

IIEI&H NEWSLETTER



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His Excellency Italian Ambassador to Bangladesh Paid Visit to IIEI&H

H.E. Mr. Antonio Alessandro, Ambassador of Italy to Bangladesh, accompanied by his wife, visited our hospital on April 19, 2026.

The visit commenced with an introductory meeting in the **Chairman's Meeting Room**, attended by **Mr. Mirza Salman Ispahani**, Chairman, Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute & Hospital Society, Mr. Anisuddin Ahmed Khan, Vice Chairman, Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute & Hospital Society, members of the Management Committee (MC) and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). During the meeting, the CEO delivered a presentation highlighting the history, achievements, and ongoing activities of IIEI&H.

The Ambassador and his wife subsequently toured several key facilities of the hospital, including the **Wet Lab**, **state-of-the-art LASIK Operation Theatre**, **Education Department**, **Research & Development (R&D) Department**,

and other clinical and support service departments. They were accompanied throughout the visit by the Chairman, Management Committee members, the CEO, senior consultants, and hospital staff members.

Expressing their appreciation for the hospital's commitment to quality eye care, education, research, and modern infrastructure, the Ambassador and his wife commended the institution's remarkable achievements. Before concluding their visit, they recorded their impressions in the **Visitors' Book**, expressing their satisfaction with the hospital's services, training programmes, and overall facilities.



Hon'ble Chairman and CEO welcoming H.E. Mr. Antonio Alessandro and his wife with floral bouquets.



H.E. Mr. Antonio Alessandro and his wife arriving at the IIEI&H premises.



H.E. Mr. Antonio Alessandro attending the introductory meeting with the IIEI&H Chairman, Members of the Management Committee and the CEO.



The Ambassador and his wife visiting the **state-of-the-art LASIK Operation Theatre**.



H.E. Mr. Antonio Alessandro with the Chairman, Management Committee members of the IIEI&H Society & Hospital staff.



The Ambassador and his wife visiting the **Research & Development (R&D) Department**.



Hon'ble Ambassador, Chairman, and Management Committee members visiting the **Wet Lab**.



The Ambassador and his wife touring the **Operation Theatre (OT) Complex**.



H.E. Mr. Antonio Alessandro writing his remarks in the **Visitors' Book** at the conclusion of the visit.

Orbis International President & CEO Paid an Official Visit to IIEI&H

Ms. Kathleen Sherwin, President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Orbis International, accompanied by members of the Orbis Global and Bangladesh teams, paid an official visit to Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute & Hospital (IIEI&H) on April 22, 2026.

The visit commenced with an introductory meeting in the Chairman's Meeting Room, attended by Ms. Zahida Ispahani, Advisor; the Chief Executive Officer (CEO); Director (Finance); Director (Community Services); Deputy Director (Medical Services); Deputy Director (OSS); Deputy Director (Human Resources) from IIEI&H; and representatives from Orbis, including the President & CEO and the Country Director of Orbis Bangladesh.

During the visit, the Orbis delegation toured several key facilities of the hospital, including the Wet Lab, Education Department, Research & Development (R&D) Department, the recently inaugurated LASIK Suite & Laser Refractive Centre, the patient wards, the Orbis-donated surgical simulator facility, and other clinical and support service departments.

The delegation highly appreciated the hospital's commitment to quality eye care, professional education, research, and capacity building. At the conclusion of the visit,

Ms. Sherwin expressed her appreciation by recording her remarks in the Visitors' Book, commending the hospital's services, training programmes, and modern facilities.



Ms. Zahida Ispahani, Advisor, welcoming Ms. Kathleen Sherwin, President & CEO of Orbis International, to IIEI&H.



Ms. Kathleen Sherwin attending the introductory meeting with the IIEI&H leadership team.



The Orbis delegation visiting the recently inaugurated **LASIK Suite & Laser Refractive Centre**.



Ms. Kathleen Sherwin visiting the inpatient ward facilities.



The Orbis delegation visiting the **Orbis-donated surgical simulator facility**.



Ms. Kathleen Sherwin touring the Wet Lab.



Ms. Kathleen Sherwin writing her remarks in the Visitors' Book at the conclusion of the visit.

Drug Induced Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension: A case report

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A 17-year-old unmarried female presented to the Neuro-Ophthalmology Outpatient Department (OPD) with a 20-day history of severe headache, nausea, and transient visual obscurations. Detailed history revealed that she had been taking capsule Danazol 200 mg for the management of irregular menstruation over the preceding few months.

On ophthalmic examination, her best-corrected visual acuity (BCVA) was 6/18 in both eyes (BE) with no improvement on pinhole testing. Color vision was impaired, measuring 5/17 in both eyes. Ocular motility was full in all directions of gaze, while pupillary reactions were sluggish bilaterally. Fundus examination revealed bilateral optic disc hyperemia, blurred disc margins, venous engorgement, and obliteration of the physiological cup, consistent with established papilledema (Figure 1).

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the brain with magnetic resonance venography (MRV) demonstrated dilatation of the bilateral perioptic cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) spaces (Figure 2), a radiological feature suggestive of raised intracranial pressure. Based on the patient's clinical presentation, fundoscopic findings, neuroimaging, and history of prolonged Danazol use, a diagnosis of drug-induced idiopathic intracranial hypertension (IIH) was established.

Danazol was discontinued, and the patient was started on tablet Acetazolamide 250 mg three times daily together with tablet Electro K as potassium supplementation for one month. At the 1-month follow-up, her BCVA improved from 6/18 to 6/6 (partial) in both eyes, while color vision improved to 15/17 bilaterally. Fundus examination demonstrated resolution of papilledema with residual bilateral optic disc pallor (Figure 3), indicating successful control of intracranial pressure following appropriate medical management and withdrawal of the offending drug.

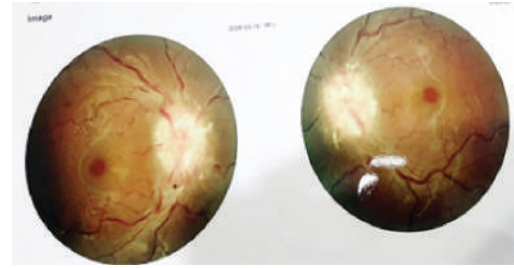


Figure 1. Color fundus photographs at presentation showing bilateral papilledema with marked optic disc hyperemia, blurred disc margins, venous engorgement, and obliteration of the physiological cup.

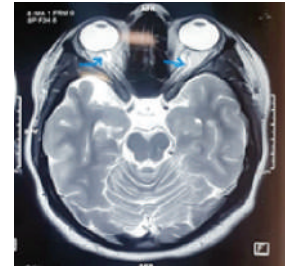


Figure 2. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) demonstrating bilateral dilatation of the perioptic cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) spaces (arrows), consistent with raised intracranial pressure.

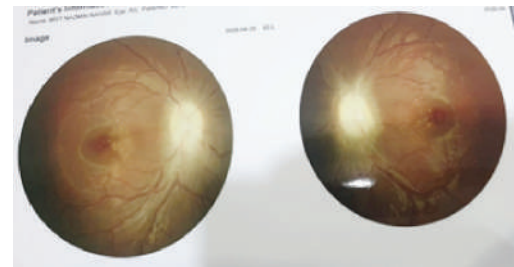


Figure 3. Color fundus photographs obtained one month after treatment showing resolution of papilledema with residual bilateral optic disc pallor following discontinuation of Danazol and treatment with acetazolamide.

Observance of World Nurses Day 2026

The Nursing and Quality Assurance Department of Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute & Hospital (IIEI&H) celebrated **World Nurses Day 2026** on **May 12**, commemorating the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

The theme for this year's celebration, as announced by the **International Council of Nurses (ICN)**, was **"Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives."**

A formal programme was held at the **Multipurpose Auditorium of IIEI&H**, attended by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Director (Medical Services), Director (Education), DD-MS, Heads of Departments, physicians, nurses, and other hospital staff.

The programme featured speeches highlighting the invaluable contribution of nurses to patient care and the healthcare system. As part of the celebration, outstanding nurses were recognized with **Best Nurse Awards** in appreciation of their dedication and excellence in service.

The event also included the **Nurses' Oath-taking Ceremony** and a vibrant cultural programme performed by nurses and doctors, creating a memorable and inspiring celebration for all participants.



CEO delivering his address at the World Nurses Day 2026 celebration.



Director (Medical Services) delivering his speech during the programme.



Deputy Director (Medical Services) addressing the audience.



Head of the Department of Nursing and Quality Assurance delivering his speech.



A Best Nurse Award recipient receiving her crest from the CEO and Director (Medical Services).



Another Best Nurse Award recipient receiving her crest from the Director (Medical Services).



Nurses taking the Nurses' Oath during the World Nurses Day 2026 observance.



Glimpses of the cultural programme performed by the nursing staff.



Glimpses of the cultural programme performed by doctor.



Members of the Nursing Department at the World Nurses Day 2026 celebration.

CME on Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Held at IIIEI&H

As part of its Continuing Medical Education (CME) activities, a scientific seminar on Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus was held on April 16, 2026, at the Multipurpose Auditorium, Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute & Hospital (IIIEI&H). The CME session was organized by the Association of Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus, Bangladesh (APOSB) in collaboration with UNIDO as the scientific partner.

The event was attended by the newly elected President, Secretary General, Executive Committee members of OSB, the Director (Education), DD-MS, Head of the Department of Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus, and ophthalmologists from IIIEI&H. Doctors from other hospitals also participated in the scientific session.

Two scientific papers were presented during the CME:

- "Clear Vision, Complex Journey: Pediatric Cataract Challenges" by Dr. Shahrina Mahfooz
- "Management of Acute Acquired Concomitant Esotropia" by Dr. Atika Sultana

The CME provided an excellent platform for academic exchange and discussion on recent advances in pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus. The scientific deliberations offered valuable insights for ophthalmologists, particularly those involved in pediatric eye care and strabismus management, thereby enhancing their clinical knowledge and professional practice.



Dr. Shahrina Mahfooz presenting her scientific paper during the CME session.



DD-MS delivering his address at the CME event.



Secretary General, OSB delivering his speech during the event.



President, OSB delivering his inaugural address.



Participants attending the CME session.

IIIEI&H Inaugurates State-of-the-Art LASIK Suite & Laser Refractive Center

Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute & Hospital (IIIEI&H) officially inaugurated its **LASIK Suite & Laser Refractive Center**, marking another significant milestone in advancing refractive eye care services. The inauguration ceremony was led by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), who formally opened the facility by cutting the ceremonial ribbon. The event was attended by senior consultants, Heads of Departments, hospital staff, and distinguished international guests.

The newly inaugurated **LASIK Suite & Laser Refractive Center** has been purpose-built to provide a modern, patient-centered surgical environment dedicated exclusively to ophthalmic procedures. Designed to facilitate precision refractive surgery while maintaining the highest standards of infection prevention and patient safety, the Center is equipped with advanced surgical technology and specialized ophthalmic equipment.

The state-of-the-art facility is expected to enhance the hospital's capacity to provide comprehensive refractive services, supporting accurate diagnosis, advanced laser vision correction, high-quality surgical care, and improved postoperative management for patients.



CEO inaugurating the **LASIK Suite & Laser Refractive Center** by cutting the ceremonial ribbon.



CEO, doctors and hospital staff attending the inauguration ceremony.



Application Engineer from Germany is briefing our doctors and clinical staff members on LASIK functioning.



Doctors and staff of the LASIK Suite & Laser Refractive Center.

Training on Operation Theatre Management and Infection Control for Nurses Held at IIEI&H

As part of its Continuing Medical Education (CME) activities, Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute & Hospital (IIEI&H) organized a three-day hands-on training programme on Operation Theatre (OT) Management and Infection Control for nurses from April 5 to 7, 2026. Conducted in three batches, the training aimed to strengthen participants' knowledge and practical skills in OT management, infection prevention, and patient safety.

The inaugural session was attended by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Director (Education), Deputy Director (Medical Services), consultants and staff of IIEI&H, along with the Country Director of Orbis Bangladesh and members of the Orbis team.

The closing ceremony was graced by Ms. Kathleen Sherwin, President & CEO of Orbis International; Ms. Zahida Ispahani, Advisor to the IIEI&H Society; the CEO of IIEI&H; the Country Director of Orbis Bangladesh; and other senior officials of IIEI&H. Certificates were awarded to participants and trainers in recognition of their successful completion of the programme and their valuable contributions.

The training brought together nurses from Orbis partner hospitals across Bangladesh, providing intensive hands-on learning in modern operation theatre practices and infection

control. Participants greatly benefited from the practical sessions, which further strengthened their clinical competencies and reinforced best practices in ensuring patient safety and quality surgical care.



Ms. Zahida Ispahani, Advisor to the IIEI&H Society, delivering her address during the closing ceremony.



Ms. Kathleen Sherwin, President & CEO of Orbis International, delivering her speech at the closing session.



CEO, IIEI&H, delivering his remarks during the closing ceremony.



Country Director, Orbis Bangladesh, delivering his address at the opening session.



Participants and distinguished guests attending the opening ceremony.



Participants taking part in the hands-on training session.



A trainer receiving a certificate from the President & CEO of Orbis International.



OT Management training facilitator receiving a certificate from the President & CEO of Orbis International.



A participant receiving a certificate upon successful completion of the training.



Country Director, Orbis Bangladesh, addressing the audience during the programme.



Guests, trainers, and participants at the closing ceremony.

Three-Day Training of Trainers (ToT) for Vision Center Randomized Controlled Trial Held at IIEI&H

A three-day Training of Trainers (ToT) programme was held at the Fred Hollows Auditorium, Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute & Hospital (IIEI&H) from June 6 to 8, 2026, to prepare project staff and field coordinators for the multi-country research project entitled "Impact of Vision Centers on Eye Health Access and Outcomes: A Cluster-Randomized Trial in South Asia."

The training focused on standardizing study implementation across participating sites through comprehensive sessions on the study protocol, standard operating procedures (SOPs), informed consent procedures, mock patient interviews, clinical examination techniques, and data collection and quality assurance. Interactive practical exercises were conducted to ensure consistency in field implementation and adherence to the study protocol.

The study is one of the largest **randomized controlled trials (RCTs)** in eye health in South Asia. It is supported by the **Seva Foundation (USA)**, with the **University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)** serving as the academic partner. In Bangladesh, the study is being implemented through a collaboration between **IIEI&H**, **Grameen Health Care Services Ltd.**, and the **Quasem Foundation** as partner institutions.

The ToT concluded with a certificate-giving ceremony recognizing the successful completion of the training by all participants, reinforcing their readiness to implement the study according to international research standards.



Trainers, distinguished guests, and participants attending the opening session of the ToT programme



A Seva Foundation trainer delivering a presentation during the training.



A trainer conducting an interactive session with participants.



Director, Asia, Seva Foundation delivering his address during the ToT programme.



A participant receiving a ToT Completion Certificate.



A participant receiving a ToT Completion Certificate.



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A participant receiving a ToT Completion Certificate.



ToT participants with trainers and distinguished guests at the closing ceremony.

Observance of World Glaucoma Week 2026

The Department of Glaucoma of Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute & Hospital (IIEI&H) observed World Glaucoma Week 2026 by organizing an awareness programme and rally within the hospital premises.

The theme for this year's observance was "Uniting for a Glaucoma-Free World." World Glaucoma Week is a global initiative dedicated to raising awareness about glaucoma, often referred to as the "silent thief of sight," as it can lead to irreversible blindness if left undetected and untreated.

The campaign emphasized the importance of **regular comprehensive eye examinations**, including optic nerve assessment, to facilitate early detection and timely treatment, since glaucoma often progresses without noticeable symptoms in its early stages.

As part of the observance, a rally was organized with the participation of the **Head of the Department of Glaucoma**, consultants, doctors, nurses, and other hospital staff, reaffirming IIEI&H's commitment to promoting public awareness and preventing avoidable blindness due to glaucoma.



Awareness rally organized in observance of World Glaucoma Week 2026.



Head of the Department of Glaucoma, doctors, nurses, and hospital staff participating in the awareness rally.

Visit of Professor Dr. Nadeem Qureshi to IIEI&H

Professor Dr. Nadeem Qureshi, Chief Consultant and Head of the Department of Vitreo-Retina at Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital, Rawalpindi, Pakistan, paid a visit to Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute & Hospital (IIEI&H) on March 29, 2026.

During his visit, Professor Qureshi met with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Director (Medical Services), Director (Education), Deputy Director (Medical Services), and the Head of the Department of Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss potential avenues for academic collaboration, including faculty exchange, clinical training, and joint research initiatives between the two renowned eye care institutions.

Professor Qureshi also toured several key facilities of the hospital, including the Cornea Department, Low Vision Clinic, Wet Lab, Research & Development (R&D) Department, Annex Building Operation Theatre Complex, and other clinical and support service departments.

Expressing his appreciation for the hospital's clinical services, education and training programmes, research activities, and modern facilities, Professor Qureshi commended IIEI&H's commitment to excellence in ophthalmic care. Before concluding his visit, he recorded his remarks in the **Visitors' Book**, acknowledging the institution's outstanding contributions to eye care, education, and research.



Professor Dr. Nadeem Qureshi meeting with the CEO at his office.



Professor Qureshi visiting the Cornea Department and exchanging views with faculty members.



Professor Qureshi visiting the Low Vision Clinic.



Professor Qureshi visiting the Research & Development (R&D) Department.



Professor Qureshi touring the Annex Building Operation Theatre Complex.

Certificate-Giving Ceremony Held for IIEI&H Short-Term Fellows and SICS & Phaco Trainees

The Education Department of Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute & Hospital (IIEI&H) organized a Certificate-Giving Ceremony at the Fred Hollows Auditorium to recognize doctors who successfully completed their Short-Term Fellowship, Small Incision Cataract Surgery (SICS), and Phacoemulsification (Phaco) training programmes.

Certificates were awarded to Dr. Mahzabin, Dr. Mousumi Mondal, Dr. Yasir Aziz, Dr. Ayinun Nahar, and Dr. Md. Montasir Al Mamun for successfully completing the SICS training programme; Dr. Ameer Ullah for completing the six-week Phaco training programme; and Dr. Satyabrata Mazumder for successfully completing the Short-Term Fellowship in Vitreo-Retina.

The ceremony was attended by the **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**, **Director (Education)**, **Director (Medical Services)**, Heads of Departments, trainers, faculty members, and staff of the Education Department.

During the programme, several fellows and trainees shared their experiences and reflected on the knowledge and skills they had gained throughout their training. In their remarks, the **Deputy Director (Medical Services)** and the **CEO** congratulated the participants on their successful completion of the programmes and encouraged them to apply their newly acquired expertise to improve patient care and advance ophthalmic services.



Dr. Mahzabin receiving her SICS Training Completion Certificate.



Dr. Ameer Ullah receiving his Six-Week Phaco Training Completion Certificate.



Dr. Satyabrata Mazumder receiving his Short-Term Fellowship Completion Certificate in Vitreo-Retina.



Dr. Mousumi Mondal receiving her SICS Training Completion Certificate.



Dr. Yasir Aziz receiving his SICS Training Completion Certificate.



Dr. Ayinun Nahar receiving her SICS Training Completion Certificate.



Dr. Md. Montasir Al Mamun receiving his SICS Training Completion Certificate.

Monthly Birthday Celebration of Doctors and Colleagues

As part of its employee engagement and appreciation initiatives, the **IIEI&H family** celebrated the birthdays of doctors and colleagues in a warm and cheerful atmosphere during its monthly birthday celebration programme.

The event was attended by the **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**, **Director (Education)**, **Deputy Director (Medical Services)**, **Director (Community Services)**, Heads of Departments, consultants, doctors, and officials of Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute & Hospital (IIEI&H).

During the celebration, the CEO and members of the hospital leadership greeted the birthday celebrants with floral bouquets and extended their heartfelt wishes for good health, happiness, and continued success. The programme concluded with a birthday cake-cutting ceremony, creating a joyful and memorable occasion that reflected the spirit of camaraderie and togetherness among members of the IIEI&H family.



CEO and Deputy Director (Medical Services) welcoming the Director (Community Services) with a floral bouquet.



CEO and Deputy Director (Medical Services) welcoming the Head of Quality Assurance with flowers.



CEO and Deputy Director (Medical Services) welcoming a doctor with flowers.



CEO and Deputy Director (Medical Services) welcoming the Deputy Director, Clinical Fellowship with flowers.



CEO and Director (Education) welcoming the Deputy Director (Education) with flowers.



Head of the Research & Development (R&D) Department receiving a floral greeting.



CEO and Deputy Director (Medical Services) welcoming the Head of the Human Resources Department with flowers.



CEO and Head of the Training Department welcoming a doctor with flowers.



CEO and Director (Education) welcoming a doctor with flowers.



CEO and Director (Community Services) welcoming the Head of the Hospitality Department with flowers.



CEO and Director (Education) welcoming a doctor with flowers.



CEO and Deputy Director (Medical Services) welcoming a doctor with flowers.



Birthday cake-cutting ceremony celebrating the birthdays of doctors and colleagues.



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