



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visits a stall after inaugurating the two-day textile and apparel show, 'TextBangla-2001', at Sheraton Hotel yesterday.

PM at TextBangla exhibition

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presented a paper on Development of Backward Linkage Industry in the Bangladesh Textile Sector: Promises and Achievements.

In his paper, Dr Bhattacharya showed the growth of textile sector in recent years and its possibilities and suggested some measures for more advancement of the growing sector that can enable Bangladesh to withstand the coming open competition.

The prime minister said the textile sector has definitely an important role in the advancement of economy. At present garment is the main industrial sector in the country.

This sector is fetching 76 per cent of the total export earnings, she noted. Last year, the export earnings in the ready-made garment sector crossed 4.3 billion US dollar.

She said the government is pursuing the establishment of garment village outside Dhaka considering the present nature and quantum of the export-oriented industry. There the in-

dustries will be established in such a manner that no worker's life is threatened by electric short circuit or any other accident.

While recognising the contribution of the textile sector to economic growth, the prime minister also noted that the country had to import large quantities of raw material for manufacturing garments that minimises returns on apparel exports.

According to statistics, she said, the quantum of imports in woven garment sector is 60 to 70 per cent of the export earnings in the sector while that of knit sector is 15 to 20 per cent.

"This shows that we have been able to produce 80 to 85 per cent of our demand in the knit sector, but only 15 to 20 per cent of raw materials are being supplied by our local industries for the woven garment sector. As a result, we are importing 80 to 85 per cent of our total demand at the cost of export earnings. We must change the situation."

Hasina said the owners of ready-made garments played an important role in export trade,

creating an international market of about 5000 million US dollar.

If the BTMA can supply the total demand of yarn and fabric, the member mills can earn 400 million US dollar, which would eventually increase foreign exchange earnings.

The PM said: "Our government has been extending support for the increase in export earnings through local value addition for last few years. We are planning to maximise our value addition in future so that we can retain the entire export earnings from garments in our country."

The prime minister cautioned that during the open competition after 2004, if the country cannot produce textiles for export, the export trade would be endangered.

She said the government had made import of cotton completely duty-free to facilitate the member mills of the BTMA. "Even we have exempted the surcharge. We have waived duties on the import of machinery for the export-oriented textile mills."

'Good governance key to social development'

BSS, Dhaka

Good governance coupled with multi-facet measures aimed at welfare of the people proved a key to economic and social development in several Southeast Asian countries, a seminar was told yesterday.

Speakers at the "wrapping up seminar on Bangladesh-Southeast Asia relations" deliberated on different aspects of the issue at stake. They observed that Bangladesh has a lot to know from the Southeast Asian region where several countries made spectacular progress in recent times in the sphere of economic development.

The seminar was organised by the Bangladesh Institute for International and Strategic Studies (BISS). Dr Mohammad Selim, chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Foreign Affairs, attended the inaugural session as chief guest while additional foreign secretary Mohsin Ali Khan presided.

The first working session was chaired by Professor Muzaffar Ahmad of Dhaka University and papers were presented by Vietnamese economist Nguyen Huy Hoang, Chittagong University Professor Muinul Islam and Professor Abul Kalam of Dhaka University.

Former cabinet secretary Mujibul Huq presided over the second session and Dr Churail Tapvong of Thailand, Professor Mohabbat Khan of Public Service Commission and Professor Razia Banu of Dhaka University, presented their papers.

Their subjects dealt with varied issues ranging from "Governance and development" in Southeast Asia to "Quality improvement in Southeast Asian services - lesson for Bangladesh."

Dr Mohammad Selim, in his address, outlined Dhaka's relations with ten countries in the Southeast Asian region and said bilateral ties with all these nations are being strengthened with exploration and enhanced cooperation in different fields. He said the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is sparing no efforts to forge closer links with these countries.

Presenters of the papers touched upon various issues and opined that Bangladesh needs to learn from different countries of Southeast Asia.

Participants in the discussions included former foreign secretary Barrister A K Morshed, former defence secretary Salauddin Ahmed, Brig (Retd) Shakawat Hossain, Professor Mohammad Masum of Jahangirnagar University and former civil servant and freelance journalist MA Hannan.

Mujibul Huq said political honesty is a must for establishing good governance in any country.

Prof Muzaffar Ahmad said sub-regional cooperation is beneficial for a country like Bangladesh if this country becomes the focal point of such ventures. He said it is also necessary to change the "mindset" to make different regional or sub-regional cooperative efforts successful.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka will be held at Dhaka Club Family Lounge at 5:30 pm today, says a press release.

Members have been requested to attend the meeting.



BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan addresses a rally of the four-party alliance at Muktangan in the city yesterday.

Holistic approach a must to mitigate arsenic problems

The deliberations of the expert group meeting on arsenic, nutrition and food yesterday brought into sharp focus the need to build a long term preventive paradigm with active involvement of researchers from agriculture, public health, soil sciences and universities.

The second day of the Expert Group meeting organised by UNICEF to facilitate exchange of knowledge and preliminary research findings on arsenic contamination and its implications opened with the presentation by Professor Gerald Combs of the Cornell University that covered arsenic impact on food chain and human nutrition, says a press release.

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Prof Gerald pointed out that it is important to understand the impact of arsenic contamination on food though in the organic form it carries a negligible toxicity. Arsenic exposure over long periods has known to exacerbate diarrhoea, cramps, anemia, hypertension and respiratory disease, he pointed out while listing the possible implications.

In his presentation that evoked a lively question and answer session, Prof Combs explained the mechanism of arsenic toxicity and its metabolic effects. Among the important factors that are likely to effect retention of arsenic are dietary intake and genetic make up and the ill-effects can be minimised by adding leafy vegetables, fruits, proteins.

In the second presentation, Dr John Duxbury of Cornell University said at present the research work on the impact of arsenic contamination on agricultural and food quality is very scant.

The expert group meeting organised by UNICEF is a step forward not only to help minimise the worst effects of arsenic on children and women but also draws attention to the need for

evolving a holistic approach.

Dr Duxbury called for international cooperation to build national capacity to deal with the issue of arsenic in its totality through workshops, internships and regular exchange of research initiatives.

Dr Duxbury said Cornell University prepared a proposal for enhancing research collaboration with national institutes that is now under consideration with USAID Bangladesh, to study the impact of arsenic contamination on agricultural sustainability and food quality.

There is certainly a genuine need to assess the impact of arsenic contaminated soil and irrigation water on yields and quality of rice, wheat, selected vegetable crops and crop residues used for animal feed, he stressed in his presentation.

The expert group meeting deliberations concluded with formulation of a concerted research and development agenda and clear-cut identification of the future needs to accelerate Arsenic Mitigation Programme that UNICEF is assisting with a range of public and NGO partners.

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