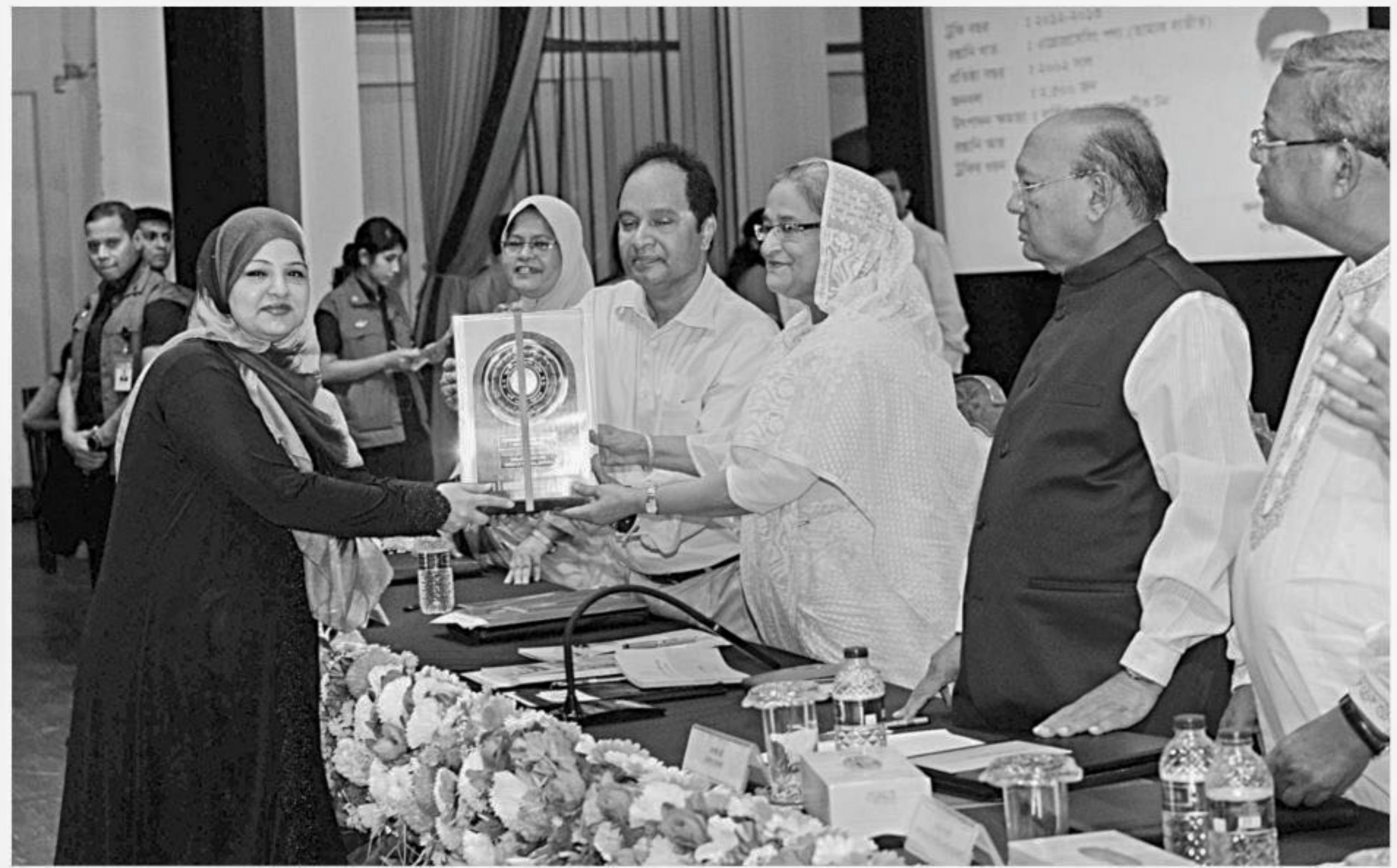


ACCOLADES FOR EXPORTERS



Md Saiful Islam, managing director of Picard Bangladesh, receives National Export Trophy (Gold) from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for highest exports in leather goods for consecutive two years -- fiscal 2011-12 and fiscal 2012-13 -- at a programme at Osmani Memorial Hall in Dhaka yesterday.



Uzma Chowdhury, a director of Pran-RFL Group, receives an export trophy from the prime minister. In agro-processing, Pran Dairy, Pran Agro and Pran Foods obtained the Gold, Silver and Bronze trophies for fiscal 2012-13. Pran Export, Pran Agro and Pran Foods won the Gold, Silver and Bronze trophies for 2011-12.



Tapan Chowdhury, managing director of Square Group, receives a national export trophy from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.



The prime minister hands over an export trophy to AK Azad, managing director of Ha-Meem Group.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hands over a national export trophy to Md Nasir Uddin, managing director of Universal Jeans Ltd.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hands over an export trophy to Najmul Huq, managing director of Janata Jute Mills Ltd.



Kaniz Fatema Zareen, director of Viyellatex Group, receives an export trophy from Sheikh Hasina.



Mir Nasir Hossain, managing director of Mir Group, receives a national export trophy from the prime minister.

Top exporters awarded

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Hasina said the garment makers are showing laxity in setting up factories at the Bausia Garment Palli, the under construction garment village in Munshiganj district, although a Chinese company has been developing the site.

Previously, the industrialists set up factories at random without finding out the availability of gas and power. "This is why the government has been working to develop 100 special economic zones across the country with gas and power connections, so that the industrialists cannot set up factories haphazardly."

The prime minister urged the businessmen to export more agricultural products and agro-processed foods as they have more value-addition for the country.

On the growth of regional trade, Hasina said Bangladesh's regional trade will soar once the four-nation Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal transit agreement comes to force.

Bangladesh will be able to reach the export target of \$60 billion by 2021, of which \$50 billion will be contributed by the garment sector, Hasina added.

Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed said Bangladesh has diversified both the export markets and products to reduce dependence on garment products and the limited number of export destinations.

Square Pharmaceuticals wants to set up factory in Kenya and Beximco Pharma in Saudi Arabia. "Such initiatives indicate the country's strength in pharmaceuticals."

The minister said the government will increase the rate of cash incentives for export to new destinations. All markets except the US, the EU and Canada are considered new destinations by Bangladesh.

The government should give awards to different trade bodies like Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association and Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association for their contributions to the growth of business, said Abdul Matlub Ahmad, president of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

"We want the world centre in Dhaka soon," he said.

Hedayetullah Al Mamoon, senior secretary to the commerce ministry, and Tajul Islam Choudhury, chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on the commerce ministry, also spoke.

EXPORT TROPHIES FOR FISCAL 2011-12

CATEGORY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Garment (woven)	Rifat Garments	Ananta Apparels	Sinha Industries
Garment (knitwear)	Square Fashions	GMS Composite Knitting	Four H Fashions
All kinds of yarn	Square Textiles	Mosharaf Composite Textile Mills	Viyellatex Spinning
Textile fabrics	Noman Weaving Mills	Envoy Textile	Paramount Textile
Home and specialised textile	Zaber & Zubair Fabrics		
Frozen foods	Apex Foods	Seamark (BD)	Kuliarchar Sea Foods (Cox's Bazar)
Raw jute	Popular Jute Exchange	FR Jute Trading	Reja Jute Trading
Jute goods	Akij Jute Mills	Janata Jute Mills	Karim Jute Spinners
Leather (crushed/finished)	Apex Tannery	SAF Industries	
Leather products	Picard Bangladesh	RMM Leather Industries	
Footwear (all)	FB Footwear		
Agricultural products (except tobacco)	Agri Concern	Farm Fresh Enterprise	Al-Azmi Trade International
Agro-processed foods (except tobacco)	Pran Exports	Pran Agro	Pran Foods
Flower and foliage	Rajdhani Enterprise	Capital Enterprise	
Handicraft	Karupannya	CORR The Jute Works	
Plastic goods	Bengal Plastics, Unit-3	Ever Bright Plastic	
Ceramic products	FARR Ceramics		
Light engineering	Uniglory Cycle	Transworld Bicycle	
Other industrial goods	Tanveer Polymer Industries	Al-Habib Enterprise	
Pharmaceutical products	Beximco Pharma		
Computer software	Service Engine	GraphicPeople	
Garment under EPZ (knit and woven)	Universal Jeans	Jeans 2000	
Other products and services under EPZ	Shasha Denims		
Packaging and accessories	Montrims		

EXPORT TROPHIES FOR FISCAL 2012-13

CATEGORY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Garment (woven)	Rifat Garments	Ananta Apparels	Apparel Gallery
Garment (knitwear)	GMS Composite Knitting	Square Fashions	Interstoff Apparels
All kinds of yarn	Kamal Yarn	Badsha Textile	Mosharaf Composite Textile Mills
Textile fabrics	Saad Saan Textile Mills	Envoy Textile	Talha Fabrics
Home and specialised textile	Zaber & Zubair Fabrics	Unilliance Textiles	
Terry towel	Noman Terry Towel Mills		
Frozen foods	Apex Foods	Seamark (BD)	Jalalabad Frozen Foods
Raw jute	Popular Jute Exchange	Reja Jute Trading	Uttara Jute Traders
Jute goods	Akij Jute Mills	Janata Jute Mills	Sadat Jute Industries
Leather (crushed/finished)	Apex Tannery	SAF Industries	Bengal Leather
Leather products	Picard Bangladesh	RMM Leather Industries	ABC Footwear
Footwear (all)	FB Footwear	Lalmal Footwear	Footbed Footwear
Agricultural products (except tobacco)	Al-Azmi Trade International	Monsur General Trading Company	Alin Foods Trade
Agro-processed foods (except tobacco)	Pran Dairy	Pran Agro	Pran Foods
Flower and foliage	Rajdhani Enterprise	Capital Enterprise	
Handicraft	Karupannya	CORR The Jute Works	Helal & Brothers
Plastic goods	Bengal Plastics, Unit-3	Bengal Plastics	RFL Plastics
Ceramic products	FARR Ceramics		
Electric & electronics goods	BRB Cable Industries		
Other industrial goods	Marine Safety System		
Pharmaceutical products	Square Pharma		
Computer software	GraphicPeople	Service Engine	
Garment under EPZ (knit and woven)	Universal Jeans	Pacific Jeans	
Other products and services under EPZ	Shasha Denims		
Packaging and accessories	Montrims	Zaber & Zubair Accessories	Uniglory Paper & Packaging
Other services sector	Mir Telecom		