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City educational institutions complete cleanliness drive

Different schools and colleges in the city have completed cleanliness drive yesterday as a precaution to prevent further spread of dengue virus, reports UNB.

The 3-day drive that ended yesterday with the end of the government declared holiday to clean up the premises.

After the cleaning operation, many schools and colleges informed Dhaka City Corporation for fogging and larvaciding of their premises.

Although many schools and colleges were not closed during this time due to on-going exams, the call for cleaning drive received favourable response among general people as well as students.

Talking to UNB, headmasters and principals of different schools and colleges in the capital appreciated the role of stu-

dents and authorities in the cleaning operation.

Father Benjamin Costa, Principal of Notre Dame College said, "If each and every person spontaneously cleans his or her premises regularly, possibility of many infectious diseases spreading will be reduced."

Shyamoli Nasreen Chowdhury, Principal of Udayan High School said she got a huge response from her students. DCC Mayor Mohammad Hanif has meanwhile said, "I hope everything will be alright within a week and the mosquito menace will be brought under control if the city dwellers continue their help."

Chief Health Officer of DCC Dr Ashraf Uddin said they are getting phone calls from the schools and colleges for collection of garbage from their

premises and larvaciding.

BSS adds: A massive anti-dengue awareness campaign was launched on the Dhaka University (DU) campus yesterday through bringing out of a procession by the vice-chancellor, faculty members and students of the university.

The drive was initiated to motivate the students to keep the campus clean and lower the risk of spread of the virus.

The procession, organised by the Pharmacy Department and Bangladesh Pharmacists Association, paraded the campus.

Alongside the awareness drive, voluntary blood donation programmes for dengue patients also began on the campus with the Department of Library Studies and Information Science holding blood donation camp under the historic banyan tree on the campus.