

Pathik (Environment Awareness Program)

This program mainly deals with cases of environmental concern. We consider environment as not to be the concern of an individual country or region, on the contrary, it has emerged as a global concern. We strongly believe that acquiring a balanced environment for the succeeding generation is only possible through acknowledging the people with various ways and means of environment protecting mechanism. In order to materialize this, we pursue some of the most unusual forms of awareness building technique amongst which street drama, rally, chorus are worth mentionable. In addition to this, we have formed Environment Pollution Protection Committee (EPPC) with cross-sectional people. Other than making the members of the local community well informed of cases of environmental concern, we arrange occasional rallies to give this movement a wider exposure. (In many cases, we work collaboratively with other Non – Government Organizations (NGO), Government Environment policy makers as well as organizations working in this sector in relation to any cases of environmental concern).

Pathik Campaign Against Air and Sound Pollution

Right from the inception of our organization, we were very active in raising consciousness against air and sound pollution. At the initial stage, we worked collaboratively with the Ministry of Forest and Environment of our Government. Gradually, we started carrying out this campaign through the EPPC. This gave our movement a wider exposure and we succeeded in attracting a big chunk of people from the community. At present, we are collaboratively working with Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA), a consortium of nearly a hundred NGO's , eminent figures of the civic society as well as senior Government policy makers. Our present area of concentration is the environment adverse three wheeler two-stroke engine. We have staged and are continuing a thematic drama 'Dhoritry Biplob' highlighting the significance of the adversity of fume emitted by these types of engines. Rallies and peaceful demonstration are part of our activities.

Polythene Shopping Bags Under Waste Management Program

Other than industrial and hospital waste, unplanned management of household waste, specially the non bio- degradable polythene shopping bags has emerged as a havoc to our basic urban life. We encourage people to lessen the use of polythene shopping bags. We also acknowledge the general mass about the

adverse effect that polythene has on the environment and health as well as cross sectional people walk with us.

Save The Buriganga River Movement By AFEAHRD

The slogan of the 1998 World Environment Day was 'Our Earth; Save Our Seas'. Our 'Save the Buriganga Movement' basically got a momentum in light of the above slogan. The river 'Buriganga' serves as the artery of our capital city. But unauthorized encroachment and dumping of waste by the people on both sides of its banks has greatly hindered the natural flow of this river. So we thought to turn it into an issue of public concern. This initiative success when the Government started demolishing the unauthorized structure on both sides of its banks. Apart from this , we have spread this movement which includes region the Gulshan –Baridhara lake area and the Ashulia Wetlands zone.

Pathik's collaborative work with other organization

Pathik has carried out collaborative work with Bangladesh Poribesh Andalon (Bangladesh Environment Movement , BAPA), an umbrella organization comprised of nearly 100 NGOs as well as members of the civic society and Govt. Representatives.