



***Progress in Nursing
Issues & Way Forward***

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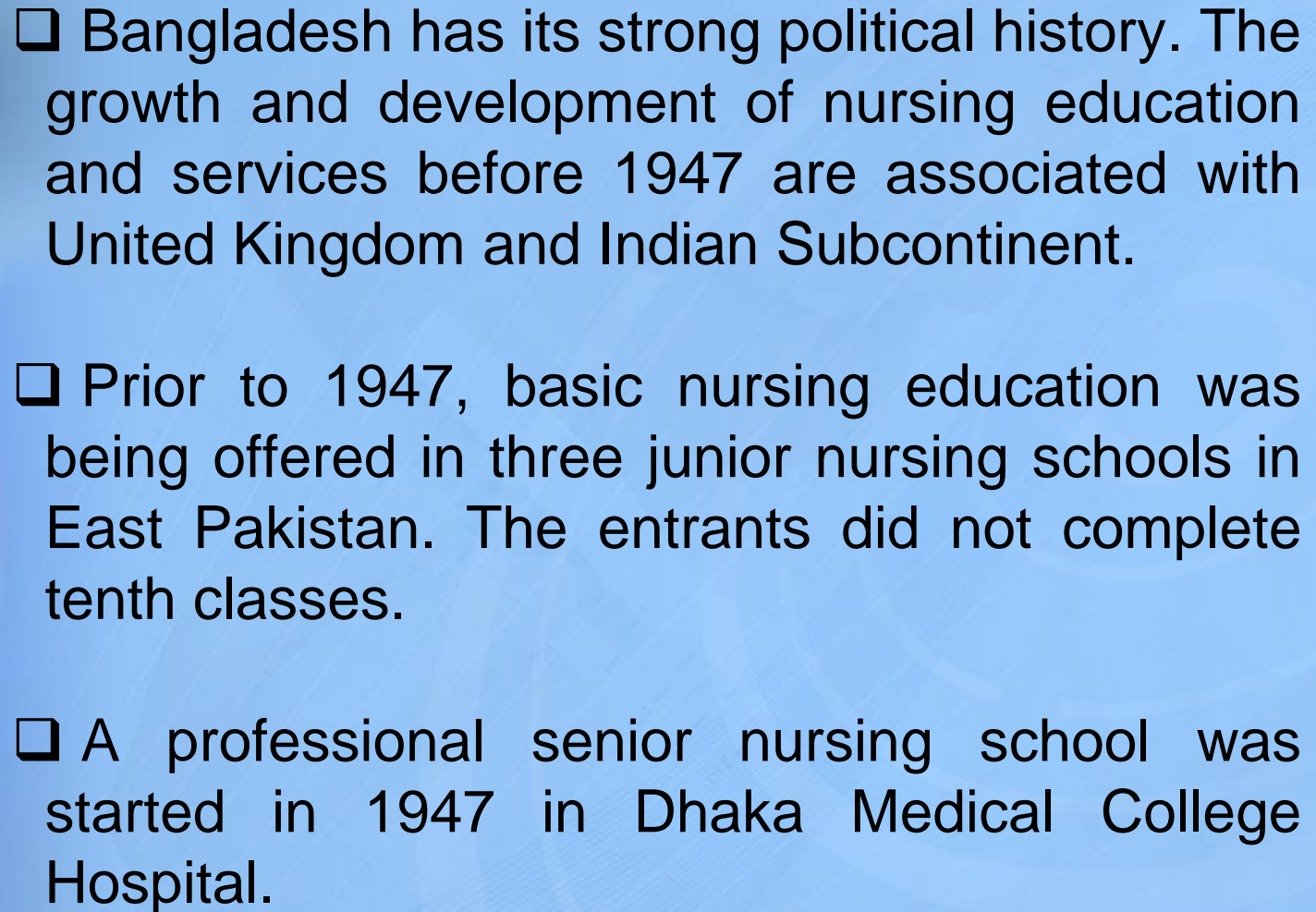
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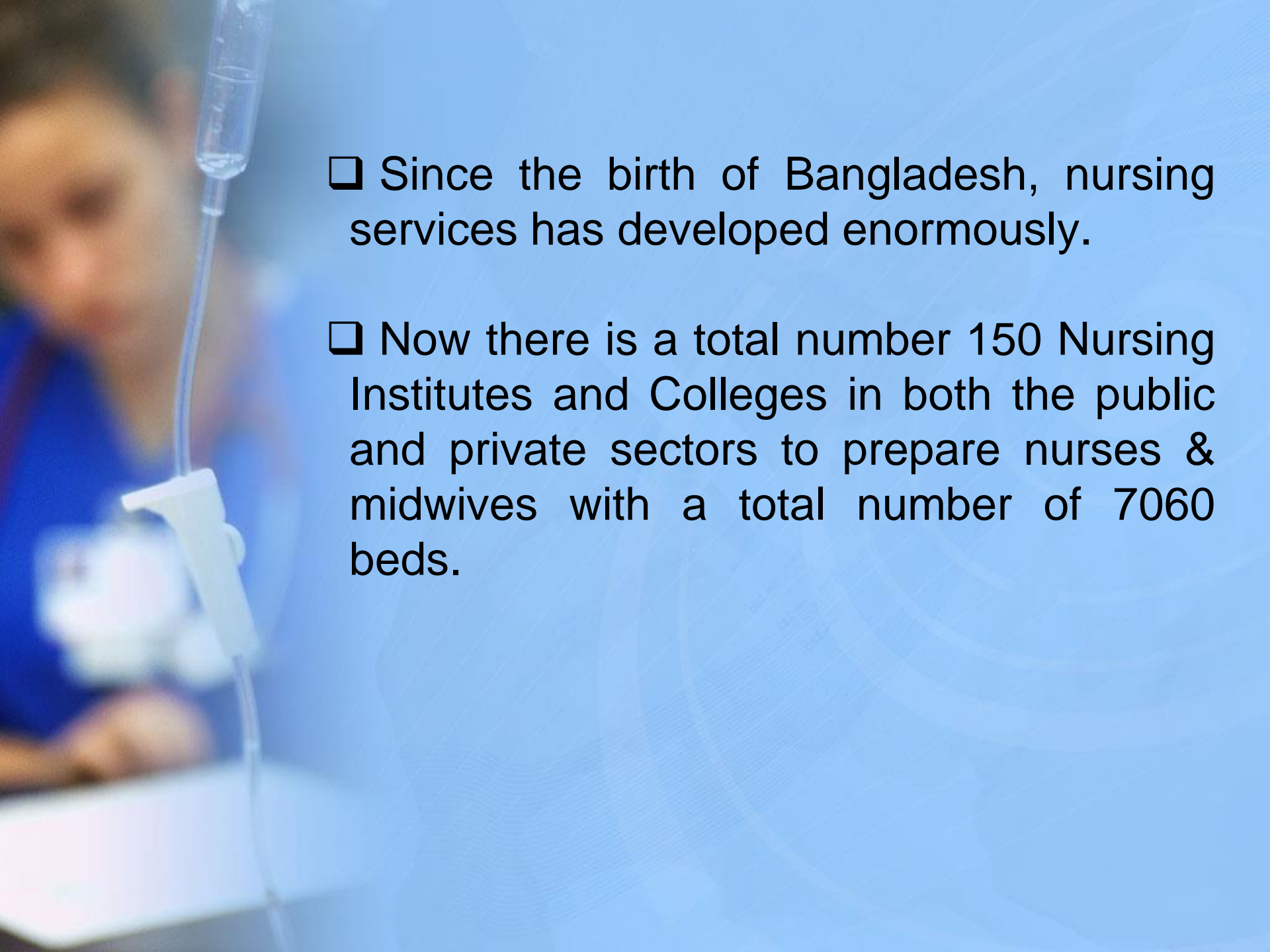
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Introduction

- ❑ Before 1947 nursing was influenced mainly by the UK and Indian Subcontinent
- ❑ 1947 - nursing school started in Dhaka Medical College Hospital
- ❑ Today a total number 150 NIs & Colleges & 7060 beds

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- ❑ Bangladesh has its strong political history. The growth and development of nursing education and services before 1947 are associated with United Kingdom and Indian Subcontinent.
 - ❑ Prior to 1947, basic nursing education was being offered in three junior nursing schools in East Pakistan. The entrants did not complete tenth classes.
 - ❑ A professional senior nursing school was started in 1947 in Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

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- ❑ Since the birth of Bangladesh, nursing services has developed enormously.
 - ❑ Now there is a total number 150 Nursing Institutes and Colleges in both the public and private sectors to prepare nurses & midwives with a total number of 7060 beds.

Major Changes in Nursing from 2008-2015

Under the leadership of Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina the following progress are made in Nursing:

1. Changes in Nursing Education

- ❑ BSc introduced in 7 upgraded Nursing Institutes
- ❑ 12 Nursing Institutes built
- ❑ 3 year midwifery program & MW standards
- ❑ New training modules for specialized training
- ❑ Post basic curriculum of College of Nursing revised

2. Progress made in Directorate of Nursing Services:

- ❑ Nurses' entry post upgraded into 2nd class
- ❑ (PMIS) introduced
- ❑ Wi-Fi and broadband facility are provided within DNS.
- ❑ Internet connection set up in 11 nursing colleges and 43 NIs
- ❑ 3000 thousands midwives' posts created
- ❑ 5847 thousands registered nurses posted
- ❑ The number of Master Degree holders in Nursing are 40(UK), 4(India), 83(Thailand), 27(Australia) and 500 got MPH degree (govt. and private universities)

3. Progress Under process:

- ❑ 21600 square ft. lands allocated & Clearance from Ministry of Public Administration for 94 employees posts for DGNMS
- ❑ 10.000 nurses' posts creation
- ❑ MoPA has given clearance for 527 Posts for 7 upgraded nursing colleges.
- ❑ Establishment of National Institute of Advanced Nursing Education and Research (NIANER).
- ❑ The construction of Sheikh Sahara Khatun Nursing Institute, Shaheed Sayed Nazrul Islam Nursing College & Bandarban Nursing College is going on.

Trends of Development in nursing

Table 1:

Items	1947	1962-1970	1975-1976	1978-1979	1981-1998	2000-2015
Number of junior nursing training schools (under the Bengali nursing council)	03	-	-	-	-	-
Senior nursing school (attached to DMCH)	01	08	-	-	-	-
Number of college	-	01	-	-	-	-
Nursing Institutes	-	-	07	05	18	12

Table 1: *Development of Nursing and Midwifery in Bangladesh from 1947 to 2015* (source: 1. *Perspectives on nursing & nursing policy in Bangladesh*; Chowdhury J. A., 2002, 2. www.bnmc.gov.bd)

Table 2:

Nursing college	4 yrs. Basic Nursing College-14 2 yrs. Post Basic Nursing College-04	public
	31	private
Number of registered nurses	39045	

Table 2: Number of Bachelor of Nursing Science and Post- Basic Nursing Colleges
(Source:www.bnmc.gov.bd)

Table 3:

Sectors	BSc in Nursing	Diploma In nursing	Diploma in midwifery	Total
Public	1025	2580	975	4580
Private sectors	1490	5415	430	7335
Total	2515	7995	1405	11915

Table 2: *Yearly intake of Nurses and Midwives in Bangladesh*
(source:www.bnmc.gov.bd)

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Graph 1: *The trends of yearly production of nurse and midwifery*
(source:www.bnmc.gov.bd)

Challenges & Progress

- There is work underway on career path
- 179 1st class posts are vacant
- Nurses' performance
- The Clinical Supervision initiative
- Work is underway on the recruitment rules
- Adequate resources(nursing education, services & administration)

- ❑ Centralized Nursing Administrative Power
- ❑ Collaborative relationships between hospitals and training centers
- ❑ Foundation Training for Nurses
- ❑ Construction of midwifery academic building and hostel
- ❑ Unity among the nurses
- ❑ Dynamic leadership in nursing and midwifery services

Conclusion & Way Forward

- ❑ From the presentation it appears that since the birth of Bangladesh there has been a steady progress in Nursing in Bangladesh. Still there are so many challenges to raise the image of nursing profession in providing quality of patients' care and safety to achieve the SDGs (3).
- ❑ Aiming at the target nurses should play leadership roles and competencies in all managerial levels
- ❑ It is high time nurses raised their united voice
- ❑ There should be a constant pressure group who will interact with govt. and other allied professional leaders to overcome the existing challenges in nursing.

Thank You

