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Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina consoled the mother of Sadequunnahar Sony, a student of BUET, at her residence in the city yesterday. Sony was killed in crossfire during a gunfight on the BUET campus on Saturday.

**4,000 teachers to be recruited in govt colleges**

BSS, Dhaka

Education Minister Dr M Osman Faruk yesterday said the government has taken a programme to fill up 4,000 vacant posts of teachers in government colleges to reduce the gap in teacher-student ratio.

"We have already asked the public Service Commission (PSC) to initiate recruitment process to appoint 2500 teachers initially under the programme," he said while inaugurating a two-day conference of the principals of government colleges.

He added that the initiative was taken also to improve the quality of education as there was a crucial link between the number of teachers and standard of education.

State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Huq Milon and

Deputy Minister for Education Abdus Salam Pintu attended the conference as special guests. Education secretary Mohammad Shahidul Alam chaired the function organised by the Education Ministry.

Among others, Vice-Chancellor of National University Prof Abdul Momin Chowdhury and Director General of Secondary and Higher Secondary education M Abdur Rashid took part in the discussion.

Dr Osman Faruk said the government has also taken massive programmes to ensure quality education, congenial academic atmosphere and fairness in public examinations.

He urged the teachers not to engage themselves in party politics in the interest of restoring the desired academic atmosphere.

"We have to bring back congenial atmosphere on the campus at

any cost and the teachers have to stay away from party politics for this," the minister said.

He said the standard of education must be ensured to enable the country to cope with the present-day world.

Dr Faruk also laid emphasis on maintaining teacher-student relations, reviewing the curriculum and intensifying academic supervision to achieve the goal.

He urged the teachers to help maintain transfer policy, saying that the policy should be systematic to ensure standard of education.

Expressing dissatisfaction over the existing education scenario of the country, ANM Ehsanul Huq Milon said the sector could not gain any significant development. Rather, the quality of education deteriorated over the past 30 years, he added.

**CSE hails budget**

BSS, Cg

Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) President Mirza Salman Ispahani yesterday hailed the proposed national budget for the fiscal 2002-2003 for prescribing adequate incentive measures to revamp the country's capital market.

He said it would help attract more investors to play in the capital market.

Talking to BSS, he thanked the finance and planning minister for accepting their demands in the budget proposals and said that listing and selling of shares of the multi-national companies and profitable public limited companies including companies of oil sectors through stock exchanges would be a great wake up call for the country's static capital market.

He also said the volume and li-

quidity of the capital market would be boosted greatly if the government successfully implemented these proposals overcoming all possible impediments.

Salman welcomed the new budgetary measures that includes imposition of 5 per cent additional tax on undistributed profit of listed companies, reduction of corporate taxes of listed companies to 30 per cent from 35, reduction of tax rate of dividend declaration to 20 per cent from 25. He said it would tremendously encourage the honest players of the capital market.

He however expressed his frustration over not giving due attention to save the ruining once 'Golden Fiber' Jute. In this context, he said the government had kept Tk 400 crore against golden hand-shake for various losing state owned enterprises but he asked what would happen to such losing private companies while closing them down. He sought special funds from the government to meet the huge loss in the private sector jute companies.

**Int'l confce on law reforms from June 13**

UNB, Dhaka

A two-day international conference titled "Law Reform Agencies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Looking for a Balance between Tradition and Innovation" will begin here on June 13.

The Law Commission of Bangladesh in collaboration with the Canada-Bangladesh Legal Reform Project will arrange the seminar to be held at Sonargaon Hotel.

Representatives from Canada, Pakistan, India, New Zealand and Bangladesh will participate in the seminar.

Chairman of the Law Commission Justice ATM Afzal will preside over the function.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed will be present as chief guest while State Minister of the ministry Barrister Shahjahan Omar and Canadian High Commissioner in Bangladesh David Preston as special guests.

Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury, senior most judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court and Attorney General AF Hassan Arif will also be present at the function along with other dignitaries.

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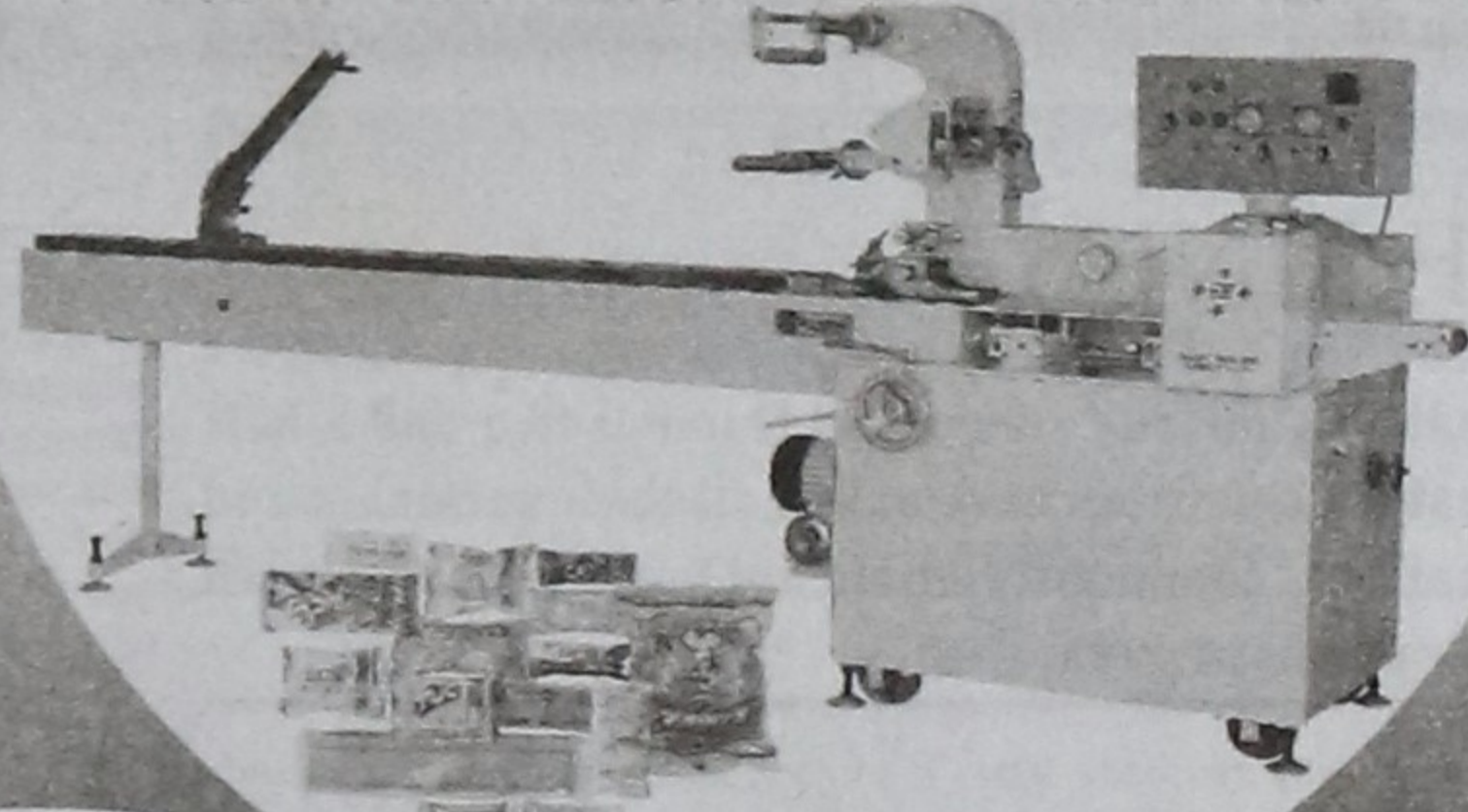
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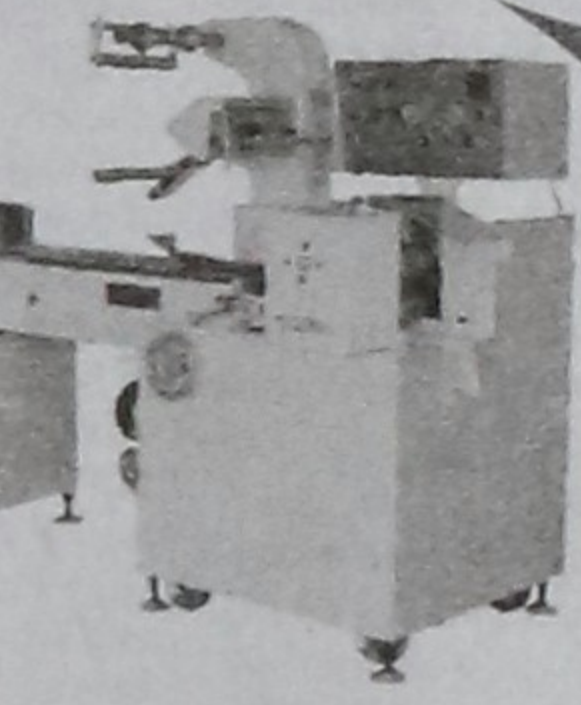


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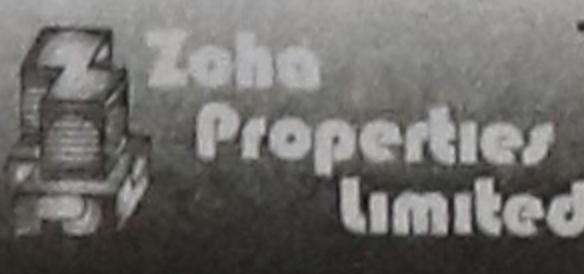


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