

DSH - PAST AND PRESENT

Dhaka Shishu Hospital is the pioneer & leading paediatric teaching hospital in the country. Being the largest children hospital, it has 535 beds in total. This autonomous facility was first established in March 1972 at Dhanmondi with 50 indoor beds and the outdoor services at Sukrabad in a tent. In December 1974, the National Economic Council chaired by the Father of the Nation **Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman**, the then Prime Minister of Peoples Republic of Bangladesh approved a scheme to construct a 250 bed children hospital in Sukrabad, Dhaka, expandable to 500 beds. In March 1975 with approval of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) Bangladesh, the project site was transferred from Sukrabad to Shyamoli, Dhaka. DSH trust gave the fund to built the present building while Government of Bangladesh donate land to DSH. In 1977, the hospital started functioning at the present premises. The intial Trust Fund of DSH was build up by the two public lotteries and a concert arranged by the renowned singer Runa Laila and donation by various philanthropic organizations & persons.

Departments

DSH has three major divisions e.g. Paediatric Medicine, Paediatric Surgery & Anaesthesia, and the Diagnostic division. Paediatric Medicine consists of different subspecialties, e.g. Cardiology, Nephrology, Neurology, Child Development & Child Pschycology, Neonatology, Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition, Haemato-oncology & Thalassemia, Respiratory Medicine, Endocrinology and Metabolic Disorder, Infectious diseases & Community Paediatrics, General Paediatrics. Paediatric surgery includes Neonatal Surgery, Urology, Burn and Reconstructive Surgery, Paediatric Orthopaedics & Traumatology, Surgical Oncology, Laparoscopy and

ENT surgery. Diagnostic division includes Microbiology, Clinical Pathology, Biochemistry, Radiology & Imaging. The Intensive Care Unit (ICU) for children, the first of its kind in Bangladesh was established in this hospital in 1992. DSH has Day Care Centre, Observation and Referral Unit and a well equipped Physiotherapy department.

Out Patient Service (OPD) includes Medicine, Surgery, ENT, Skin, Dentistry, EPI, CDD, Breast Feeding Counselling Corner and various follow up clinics. Follow up clinics include Cardiology, Nephrology, Child Development Center, Neonatology, Growth and Nutrition, TB and Endocrinology. The hospital has two special centres such as Thalassemia Center and Child Development Center where patients are getting specialized treatment.

Five beds have been reserved in the Infectious Disease Unit for emergency outbreak e.g Diarrhoea, Swine flu, Dengue fever etc.

Present news

A mural of Professor Tofayel Ahmed, 1st Member Secretary of DSH has been installed at the entrance of the hospital on 8th May, 2010.

Expansion

As per instruction of Honourable Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina**, DSH authority has taken the initiative to expand its services in different Divisional City of the country to ensure Child Health Care Service throughout the country. Accordingly, Dhaka Shishu Hospital established its first branch with OPD services by the specialized doctors at Gazipur District on 15th February, 2010. Another branch will be started soon near Dhaka.

First divisional branch of DSH has started functioning at Rajshahi with 120 beds from 5th June, 2010.