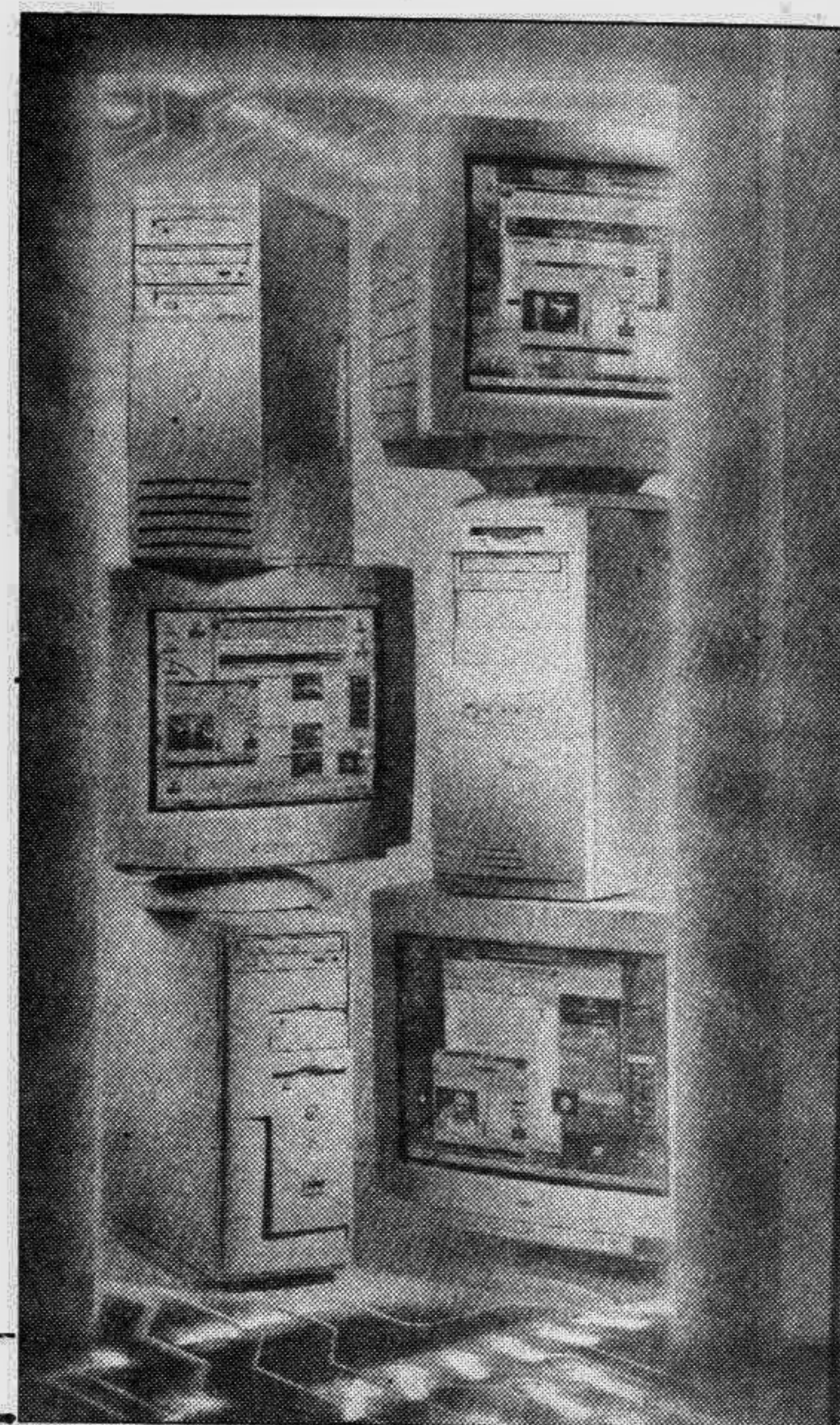


Inauguration of BCS Computer City and BCS Computer Show '99

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MESSAGE

I am pleased to know that Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS) is going to launch 'BCS Computer City' through organising the two-week BCS Computer Show-99.

The present government has declared Information Technology and software industry a 'thrust sector' considering its potentials and prospects in the country.

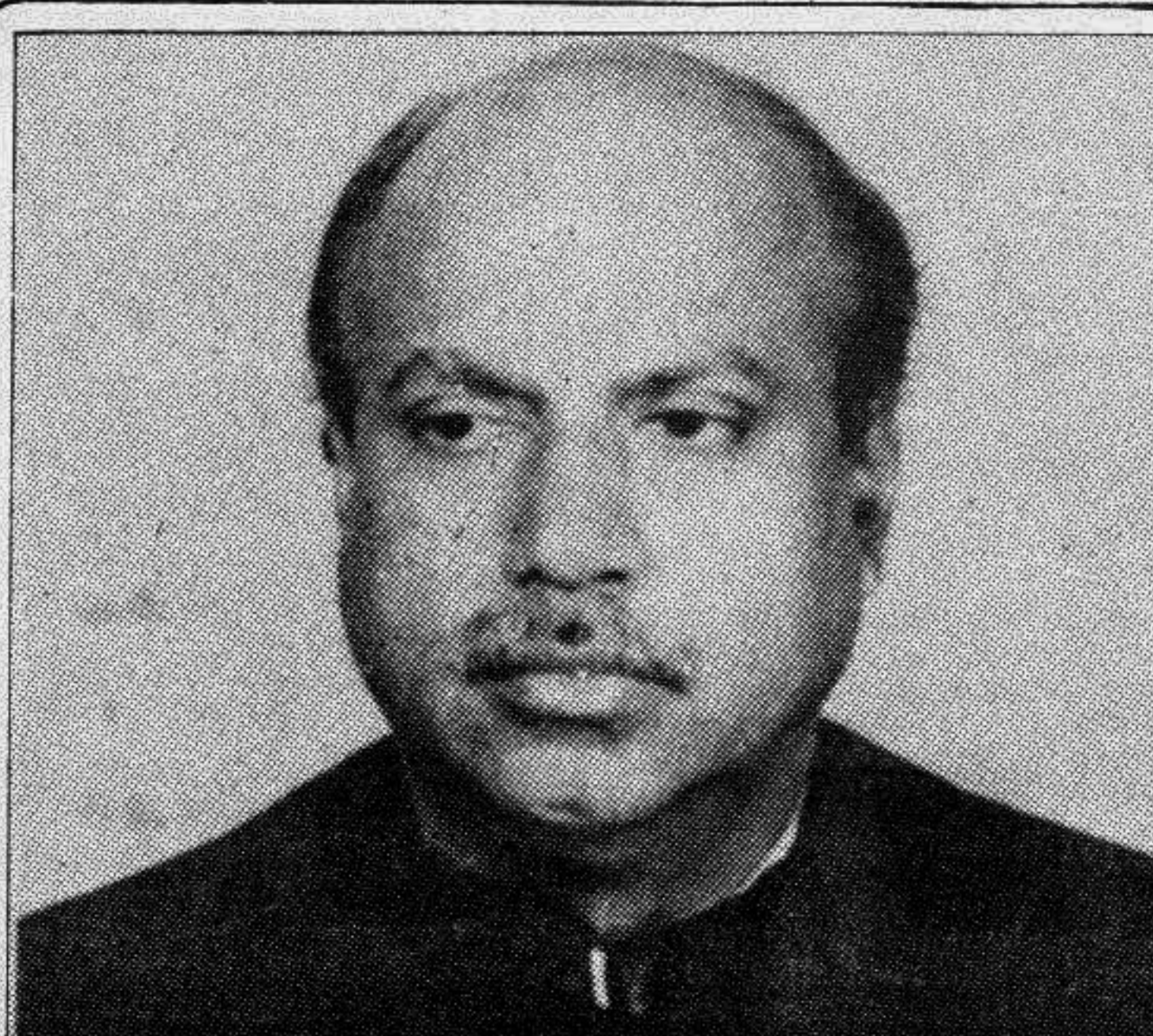
We live in the age of information technology and we need skilled manpower to cope with the changing trends in this sector. The endeavour of Bangladesh Computer Samity in this respect is praiseworthy.

I wish the BCS Computer City and BCS Computer Show-99 a success.

Jot Bangla, Jai Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh Live Forever

Shah A M S Kibria
Minister for Finance

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh



MESSAGE

I am pleased to know that the Bangladesh is going to have its first Computer Software Development City. The private sector operators under the Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS) have come forward to boost the development of the 'Information Technology' Sector by offering one-stop marketing, sales, software development, 'International Technology Training', Internet Service, E-Commerce and high-speed data transmission facilities under a single roof at 'BCS Computer City'. It is also appreciable that the opening of the 'BCS Computer City' will be marked by holding two-week BCS Computer Show-99 in its premises in Dhaka. This will create enthusiasm among our youths about computer facilities.

The information age has opened the window of opportunities for developing countries like Bangladesh. We can utilise the opportunities by mobilizing our resources and acquiring necessary skills. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has declared the Software export as one of the thrust sectors and withdrawn all import duties and taxes on computer hardware-software and its accessories aimed at exploring fully the potentiality in this sector.

I congratulate BCS for its efforts in organising this commendable commercial event in Bangladesh.

I wish the BCS Computer City and BCS Computer Show-99 a grand success.

Jot Bangla, Jai Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh Live Forever

Mohammad Nasim

Minister for Post & Telecommunications
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh



MESSAGE

I am glad to know that Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS) is going to launch the 'BCS Computer City' with the objective of dealing with the entire gamut of computer and Information Technology (IT) in order to usher in a new era of prospect and possibility in the country. To mark the inauguration of the City, the initiative of holding two-week BCS Computer Show-99, I hope, will help in reflecting the positive attitude of the computer organisations towards fast changing business condition that offer tremendous opportunities in IT sector in Bangladesh. I believe this effort would provide unique opportunity for introducing the leading edge technology products in the country.

I wish 'BCS Computer Show-99' a grand success and congratulate the Samity for organising such a timely show.

Lt General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan
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Minister for Science and Technology
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh



MESSAGE

For the very first time in this country that the private sector operators under the Bangladesh Computer Samity have come forward in an integrated manner to boost the development of the 'Information Technology' sector by offering one-stop marketing, sales, software development, 'Information Technology' training, Internet service, E-commerce and high-speed data transmission facilities under a single roof at 'BCS Computer City'.

We are also very happy that the inauguration of the 'BCS Computer City' will be celebrated by holding two-week BCS Computer Show-99 at the IDB Bhaban, Dhaka.

The information age has opened the window of opportunities for many, including developing countries like Bangladesh. There are tremendous opportunities for us provided we can quickly mobilize required resources and acquire necessary skill. We must not delay, as all opportunities particularly in the information age are time bound. The Government has fulfilled its promise and has declared the Software export as one of the thrust sectors and withdrawn all import duties and taxes on computer hardware, software and its accessories with the hope to explore fully the potentiality in this sector. The Government is also committed to provide all out support and equal treatment to all local and foreign entrepreneurs to invest on 'Information Technology' business in Bangladesh.

We join all of our colleagues at BCS in wishing the 'BCS Computer City' and 'BCS Computer Show 99' great success at representing the needs of Information Technology business in Bangladesh. We all hope that this Show will help Bangladesh take a meaningful step towards a new Information Technology millennium.

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MESSAGE

I am very happy to learn that the Bangladesh Computer Samity has taken the initiative to set up BCS Computer City in the IDB Building at Agargaon, Dhaka and it is going to be formally inaugurated today, the 11th of September, 1999. The Bangladesh Computer Samity has been playing a key role in popularizing Information Technology (IT) in the country and this is another of their laudable efforts.

The BCS Computer City would not only provide marketing outlet for the members of BCS dealing with hardware and software products, but also provide an opportunity to the IT professionals, students and interested citizens to explore the latest developments in the field. The availability of high speed data communication links should also help the firms involved in software development and data processing service sectors. I am confident that the BCS Computer City would play a leading role in the future growth of IT in the country.

I am happy to recall the BSC International Computer Show held at the same venue in December, 1998, which generated unprecedented enthusiasm throughout the whole country. I am sure that the BCS Computer Show 99, which is going to be inaugurated on the same day, would be another landmark event and contribute significantly in achieving our goal of establishing Bangladesh as a key player in the global IT field within the next few years.

I congratulate the Bangladesh Computer Samity and wish the BCS Computer Show 99 success.

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