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Bangladesh Brand Forum yesterday celebrated the achievements of 27 inspiring women who scaled remarkable heights in their own lives and set examples for others to follow.

A total of 31 awards were given in 15 categories, including one special category for female students, at an event styled 'RFL Inspiring Women Awards' at Radisson Hotel in Dhaka.

Among the professional categories, an honorary recognition award --Inspiring Corporate Leader of the Decade -- was given to Rupali Chowdhury, managing director of Berger Paints Bangladesh, for setting an example for aspiring women in the manage better scores than their male corporate world.

Seven honorary awards were also given in the category 'Inspiring Regional Leader' to seven 'Joyeetas' from seven regions of the country.

The purpose of the awards is to encourage women to aim for leadership positions, said Nazia Andaleeb Preema, president of the Women in Leadership Project of BBF.

In the education sector, women counterparts, but their representation in various professional sectors is found wanting, she added.

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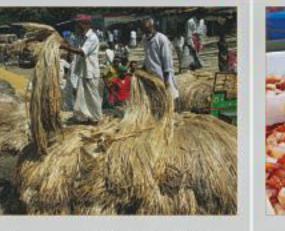
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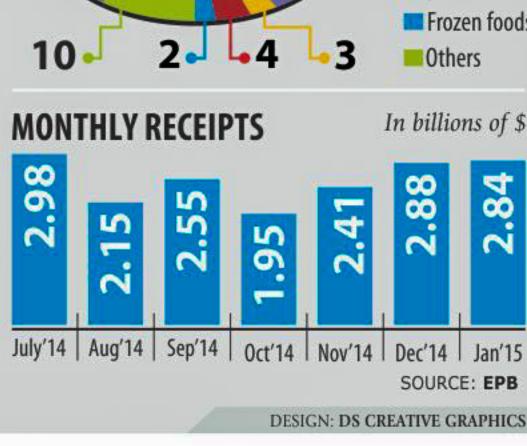
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rent fiscal year. However, garment exporters fear the prospects may not remain the same in the coming

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Development spending soars despite unrest

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...... Development spending soared as much as 50 percent in February from the previous month in spite of the disrupting blockade and shutdowns for the most part.

Last month, some Tk 5,040 crore was spent under the government's annual development programme (ADP), in contrast to Tk 3,364 crore in January, according to statistics of the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED).

The spending is higher than in February last year, when political calm prevailed. Some Tk 3,361 crore was expended then.

The prevailing political unrest is not getting in the way of ADP implementation, Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal told reporters yesterday.

He said ADP implementation in the first eight months of the fiscal year was higher than in the same period last year.

Between July last year and February this year, Tk 30,898 crore was used up, which is 38 percent of the total ADP outlay for this fiscal year.

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