



BPATC Newsletter

Keeping you in touch with BPATC

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the October-December, 2019 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 services organizes throughout the year.

BPATC is widely known as the apex institution in the field of imparting quality training for the civil servants of Bangladesh. The rich legacy it has left behind speaks volumes of its enormous contribution in nation building. With its charter of business being long and wide ranging from facilitating core courses for the civil servants to conducting researches, doing publication and providing consultancy, BPATC does remain a hub of academic activities throughout the year. In this issue, we have tried to cover up as many pertinent events as possible to give our readers a fair overview of the plethora of activities that took place during October to December 2019.

We are truly indebted to our Editorial team headed by our respected Rector Mr. Md. Rakib Hossain ndc, Secretary to the Government, and Mr. Md. Nasiruddin Ahmed, Member Directing Staff who have extended their relentless support 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: maureenkarim@gmail.com

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Celebration of the Glorious Victory Day:

16th December, a red letter day, is an event of great pride and solace for all Bangladeshis, for on this very day in 1971, a new nation after nine months of unprecedented struggle; plight and sufferings came into existence.



Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre celebrates the great event taking a day long colorful activities. The campus of the centre was adorned with colorful lights, banner, posters and festoons. The fragrance of celebration was everywhere.

The main programme commenced with hoisting of the National Flag early in the morning and it was followed by offering of floral wreaths at National Martyr's Memorial by the team of BPATC headed by respected Rector of the centre.



The “Muktijuddho Gallery” was kept open for the students of BPATC School and College and also for the officers, employees and participants of on-going courses so that they could revisit the history of our glorious past.

BPATC School and College also arranged debate competition, drawing, recitation and singing songs of national fervor and distributed prize among the winners.

The focus of the day long events was a discussion programme on the theme of “Inculcation of the Spirit of the Liberation War and the Best Use of Digital Technology to build the Sonar Bangla dreamt of by the Father of the Nation”. The programme was chaired by respected Rector Mr. Md. Rakib Hossain ndc, Secretary to the Government. This was followed by a colorful cultural soirée upholding the true spirit of our Bengali Nationalism. There was also a friendly football match.

Last but not least, a special prayer was arranged to seek the salvation of the departed souls for their valiant contribution to and supreme sacrifice for the nation.

Cooperation with Other Institutions:

MoU Signed between BPATC & DSCSC

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in between Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) and Defense Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC) on 06th November 2019.



The two apex institutions at their respective field have entered into a new era of mutual cooperation and collaboration vowing to prosper together for the development of the nation. They have eventually reached a state of formal understanding in terms of

exchanging in between them the best possible ideas, contents and human resources in order to help each-other facilitate quality service to their stakeholders.

The signing ceremony of the MoU took place at the Rector’s conference room in presence of the senior faculty members of BPATC and a delegation team of DSCSC. The respected Rector of the centre Mr. Md. Rakib Hossain ndc, Secretary to the Government, chaired the event while much esteemed Commandant of DSCSC, Major General Md Enayet Ullah, BSP, ndu, psc graced the event as chief guest.

An MoU Signed between BPATC & NSU

A Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) was signed in between Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) and North South University(NSU) represented by its SIPAG on 25th November 2019.



The signing ceremony of the MoU took place at the Rector’s conference room in presence of the senior faculty members of BPATC and a delegation team of NSU. The Rector of the centre Mr. Md. Rakib Hossain ndc, Secretary to the Government, chaired the event while the Vice-Chancellor of NSU Professor Atique Islam, PhD graced the event as chief guest.

Renewal of MoU with UNICEF:

On 29 October, 2019 BPATC and UNICEF renewed the MoU of 2016. The new joint work plan focuses the new issues on child rights that have arisen and needs to be incorporated in the training modules of civil servants. The renewal of MoU was followed by courtesy visit of UNICEF representative Mr. Tomoo Hozumi, and his team to BPATC on 12 December 2019. The Rector of the centre

Mr. Md. Rakib Hossain ndc, Secretary to the Government, graced the occasion, while all the members of Thematic Group on Children, BPATC were present.



The visiting team had a successful discussion on the joint work plans of the two institutions. Later on the UNICEF team representative gave an extensive presentation on “The Current Demographic Dividend and Future Opportunities: Need/Importance of Investment in Children”.

Delegates from Harvard University along with GIU of PMO:

A team of delegates from Harvard University along with Governance Innovation Unit (GIU) of Prime minister’s Office visited BPATC and the event was marked by consultation held on effective capacity building of human resource in the civil service of Bangladesh.



NASC Visited BPATC

A delegation of Nepal Administrative Staff College paid a rapport building visit to Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre on 18th December 2019 and spent three days familiarizing themselves with numerous activities of the centre.



A comprehensive plan for their orientation was chalked out by the IP Department of BPATC. At first, the delegates were briefed by the Director of IP Dr. Md. Mohosin Ali about BPATC, its mission, vision and objectives followed by a documentary. Later, Dr. Mohammad Mizanur Rahman, Director, PPR, briefed the guests about the programmes and courses offered by the centre and also about the structure of the organization.

Moreover, a one hour session on “Role of Administrative Officers in Creating Effective Learning Environment and Facilitating Innovations: an Orientation” and “Human Resource Management Practices” was conducted to acquaint them with quality we try to ensure while we facilitate various sessions.

127th Advance Course on Administration and Development (ACAD)

127th Advance Course on Administration and Development was held from 06th October 2019 to 14 December 2019. The total number of participants was 30 and they were of the rank of Deputy Secretary. Officers’ equivalent to rank of Deputy Secretary from the armed forces division also participated in the training course.

This 70-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.



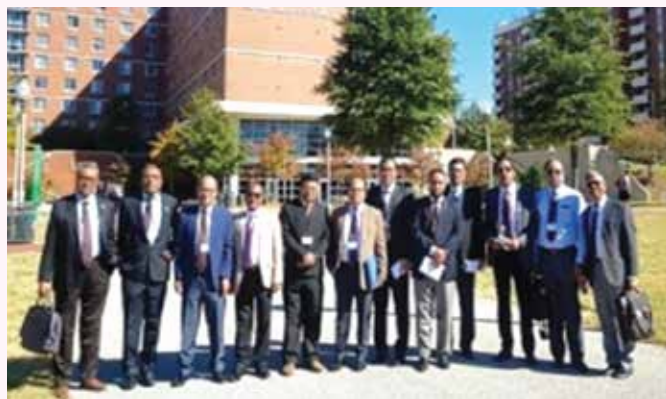
At the end of the course, the participants visited Thailand as part of their exposure visit where they had exposure to sites like Digital Government Development Agency, Provincial Electricity Authority etc. to enrich their store of knowledge.

92nd Senior Staff Course (SSC)

Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre organized 92nd Senior Staff Course(SSC) from 11 November 2019 to 04 January 2020. The total number of participants was 28 who were of the rank of Joint Secretary and equivalent ranks from Armed Forces.

This 54-day long training course was designed to provide the participants with plethora of thought provoking activities to sharpen their analytical insights so that they could deal with sensitive issues which required surgeon like precision with regard to the comprehension and analysis of the given situation and addressing the issues with utmost professionalism employing shrewd dexterity.

Their day long activities starting from physical activity early in the morn to preparing assignments at night kept



the participants thoroughly busy throughout the passage of time in activities that offered ample opportunity for them to excel themselves at every attempt.

At the end of the course, the participants visited the United States of America as part of their exposure visit and attended sessions in the University of Alabama to learn and experience things pertinent to the course objective.

128 Advance Course on Administration and Development (ACAD)

128th Advance Course on Administration and Development (ACAD) was held at Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre from 22 December 2019 to 29 February 2020. The total number of participants was 30. Officers equivalent to the rank of Deputy Secretary from Civil and Armed Forces divisions partook in the training course.

The 70 day long training course provided the participants with 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 administrative and policy related issues.

At the end of the course, the participants were to tour Australia as part of their Exposure Visit to broaden their horizon of empirical learning and put forward some constructive plans in the Lesson Learned Workshop slated to be held after the foreign visit.

20th Policy Planning and Management Course (PPMC)

20th Policy Planning and Management Course (PPMC) was held at Bangladesh Public Administration Training



Dr. Md. Mozammel Haque Khan, Commissioner, ACC, Addressing the Participants

Centre from November 24 to December 05, 2019. Total 25 high ranking 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 of various assignments at night. Sessions on contemporary cross-cutting issues were also arranged in a way that it would help them formulate effective policy planning for the Government.

As part of the exposure visit, the participants visited Australia for ten days where they had exposure visits to Deakin University and different other sites and attended some informative sessions that would help them formulate a well-planned policy guideline for the Government.

Different Training Courses:

70th Foundation Training Course (FTC)

70th Foundation Training Course (FTC) for the officers of various cadres commenced at Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre on 27th October 2019. This six month long training course accommodated 297 participants in total.

Because the training itself is considered to be the steppingstone for the neophytes, it maintains a rigorous routine that offers them a hectic schedule. The participants attending this course irrespective of their batch had to undergo the same intensive groom-up required to transform the fresh university graduates into adept and adroit civil servants.

Various innovative and disciplinary activities kept the participants thoroughly busy from dawn to dusk inculcating new values and ideas prerequisite for a successful career.



Dr. Ahmad Kaikus, Principal Secretary to the HPM, Interacting with 70th FTC Participants

At the same time, the drill of various sessions also ensured that the participants learn to cultivate the manners and etiquettes of an officer and acquire the required skills and foresight to meet the challenges of their future professional life.

Developmental Activities:

Inauguration of "Vision Garden":

Vision Garden, a well specious spectacular site situated on the first floor of International Training Complex at BPATC was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of State Mr. Farhad Hossain, MP, on December 29, 2019.

The architectural design and soothing ambience of the structure will play a catalytic role in bringing the participants from various strata together on the same platform where they can share their professional ideas



Colorfully Decorated Vision Garden



Hon'ble Minister of State, Mr. Farhad Hossain, MP, Inaugurating Vision Garden

triggering a healthy environment of mutual understanding and collaboration. Interspersed by cozy sitting arrangements, the lounge will also not disappoint the person who wants to enjoy a rare moment of solitude sipping a cup of tea/coffee.

Various quotes from the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman directing on peace, justice, transparency and accountability in public service delivery are also hanging from the pillars of the structure to keep reminding the onlookers of the vision of Sonar Bangla.

Inauguration of a 2.2 km Jogging Track

A newly built 2.2 km jogging track was inaugurated at Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre on 30th October 2019 by the respected Rector Mr. Md. Rakib Hossain ndc, Secretary to the Government in presence of Syed Mizanur Rahman, Member Directing Staff (Project), BPATC, the Project Director, all the Faculty Members, employees of the centre and officers from the Public Works Department.

The jogging track is built around the boundary wall of the centre and offers quite a beautiful scenic landscape to the viewers. The track will certainly add a new dimension to the physical activity of the participants and faculty members of the centre.

Inauguration of a Newly Built Computer Lab

A newly built computer lab, equipped with all the modern facilities at International Training Complex (ITC) of Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre was inaugurated on December 03, 2019 by Mr. Faiz Ahmed, the then Senior Secretary, Ministry of Public

Administration (MoPA) in presence of the respected Rector of the centre Mr. Md. Rakib Hossain ndc, Secretary to the Government and the Faculty Members of the Centre.



The computer lab is the combination of modern architecture and engineering. It is expected to facilitate the participants of senior courses with high speed internet connection and provide them all the updated technological apparatuses to help them fine tune their assignments within the stipulated time.

Special Foundation Training Courses (SFTC) in a Nutshell

As a part of its mandate, BPATC organizes a two-month long special training program 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.

5th SFTC for Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) Officials

5th Special Foundation Training Course (SFTC) for Local Government Engineering Department LGED officers was held at Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre from 03 November 2019 to 01 January 2020. The total number of participants was 25.

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

4th SFTC for Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited (DMTCL) Officials

4th Special Foundation Training Course (SFTC) for Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited (DMTCL) officers were held at Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre from 11 November 2019 to 08 January 2020. The total number of participants was 37.

Faculty Seminar

Achieving Sustainable Development Goals in Bangladesh: Organizational Analysis Project:

BPATC organizes faculty seminars regularly on its every research project in order to take the feedback from Faculty Members on the project being implemented by the researches. This is very important to get the research done in a way that time and money is worth spending with achieving the goal of the research. On the ground of that a time worthy faculty seminar was held on achieving Sustainable Development Goals in Bangladesh: Organizational Gap Analysis Project on 02 December, 2019.



The project aims to help the policy makers to understand the organizational current standings in relation to the allocation of business and challenges in achieving the targets of SDGs in 2030.

Former Principal Advisor to Honorable Prime Minister & Chief Coordinator of SDG cell, Mr. Abul Kalam Azad graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Respected Rector of the centre Mr. Md. Rakib Hossain ndc, was present as Advisor, while former Rector of the Centre Dr. Md. Aslam Alam shared his experience on the activities of the project as former Adviser.

60-hour Training Program for the Staff:

BPATC has been holding 60 hours on-the-job training on regular basis for its employees. They have been elated as well as inspired to get direct instructions from respected Rector Mr. Md. Rakib Hossain ndc, Secretary to the Government and the other senior faculty Members of the Centre.



Social and Cultural Activities:

Programs arranged by Ladies Club

Boosting up the integrity and bond amongst the faculty members and their family, the very vibrant Ladies' Club of BPATC organizes different Programs for its members and their kids. Associate Professor Fatema Yeasmin, President of The Ladies' Club graces such joyful occasions.



Respected President of Ladies' Club Distributing Books among the Students of Ankur Preparatory School



Officers' Club and Ladies' Club of BPATC frequently organize cultural and social get together which eventually has created an environment of shared cultural values with the bond of warmth within the members of the centre.



The Flags of Bangladesh, BPATC & Mujib Borsho Waving in Unison

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