

For saving a brilliant student

Anil Kumar Bhomik (22) a brilliant student of Rajshahi Engineering College, lying half paralysed on a bed of the Rehabilitation Institute and Hospitals for the disabled (RIHD), Anil suffered severe spinal chord injury and has been in the hospital since one and a half year.

When it occurred on January 10, 1983 Anil dived into a pond at the college hostel premises. As ill luck would have it, his head hit hard on the pond shelf, leaving him hurt in the cervical region. As a result his whole

body became paralysed.

Having been treated at the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital he was transferred to RIHD on February 2 the same year.

Treatment there has improved his condition a lot but his lower portion still remains paralysed. Doctors say his case is a complicated one and no viable treatment is possible here. He may try abroad, they suggested.

In GDR there are facilities for such treatment, it is learnt. But Anil, a son of an ordinary peasant has not that means to go over there.

But only few days before we have learnt that the President and CMLA Lt. Gen. H.M. Ershad directed the

authorities concerned to make immediate arrangements for sending Miss Rokeya Chowdhury, a first year student of Sylhet Medical College to London for treatment of grievous burn injuries on her face caused by some miscreants' throwing of acid. We congratulate the President for taking such an humanitarian step.

As a student, I hope the honourable President and CMLA will also take similar step for a brilliant student, Anil Kumar Bhomik, of Rajshahi Engineering College.

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