September 2015 which is termed as Sustainable Development Goals. It is the demand of recent time to achieve the goals of SDG. Achievement of MDG was the basic pillar of SDG. Bangladesh has immense success in MDG. Now we are working to achieve SDG. It is also called- “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”. It has 17 goals. We will know these goals from the chart of SDG in lesson 1. We have learnt the important areas of SDG in class seven. In this chapter, we will learn the importance and our responsibilities in gaining sustainable development in the perspective of Bangladesh.

By the end of this chapter we will be able to-

- explain the importance of sustainable development in the perspective of Bangladesh,
- explain the actions needed for achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG),
- draw a flow-chart of sustainable development in respect of Bangladesh based on the sustainable development goals,
- sensitised to achieve the SDG.

Lesson-1: The Importance of Sustainable Development Goals in the Perspective of Bangladesh

We have learnt about SDG in the previous classes. The prime objective of SDG is to achieve economic, social and environmental development through removing poverty from all countries of the world. With a view to building up a happy and prosperous globe, the UN member states fixed 17 goals, 169 objectives and 230 indicators for sustainable development. In fact, the UN member states took individual actions for attaining SDG from 2016 according to their own context. Bangladesh is not lagging behind in this respect. It has shouldered the responsibilities of this global partnership with due importance.



Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

Our country has already succeeded in achieving. Bangladesh has turned into a lower-middle income country by achieving MDG. Now we have to achieve the SDG if we want to build 'Digital Bangladesh' and become a middle-income country. We know that positive change of any situation is called development. Sustainable development is a holistic approach where natural resources will be utilized proportionately to meet up human needs without damaging or making them harmful. Rather precautionary measures will be taken beforehand to reduce the harmful effects considering the probable impacts.

For example, it is necessary to grow bumper crops to remove hunger; but excessive use of pesticides will affect human health, environment and bio-

diversity. Even self-sufficiency in food earned in this way cannot be considered sustainable development. So we have to be calculative and careful about the use of pesticides while increasing food production. We have to work in a way so that it might reduce social inequality through economic growth considering the sustainable future for all. With the process of rapid urbanization, we must build up an eco-friendly city life.

Bangladesh is a lower-middle income country. Its land is unproportioned with its population. The development activities are not always planned to accommodate this huge population within the limited area of the country. As a result, the lives and environment are seriously affected. If our country succeeds in achieving SDG, the positive results would be as follows:

- The gap between the rich and the poor will be reduced if poverty is removed from all spheres of life. Then the state will be able to ensure the fundamental needs of the people.
- Our nutrition demand will be met if sustainable agricultural system is implemented. This will result in hard-working and healthy people. A hunger free society will work for skilled and competent human resources.
- People will be conscious if quality education is ensured. This consciousness could play a vital role in solving various problems of the citizens.
- Gender equality, pure drinking water and sanitation, new innovations in energy sector, equality and opportunity in employment will take place if the process of sustainable development is on. They will work for balance in economic development.
- Building infrastructure, conservation of natural resources, taking proper steps to mitigate climate change and pacing with other countries will be easier. Especially balance among the animal kingdom and natural bio-diversity will be maintained.
- Desirable urbanization, balance between production and consumption, social justice and good governance, global partnership and cooperation etc. will get preference in the development activities. Besides, it will be easier to take coordinated steps to solve citizen's problems.

Bangladesh has been implementing SDG with a view to making the best of the above stated opportunities. The development agencies under United Nations are providing support for Bangladesh to implement SDG.

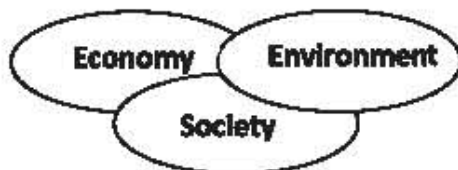
Activity-1: Present a poster on why sustainable development is necessary.

Activity-2: Arrange a debate competition in the class on 'Bangladesh will be a middle-income country only through achieving SDG.'

Lesson-2: Actions needed to achieve Sustainable Development Goals

We have learnt the importance of SDG in Bangladeshi perspective in the previous lesson. To achieve SDG by 2030, we have many things to do. Environment has two types of fabric—social fabric and natural fabric. The natural fabric includes natural environment, which includes soil, water, trees, aquatic plants, animals etc. On the other hand, social fabrics include social environment. The elements of social environment are religion, caste, culture, heritage, economic system etc. These elements differentiate one society from another one. Hence, we have to work for the development and conservation of both the environments. We are to work within our existing situation for sustainable development.

The three major areas of sustainable development are: 1. Environment 2. Economy and 3. Society. We have to add these three components with any kind of development programme if we want to make it sustainable. And so, we have to be aware of them.



Three components of SDG

Climate is an important issue to think about environment. We have learnt about climate in class seven. If we take a closer look at the world around, we can see the results of climate change. The influence of both favorable and unfavorable weather is also evident in the climate of Bangladesh. The soil of our country is fertile enough to grow crops because of favorable weather. But the unfavorable weather makes our lives miserable. For example, we have to face hazards and disasters like cyclone, storm, flood, drought, tornado, heavy rainfall, cold wave etc. Our climate is losing its usual characteristics because of the ongoing progress of civilization including change in lifestyle, use of newer technology in development, affinity to consumption etc. As a result, the temperature of the

globe is increasing and we are facing the greenhouse effect. Not only that, ecological balance is hampered due to climate change. Gradually humans and animals are facing extinction. To tackle this situation, we have to find out sustainable technology to protect the environment. Then the climate might change but we will be able to cope with the newer changes. For this to work, special attentions are needed to keep the natural and social environment intact. For example, forest is an important source of our natural resources. Due to rapid urbanization and population growth, trees are used for fuel, furniture and houses. Trees save human lives by providing necessary oxygen. On the other hand, taking carbon-dioxide exhaled by human beings, trees maintains balance between animals and plants. So we have to continue tree plantation alongside cutting trees for our development and prosperity.

How will be a sustainable city and society like? Huge buildings, necessary mills, factories and institutions have been constructed in cities. These infrastructural development are not always sustainable development. When planned forests, pure drinking water, clean water body, open play ground, park, sanitation system are ensured, these development can turn to sustainable development.

The urban society is different from that of the rural one. In cities, it is found that the parents are staying most of the time out of home for employment. It causes problems. Children are grown up under the domestic helps. Senior citizens are deprived of proper care. So it is necessary to establish cities with child care centers and old-care centers.

Activity-1: Identify the activities needed if we want to build up an environment-friendly city.

Activity-2: Present a poster highlighting our responsibilities for sustainable development.

Activity-3: Discuss what goal of the SDG refers to sustainable town and society.

If we are serious about environmental balance, we have to emphasize the conservation of aquatic and terrestrial animals. We have the enormous Bay of Bengal. Various kinds of aquatic animals live there. They help maintain balance of natural. The main source of aquatic resources is fisheries. Many fish species have been extinct to meet up our needs. So we have to introduce such technology so that our needs can be met without causing any extinction of our

fisheries. Again the birds of the forests are included in the terrestrial life. If we kill them without thinking of their breeding and conservation, gradually they will be extinct from the earth. We have to save them to save us. We have the largest mangrove forest, the Sundarbans and its main attraction is the Royal Bengal Tiger. The number of tigers is decreasing in the Sundarbans because of consistent killing. The experts identify it as a dangerous sign.

Low cost, pollution free fuel is very essential in our daily life. Fossil fuel harms our environment to a large extent. The use of coal and oil may be mentioned in this regard. The global warming is on the increase because of their excessive use. As a result, the climate is changing and biodiversity is hampered. We have to undertake sustainable fuel program to stop it. If we can implement sustainable fuel program, the other goals related to SDG are more likely to achieve. This will also contribute to save the climate, human habitation, aquatic and terrestrial life. The flow-chart below shows how pollution free energy can be produced for sustainable development in Bangladeshi context.



We can also produce renewable solar fuel from the sunlight that does not harm our environment.

Activity: Draw a flow-chart on renewable fuel for sustainable development in the perspective of Bangladesh.

We will now discuss the issues regarding economic consideration. If we want to reach a balanced position economically, our prime concern will be to remove poverty from every sphere. We have to ensure equality between production, consumption and proper distribution management. Besides, we have to create responsible consumers and implement necessary production strategies. For this, congenial working environment needs to be created. To achieve economic growth, we all have to work together irrespective of male and female.

Activity: Draw a flow-chart on removing poverty for sustainable development in the perspective of Bangladesh.

Sustainable development is such a process where development initiatives are focused but remedies to minimise adversities are also thought of beforehand. For example, gender disparity is a much discussed issue at present. We know that the women in our society still fall behind in terms of power and competency. They are not genetically conditioned in this way rather this is caused by the prevailing situation. Women can possess equal power and competency as men in the society, although a man and a woman have different physical characteristics. To ensure equal participation of men and women in our development work, we must provide a level playing field in terms of opportunities for our women. The state has to shoulder more responsibilities in this regard. 50% of our total population is women and we cannot think of holistic development keeping this 50% population of the society backward. The women can play vital roles in different areas if they are provided with proper education, and training; or if they are and allowed to express their opinions and given opportunities for free movement. These issues need to be addressed properly to work for sustainable development. We cannot be contented with what we have, we have to set targets to attain a better position comparing to other developed and developing countries of the world. This may help reduce the economic inequality among different states.

We have to be careful so that peace and discipline in every sphere of the society is maintained and justice is established all over the country. Different social, political and economic institutions should be more strengthened. The shortcomings of these institutions have to be identified on regular basis and necessary practical measures should be taken for removing them.

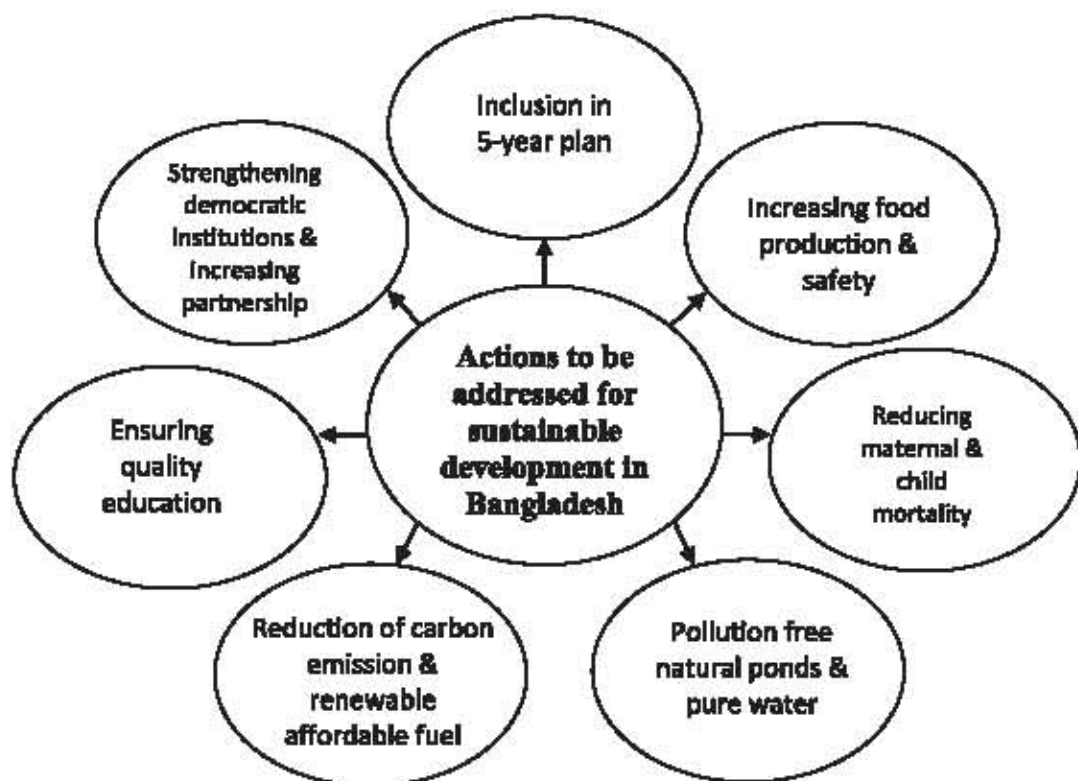
Activity: Draw a flow-chart on sustainable development considering the social perspective of Bangladesh.

Our development experts have identified 5 important components for sustainable development plans. They are people, this planet (earth), progress, peace, and partnership.

We all are the partners of all development, good and bad of this earth. We have to work together to ensure all sorts of global development, peace and safety.

To implement SDG, everyone's participation is needed and so everyone such as students, teachers, officers, employees, civil societies, boys and girls have to be encouraged. Through our integrated participation, we could get a world which is developed economically, socially, politically and environmentally. Thus a sustainable, beautiful and safe future can be created.

The activities undertaken by Bangladesh to achieve SDG declared by the United Nations by 2030 is shown in the chart (mind map) below:



Actions to be addressed for sustainable development in Bangladesh

We have learnt the actions needed to address for achieving SDG. Now we will move towards development by adopting necessary steps in this regard.

Home work: Write a report on the importance of sustainable development considering the socio-economic condition of Bangladesh in 200 words.

Exercise

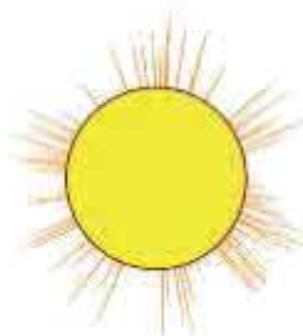
MCQ

1. To which category does Bangladesh belong in terms of income?
 - a. middle
 - b. lower middle
 - c. higher
 - d. very high
2. Because of unplanned urbanization-
 - i. forests are extinct
 - ii. planned cities has been built up
 - iii. social instability are occurring

Which one of the above statement is correct?

- a. i
- b. i & ii
- c. i & iii
- d. i, ii & iii

Observe the following pictures and answer questions no 3 & 4-



A



B

3. What type of fuel can be produced from the sources marked “A”

- a. nonrenewable
- b. renewable
- c. pollution free
- d. fossil based

4. Because of the fuel produced from the technology marked in picture “B”

- i. environment is affected
- ii. global warming reduces
- iii. economic growth enhances

Which one of the above answer is correct?

- a. i
- b. i & ii
- c. i & iii
- d. ii & iii

Creative question

1. Raihan uncle was pondering over his school days. How beautiful were the small hills, hillocks, and the green trees! Almost every house had one or more ponds. There were many canals and water basins in the village! He could also recall the painful memories of seeing children died of malnutrition and sometimes without treatment. Now when he comes to his village from the university, he sees - buildings and markets have been constructed cutting down the trees, and filling the ponds or water basins. It appears to him that free spaces for breathing is getting marginalised.

- a. What do mean by renewable energy?
- b. Explain what is sensible consumption and production?
- c. Where do the hills, rivers, canals, bils (water basin) etc. stated in the steam belong to in a environment ?
- d. What, according to you, should everyone do to breathe fresh as Raihan uncle’s desires?

– THE END –



মুক্তিযুদ্ধের কয়েকজন বীরঙ্গনা

আমাদের মহান মুক্তিযুদ্ধের সময় পাকিস্তানি হানাদার বাহিনী ও তাদের এদেশীয় দোসর রাজাকার, আলবদর, আলশামস বাহিনী বাংলাদেশের নিরীহ নিরস্ত্র জনগণের উপর অকথ্য নির্যাতন চালিয়েছিল। গণহত্যার পাশাপাশি নারীদের ধর্ষণ, মানুষের সম্পদ লুণ্ঠন ও দেশের সর্বত্র ব্যাপক অগ্নিসংযোগ ঘটিয়েছিল। আমাদের মুক্তিযুদ্ধে লক্ষ লক্ষ নারী ধর্ষণের শিকার হয়েছিলেন। মুক্তিযুদ্ধে বিজয়ের পর বিভিন্ন সেনা ক্যাম্প ও পাকিস্তানি সেনাদের নির্যাতন কেন্দ্রগুলো থেকে বহু নারীকে উদ্ধার করা হয়েছিল। সেসময় পারিবারিক ও সামাজিকভাবে এঁদের অনেকেই আশ্রয়হীন হয়ে পড়েছিলেন। বঙ্গবন্ধু এই নির্যাতিত নারীদের পুনর্বাসনের ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করেন। তিনি তাঁদের বীরঙ্গনা (রণঙ্গনের বীর নারী) আখ্যা দিয়ে সম্মানিত করেন। ১৯৭২ সালের ২২শে ডিসেম্বর বাংলাদেশ সরকার যুদ্ধকালীন নির্যাতিত নারীদের এই বীরঙ্গনা খেতাব প্রদান করে। ১৯৭২ সালেই নির্যাতিত নারীদের জন্য বঙ্গবন্ধু সরকার কর্তৃক মহিলা পুনর্বাসন কেন্দ্র প্রতিষ্ঠা করা হয়। সরকার ১৯৭২ সালে সরকারি, আধা সরকারি, স্বায়ত্তশাসিত ও আধা-স্বায়ত্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানে কমপক্ষে ১০% পদ মুক্তিযুদ্ধে নির্যাতিত নারী অথবা যাদের আত্মীয়-স্বজন শহিদ হয়েছেন এমনসব নারীর জন্য সংরক্ষিত রাখার আদেশ দেন।

১৯৭৫ সালে বঙ্গবন্ধুকে সপরিবারে নির্মমভাবে হত্যা করার পর বন্ধ করে দেওয়া হয় পুনর্বাসন কেন্দ্র। সমাজে বীরঙ্গনা নারীরা চরম অবহেলা আর ঘৃণার পাত্র হিসেবে বিবেচিত হতে থাকেন। শেখ হাসিনার সরকার বীরঙ্গনা নারীদের মুক্তিযোদ্ধা হিসেবে স্বীকৃতির পাশাপাশি অন্য মুক্তিযোদ্ধাদের মতো ভাতাসহ অন্যান্য সুযোগ সুবিধার ব্যবস্থা চালু করেন। বর্তমানে গেজেটভুক্ত বীরঙ্গনা মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সংখ্যা ৩৩৯ জন। তাঁদের মহান ত্যাগের জন্য জাতি তাঁদের কাছে চিরঋণী।

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