



# BPATC Newsletter

## Keeping you in touch with BPATC

### Dear Reader,

Greetings, and welcome to the January-March 2019 issue of BPATC Newsletter. Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), country's apex training centre has taken initiatives to publish this quarterly bulletin regularly to keep you in touch with BPATC from the year 2017.

BPATC has many partners at home and abroad and conducts various training programs in collaboration with them. As the editor, I aim to harmonize all the events and courses those took place during the time January-March. This issue will help all the readers/partners to get an overview of BPATC activities.

Apart from regular activities, our January-March issue showcases the event '1st International Symposium on Achieving Agenda 2030 of Sustainable Development (ISAASD)'. Dr. M Aslam Alam, Rector, BPATC & Senior Secretary to the Govt., took this milestone step.

I hope you will enjoy reading about what's going on in this centre.

BPATC values your contribution and I look forward to your continuous support in the coming issue. If you have any thoughts, comments or suggestions please email them to [razibmcj@gmail.com](mailto:razibmcj@gmail.com)

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### Vision, Mission, Themes and Core Values

BPATC is committed to developing a corps of well-groomed and dynamic officials through providing quality training. The redefinition of vision, mission and core values, identification of strategic plan and action plan to achieve the goals of strategic plan are the reaffirmation of the commitment of BPATC. The redefined vision, mission and core values are:

#### Vision

BPATC becomes a centre of excellence for developing patriotic, competent and professional civil servants dedicated to public interest.

#### Mission

BPATC is committed to achieving its vision through

- ◆ developing competent and professional human resources by imparting quality training and
- ◆ development programmes;
- ◆ conducting research, publishing books and journals and extending consultancy services for continuous improvement of public service delivery system;
- ◆ establishing effective partnership with reputed institutions of home and abroad for developing organisational capacity; and promoting a culture of continuous learning to foster a knowledge-based civil service.

#### Theme

Building Capacity for Effective, Inclusive and Accountable Public Administration System.

### 1st International Symposium on Achieving Agenda 2030 of Sustainable Development (ISAASD)

BPATC organized 1st International Symposium on Achieving Agenda 2030 of Sustainable Development (ISAASD) with a view to sharing SDGs implementation mechanism, challenges, and capacity building activities. The symposium dated 7-9 February was participated by 16 foreign and 15 local delegates mainly professionals from various training organizations and decisive ministries, organizations.



Dr. M Aslam Alm, Rector, BPATC is delivering his speech at Inaugural Session of 1st ISAASD where Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Principal Coordinator (SDG Affairs) was present as Chief Guest and Dr. Chae Gun Chung as Guest of honor.

The theme of the symposium was 'Building Capacity for Effective, Inclusive and Accountable Public Administration System'.



Participants of 1st ISAASD are presenting their papers in front of audience.

The 3-day program was fully scheduled with keynote speech; keynote paper presentation,

presentation of institutional experience on SDGs capacity building, cultural soiree and special excursion for participants who came from Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Thailand.



Participants of the international symposium are working in a group.

Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Principal Coordinator, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Prime Minister Office presented the Keynote speech in inaugural ceremony on 7th February 2019. Dr. Chae Gun Chung, Head of United Nations Project Office on Governance, UNDESA, Republic of Korea graced the event as Guest of Honor. Dr. M Aslam Alam, (Senior Secretary) Rector of BPATC chaired the program as Chairperson.



In the closing ceremony, Dr. Atiur Rahman, Professor, Dhaka University is handing over a crest to Ms. KMSD Jayasekara, Director General, SLIDA, Sri Lanka.

Closing Ceremony was held on 9 February 2019. Rapporteurs presented full academic segments in an organized and informative manner. Former Governor of Bangladesh Bank Dr. Atiur Rahman, Professor, Development Studies, University of Dhaka attended the program as Chief Guest. Speech of the Chief Guest enchanted everyone who was present there.

On behalf the foreign delegates Ms. KMSD Jayasekara of SLIDA delivered nice feedback thanking all the members of BPATC for arranging the whole event successfully. Finally, Chairperson Dr. M Aslam Alam, Rector, BPATC gave concluding speech.

### 17th Policy Planning and Management Course (PPMC)

16 high officials in the rank of Additional Secretaries to the govt. joined 17th Policy Planning and Management Course (PPMC) in BPATC on 20th January 2019.



Mr. Farhad Hossain, Honorable Minister of State, Ministry of Public Administration is delivering speech in the inaugural ceremony of 17th PPMC and 123rd ACAD Course.

During the 12-day residential training, participants of the course attended in different academic and non-academic activities. Starting with the physical exercise in the morning they closed their daily activities attending session in the evening. The course curriculum is modern. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been included and specially SDG-16 has been focused in the curriculum. Along with others Rector of the centre

himself was in the Course Management Team as Course Advisor.



Dr. M Aslam Alam, Rector, BPATC is conducting session in 17th Policy Planning & Management Course.

As part of the course, participants visited Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand for 10 days and presented their experience in Lesson Learned Workshop. Finally all the participants successfully completed the course.

### 123rd and 124th ACAD

From January to March 2019, about 77 midlevel officers (Deputy Secretaries or equivalent from armed forces) successfully completed Advance Course on Administration and Development (ACAD) in BPATC.



A participant of 124th ACAD is receiving Rector, BPATC in inaugural ceremony of the course.



Participants of 124th ACAD are responding questions in a Lesson Learnt Workshop held in Mini Auditorium, BPATC.

Of the batches, 123rd ACAD started its journey on 20th January and 124th ACAD was on 18th February. During the course period participants had to pass busy schedule in both academic and non-academic activities. Starting with physical exercise in the early morning participants had to attend sessions in the evening sometimes. Beside academic activities, participants organised cultural show, sports competition, and published souvenir.

Visit to Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) is the regular activity of the course. So, participants of the two batches enjoyed the programme and presented their learnings in Lesson Learned Workshop in BPATC.

### **Workshop on Bangladesh on march towards prosperity held**

On 24th January 2019, BPATC organized a day long workshop titled 'Bangladesh on the march towards prosperity' which is also the election manifesto of present government.

The workshop was presided over by Rector of BPATC while Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Principal Coordinator (SDGs) was present as chief guest. In the welcome speech Dr. M Aslam Alam, Rector of BPATC said, 'the election manifesto will be considered as development manifesto of the government. Among the 33 goals of manifesto, there is a target to ensure effective and accountable administration. In that discrete today's workshop has been arranged'.



Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Chief Coordinator, SDG Affairs is delivering speech in a workshop on 'Bangladesh on march towards prosperity'

Marking last 10 year's development as 'Development Miracle' Md. Abul Kalam Azad said, Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been awarded and recognized worldwide in different ways for achieving Millennium Development Goals. Now we, all the stakeholders have to work together for SDGs implementation'.

In the second part of the workshop 104 participants worked in a 6 group to find out implementation challenge and ways to overcome challenges of the manifesto and presented before Chairperson.

### **SFTCs in a nutshell**

On request of other organisations, BPATC arranges two-month long Special Foundation Training Course (SFTC) for the officials of Grade 9 and above. Between January and March about 150 officials from different govt. organisations have completed SFTC.

### **6th SFTC for DoR Officials**

29 Sub-registrars of Department of Registration completed '6th Special Foundation Training Course for Department of Registration Officials'. The course was started on 11th November 2018 and completed on 9th January 2019.



Rector is unveiling Souvenir 'Bandhan' prepared by the Sub-registers of 6th SFTC for Dor

### SFTC for BCSIR and ACC Officials

With the participation of 46 officials, Special Foundation Training Course (SFTC) for the officials of Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) and Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) was started on 18th November 2018. Along with other activities, the course was completed captivating cultural staging.



Participants of the course titled 'SFTC for BCSIR & ACC Officials' are showing cultural performance in the Mess Night and Closing Ceremony of the course.

### 3rd SFTC for LGED Officials

BPATC organised Special Foundation Training Course (SFTC) for the Assistant Engineers and equivalent officials of Local Government Engineering Department.

Curriculum of the course (duration 9th December 2018 to 6th February 2019) was specially designed

as per demand of the concerned dept. About 25 engineers participated in the 2-month long course with successful completion.

### 2nd & 3rd SFTC for RHD Officials

Under the guidance and proper supervision of BPATC 2nd & 3rd Special Foundation Training Courses (SFTC) for the Sub-assistant Engineers of Roads & Highways Department were organised in Regional Public Administration Training Centre, Dhaka.

In two batches 50 participants successfully completed the course. Along with academic session participants had to attend different types of activities like physical exercise, study visit, cultural event and so on.



Participants are performing in a cultural program arranged on the occasion of International Mother Language Day.

### Amar Ekushey and International Mother Language Day observed

As the nation paid homage to the Language Movement heroes on the International Mother Language Day, BPATC was not lag behind. To mark 21st February- Shaheed Day, bare-foot and adorned in black-and-white, BPATC faculties, staff, participants, teachers, students placed floral wreaths at the altar of Shaheed Minar of the centre and stood in silent remembrance for those who embraced martyrdom to make Bangla the state language in 1952.

On the eve of the day, a rally 'Provat Ferry' was moved towards Shaheed Minar humming 'Amar

bhaye rokte rangano ekushey february, ami ki vulite pari'. After the rally drawing competition and awarding ceremony among the students of BPATC

School and College was held. At 9.15 am, a discussion meeting on the day was arranged. Speakers discussed about the importance, history and what should be done for the development of language. In a cultural show presented by students the martyrs of language movement was remembered. Later on, a special prayer was organized for the martyrs at the central mosque.



Faculty members are placing floral wreath to Language Movement heroes on the International Mother Language Day at the BPATC's central Shaheed Minar.

### Blackout to mark Genocide Day observed

BPATC observed a one-minute blackout from 9:00pm to 9:01 pm across the campus in remembrance of the brutality carried out by Pakistani Army on the unarmed Bengalis on the black night of March 25 in 1971.

Before the blackout programme, special prayer for the martyrs of the black night and freedom fighters was organized after the Zuhr prayer. In the evening, discussion meeting on genocide day was held highlighting its history, importance, background etc. With deep respect, all the speakers recalled Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as Bangladesh won independence through a nine-month armed liberation war under his leadership. Lt. Col. (Retd.) Quazi Sajjad Ali Zahir, Bir Protik, Swadhinata Padak Awardee, was Chief Discussant at the program where Dr. M Aslam Alam,

Rector (Senior Secretary), BPATC was present as Chairperson.



Lt. Col. (Retd.) Quazi Sajjad Ali Zahir, Bir Protik is giving speech on black night of March 25, 1971 in front of the participants of different courses, faculties and staffs.

At the end of the meeting, the documentary 'Stop Genocide' of the best bengali filmmaker Zahir Raihan was screened. Finally, the one-minute blackout and keeping silence was observed.



Faculties, participants of different courses, and staffs are listening the discussion programme. .

### Independence Day Celebrated

BPATC celebrated the 49th Independence and National Day commemorating martyrs of the Liberation War 1971.

The day began with hoisting national flag and singing the national anthem 'Amar Sonar Bangla...' early in the morning. After that BPATC faculties and staff placed floral wreaths at National Mausoleum which programme was led by Rector of the centre.

At 7.30 am all the faculties, staff, participants of different courses, students and teachers of BPATC School and Colleges participated in a colorful rally. Following the rally a discussion meeting on 'Significance of Bangabandhu's Historic 7th March Speech and Country's Development Progress' was organized. Dr. M Aslam Alam, Rector of the centre chaired the program.



BPATC faculties are placing floral wreath to the martyrs of liberation war at The National Mausoleum in Savar.

All the discussants gave their speech highlighting Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahaman's role, courage and importance in the then crucial time. Besides, they emphasized on how they can materialize the dream of the Father of the Nation to make the country 'Sonar Bangla'.

A special prayer for the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for motherland was held at Zuhr namaz. The day long program was ended by 3 friendship football and a women volleyball match in the afternoon.

### Children's Day Observed

17 March- National Children's Day and 99th birth anniversary of founding president of the country Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was celebrated by organising various programmes across BPATC campus.

On the eve of the day, a rally with the participation of faculties, staff, participants of different courses, teachers and students of BPATC School & College moved around the campus. After the rally a discussion meeting on 'Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's Life &

Philosophy' was organized where Rector of the centre Dr. M Aslam Alam was present as Chairperson. Besides, Essay, drawing and recitation competition was going on among the students of BPATC School & College.



A rally on National Children's Day moved around BPATC campus with participation of the students and teachers of BPATC School & College, faculties, participants, and staffs.

### International Women's Day observed

BPATC observed International Women's Day 2019 through day-long colourful activities like rally, discussion, cultural program on 9 March. This year's theme was 'Think equal, build smart, innovate for change'.



Girls are performing in a cultural programme arranged on the International Women's Day

At first, a rally was held on the campus area with the participation of BPATC faculties, staffs, participants of ACAD course, teachers and students of BPATC school and college. Then discussion program chaired by Hon'ble Rector was held highlighting women's rights and empowerment. At last, faculties, staffs, participants, and students of BPATC school and college presented a colourful cultural program in Auditorium.

“Building Capacity for **Effective, Inclusive** and **Accountable** Public Administration System”



BPATC celebrated 23<sup>rd</sup> January-National Training Day 2019. The day was begun with the hoisting of BPATC flag for the first time by Dr. M Aslam Alam, Rector, BPATC. Of the half day programme, a rally with the participation of faculties and staffs moved around BPATC campus. Then a discussion programme on Training Day was held.