

Civil Society IYV 2001 Activities

Apart from the works and activities implemented by the National Committee on IYV 2001, civil societies and other voluntary organizations in Bangladesh have organized several programmes through out the year. These are mainly:

1. A **Bi-Cycle Rally** to commemorate the International Year of Volunteers 2001 organized by the Service Civil International (SCI) Bangladesh. It started on 3 November to 5 December 2000. The rally team reached Dhaka on 5 December 2000 and joined in the inaugural ceremony of IYV 2001.
2. An **International Work Camp** in observance of the IYV organized by the Bangladesh Work Camp Association and Nowzoan Social Development Organization from 10 to 25 January 2001.
3. IYV 2001 **Planing Workshop** organized by the Committee of Volunteer Organizations on IYV 2001 Bangladesh on 12 May 2001. The definition of the workshop was "Volunteerism is the State of Thinking, Feeling and Actions from the desire to serve others without financial or material benefit.
4. "Youth Changing the World" was the topic of a **discussion** on IYV 2001 organized by the National Federation of Youth Organisations in Bangladesh on 28 May 2001. The Honorable Speaker of Parliament was present there as the Chief Guest.
5. **Blood Donation Programme** organized by the Service Civil International - Dhaka Unit on 1 June. The IYV Coordinator of UNV/UNDP was present at the occasion.
6. Celebrating the **Global Youth Service Day 2001** (GYSD) in conjunction with the IYV 2001, National Federation of Youth Organisations (NFYOB) in Bangladesh as the national lead agency organized several programmes and activities including distribution of information materials on IYV and GYSD. It also formed a Coordinating Committee to hold events and to disseminate information about the spirit of young volunteers. NFYOB has organized youth fair, cultural festival, discussions, youth workshops, leadership training, folk songs and concerts while also helping to build roads, repair slums, and organize rallies.
7. Volunteering for Nature and Environment through **Greeing Asia- Work Camp** organized by the Bangladesh Work Camp Association and the Integrated Social Development Efforts from 10 to 22 July 2001.
8. **Volunteer Camp and Symposium** organized by Good Neighbours Inc. in Bangladesh from 13 to 14 August 2001.
9. **Blood Donation Programme** organized by the National Youth Council of Bangladesh on 7th July 2001.
10. Bangladesh National Coordinating Committee (BNCC) on GYSD and Dhakabashi Organization organized a '**cleanliness programme**' in the old city of Dhaka on 15 April 2001. About one thousand Volunteers from different youth and social organizations took part to clean the local slums, schools, streets. The Honorable Deputy Speaker of the Bangladesh National Assembly was the Chief Guest, local MP was also present there.

11. A day -long event called the Mobile **Concert** and Musical Show was organized by the Young Tourist Club jointly with Baul Mon and BNCC on 21 April 2001.

12. 'Build your career through Education' a monthly **electronic newsletter** will be published by the Forum for Culture and Human Development named "Volunteer".

13. To celebrate IYV 2001 '**Olympic Day Run 2001**' was organized by Bangladesh Olympic Association on 23 June 2001.

14. National Federation of Youth Organisations in Bangladesh (NFYOB) will organize a symposium on 'Youth Volunteering and Sustainable Development' on 5 December as the closing event and has awarded 10 youth leaders who have made remarkable volunteer contributions in the community.

The following organizations also organized several programmes on IYV2001 including discussions, seminars, rallies, blood donations, workcamps, and tree plantation to name a few:

IAVE, Red Crescent Youth, PHALS, Girls Guide, Scouts, Sarada Development Foundation, YPSA, Hunger Free World, YMCA, YWCA, Hope'87, Gano Unnayan Prochesta, Bangladesh Human Rights Journalist Forum, Amnesty International, WVA, Bangladesh Social Welfare Workers Association, Kisholay Sangsad, SEP-Bangladesh, Bangladesh Roof Gardening Association, Rural Youth Council of Bangladesh.

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