

## FBUTA rejects

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and the education system instead of questioning whether teacher recruitment was transparent.

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) released the report, "Recruitment of Lecturers in Public Universities: Governance Challenges and Ways Forward", on Sunday.

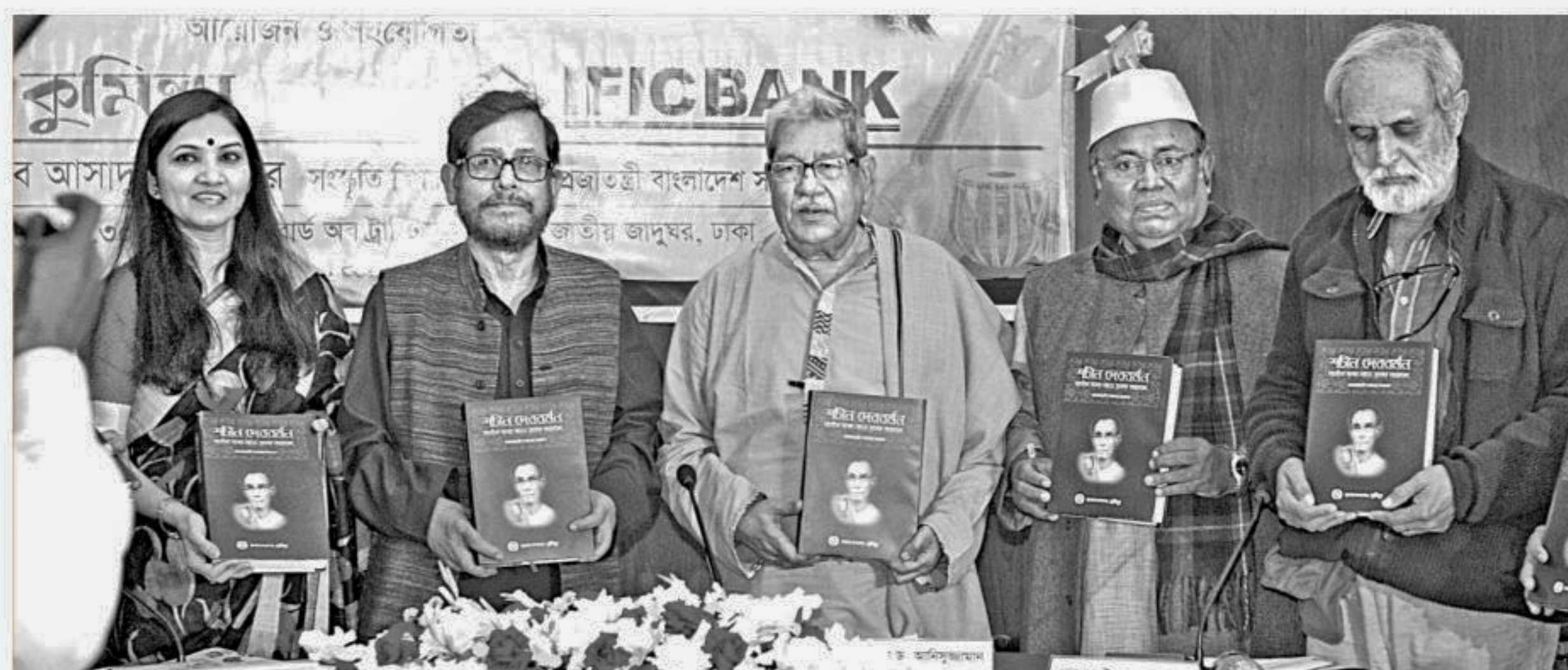
It revealed that unauthorised financial transactions, political leanings and nepotism are key catalysts in recruitment of lecturers at some public universities, leading to irregularities and corruption.

"We believe that as a part of the society, universities are influenced by society's irregularities and corruption," said the FBUTA statement.

It said vested quarters/persons might be guilty and it was not appropriate to judge all universities guilty.

"TIB should reveal the names of the guilty," Prof Farid told The Daily Star. Prof Maksud urged TIB to give specific recommendations to the education ministry and University Grants Commission to take necessary steps.

They also alleged that TIB had not held discussions with teachers' representatives and university administrations while collecting information.



Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor and Prof Emeritus Anisuzzaman hold copies of a book on Sachin Dev Burman written by advocate Golam Faruque at its launching ceremony yesterday. The Daily Amader Comilla organised the event at the capital's Bangladesh National Museum.

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## Scientist creates harmless food preservative

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due to a lack of investment involving the cost of a pilot scale production -- before commercial production -- and the product's marketing.

Around Tk 10 crore will be needed for these, he said, but private investors did not show interest in the big investment considering risks.

The government gave them support for the initial work but they did not get money for a pilot scale production, which is very necessary, he said.

The scientist, however, said Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) once declared that they would produce chitosan commercially, and they selected three possible places to provide land for this -- Barokundo Chemical Industry in Chittagong, Nayarhat BCIC Leather Complex, and ceramic industry area in Dhaka.

If they get land, the cost would fall to Tk 5 to 6 crore, he added.

Dr Mubarak said the governance innovation unit of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) had provided Tk 4 lakh initially in 2013, and with the money they

campaigned and experimented on fruits. Another Tk 3 lakh was given the next year to continue the work, he added.

But this year, the PMO gave Tk 22.5 lakh for the work, he said.

A research coordinator of BAEC, Jahid Md Mahabub Islam, said normally tomatoes and mangoes rotted within five to seven days and three to four days respectively, but chitosan could preserve tomatoes for 21 days and mangoes for eight to ten days.

Abdul Mannan, general secretary of Idilpur Anaros Chashi Bahumukhi Samobay Samity of Madhupur, who gave the one acre land for the experiment of pineapple cultivation using chitosan, said he got very good results and produced delicious pineapples.

Using chitosan, they could preserve the pineapple for 15 to 20 days, while the usual time was eight to ten days, he said.

Mannan said that to get the benefits of chitosan, a huge scale production was necessary.

He also said the use of chitosan raised the pineapple production in the one acre land by 10 percent because it

saved the plant from cancer and fungi.

Sakila Jesmin, who did her PhD research in this area, said thousands of tonnes of vegetables and fruits went to waste annually in the country due to lack of sufficient technologies and knowledge on post-harvest handling, packaging, storage, and transportation. Cramming such goods into overloaded vehicles is one reason behind the drop in their freshness, she said.

According to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) report, post-harvest losses among 12 fruits and vegetables ranged from the lowest 8.1 percent (litchi) to highest 32.4 percent (jackfruit) in 2010-11. The second highest loss was in banana (30.8 percent) followed by tomato (27.64 percent), cabbage (24.44 percent), and country bean (24.29 percent), Sakila said, quoting the report.

This food spoilage forced the cultivators and traders to use preservatives, but there is no safe, cheap and effective food preservative in the local market, she said.

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## Focus on waterlogging

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Portraying a bright prospect for Bangladesh's farm sector, Dr Abul Kalam Azad emphasised focusing research on the south where farmers were facing challenges of climate change.

Dr Md Rafiqul Islam Mondal said it was a reality that Bangladesh was losing farmlands fast due to strong demands for housing, industries and infrastructures. However, farm technologies with promises of higher yields are also at our disposal, he said.

He emphasised further tapping potentials from shifting from mono to multiple cropping.

Dr Bhagya Rani Banik expressed pride at some of Bangladesh's best performing high-yield rice varieties being cultivated in countries including India and China and a BARI-developed pulse variety in Nepal.

Other discussants appreciated the farm broadcasters and writers' move under FIDA-Syngenta joint initiative and publishing a good collection of articles on a diverse range of issues involving Bangladesh's farm sector.

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**"Rescheduling of last selling & bid submission date of Tender Document"**

Reference: 1. DPDC/PD/IPPM & Outsourcing NOCS Narinda/2016/001, Date: 07/08/2016

The **Last selling date & bid submission deadline** of Tender Document published in Tender Notice for the project "Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Prepaid Meters and Distribution Network Management, Commercial Operation & Customer Service for 5 years at NOCS Narinda under DPDC" is hereby changed as shown below:

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