



Participants at a roundtable discussion on "Building Skills for Disadvantaged Youth: Opportunities and Challenges in the Context of Bangladesh" at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday. Development organisation Swisscontact in association with The Daily Star organised the event that stressed the need for providing the poor and disadvantaged groups with technical training to help them secure jobs.

Minhaj Chy wins Ashoka Fellowship

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Minhaj Chowdhury, a Bangladeshi origin American-born Johns Hopkins University graduate, has been awarded the Ashoka Fellowship in recognition of his work in building Drinkwell, a social enterprise helping eradicate South Asia's water crisis, said a press release.



Its Hybrid Ion Exchange (HIX) line of resins have been consistently removing arsenic and fluoride from groundwater to meet World Health Organization standards in the most challenging regions in South Asia, thanks to its unique zirconium-based composition, it added.

The zirconium-loaded resins are the first of its kind with a 10 times higher affinity for selectively removing arsenic and fluoride. HIX's raw materials are sourced locally, and a single batch of resins can last up to five years.

The technology requires little to no electricity, recovers 99 percent of input water, and generates only two percent of waste, added the release.

Abdullah Chowdhury Robin, country director of Ashoka Innovators for the Public (Bangladesh), announced Minhaj's fellowship. Ashoka is a global association of the world's leading social entrepreneurs.

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jobs by January, 2020.

Matiur Rahman, team leader of B-SkillFUL, said they provided training to 9,808 individuals and helped 2,992 of them secure jobs till June, 2017, against the reality of 20 lakh people entering into the country's job market each year.

The project facilitates entrepreneur-

Technical training a solution

Swisscontact, The Daily Star roundtable told

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Speakers at a roundtable yesterday underscored the need for providing technical training to the poor and disadvantaged groups to help them secure jobs and improve their livelihood.

They said the disadvantaged groups of people also have to be provided with behavioural training so that they can adjust to the new working environment at home and abroad.

Development organisation Swisscontact in association with The Daily Star organised the roundtable on "Building Skills for Disadvantaged Youth: Opportunities and Challenges in the Context of Bangladesh" at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.

Speakers said industry owners, mainly those who are involved in the informal sector, have to ensure due rights of their workers.

Swisscontact has been implementing a project "B-SkillFUL", jointly funded by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and European Union, since November, 2015 in Bangladesh. The project aims to provide demand-driven skill training to 40,000 poor and disadvantaged men and women and help at least 70 percent of them get

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Left, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and visiting Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj exchange greetings at Dhaka Sonargaon Hotel yesterday. Right, the Indian minister in a meeting with the leader of the opposition in parliament Raushan Ershad at the same hotel. Earlier in the afternoon, Sushma Swaraj arrived in Dhaka on a 24-hour visit to attend a meeting of India-Bangladesh Joint Consultative Commission (JCC).

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'UPs strengthened thru project'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Union Parishad Governance Project has enhanced institutional capacity of Union Parishads through engaging people in planning and budgeting, speakers told a workshop at the capital's Biman auditorium yesterday.

The UNDP-supported project was implemented from 2011-2017 under Local Government Division. Dhaka University's Prof Dr Salahuddin M Aminuzzaman, LGD Secretary Abdul Malek, UNDP Bangladesh country director Sudipto Mukerjee and UGPB coordinator Oliullah spoke at the programme.

Plea seeks HC order

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remove all the structures from the lands of four rivers -- Buriganga, Turag, Shitalakkhya and Dhaleshwari -- around Dhaka city. The bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Mohammad Ullah fixed October 29 for hearing the petition, HRPB's lawyer Manzill Mursid told The Daily Star.

The probe report was submitted by the Gazipur chief judicial magistrate to the HC recently. The report contained names of 30 organisations and individuals who built the structures. Following the HRPB petition, the HC on January 5 had directed the chief judicial magistrate to probe if illegal structures were built there and submit a report.

The rights organisation had filed the writ petition with the HC on November 7 last year, a day after The Daily Star ran a report headlined "Time to declare Turag dead".

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আপনার এ বছরের আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিলের শেষ দিন ৩০ নভেম্বর ২০১৭। বিগত বছরের ধারাবাহিকতায় রিটার্ন দাখিলের সময় আর বাড়বে না।

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৩০ নভেম্বরের মধ্যে রিটার্ন দাখিল না করলে ডিসেম্বর মাস থেকে আপনার বেতন-ভাত্তাদি পেতে অসুবিধা হতে পারে। বিলম্বে রিটার্ন দাখিলের জন্য ভারিমানা ও বিলম্ব সুন্দর আরোপযোগ্য হবে। এছাড়া, রিটার্ন দাখিলে ব্যর্থ হলে কর আইন ভঙ্গ হবে। এতে এক বছর পর্যন্ত জেল অথবা অর্ধবর্ষ অথবা উভয় শাস্তির বিধান রয়েছে।

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