

# IIEI&H NEWSLETTER



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## Modular Operation Theatre Complex Inaugurated in Annex-A at IIEI&H

Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital achieved yet another significant milestone by setting up 31 Modular Operation Theatres (OT) in its new complex, known as “Annex A” building. This state-of-the-art facility will add to our already existing high standard of compliance, safety and convenience of the surgeons and the patients. As a cutting-edge eye hospital, IIEI&H is committed to providing the highest level of comfort and safety for patients during eye surgeries. The newly introduced Modular OT represents a specialized and innovative operating environment designed to set new standards in surgical precision and infection control. Unlike traditional OTs, this advanced system utilizes modular construction techniques, featuring seamless surfaces and laminar airflow systems to enhance safety and efficiency.

A short inauguration session was held to mark the occasion, attended by Mr. Mirza Salman Ispahani, the Chairman of the IIEI&H Society graced the inaugural occasion and attended by the Advisor, members of the management committee, CEO, doctors, nursing staff members and other members. During the event, the Chairman emphasized that the hospital



Chairman, CEO, MC members, and doctors attending the Modular OT inauguration event



Chairman, IIEI&H Society, inaugurating the Modular OT complex by cutting the ribbon

is undergoing major modernization to meet the growing demands of eye healthcare. “Our well-trained anesthesiologists and surgeons should be able to make the best use of the infrastructure and equipment to address the needs of patients requiring advanced surgery at an affordable cost,” he stated.



The newly inaugurated Modular OT complex at IIEI&H, featuring a modern and well-designed surgical environment



Prof. Dr. Mostafizur Rahman performing surgery in inaugurated Modular OT



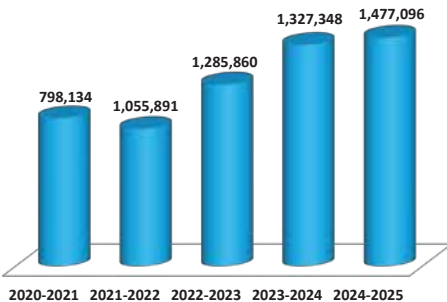
Chairman and Advisor of IIEI&H Society attending the event



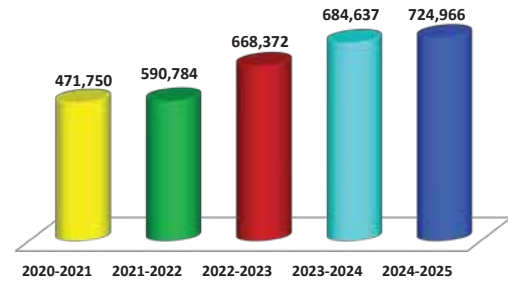
Chairman, Advisor, CEO, MC members, doctors, and hospital staff attending the event

### IIEI&H striving forward in meeting growing demand of eye care across the country

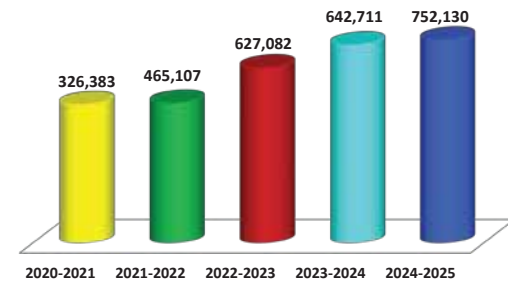
Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital continues to meet the growing demand for quality eye care services through its tertiary-level hospital in Dhaka and branch hospitals in Barishal, Jamalpur, Naogaon, and Kulaura (Sylhet). A dedicated team of skilled ophthalmologists, supported by trained optometrists, nurses, counselors, paramedics, and other clinical and non-clinical professionals, have been delivering exemplary services, earning the trust and satisfaction of patients across the country. The Medical Services Department, specifically through its retina, oculoplasty, cataract, pediatric ophthalmology, neuro-ophthalmology, and cornea subspecialties has made a remarkable contribution in serving underprivileged communities and ensuring equitable access to advanced eye care. A few of the statistics on patients' services are given below in graphics.



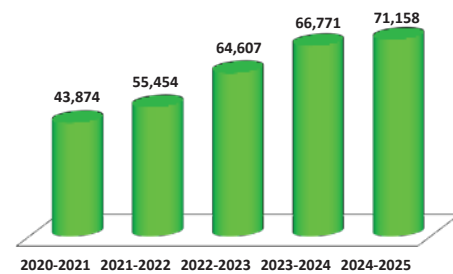
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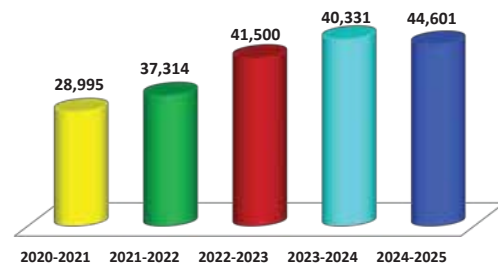
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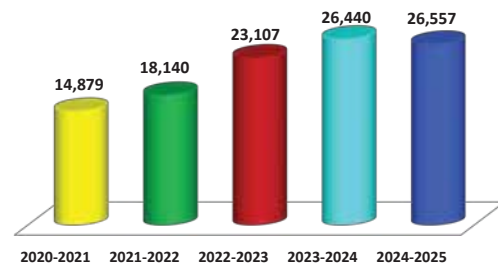
Trend of Outdoor Patients (Branch Hospitals)



Total surgery performed (Main & Branch Hospitals)



Total surgery performed (Main Hospital)



Total surgery performed (Branch Hospitals)

Comparative clinical performance of fiscal years are projected in graphics above



## Inauguration of City Center (Old Dhaka) Branch of IIEI&H

The Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital (IIEI&H) City Center, located in Old Dhaka, was inaugurated on August 30, 2025. Mr. Mirza Salman Ispahani, the Chairman of the IIEI&H Society, formally inaugurated the new branch hospital by cutting the ribbon. The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Anis A. Khan and Mr. Rashed Ahmed Chowdhury, the members of the Management Committee, Mr. Kajal Debnath, Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer, Director (Medical Services), Director (Community Service), and hospital doctors. The CEO expressed heartfelt gratitude to all attendees for joining the ceremony in a festive spirit. In his remarks, the Hon'ble Chairman reaffirmed IIEI&H's commitment to reaching to the unreached and underserved populations, ensuring access to quality and affordable eye care services for all.



A partial view of the newly inaugurated IIEI&H City Center in Old Dhaka

## IIEI&H and Orbis Sign Partnership Agreement to Increase Surgical Access for Young Ophthalmologists

Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital (IIEI&H) has signed a partnership agreement with Orbis International, Bangladesh, to enhance surgical training and access for young ophthalmologists across the country. Brig. Gen. AKM Akhtaruzzaman, ndc, psc (Retd), Chief Executive Officer of IIEI&H, signed the agreement on behalf of the institute, while Dr. Munir Ahmed, Country Director of Orbis International, Bangladesh, signed on behalf of Orbis. The signing ceremony took place on August 18, 2025, at the IIEI&H Board Room. The project, funded by the AUMUND Foundation and implemented jointly by Orbis and IIEI&H, aims to strengthen surgical capacity, empower early-career ophthalmologists, and promote sustainable eye health services in Bangladesh. The event was attended by the Advisor of IIEI&H Society, the CEO, and senior officials from both IIEI&H and the Orbis Bangladesh Country Office. This collaboration marks a significant milestone in advancing quality eye care and fostering the next generation of eye health professionals in the country.



The Hon'ble Chairman of the IIEI&H Society was warmly welcomed with a bouquet of flowers



The Hon'ble Chairman, Mr. Mirza Salman Ispahani, inaugurated the Center by cutting the ribbon



The guests of the inauguration event visited the optic shop of the Center



Senior officials from IIEI&H and Orbis attended a formal discussion prior to the signing of the agreement



Advisor, CEO, and Orbis Country Director at the agreement signing event



Exchange of the signed agreement documents



Participants of the agreement signing event

### IIIE&H Conducts Regular Eye Screening Camps

Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital (IIIE&H) regularly conducts eye screening camps as part of its social responsibility initiatives, striving to reach underprivileged populations both within Dhaka and in surrounding communities. The objectives of these eye screening camps include: identifying individuals with cataracts and offering surgery to restore their vision; creating awareness among the visually impaired and motivating them to utilize existing eye care facilities; detecting other eye problems and ensuring appropriate treatment; prescribing and providing glasses for

refractive errors at affordable prices; treating or referring patients with congenital cataract, refractive errors, squint, amblyopia, and nutritional eye deficiencies; and providing health education to promote eye care awareness in the community.

IIIE&H organizes three main types of eye screening camps under its Community Services (CS) activities: Cataract Screening Eye Camps (CSEC), Student Eye Sight Testing Programs (SSTP), and Community-based Refraction Camps. In the last fiscal year (2024–2025), a total of 9,808 cataract patients were diagnosed and received free surgical treatment. These significant humanitarian efforts play a vital role in restoring vision among the underprivileged and raising awareness about eye healthcare within the community.



Refraction of a patient's eyes during the screening camp



Community outreach program conducted by the branch hospital



Community outreach program supported by Orbis Bangladesh Country Office

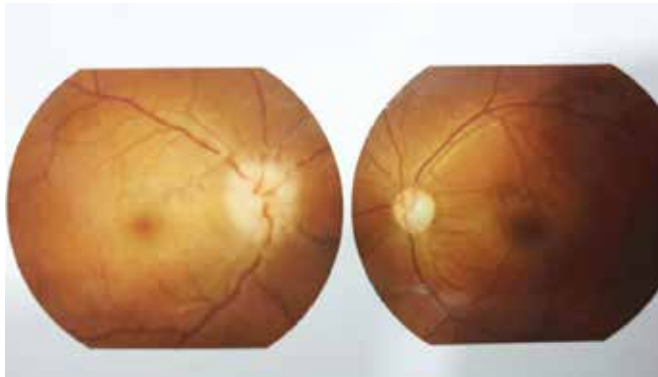


## A Journey from Darkness to Light

**Dr. Tamanna Hossain**

**Jr. Consultant, Department of Neuro-Ophthalmology**

A 30-year-old male from Kushtia presented to the Neuro-Ophthalmology OPD with a total vision loss in his right eye for 2 days, while his left eye remained completely normal. He had no history of hypertension, diabetes, or smoking. On examination, his right eye had no perception of light (NPL), color vision was 0/17 on the Ishihara chart, and pupillary and fundoscopic evaluation revealed a relative afferent pupillary defect (RAPD) and optic disc swelling. The left eye examination was unremarkable. MRI of the brain was normal, and antibody testing for atypical optic neuritis was negative. He was diagnosed with papillitis of the right eye and treated with five doses of intravenous methylprednisolone, followed by a course of oral steroids. Gradual improvement was observed, and his right eye visual acuity eventually returned NPL to 6/6, marking a successful recovery.



Color fundus photographs at initial presentation



Color fundus photograph after treatment with IV methylprednisolone and oral steroids



Neuro-ophthalmology consultant examining a patient in the clinic

## Experience of Dr. Elberelt Enkhjargal at IIEI&H

During my observership in small incision cataract surgery at the Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital (IIEI&H) in Bangladesh, I had the invaluable opportunity to learn from a team of highly skilled ophthalmologists and nursing staff. The training program included both wet lab practice and live surgeries, providing a comprehensive understanding of the techniques, instruments, and protocols involved in modern cataract surgery.

What impressed me most was the remarkable dedication of the medical staff to teaching. Despite their demanding clinical schedules, the doctors and nurses consistently took the time to explain surgical techniques, procedural steps, and decision-making processes in a clear and structured manner. Their professional yet encouraging approach fostered an environment of active learning and clinical curiosity.

I was particularly struck by the hospital's sterilization and infection control department, which was exceptionally well-organized and efficient. The staff demonstrated a high level of technical proficiency and strict adherence to international standards of aseptic practice. Their systematic approach to instrument sterilization and operating room preparation contributed significantly to smooth surgical workflow and patient safety. Like the rest of the hospital staff, they were approachable and generous in sharing their expertise.

Overall, my experience at IIEI&H was not only academically enriching but also personally inspiring. The professionalism, teamwork, and dedication to quality patient care and education that I observed have left a lasting impact on my perspective as a future ophthalmic surgeon.



Foreign fellows practicing in the wet lab



Foreign fellows performing and observing surgery in the operation theatre



Foreign fellows during a light moment in the OT

### Dr. Sidratul Muntaha Receives Prestigious APAO Achievement Award – 2025

Dr. S.M. Naznin has been awarded the APAO Achievement Award 2025 at the 40th APAO-AIOS Congress, one of the most prestigious research awards in the Asia-Pacific region for ophthalmologists. She is the youngest researcher from Bangladesh to receive this honor, recognizing her excellence, innovation, and dedication in the field of ophthalmology.

Dr. Naznin began her APAO journey in 2019, attending congresses in Bangkok (Thailand), Indonesia, Malaysia, China, and New Delhi. Physical attendance and active participation in the APAO Congress were mandatory prerequisites. In

2025, she earned 10 cumulative points—the required threshold for the APAO Achievement Award—through her contributions as a presenting author in instruction courses, free papers, symposiums, e-posters/posters, film/video presentations, and abstract review.

The Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO), founded in 1960 by Dr. William John Holmes, is a leading organization dedicated to advancing ophthalmology and eliminating preventable blindness across the Asia-Pacific region through education, research, and service. The current APAO President is Tetsuro Oshika from Japan. APAO organizes regional congresses and other scientific and educational activities to facilitate knowledge exchange, collaboration, and best practices among eye care professionals.

To encourage research and innovation, APAO presents a variety of awards, including the APAO Achievement Award, Travel Grants, ICO Mark Tso Golden Apple Award, Nakajima Award, Dennis Lam Award, Holmes Lecture, and Jose Rizal Medal. These awards aim to drive excellence, collaboration, and innovation in ophthalmic care throughout the region.

The APAO Congress serves as a significant platform for ophthalmologists and visual scientists from 43 Asia-Pacific countries to share knowledge, discuss advancements in eye care, and network with colleagues. The scientific program includes keynote lectures, symposiums, workshops, and sessions covering a wide range of ophthalmic topics, fostering collaboration and pooling expertise to improve eye care and patient outcomes across the region and beyond.



Dr. S.M. Naznin receiving the award from APAO President Tetsuro Oshika at the APAO-AIOS Congress



## Inauguration of New Vision Center at Amkhola, Galachipa, Patuakhali District

A new vision center was inaugurated at Amkhola, Galachipa, Patuakhali district on 27th September 2025. Funded by the Aumund Foundation and supported by Orbis International, the center is implemented by IIEI&H. This newly established Primary Level Eye Care (PLEC) center is led by a female service provider and operates using green energy (solar power) for its daily activities.

The opening ceremony was attended by senior officials from Orbis International and IIEI&H. On its first day of operation, the center served over 100 patients, marking a significant step in improving access to quality eye care in the region.



Director (CS) and Orbis officials inaugurating the new vision center by cutting the ribbon



Hon'ble guests at the inauguration of the new vision center

## Certificate-Giving Ceremony Held for IIEI&H Fellows, SICS & Phaco Trainees

The Education Department of IIEI&H organized a certificate-giving ceremony for long-term and short-term fellows at the Fred Hollows Auditorium. Dr. Ahmed Saidu (Nigeria) received his certificate for completing the long-term fellowship in Cornea and Anterior Segment. Dr. Aminatu Ali Abdul Rahman (Nigeria) was awarded her certificate for successfully completing Phaco training. Two Mongolian ophthalmologists received certificates for the successful completion of SICS training. Additionally, Dr. Sajib Paul received his certificate for completing a six-week Retinopathy of Prematurity (RoP) training, and Dr. Umay Raution Razia Sultana was awarded her certificate for SICS training.

The ceremony was attended by the CEO, Director (Medical Services), Director of Education, Deputy Director (MS), Heads of Departments, trainers, and staff from the Education Department.



Dr. Ahmed Saidu (Nigeria) receiving his long-term fellowship completion certificate



Foreign fellow with CEO and hospital doctors at the certificate-giving ceremony





Mongolian SICS trainee receiving her training completion certificate



Nigerian trainee with CEO and hospital doctors at the event



Dr. Bolortuya Gombosuren receiving her SICS training completion certificate



Mongolian trainees with CEO, trainers, and Orbis staff



Dr. Aminatu Ali Abdul Rahman receiving her Phaco training completion certificate



Dr. Sajib Paul receiving his six-week RoP training completion certificate



Dr. Umay Rauton Razia Sultana receiving her SICS training completion certificate



## Inauguration of YAG Laser Service for Glaucoma Patients at IIEI&H

Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital inaugurated YAG laser services for glaucoma patients on 18th October 2025. The ceremony was attended by the CEO, Director (Medical Services), Deputy Director (MS), Head of Department, and hospital doctors.

The YAG laser is primarily used to treat certain types of glaucoma, most commonly angle-closure glaucoma, by creating a small hole in the iris to improve the flow of fluid in the eye and reduce intraocular pressure. The CEO highlighted that the new YAG laser service will greatly benefit patients attending the glaucoma department, enhancing the quality of care and treatment outcomes.



CEO and Director (MS) inaugurating the YAG laser service



Well-equipped YAG laser room

## World Sight Day 2025 Observed at IIEI&H

Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital observed World Sight Day 2025 on 9th October 2025, honoring the millions of people living with blindness globally and aiming to raise awareness about eye care. The theme for 2025, "Love Your Eyes," emphasizes the importance of eye health, noting that over 1 billion people worldwide live with vision problems that could be treated or prevented but lack access to necessary care. Simple interventions like an eye exam, a pair of glasses,

or cataract surgery could dramatically improve their quality of life if we prioritize and care for our eyes.

The observance aimed to highlight the significance of vision impairment and blindness and to promote eye and vision care. The event was held at IIEI&H premises in Dhaka and attended by the CEO, Director of Community Services, Deputy Director of Medical Services, Coordinator of Cataract Training Programs, hospital doctors, optometrists, nurses, and other staff members.



CEO, Director (CS), DD (MS), doctors, and hospital staff at the World Sight Day 2025 rally



Participants of the World Sight Day 2025 event



World Sight Day 2025 banner displayed indoors at the hospital

## Monthly Birthday Celebration of Doctors and Colleagues

As part of the monthly birthday celebration program, the IIEI&H family joyfully celebrated the birthdays of doctors and other colleagues. The event was attended by the CEO, Director (Medical Services), Director (Department of Education), Deputy Director (MS), Heads of Subspecialties, doctors, and other officials of IIEI&H.

During the celebration, the CEO, Director (Medical Services), Director (Department of Education), and DD (MS) greeted colleagues with flowers and wished them good health, happiness, and prosperity. The festivities included a ceremonial cake-cutting on a selected day each month, fostering a sense of camaraderie and appreciation among the hospital staff.



CEO welcoming the doctor with flowers



CEO and Director (MS) welcoming the doctor with flowers



CEO, Director (MS), and Director (Education) welcoming the doctor with flowers



Director (MS) welcoming the doctor with flowers



Director (Education) welcoming the doctor with flowers



CEO welcoming the doctor with flowers



Deputy Director (MS) welcoming the doctor with flowers





CEO welcoming the doctor with flowers



CEO welcome doctor with flowers



Deputy Director, MS, welcome doctor with flowers



Deputy Director, MS, welcome doctor with flowers



Deputy Director, MS, welcome doctor with flowers



Knifing a cake to celebrate the birthday of doctors and other colleagues





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Gate - 3



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