

TIB slams

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government, particularly the Department of Environment (DoE), to refrain from giving in, and instead ensure stringent enforcement of law against polluters.

TIB also urged the business leaders to be more ethical in doing business.

"It is extremely deplorable and ridiculous that a section of business leaders raised such illegal, irresponsible and unethical demand so shamelessly in public," said Dr Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of the TIB, in the statement.

"We call upon the Minister for Forests and Environment as well as the DoE officials to absolutely ignore such demands and redouble efforts and capacity to enforce the relevant laws, rules and regulations without fear or favour."

He added that any failure to bring the law-breakers like polluters to justice would not only "promote a culture of impunity" but also lead to total destruction of whatever prospect of sustainable life and livelihood remains in the country.

Owners of some industries -- steel mills, re-rolling mills, plastic factories and brickfields -- on Thursday at

a meeting held at the FBCCI office, in presence of the environment minister, demanded that the government stop anti-pollution drives so that they can continue their activities without any hindrance.

However, the minister said it was not possible to stop the enforcement activities, but assured them of considering not shutting the industries following drives.

It was deceitful to claim loss of business and employment due to pollution control, Dr Iftekharuzzaman said. "The reality was just the opposite -- business will flourish further, economy will grow faster in a more sustainable manner, generating higher income and employment if anti-pollution standards are met," the statement added.

The TIB said while Bangladesh is already ranked as one of the worst victims of environmental degradation and climate change, it has succeeded in drawing the attention of the global community for support to national efforts to face the enormous challenges.

"However, if the government yields to illegitimate demands of powerful business people in steel mills, re-

rolling mills, plastic factories and brickfields uniting under the banner of FBCCI, Bangladesh will not only ignore the key prerequisites of ethical and sustainable business, but also lose faith of the international community about our commitment to control pollution of our own environment, particularly the river and water resources," the grafts watchdog cautioned.

BSF kills

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fire on Faruque and his fellow Lablu, 24, near Beurjhari border in the upazila when they were returning home from India around 7:30pm wounding Faruque seriously. Lablu luckily escaped.

Local people rushed Faruque to Baliadangi Upazila Health Complex where he died at 9:05pm.

The Commanding Officer of 30 Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) Battalion, Touhidul Islam, confirmed the incident and said BGB strongly protested the incident.

A company commander-level flag meeting was held yesterday in this regard.

BSF Director General UK Bansal on Thursday said the frontier force was exercising restraint even at a greater risk to the lives of its members in dealing with cattle smugglers on Indo-Bangladesh border.

"That's why the number of persons killed in firing in the last five months this year has come down to mere seven," Indian daily newspaper The Hindu quoted Bansal as saying, reacting to allegations by Human Rights Watch, an international NGO, that the BSF personnel were indulging in extra-judicial killing, torture and human rights violation.

Unhygienic drinks

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Day labourers, rickshaw pullers, and other people from low-income groups are the main consumers of the drinks made from standard ingredients and served in unhygienic ways.

Numerous vendors are offering sugarcane juice, lemonade, sorbet, and several other coloured drinks at the city's busiest places like New Market, Lal Dighi, GEC Circle, Dewanhat Circle, Fakirhat, Customs Circle, EPZ Circle, Bahadderhat Circle, Alanker Circle, and different bus terminals.

Some vendors also roam around the city with hand or motor driven crushing machines and sugarcane on their vans to meet the demand of thirsty pedestrians.

But, both consumers and sellers care very little about the hygiene and nutrition value of the seemingly attractive drinks.

Abu Bakkar, a roadside drink seller, was recently selling a mixture of fruit bits, sugar, and water, terming it "mixed fruit juice", at New Market Circle.

He was intermittently stirring the mixture with a stick. About 15 to 20 litres of the mixture was kept in an aquarium like tank.

Though the drink was protected inside the transparent tank, hovering flies were swooping down on serving glasses as those were kept uncovered. A huge bar of ice was kept uncovered on the van, pieces of which were put in glasses when drinks were being served.

Asked about the ingredients of the "juice", Bakkar said he used tap water, Tang, tasty saline, sugar, apples, oranges, cherries, dates, and lemons to prepare the drink.

Day labourers Arif and Sadek were among the thirsty pedestrians who flocked to the stall. They said the drink was good for health in the summer as it was made from many fruits and water.

"As water comes out of our bodies through sweat, the drinks somewhat replenish that water," said Sadek, who took a glass of the mixture.

The same scenario was found only a few yards away, where another vendor was selling sugarcane juice.

The vendor, Nurul Huda, was crushing sticks of peeled sugarcane without using any glove. Sweat was dripping from his arm and dust was getting mixed with the juice.

The peeled sugarcane were kept piled up and covered with a dirty cloth on the van equipped with a sugarcane crusher. Before crushing the sticks of the peeled sugarcane, he was dipping those into a drum full of water from a nearby pond.

Flies were sitting on the serving glasses. But customers were little bothered about the unhygienic situation. They were paying ten taka for each glass of sugarcane juice.

Talking to a number of such "juice" vendors at different places in Chittagong city, The Daily Star learnt that various ingredients including saccharin and food colouring are used to make the drinks attractive and tasty. Although some fruits are kept on display on the vans, very little of those are actually used to make the drinks.

Apart from the drinks, some vendors also sell juicy pieces of fruits like watermelons. The vendors handle the pieces of the fruits with-

out any glove, and the pieces are displayed openly without any covering protecting those from flies and dust.

Experts said the drinks and fruits prepared and served in unhygienic ways can cause various diseases like diarrhoea, jaundice, typhoid, cholera, and paratyphoid.

Dr Md Abu Tayab, civil surgeon of Chittagong, told The Daily Star that the use of saccharine, colours, and chemicals in drinks may cause various health problems leading to different types of cancers.

"Ousting the poor roadside vendors would not be the solution to the problem. Rather, awareness should be raised among the vendors and the consumers about hygiene," he said.

"If the sellers use pure and fresh ingredients, prepare and serve in hygienic ways, cover the items to protect those from dust and flies, and use gloves before serving, then roadside drinks and foods will not be a threat to the consumers' health," he added.

KM Hanif, assistant director at Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institute (BSTI) in Chittagong, echoed the civil surgeon.

"BSTI only looks into processed food items," he

said adding, "The health department of Chittagong City Corporation is responsible for looking into the matters of roadside, mobile, and open vending of food items and drinks in the city."

Selim Akter Chowdhury, chief health officer of Chittagong City Corporation, said he will look into the matter and take initiatives to raise awareness among the people of the city.

Chittagong Regional Unit President of Consumers Association of Bangladesh (CAB) SM Nazer Hossain said most of the consumers are not aware about the danger of taking the alluring and unhygienic drinks and food items from roadsides.

Emphasising on raising awareness of the roadside food and drink sellers in Chittagong city he said, "We have a programme titled 'Street Food Branding' to raise awareness among roadside food vendors in Dhaka."

"Under the programme, we provide training to vendors so that they can prepare and serve food items in hygienic ways."

"We have a plan to introduce the programme in Chittagong," he said adding, "We have not been able to start it yet due to a fund shortage."

Supplies cut causes water crisis in Delhi

AEP, New Delhi

Large parts of New Delhi were struggling with acute water shortages yesterday after a neighbouring state cut its supplies at the peak of summer, officials said.

The sprawling Indian capital, with a population of 16 million sweltering in 43 degree C (109.4 F) summer heat, relies on four neighbouring states for its water- Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Uttarakhand.

Haryana, the biggest supplier, cut its flow to the city on Thursday and about three million people have suffered shortages or been completely cut off, according to the Delhi Jal Board, a government agency responsible for water supply.

Some of the capital's smartest districts are among the affected areas, and the crisis reflects growing water stresses in the country of 1.2 billion people.

Several states across India face major challenges over water supply, triggering long-running legal battles over water sharing.

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For details of the Terms of Reference and instructions to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.undp.org.bd/jobs>. Applications should be received no later than 17:00, 28 June 2012.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.



3rd Graduation Ceremony 2012

Institute of Business Administration

University of Rajshahi

- MBA (Evening) Program : 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th Batch
- MBA (Day) Program : 1st & 2nd Batch
- Executive MBA Program : 1st Batch
- MBA for BBA Graduates : 1st & 2nd Batch

Message from Vice-Chancellor



I am immensely pleased to know that the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Rajshahi is holding its 3rd Graduation Ceremony on June 16, 2012. On this auspicious occasion, I congratulate the students, who will be awarded degrees for their glorious achievements.

Today I have the great pleasure of being part of this wonderful occasion. I am aware that the IBA aims to train its learners to become able professional and worthy citizens of the country. It is my sincere belief that the graduates of this reputed Institute will prove themselves as competent professionals and contribute towards the development of both the country and the world.

The certificates the graduates receive today should not be thought of as a reward, but rather an opportunity, a commitment, an obligation to go forward and continue the life long process of learning.

Professor Dr. M. Abdus Sobhan
Vice-Chancellor
University of Rajshahi, Rajshahi.

IBA At a Glance

In Bangladesh the business education at North American style began at IBA of Dhaka University during the sixties with the collaboration of some North American Universities. With the same enthusiasm the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) of Rajshahi University was established under the 7th statute of the University in North-South region of Bangladesh. The Institute of Business Administration is one of the five Institutes of Rajshahi University. It started its journey in year 2000 and academic activities were started with MBA (Evening) Program in 2002. In response to the increasing demand for business education three more programs - MBA (Day) Program, Executive MBA Program and MBA for BBA Graduates Program have subsequently been launched by the institute. Research is essential for enhancing and updating business education. Keeping this urgency of research in consideration IBA introduced Ph. D. and M. Phil. Programs in 2006. Each Program enjoys a sweet combination of fresh students and professionals at mid and top level executive positions in private sector and state owned organizations.

Vision

The vision of the Institute is to achieve academic excellence in business education locally and globally. With this in view, the Institute has taken all out efforts to reach the target. We desire necessary cooperation from all quarters to make IBA a symbol of prestige for Rajshahi University.

Academic Programs

At present IBA is offering the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program as a professional graduate program for individuals who plan managerial careers in business, government, semi-government and industry. The objective of the program is to develop skill and judgments in an individual for effective administration. The emphasis is given on developing a student's ability to evaluate business and organizational situations so as to enable him to make creative judgment about policy and operations which is very essential to every manager regardless of functional area or level within an organization.

Program Structure

Executive MBA Program

- 48 credit hours • 15 courses • 3 credit hours for management project.

MBA (Evening) Program

- 63 credit hours • 20 courses • 3 credit hours for internship

MBA (Day) Program:

- 63 credit hours • 20 courses • 3 credit hours for internship

MBA for BBA Graduates Program

- 39 credit hours • 12 courses • 3 credit hours for internship

Minimum required CGPA is 2.50 on a scale of 4.00 for MBA degree.

The program consists of core and elective courses. A range of elective courses are provided with the objective to develop specialists on eight areas such as Accounting, Development Management, Finance, Human Resource Management, Management, Management Science, Marketing and Management Information System for Government, Semi-government, NGOs and Private business organizations.

The curriculum of MBA Program of the Institute is subject to continuous review to keep it up to date. Other than Executive MBA Program students have to undergo a 16 week Internship Program in an organization to achieve a practical job experience relating to their area of concentration. The Institute has experienced a high rate of success in internship placement in local and multinational organizations for the students. By dint of their qualities and acumen our graduates are employed in different well reputed and prestigious national and multinational organizations.

Present Facilities and Future Plan

As a very new institute IBA is still in developing stage. Nevertheless IBA has ensured some basic facilities for the students so far. It has well furnished and well equipped classrooms with suitable environment for multimedia presentations, a computer lab and a library. Computer Lab of IBA provides internet facility to the students of MBA Programs. Major progress has been achieved in the construction of a separate academic-cum-administration building of IBA. The academic building of the IBA will be an example of state of the art in Rajshahi University Campus. The Institute also has a plan to introduce BBA Program for the students.

Message from Director



It is my pleasure to extend warm hearted congratulation to the graduating students of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) on the occasion of its 3rd Graduation Ceremony.

IBA is one of the five Institutes of the University of Rajshahi which begun working in 2000 but started its academic journey from 2002; with a mission of strong commitment to provide its graduates with the best education needed to face the challenges in the years to come. The Institute has been giving its sincere efforts to provide quality business education to the society since its inception. On behalf of IBA, I congratulate all graduates of different programs who are now at the threshold of an entirely new life.

I hope and believe the graduates will play pioneer roles for the development of the country and will uphold the image of Bangladesh by their education, wisdom, commitment and honesty.

I want to remind the graduates of their social responsibilities and their tacit commitment given to this Institute and the University. I hope all of you shall act as honorary ambassadors on our behalf and uphold our ideals and aspirations.

Let their be lights and progress in the life of all graduating students of IBA.

Professor Dr. Mokhesur Rahman
Director

Institute of Business Administration (IBA)
University of Rajshahi, Rajshahi.

Students' Association

There is a Business Club in Institute named "SPARK". The motto of spark is to serve the nation by developing the students as a think tank of the country and the students are ready to work for their social development along with individual accomplishment.

IBA, R.U., Alumni Association is established with a view to maintain linkage among the graduate students.

Graduation Ceremony 2012 Statistics

- MBA (Evening) Program : 138
- MBA (Day) Program : 72
- Executive MBA Program : 35
- MBA for BBA Graduates : 72
- Total : 317