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National Annual Minority Youth Leadership Summit 2023

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BACKGROUND OF THE NATIONAL MINORITY YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

This leadership summit is a pioneering initiative of the Council of Minorities. It is the first ever minority leadership summit in Bangladesh that has been organized annually since 2011. It was first introduced by Mr. Khalid Hussain, Executive Director of the Council of Minorities & Ms. Hannah Sholder, a community development and affordable housing specialist based in the USA in 2011, after Ms. Sholder finished her Fulbright Scholarship in Bangladesh through which she studied the land rights situation and housing conditions of the camp-dwelling Urdu-speaking community. The first year the Summit was just introduced for the camp-dwelling youth in Mohammadpur neighborhood of Dhaka (which Ms. Sholder conducted her research), as a way to empower the youth to become leaders in their community's development and less dependent on foreign aid. Over the next few the Summit was extended to camp-dwelling youth from wider Dhaka, then from across the country. This year National Annual Minority Youth Leadership Summit-2023 was successfully organized by Council of Minorities (CoM). Nationality for All (NFA) and Institute of Statelessness and Inclusion supported the summit as knowledge partners.

Objectives of the Summit

- To identify high potential individuals from marginalized communities and preparing them to become leaders in their community's development.
- To build a network of support between the youth to help strengthen their communities' campaigns for equity, justice and human rights.

Highlights

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A total of 39 Participants from 15 different minority communities joined the summit this year. Amongst them-

- **20 males**
- **16 females**
- **3 transgenders.**

The participants were from-

1. Garo
2. Marma
3. Tangchangya
4. Khumi
5. Sadri
6. Dalit
7. Robidas
8. Transgender
9. LGBTQI
10. Urdu-speaking
11. Chakma
12. Telegu
13. Tripura
14. Rakhaine
15. Tea-garden community

DAY-1 (03-10-23)

Session-1. Opening Ceremony, Introduction & Objectives sharing

The summit started at 9:30 am in from the National Anthem of Bangladesh. Khalid Hussain, Chief Executive, Council of Minorities moderated the opening ceremony & introduction. Advocate Noori Khisa and **David from.....**, was the opening ceremony guest and shared some of their experience as they also belong from minority communities. Both guests appreciated Council of Minorities for organized summit program. He also stated the opening remarks mentioning the history and objectives of the summit which is to combine all minority communities to empower the youth. Then then participants were shared their thoughts for being participating the summit.

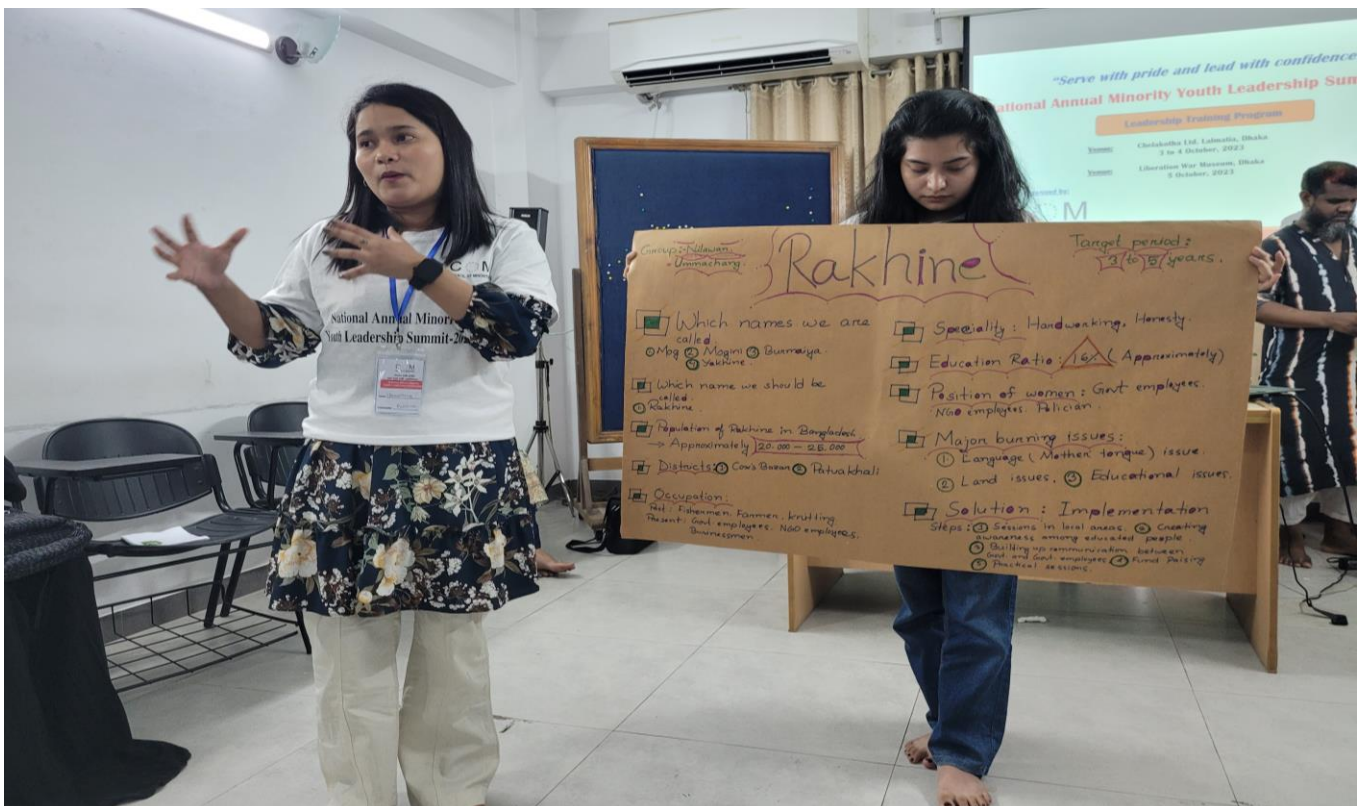


After that Mr., of had interacted with the participants through zoom. He had a wonderful motivational speech for the participants and encouraged them for their future life as a leader to serve their community and country. Participants had shared their thoughts and experience with Mr.



Session-2. Workshop on Identity Minority Mapping Profile Cultural and Economical Issues of Minorities

After his wonderful presentation he discussed on the cultural and economical issues of the minority communities from the previous year summit experience and after that he is conducted a workshop on Identity Minority Mapping Profile Cultural and Economical Issues of Minorities. Through the workshop participants from 15 communities tried to represent the summarize of the ethnic identity of their community, their position in society, education level, financial status and various issues.



Session-3. Advocacy & Advocacy Strategy

Advocate Tajul Islam, Consultant, BLAST was one of the learned facilitators of this three-day long summit. On the very first day, one of his interactive sessions was on “Advocacy and Advocacy Strategy”. On the third session, Mr. Tajul Islam tried to enlighten the participants with the vast knowledge about the basic skills of Advocacy and the strategies of the advocacy. Using his very synergistic methodology that included the extensive use of PPT and group works.



Mr. Tajul Islam made the entrants perceive how conduct an advocacy in a certain situation on a specific subject. In the session on, the trainer followed the same method with the help of storytelling and group discussions this time and engaged the whole bunch in the mutual understanding of the philosophy of law. He learned them the process conducting an advocacy and describes the methods of effective strategic advocacy in detail.

Session-4. Public Speaking Strengthen Skill of Public Speaking

On day one the most interesting session for the participants was Public Speaking Strengthen Skill of Public Speaking, conducted by the team of Institute of Wellbeing. 4 facilitators from Wellbeing's team

introduced participants to some techniques through PPT presentations to improve their public speaking skills. All the groups practically participated in a role play and learn how to speak effectively in public.



In this session, they learned to interact from different listeners in different situations and to become a good speaker.

DAY-2 (04-10-23)

Session-1. UN Mechanism

Chet Narayan Rasuli, from Nepal joined the summit through zoom.

Session-2. Statelessness and Asia Pacific

Fahmida Karim, UNHCR Bangladesh fellow and Legal Advisor, International Committee of the Red Cross – ICRC conducted a workshop on statelessness causes and solutions. In this session she described the participants about attribution of Nationality, change of nationality, discrimination, denationalization, state Succession, change of civil status, international migration, forced displacement as the causes of statelessness. Participants also learnt that States, UNHCR (having direct mandate), Civil Societies and other Communities are the actors working on addressing statelessness.



Through a PPT presentation she gave them a broad idea about identifying and mapping existing stateless populations as well as groups that are at risk of statelessness, discriminatory laws, statelessness at birth, change of civil status, change of nationality, the legal aspect of reduction and statelessness status determination. After that she conduct a workshop on the entire topic.

Session-3 Decolonial Conversation and Indigenous Nature Rights

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Session-4 and 5. Participatory Action Research-PAR and Right to Information-RTI Process and Case Study.

Advocate Ruhi Naz, Research Initiatives Bangladesh had conducted two sessions in the summit. In session 4 through a workshop on Participatory Action Research (PAR), participant learnt the most vibrant human rights issues in their camp and in community. The last session of the day was RTI Process and Case Study. Ruhi



Session-6. Cultural Events

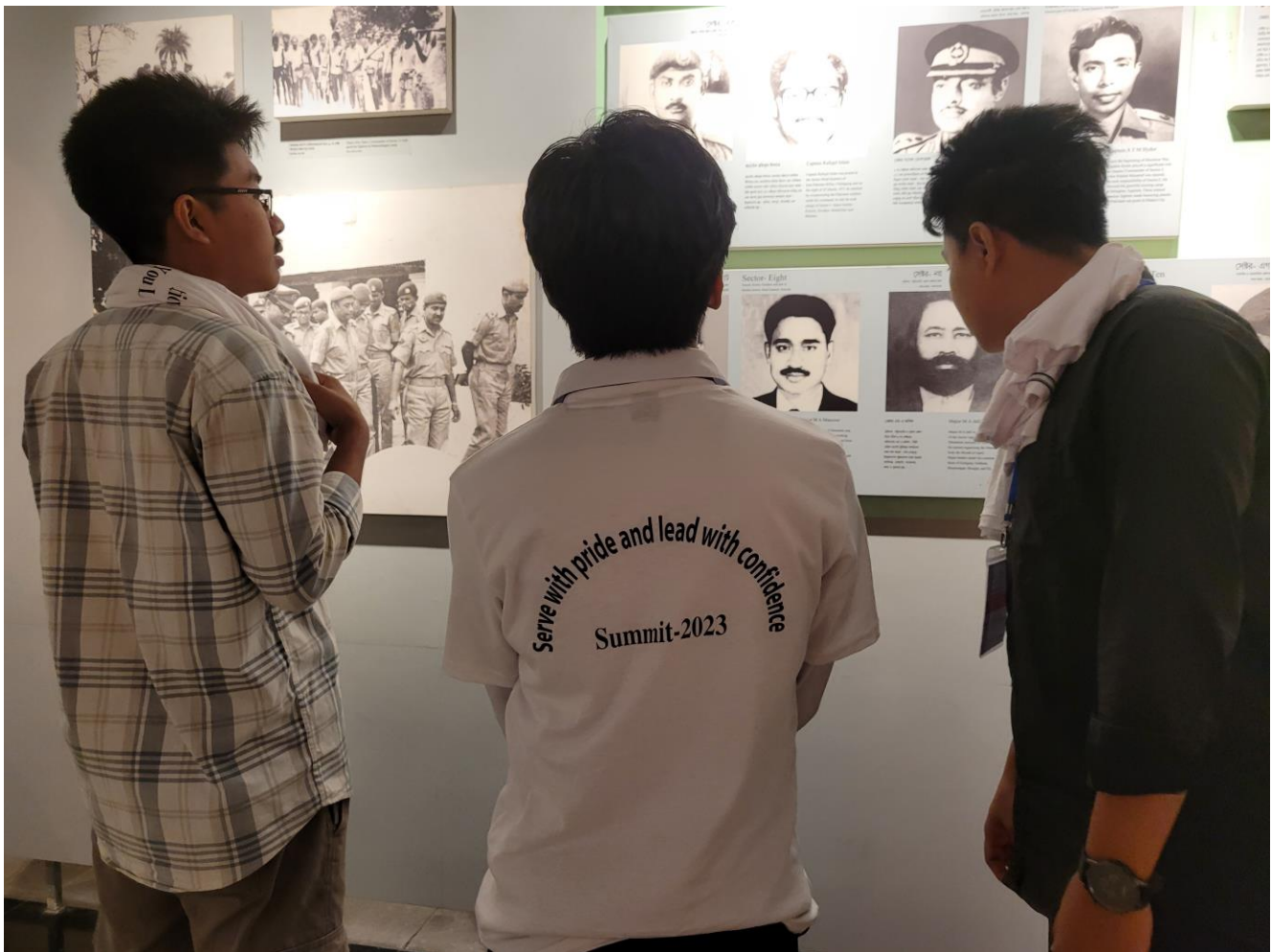
In the 2nd day closing came to its end with the touch of a colorful cultural program by the participants.



DAY-3 (05-10-23)

Session-1. Tour of Liberation War Museum.

On the last day of summit, the day begins with a visit to the Liberation War Museum. There, the participants got to know about various historical facts that happened during the liberation war of Bangladesh in 1971. They gained knowledge about the incidents of torture, oppression and torture during the liberation war. The history of the liberation war, the special contribution of those who sacrificed in the liberation war, all the events that took place during the liberation war were discussed among the participants by the team of liberation war museum.



Liberation War Museum Tour, Civic Centre, Plot : F11/A & F11/B, Agargaon, Dhaka 1207

Session-2. Leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and History of Freedom Fighters.

In this session a documentary film filmed by the liberation war museum team introduced participants about the leadership qualities, prudence, decision-making ability, creativity and ability to motivate people of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. How he became a successful leader despite suffering imprisonment, oppression and torture and gave an independent state to the Bengali nation. In this documentary the entire scenario of liberation war was reflects the history of independent.



Documentary Filmed by The Liberation War Museum

Session-3. Closing Ceremony.

Every good journey comes to an end, so did our 3-days long residential summit. Council of Minorities was honoured to have Mr. Sekender Ali Mina, Executive Director, of Safety and Rights Society (SRS) as a special of the closing ceremony.

The closing remark began with the speech of Mr. Sekender Ali Mina. He appreciated the initiative of council of minorities by saying that he is very happy to see many potential youths from diverse community under one roof. He wished a bright future to all of them and handover them summit certificate.



Certificate giving ceremony

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Participants List

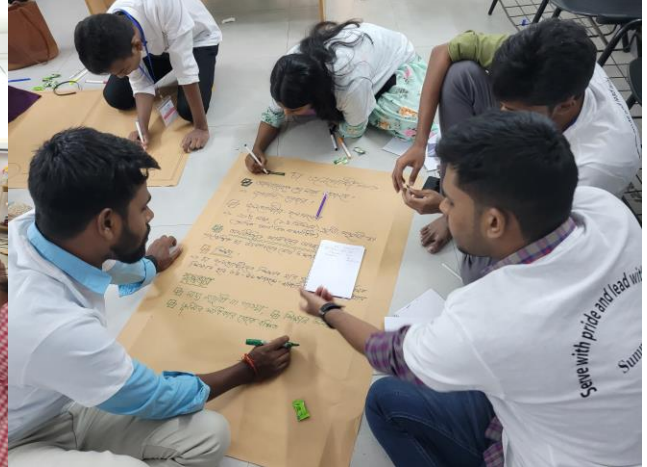
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Serial No.	First name	Last Name	Gender	Community
1	Shawon	Bhuimali	Male	Dalit (Hindu)
2	Ripon	Nayek	Male	Tea Garden Community (Dalit)
3	Yeasin al	Masud	Male	Tea Garden Community (Muslim Biharis)
4	Rayna	Akter	Female	Tea Garden Community (Muslim Biharis)
5	Milon	kujur	Male	Sadri (Indigenous)
6	Polloby	Kujur	Female	Sadri (Indigenous)
7	Lokesh Chakma	Chakma	Male	Chakma
8	Lampra Tripura	Tripura	Male	Tripura
9	Kushal Tripura	Tripura	Male	Tripura
10	Ushing Mya Marma	Marma	Female	Marma
11	Nila Wan	Rakhaine	Female	Rakhaine
12	Ansang Dalbat	Dalbat	Male	Garos
13	Ummaching Marma	Marma	Female	Marma
14	Chaw Sing	Prue Marma	Male	Marma
15	Joy Chakma	Chakma	Male	Chakma
16	Abdullah Noman	Sami	Transgender	Transgender
17	Anik	Chakma	Male	Chakma
18	Maung Chaw	Shew	Male	Marma

19	Md. Emon	Badshah	Transgender	Transgender
20	Shuvo	Koiri	Male	Tea Garden Community (Dalit)
21	Tirtha Chakma	Chakma	Male	Chakma
22	Nebai Eung	Khumi	Male	Khumi
23	Bizli Tangchangya	Tangchangya	Female	Tangchangya
24	Jessica Jacinta Chiran	Chiran	Female	Garo
25	Kumudra Marma	Marma	Female	Marma
26	Rity Chakma	Chakma	Female	Chakma
27	Tarannum Islam	Shimla	Female	Urdu-Speaking
28	Trinath	Baurusetty	Male	Telegu
29	Junjuri	Veronika	Female	Telugu
30	Madhabi	Rani das	Female	Rabidas
31	Uchana	Marma	Male	Marma
32	Md. Faisal	Hossain	Male	Bihari- Urdu Speaking
33	Md.	Al-Amin	Male	Bihari- Urdu Speaking
34	Priyonti		Female	Marma
35	Shafia	Siddique	Female	Bihari- Urdu Speaking
36	Sumaiya	Akhter	Female	Bihari- Urdu Speaking
37	Sharif Hasan	Bappy	Transgender	LGBTQI
38	Jubaer	Bhuiyan	Male	Bangali
39	Noboshree		Female	Marma

Photo Gallery



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