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## Press Release on

### 100-years Celebration of International Women's Day

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***Equality in Education, Training, Science and Technology: Ensure Equal Honor for Women*** holding this slogan as the motto, **Development Wheel (DEW)**-the leading partner of **We Can Campaign** has undertaken a course of initiatives with a variety of colorful activities in celebrating the 100-years of International Women's Day' 2011 in collaboration with 60-other partners NGOs in a mood of festivity at its Mymensing working area with an enthusiasm in upholding women rights in every layer of the society by ensuring and also establishing equity between men and women in an oath-taking manner. **DEW**, at this connection, is intended to glorify some vibrant voices of Mymensing area who has contributed to bring liberty for women in society with an effort of ensuring and establishing their adequate rights with a view to encourage the future leaders.

Moving along with this aspiration, on March 08, 2011 at around 12:01am, **DEW**, employing all other partner organizations of **We Can Campaign** network, has driven an effort for **breaking-down-the-darkness** with candle-lights at the Townhall Shaheed Minar premise with presence of the great hero who is nationally awarded as **Shada Moner Manush** (Man with White Soul) Dr. K. Zaman, the General Secretary of BNSB Hospital, Mymensing. The grand opening of this festivity has actually been started on March 7, 2011 at around 4:00pm through various activities following to the candle-light activity at the mid-night in memoriam of those dignified leaders contributed for the liberty of women across the globe during the passed hundred years paying due honor.

Moreover, at the opening ceremony of the occasion, five dignified women leaders of Mymensing district have been awarded along with the support of **Development Wheel (DEW)** for their contribution in triggering women rights issues largely. And, they are-**Monju Rani Datta, Ferdousi Akter, Rowshan Ara Begum, Aasiya Khatun, Prokriy Shudha Nath**. At this award ceremony, various dignified personnel and local leaders have attended as guests where Advocated A.H.M. Khalequzzaman has presided over the ceremony as the chair of this grand opening. At the activity of breaking-down-darkness with candle light, about 200 change makers have expressed their sympathy along with **We Can** with their participation.

**We Can Campaign**, through this celebration of 100-years of International Women's Day-2011 has promised to:

- Ensure adequate safety and security for all women
- Assure that the darkness might not be an obstacle on their way
- Establish equal rights for women by ensuring equity between men and women

DEW also organized another national level calibration programme as national committee members of We Can campaign at central Shahid Minar jointly with the university of Dhaka and We Can national alliance where three thousands women and man participated at 12:01am on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

DEW Executive Director Mr. Shah Abdus Salam participated "**We Can**" protect violence against women summit in Kathmandu, Nepal. The Summit was organized by Oxfam GB with its partners from south asia, Africa, Europe and Canada.



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**Picture 01:** The 100-years Celebration of International Women’s Day-2011 is marked with candle-lights for breaking-down-the-darkness at the midnight of March 07, 2011 at the Townhall Shaheed Minar premise of Mymensing.



**Picture 02:** In the opening ceremony of the 100-years anniversary of International Women’s Day-2011, five dignified women of Mymensing district are awarded for their immemorial contribution in establishing women’s rights.