



# BPATC NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Readers

With ecstasy greater than the sky and elation much akin to satisfaction, we are happy to announce that Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) is going to publish January to March 2023 issue of Newsletter, a quarterly bulletin the publication which, since 2017, has become customary for the Centre to keep its pursuers up-to-date with all activities taking place round the year. As the volume of business in the institution is immensely heavy, so is the requirement of this publication to maintain immaculate cannon of the events.

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 January to March 2023.

We are truly indebted to our Editorial team headed by our respected Rector Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin, Secretary to the Government, and Dr. Md. Mohoshin Ali, Member Directing Staff who have extended their relentless support as and when required.

Last but not the least, even after our whole-hearted effort and minute proofreading, there might be some inadvertent typo, for which we do apologise at the earliest. Moreover, this being a human endeavour, there will always remain a scope for improvement. We welcome your thoughts as they reinforce our thirst for further excellence. Please share your ideas and suggestions and email them to: [sajidul@gmail.com](mailto:sajidul@gmail.com)

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## 105<sup>th</sup> & 106<sup>th</sup> Senior Staff Course (SSC)

105<sup>th</sup> Senior Staff Course (SSC) was held at Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) from 27 December 2022 to 09 February, 2023 and 106<sup>th</sup> Senior Staff Course (SSC) started on 14 February to 30 March 2023. The total number of Participants for 105<sup>th</sup> and 106<sup>th</sup> was 33 and 39 respectively. Civil Servants of the rank of Joint Secretary and members of the armed forces of equivalent rank took part in the course.



*Certificate of Participation Awarding Ceremony of 105<sup>th</sup> SSC*

This 45 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 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 in comprehending the given situation and addressing the issues with utmost professionalism employing shrewd dexterity.

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. Moreover, the sessions conducted by renowned professionals and learned academicians also covered whole range of topics which would be handy in developing their deeper understanding.

For 105<sup>th</sup> SSC, Esteemed Rector of the Centre, Mr. Md. Ramendra Nath Biswas, Secretary to the Government, was on the Course Management Team as Course Adviser

and Mr. Abu MomtazSaaduddin Ahmed, Member Directing Staff, BPATC, was the Course Director. Dr. Rokeya Fahmdia, Director and Mr. Shamim Adnan, Deputy Director played to role of Course Coordinators.

For 106<sup>th</sup> SSC, Respected Rector of the Centre, Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin, Secretary to the Government, was on the Course Management Team as Course Adviser and Mr. Md. Shaugatul Alam, Member Directing Staff, BPATC, was the Course Director. Dr. Mehedi Masud, Director and Mr. Shamim Hosen, Deputy Director played to role of Course Coordinators.

The 'Certificate of Participation' awarding ceremony of the 105<sup>th</sup> SSC took place on 09 February 2023 and 106<sup>th</sup> SSC took place on 30 March 2023 respectively. Both the programs were chaired by Rector of the BPATC Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin, Secretary to the Government. Two participants shared constructive feedback for consideration in future to improve BPATC's service quality meeting the necessity of time. The Chair praised the successful accomplishment of the participants and completing the BPATC's part of 105<sup>th</sup> and 106<sup>th</sup> SSC in due manner.



Unveiling the Souvenir of 106<sup>th</sup> SSC

### 139<sup>th</sup> Advanced Course on Administration and Development (ACAD)

139<sup>th</sup> Advanced Course on Administration and Development (ACAD) was held at Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) from 18 December 2022 to 15 February 2023. The total number of participants was 34 and they were of the rank of Deputy Secretary. Officers equivalent to the rank of Deputy Secretary from the armed forces division also took part the training course.

This 60-days 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.



Certificate of Participation Awarding Ceremony of 139<sup>th</sup> ACAC

The course was designed to enable the participants to facilitate apex authority of public organizations in policy making process after analyzing the socio-economic contexts of the national and international arena and implement, monitor and evaluate those public policies in a professional way. It would also help them formulate strategic plan after analyzing internal and external environments of the organization using different tools and techniques and implement thereof effectively and efficiently. Furthermore, they would also be able to assess and review existing public service delivery system and devise simple, innovative, effective and efficient ways of service delivery (using ICT wherever needed) for the clients. Side by side, the participants would be also be able to identify and analyze the issues of development priorities of government and to design development projects, implement and manage them properly. Last but not least, the course would enable the participants to build intra Vis a Vis inter-institutional networks and deal trans-border trade and aid negotiation effectively for upholding organizational and national interests.

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.

The Course Management Team was comprised of Mr. Md. Zakir Hossain, Member Directing Staff, BPATC as Course Advisor and Mr. Hasan Murtaza Masum, Director, BPATC as Course Director. They were ably assisted by two Course Coordinators on the team Ms. Elina Akter, Deputy Director and Mr. Md. Masud Ahmed, Deputy Director.

The 'Certificate of Participation' awarding ceremony of the course took place on 15 February 2023. The program was chaired by Rector of the BPATC Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin, Secretary to the Government. In addition, two participants from both the courses shared feedback suggesting a few recommendations to upgrade the standard of the training programs BPATC.

## 74<sup>th</sup> Foundation Training Course (FTC)

74<sup>th</sup> Foundation Training Course (FTC) for the officers of various cadres is scheduled at Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) from 04 September 2022 to 02 March 2023. This six month long training course accommodates 89 participants.

Although the Course is designed to facilitate the training of newly recruited officers whose jobs are yet to be confirmed, this time the story is a bit different. As there were a number of officers who could not make it for themselves in their slated FTCs due to some unavoidable reasons, this course is arranged to reduce the burden of backlog and thus provides an opportunity for those who missed out on their earlier attempt.



*Hon'ble Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina is giving her precious speech in the certificate awarding and closing function of the 74<sup>th</sup> FTC.*

The training itself is considered to be the steppingstone for the neophytes. It maintains a rigorous routine offering them a packed schedule full of activities that demand participants' constant engagement. The participants attending this course irrespective of their batch have to undergo the same intensive groom-up required to transform themselves from a fresh university graduate to an adept and adroit bureaucrat.

Stuffed with various innovative and disciplinary activities, the course keeps the participants thoroughly busy from dawn to dusk inculcating new values and ideas prerequisite for a successful career. At the same time, the drills of various sessions also ensure that the participants learn to cultivate the manners and etiquettes of a gentleman and acquire the required skills and foresight to meet the challenges of their future professional life.



*Hon'ble Prime Minister along with top ten percent trainees of 74<sup>th</sup> FTC.*

The Certificate Awarding and closing ceremony that took place at Prime Minister's Office on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 was graced by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina, MP. While the chair of the special Guest were decorated by Mr. Farhad Hossain, MP, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Public Administration (MoPA). Respected Rector of the Centre Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin, Secretary to the Government, Chaired the event. All the participants successfully completed the course and delighted to receive the certificates from the Prime Minister of the Bangladesh Government Sheikh Hasina, daughter of the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

## SFTCs in a nutshell

As a part of its mandate, BPATC organized a two-month long Special Foundation 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 appreciates to entertaining the request as BPATC being the apex training institutions, always strives for an inclusive and holistic approach in facilitating quality training.

## Special Foundation Training Course for the Officers of Anti Corruption Commission

Special Foundation Training Course for the Officers of Anti Corruption Commission was held at BPATC from 20 November 2022 to 18 January 2023. Seventy (70) officers of the rank of 9th Grade and above participated in the course. The course contents were designed in consultation with anti corruption commission 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. As this was a foundation training course, participants were made familiar with norms and values of service life. They were also asked to cultivate the manners and etiquettes required of an officer. The sessions were designed keeping in mind the importance of disseminating

among the participants the idea of service rules, administrative procedures and financial rules. Due focus was also given on developing their communicative skills. The history of Bangladesh with special emphasis on great liberation war and the life and works of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman were also discussed at length so that the participants could revisit the glorious past of our country and inculcate the true spirit of our liberation war.

At the end of the courses, there was a colourful cultural soiree canvassing the latent talent and aesthetic taste of the participants. The 'Certificate awarding ceremony' of the course took place on 18 January 2023. The program was chaired by Rector of the BPATC Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin, Secretary to the Government.

### NDC Orientation Course

NDC Orientation Course was held at BPATC from 07 January to 09 January 2023. Thirteen (13) officers of the rank of 9th Grade and above participated in the course. This 03-day short training course contents were designed in consultation with Ministry of Public Administration 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, the 'Certificate awarding ceremony' of the course took place on 09 January 2023. The program was chaired by Rector of the BPATC Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin, Secretary to the Government.

### Workshop on Commitment to Service Delivery

Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) arranged a one-day workshop on "Commitment to Service Delivery at 12 January 2023. The workshop was inaugurated by Rector of the Centre Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin. A total number of 34 (Thirty-four) participants attended the workshop. They were divided into several groups.

Indeed, it was participatory event and the participants put forward some valuable suggestions to upgrade the existing Service Delivery system.

### Training on E-governance and Innovation

A one-day training arranged by Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) on "E-governance and Innovation" on 18 January 2023. The programme was inaugurated by Rector of the Centre Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin. A total number of 38 (Thirty-eight) participants attended the training programme.

### Training on National Integrity Strategy (NIS)

A one-day training arranged by Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) on "National Integrity Strategy (NIS)" on 28 February 2023. The programme was inaugurated by Rector of the Centre Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin. A total number of 35 (Thirty-five) participants attended the training programme.

### Workshop on Curriculum Review of 75th Foundation Training Course

Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) arranged a one-day workshop to upgrade the existing curriculum of 75th Foundation Training Course (FTC) Course on 14 March 2023. The workshop was inaugurated by Rector of the Centre Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin. A total number of 58 (Fifty-eight) participants attended the workshop. They were divided into several groups.

Each group was given one (in some cases two) topic/s considering the interest and expertise of the participants of the group. As instructed the participants in each group revisited their module and presented their recommendations during the workshop. Indeed, it was participatory event and the participants put forward some valuable suggestions to upgrade the existing curriculum of FTC. Later on it was decided that all the suggestions would be compiled together and presented before the Curriculum Development Committee (CDC) meeting.



Key-Note Paper is presenting by Mr. Hasan Murtaza Masum, Director, BPATC

## Commemoration of National Days

### Observance of 21st February

21st 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.



*Respected Rector Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin is delivering his speech as prime discussant at the Shaheed Day and International Mother Language Day.*

The Programmes dedicated for the event actually started at two day earlier on 19th 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.

The day dawned at BPATC with all officers and employees wearing black badges. Early in the morning on 21st February, all the faculty members, participants of the on-going courses and students of BPATC School and College being bare footed and draped in black and white attire led by respected Rector of the Centre, Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin brought out "Provati 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, the national flag was kept half-mast by the concerned committee.



*Respected Rector along with faculty placing floral wreath at the 'Shaheed Minar' in BPATC*

Later on that day, a drawing competition and a prize giving ceremony were held followed by a discussion programme. 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.

### Celebration of Historic 07th March as National day

On 7 October 2020, 7 March was declared "Historic Day" by the government of Bangladesh. The 7 March Speech of Bangabandhu was a public speech given by Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the Founding Father of Bangladesh on 7 March 1971 at the Ramna Race Course (now Suhrawardy Udyan) in Dhaka to a gathering of over two million people. In the speech, Bangabandhu informally declared the independence of Bangladesh, proclaiming, "The struggle this time is a struggle for our liberty. The struggle this time is a struggle for our independence". The Bangladesh Liberation War began 18 days later when the Pakistan Army initiated Operation Searchlight against Bengali civilians, intelligentsia, students, politicians and armed personnel. On 30 October 2017, UNESCO added the speech to the memory of the World Register as a documentary heritage.

The main programme commenced with hosting of the National Flag early in the morning and it was followed by offering of floral wreaths at the portrait of father of the nation Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in BPATC. On behalf of BPATC, offering of floral wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu in BCS Administration Academy, Dhaka also given by a committee.

BPATC School and College also arranged Drawing Competition, Poetry Recitation, and Speech Competition of Bangabandhu and distributed prize among the winners.



*Placing floral Wreath to the Portrait of the Father of the Nation on the Occasion of Historic 07th March*



*Respected Rector of the Centre delivering his speech on the occasion of Historic 7th March*

The cream of the day long events was a discussion programme that took place at 10: 00 a.m. in 7th March on the theme of "Significance of historic 7th March Speech". ..... Was chief discussant of the programme which was chaired by the respected Rector of the Centre Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin. The discussion enriched the audience with some known and unknown facts and figures of 7th March Speech.

Last but not least, documentaries on the Father of the Nation are screened on LED display boards throughout the day.

### Celebration of International Women's Day

BPATC observed International Women's Day 2023 through day-long colourful activities like discussion programme on "Digital Projukti o Udvabon Gender Boishommo Korbe Niroshon (Digital Technology and Innovation will eliminate Gender Discrimination)" and awarding female participants, officers and staffs on the occasion of this special day at 09th March (As March 8 was declared as holiday of Shab-e-Barat).

The discussion programme chaired by Hon'ble Rector was held highlighting women's rights and empowerment.



*Celebration of International Women's Day*

### Celebration of Children's Day

17 March-National Children's Day and 103rd birth anniversary of founding president and father of the nation Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was celebrated by organizing various programmes across BPATC campus.

The campus of the Centre was adorned with colourful light, banner, posters and festoons, which gave the impression that BPATC had been covered from tip to toe with bridal attire. The fragrance of celebration was everywhere.

The main programme commenced by offering of floral wreaths to the portrait of father of the nation Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in BPATC. On behalf of BPATC, a committee headed by Rector of the Centre Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin offering of floral wreaths to BIAM foundation, Dhaka also.



*Respected Rector of the Centre Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin offering of floral wreaths to BIAM foundation as a part of observing the 'National Children Day'*

BPATC School and College also arranged Debate Competition, Essay Writing Competition, Drawing Competition, Poetry Recitation, Cultural Functions and distributed prize among the winners.

The main part of the day long events was a discussion programme on "Smart Bangladesher Swapne Bangabandhur Jonmodin, Shishuder chokhe Somriddhir Swapne Rongin" that took place at 10: 00 p.m. in that day. The discussion enriched the audience with some known and unknown facts and figures about Bangabandhu and his caring about children

Later a discussion on same topic was held at 11:00 by the students of BPATC School and College. There was an essay and art competition among students of BPATC School and College also took place after the discussion programme.

A special prayer was arranged to seek the salvation of the departed soul of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for his valiant contribution to and supreme sacrifice for the nation.

Lastly, BPATC arranged the final of the "Bangabandhu Cricket Tournament" to celebrate the special day.

## Commemoration of Genocide Day & Independence Day



*Hoisting of the National Flag on the occasion of Independence Day*

Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre observed the Genocide Day and Independence Day on 25th and 26th March 2023. This time, BPATC celebrated the great event taking a day long colourful activities as its customary charter of duty.

The message was conveyed by the Rector to duly commemorate the events 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 the thunderous voice set forth a chain bloody event that ultimately culminated into the birth of a new nation within the nine months of struggle and plight.

The Programmes dedicated for the event actually started at a day earlier on 25th March with the students of BPATC School and College participating in a discussion programme on 'Genocide Day' as well as one minute black out at night from 10:30 to 10:31 by the concerned committee.



*Faculty along with the participants from various courses placing floral wreaths at the National Mausoleum*

The campus of the Centre was adorned with colourful light, banner, posters and festoons, which gave the impression that BPATC, had been covered from tip to toe with bridal attire. The fragrance of celebration was everywhere.

The main programme commenced with hosting of the National Flag early in the morning and it was followed by offering of floral wreaths at National Mausoleum by the team of BPATC.

BPATC School and College also arranged a Discussion programme, Debate Competition, Essay Writing Competition, Drawing Competition, Poetry Recitation, Cultural Functions and Singing songs of national passion and distributed prize among the winners. BPATC arranged a friendly football match between the officers/employees and participants of on-going courses.

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.

## Pictorial Presentation of various activities in BPATC



*Mr. Md. Mizanur Rahman, Research Officer, BPATC, is receiving the Rector's Medal from the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.*



*Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, MP is giving her remark in the certificate awarding and closing function of 74th FTC.*



Warm welcome to Mr. Md. Ashraf Uddin on his arrival as Rector at BPATC



Faculty Seminar on 'Selection of Subjects/topics for Research Proposal invitation under F/Y 2023-24



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Introductory meeting between Rector and faculty members of BPATC

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