

## Sudden stroke of diarrhoea hits Gaibandha

Diarrhoea has taken a serious turn at different places of the district town and its surrounding areas Thursday (Sep 10, 2015) affecting a large number of people including women and children. As on September 12, at least 500 patients are admitted for treatment in Gaibandha Sadar Hospital so far.

The disease first appeared at two students' boarding houses at Thanapara and Khanka Sharif in the municipality, forcing the patients to go to the hospital, said locals. Afterwards, patients from Paschimpara, College Road, Palashpara, Masterpara and Banierjan rushed to hospital with the same problem.

Then, the number of the diarrhoea patients continued to rise and it stood over 100 until noon (Sep 10, 2015) causing the doctors and the nurses facing problems to provide the medicare services to the patients at a time, said SIM Shahin, residence medical officer.



Dr. Shahin said there are 20 seats for the diarrhoea patients in the hospital but at present over four times patients were being provided treatment. Civil surgeon Dr. Nirmalendu Chowdhury said an acute crisis of cholera saline has been prevailing in the hospital but there is no shortage of orsaline there.

A team of experts on diarrhea diseases came to the hospital from Dhaka on Friday (September 11, 2015) and the team would find out the cause of diarrhea spreading in Gaibandha.

Deputy commissioner M. Abdus Samad visited the hospital and enquired about the treatment of the patients.

### Different organizations extended their hands

Gaibandha Sadar Hospital received cholera saline, pure drinking water and Dettol soap for the treatment purpose of diarrhoea patients from different organizations last two days (Sep 10-12). Different organizations stood beside the poor diarrhoea patients and provided cholera saline, pure drinking water and hand washing soap to them. Deputy Commissioner M. Abdus Samad formally handed over the saline, water and soap to the authority of the hospital on Friday afternoon (Sep 11). Patients' Welfare Association of Social Services Department also provided 1,000 bags of cholera saline and other equipments to the hospital authority.

BRAC is helping with tents and polythine sheets to make extra space for the patients in the Hospital premises. BRAC also donate 500 bags of I.V fluid