



# BPATC NEWSLETTER



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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the January – March 2020 issue of the BPATC Newsletter. BPATC has been publishing this quarterly newsletter regularly since 2017, to keep you in touch with the vibrant activities that the apex training institution of Bangladesh civil service goes throughout the year.

As a centre of excellence, BPATC is like the alma mater of professional life for the civil servants of Bangladesh. This prestigious institution not only grooms up the young civil servants to take up the challenges of ensuring good governance of this People's Republic, but also widens their perspective by connecting them with other esteemed public service institutions worldwide and nurturing their professionalism at various phases of their career.

Besides conducting the regular training programs, our present issue offers you a scope to peep into the initiatives BPATC has taken to introduce the latest vistas of public administration and Development. ICPAD (International Conference on Public Administration and Development) for instance, held in the first quarter of year 2020, showcases BPATC's commitment to mingle the national and international development and administration think tanks with the field level development practitioners and administrators and thus boost up the administrative and developmental knowledge and foresight of modern day civil servants.

We are truly indebted to our Editorial team headed by respected Rector of the Centre Mr. Md. Rakib Hossain ndc, Secretary to the Government and Mr. Md. Nasiruddin Ahmed, Member Directing Staff, who have extended their relentless support and invaluable guideline as and when required

It's a matter of immense pleasure that right after completing a training course in BPATC you become a member of BPATC alumni. BPATC values your feedbacks and contributions. We welcome your thoughts as they reinforce our thirst for further excellence. Please share your ideas and suggestions and email them to :

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## Birth Centenary of Bangabandhu

As this year marked the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, with the Government already defining the year as "Mujib Borsho" the whole nation basked into a rejuvenated mark of jubilation and so did Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre.



The Candles of the Portrait of Bangabandhu named "তর্জনী" ignited to symbolise the removal of darkness and direction towards prosperity by Bangabandhu

BPATC observed the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and National Children's Day on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 with daylong activities dedicated to the memory of the greatest Bengali of all time.

The historic day commenced with hoisting of the national flag with the rise of the sun in presence of all the staff of the centre and participants of various courses. Then placement of floral wreaths on the portrait of Bangabandhu named "তর্জনী" took place, where the Rector of the Centre headed a team comprised of faculty members, staff and selected participants of different courses.

A discussion programme was arranged to highlight the "Philosophy of Bangabandhu in Socio-economic Development". Respected Rector of the centre Mr. Md. Rakib Hossain ndc, Secretary to the Government, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest while Syed Mizanur Rahman ndc, Member Directing Staff, BPATC, was present as Chairperson of the programme.

Faculty Members, all the participants of different ongoing courses and staff were present at the programme held at the lately renovated auditorium.

Later on that day, a special prayer was arranged after "Johor" to seek blessing and salvation for the departed soul of the Father of the Nation and guidance for the nation to follow his impressive pedigree.

## 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Public Administration and Development (ICPAD)

Keeping the purview of ever changing approach of public administration across the world in mind, BPATC organized a four-day international conference to augment thought provoking deliberation, presentation and in depth research on effective public service delivery that would strive to ensure equity, equality, justice, transparency and accountability in every sphere of public service delivery.



Chief Guest along with Other Guests during Opening Ceremony

figures in their respective fields.

Throughout the event the researchers and presenters delved into their works and presented papers on some contemporary global cross-cutting issues like Artificial Intelligence(A.I), Fourth Industrial Revolution, Global Climate Change, Women Empowerment, Changing Dynamics of Social Order, and Economic, Political, Social Inequality and Emancipation etc.

The closing ceremony was held on 07<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Chief Guest Khondokar Anwarul Islam, Hon'ble Cabinet



Chief Guest Mr. Farhad Hossain, MP, Hon'ble Minister of State, MoPA Delivering his Inaugural Speech



Distinguished Participants from Different Countries Attending 7<sup>th</sup> ICPAD



Chief Guest Khondokar Anwarul Islam, Hon'ble Cabinet Secretary, Gracing Closing Ceremony

The conference dated 5-8 February 2020, was duly inaugurated by Chief Guest Mr. Farhad Hossain, MP, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Public Administration. The respected Rector of the centre Mr. Md. Rakib Hossain ndc, Secretary to the Government, also graced the occasion as Chairperson while Sheikh Mujibur Rahman ndc, Secretary (Coordination and Reforms) Cabinet Division, as Special Guest.

With 35 guest academicians, professionals, speakers, discussants, panelists and moderators participating from 14 countries like the U.S.A, the U.K, Canada, Australia, Malaysia, India, Nepal, SriLanka, the Maldives, Thailand, the Philippines and Brunei etc, the event turned into a meeting place of intellectual galaxies who themselves are renowned

Secretary in his speech congratulated everyone and stressed the need of this type of programmes for the steady upgradation and assurance of quality public delivery system. Ms. Badrun Nessa, Rector (Secretary to the Government), BCS Administration Academy and Barrister Nihad Kabir, President of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Professor Kim Watty, Deakin Business School, Deakin University, Australia also graced the occasion as special guests. Mr. Md. Rakib Hossain ndc, Rector, BPATC and Secretary to the Government, in his concluding remarks gave vent to his satisfaction and thanked everyone present for making this colorful event a success story.



## Gratitude to the Honorable Prime Minister

The Board of Directors (BoD) of Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre was reconstituted on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. It is a matter of great honor and privilege for BPATC to have **Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as the Chairperson** of the seventeen members Board of Directors. And the Centre is elated and endowed to have high ranking officials, reverend & esteemed citizens as the members on Board of Directors.

The 17-member Board of Directors (BoD) has been established in accordance with the section 5(1) of Bangladesh Public Administration Training Act 2018.

This BoD functions as an administrative body vested with the authority of policy making for BPATC, an apex institution in the field of imparting training to the Civil Servants.

## Commemoration of National Days

### Observance of 21<sup>st</sup> February

21<sup>st</sup> February, a day instrumental to bringing forth Bengali Nationalism hitherto dormant in the history of Bangladesh, was duly commemorated by BPATC as Shaheed Day and International Mother Language Day.



The programmes dedicated for the event actually started a day earlier on 20<sup>th</sup> February with the students of BPATC School and College participating in various competitions like recitation, essay writing and debate etc to fill the young tender hearts with respect for the language martyrs.

Early in the morning on 21<sup>st</sup> February, all the faculty members, participants and students of BPATC School and College being bare footed and draped in black and white attire led by honorable Rector of the centre, Md. Rakib Hossain brought out "Provat Ferry" to place floral wreaths at Shaheed Minar and paid due homage and tribute to the valiant souls who laid down their life for the sake of our beloved mother tongue.

Later on that day, a drawing competition and a prize giving ceremony were held followed by a discussion programme where Mr. Abdul Mannan, a renowned literary persona and veteran civil servant (Ex-Secretary to the Government) was the keynote presenter. Discussants delved into the history of language movement that kept on reminding us the supreme sacrifice of our national heroes and made us feel our ever indebtedness to the martyred souls.

Later on that day, a special prayer was arranged to seek salvation for the martyrs and the event came to a solemn end with a somber cultural program.



### Commemoration of Independence Day

Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre observed the Independence Day on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 with subdued zeal and fervor due to the onslaught of COVID-19.

However, the message was conveyed by the Rector to duly commemorate the event as per the instructions of the government to pay due homage and tribute to the national heroes and show proper gratitude to the father of the

nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who on that day in 1971 called for the independence of Bangladesh before being arrested by the occupying forces of Pakistani military junta. That one call by that thunderous voice set forth a chain of bloody events that ultimately culminated into the birth of a new nation within the nine months of struggle and plight.

### International Women's Day

Respected Rector and Secretary to the Government Mr. Md. Rakib Hossain ndc presided over a seminar to commemorate International Women's Day at BPATC where he deliberated on the contribution of women in the human civilization with very little recognition compared to the immense sacrifice on their part.



During the discussion, he introduced Selina Hossain to the audience as the newly founded Bangabandhu chair. Selina Hossain, an Independence Day Award winner, discussed different aspects of life and works of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Father of the Nation, and explained how he always valued the role of women in both household and workplace.

The novelist and social activist Selina Hossain further observed that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman always appreciated and respected the enormous contribution of women at her work place, be it anywhere, within the family or an office or even a battlefield.

Participants of on-going courses, Members of the directing Staff, and other faculty members took part in the seminar.

### Different Training Programmes

#### 93<sup>rd</sup> Senior Staff Course (SSC)

93<sup>rd</sup> SSC was held from 11 January 2020 to 04 March 2020. The total number of participants was 32 and they were of the rank of Joint Secretary and equivalent rank from Armed Forces. This 54 day long training course provided the participants a broader perspective on the on-going national and international issues and thus played a pivotal role in broadening their horizon of didactical cognizance regarding the matters pertinent to the development of our country. The packed schedule required that the participants remain engrossed in various innovative and cognitive activities that were designed to help them build up subtle mind to carry on an in-depth analysis of sensitive issues.



#### SFTCs in a nutshell

BPATC organizes a two-month long special training programme for the non-cadre officials of Grade 9 and above from different organizations. This is generally done on the request of the organization seeking quality training for its officers. If the slot is available, BPATC does not mind entertaining the request as BPATC being the apex training



Mr. Mustafa Jabbar, Hon'ble Minister, MoPT & IT Conducting a Session



N M Zeaul Alam PAA, Senior Secretary, ICT Division, Interacting with the Participants

institution; it always strives for an inclusive and holistic approach in facilitating quality training.

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> SFTCs for DoICT officers were held from 5<sup>th</sup> January to 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020, while 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> DoICT started on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020. In these special courses two batches ran simultaneously, the total number of participants was 54 (27 each).

The course contents were designed in consultation with DoICT so that their requirements could be addressed and their demands could also be accommodated judiciously.

The courses had all the elements for their proper groom up. At the end of the courses, there was a colorful cultural soiree canvassing the latent talent and aesthetic taste of the participants.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Policy Planning and Management Course (PPMC)

21<sup>st</sup> PPMC was held from February 16 to February 27, 2020. A total of 23 officials of the rank of Additional Secretary participated in the course. During this twelve-day long residential training, participants took part in numerous activities commencing with physical activity early in the morning to fine tuning various assignments and professional and policy planning debates in the evening.

Sessions on contemporary cross-cutting issues were also arranged in a way that it would help them formulate effective policy planning for the Government.



Khondokar Anwarul Islam, Hon'ble Cabinet Secretary, Conducting a Session



21<sup>st</sup> PPMC Participants and CMT Visiting the World Bank Dhaka Office

### Training of Trainers (ToT) on Case Study Writing & Development

A Training of Trainers (ToT) on Case Study Writing & Development was held at Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre from 09<sup>th</sup> February to 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to equip the Faculty Members with prerequisite skill and knowledge of developing, analyzing, formulating and writing standard case suitable to be used in various sessions of different courses.



As there has been overarching demand of switching the mode of conducting sessions which is right now predominantly Lecture Method, to that of Case Study Method, this training has undoubtedly paved a way for smooth transition from the traditional method as it was aimed before the commencement of the course.

Prof. Datuk Dr. John Antony Xavier, Visiting Professor of the Putra Business School, Malaysia delivered pragmatic at the same time lively sessions on case study to achieve certain ends to the BPATC faculty members, which kept the participants spellbound during the five day long vibrant ToT on Case Study Method.

### Training of Trainers (ToT) for BPATC Faculty Members

Training of Trainers (ToT) is a life-blood of any training institution and a life-skill of the faculty for their career planning. BPATC emphasizes this as its regular event. Hence BPATC arranged Training of the Trainers (ToT) course for a total number of 19 new and freshly joined faculty members from 12<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.



### ToT sponsored by P4D on APA

A Training of Trainers (ToT) on Annual Performance Agreement (APA) was held for the Faculty Members of BPATC from 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020. This three-day long training programme employed mixed methods of facilitation with as many as sixteen informative and rich sessions catering to the needs of the participants.

The training was kicked off with an inaugural ceremony where the respected Rector of the centre Mr. Md. Rakib Hossain ndc, Secretary to the Government, was present as Chief Guest and Mr. Arsen Stepanyan, Lead P4D, was the Special Guest. Mr. Mohammad Munir Hossain, MDS,



Mr. Arsen Stepanyan, Lead P4D, Addressing the Audience

BPATC chaired the event. 32 participants in total filled in the registration form and participated in the training.

The training was sponsored by P4D with the technical support and coordination from Cabinet Division under a European funded project implemented by British Council.

The training aimed at building up a better and more comprehensive understanding of Annual Performance Agreement (APA), an innovative approach in an organization to ensure transparency, effect accountability and promote maximum growth with minimum use of resources that would spearhead the development our country projected at various plans and programs of the government.

### Seminar on “Bangladesh on the March towards Prosperity”

Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre arranged a two daylong seminar on “Bangladesh on the March towards Prosperity” at its ITC Mini Auditorium from 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020 to highlight the progress Bangladesh had already made and the steps still needed to be taken to realize and actualize her dream of achieving the status of a developed country within the stipulated time frame.

The opening ceremony was graced by the respected Rector of the centre Mr. Md. Rakib Hossine ndc, Secretary to the Government, as the Chief Guest while one of the Member Directing Staff, Syed Mizanur Rahman ndc, was present as the Chairperson of the program and Mr. Nasir Uddin Ahmed, Member Directing Staff, BPATC was the Special Guest.

Mr. Banik Gaur Shundar, Member Directing Staff, BPATC was the keynote speaker. All the Faculty Members and the participants of P-70 FTC made the event a fruitful one with their active presence.

## Programme in Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University

Rector of the centre Mr. Md. Rakib Hossain ndc, Secretary to the Government, participated a course on “A Cutting Edge of Economic Development” at Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, United States of America from 10 February to 14 February, 2020 under the project “Strengthening Government through Capacity Development of the BCS Cadre Officials (Phase-2) implemented by Ministry of Public Administration.

A total number of 40 high ranking participants from various countries and organizations like World Bank attended the course. IMED Secretary, Mr. Abul Mansur Md. Faizullah, ndc and Commerce Secretary Dr. Md. Jafar Uddin also attended the course from Bangladesh under the project mentioned above.



## Bangabandhu Chair

The Bangabandhu Chair was inaugurated at Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) marking the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman or the Mujib Borsho.



Selina Hossain, a renowned novelist, and literary persona has been appointed as the Bangabandhu Chair of the BPATC. She took the prestigious responsibility in a meeting held at the BPATC. Honorable Rector of the Centre Md. Rakib Hossain ndc, Secretary to the Government chaired the meeting.

She will perform several duties as newly-appointed 'Bangabandhu Chair'. Bangabandhu Chair will be contributing in providing advice on research work about Bangabandhu, giving instructions to organize 12 seminars on Bangabandhu in next 12 months, delivering 'Bangabandhu Memorial Speech', including Bangabandhu's philosophy in constituting text curriculum for training and so on.

Selina Hossain, a winner of all major national awards, Bangla Academy Literary Award (1980), Ekushey Padak (2009), Independence Day Award (2018), is known as one of the main litterateurs in post-liberation Bangladesh. In professional life, she retired as Director of Bangla Academy. She also served as the President of Bangladesh Shishu Academy.

## Development Works

### Nature Observation Centre

The Nature Observation Centre was inaugurated by the respected Rector of the centre Mr. Md. Rakib Hossain ndc, Secretary to the Government on March 09, 2020. It is located at the southern side of the campus adjacent to the border wall of Jahangirnagar University. The Nature Observation Centre Nature Observation Centre is built with an initiative taken by the immediate Former Rector to provide breathing space to the participants in their busy schedule.

The location of the multi-storey building and watch tower that provides a unique opportunity to the nature loving participants to enjoy the scenic beauty of the surrounding landscape. Moreover, the complex will also be a refuge for the observers who love to see migratory birds basking in the sunshine during the winter season.



## Welfare Initiative

### Initiatives Taken to Prevent Covid 19 and Dengue

As BPATC remains vibrant throughout the year with the sprightly and uplifting presence of trainees and resource persons, the farsighted authority of BPATC took necessary steps beforehand to ensure the prevention of Global Pandemic Covid19 as well as seasonal outbreak of Dengue fever in it's campus. Two different Committees have been working relentlessly to safeguard the green & clean premises of BPATC since the very beginning of March, 2020.

## Social and Cultural Activities

- BPATC Annual Sports.



- BPATC held annual picnic on 6<sup>th</sup> March at the Dream Holyday Park in Narsingdi.



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