

Certificate Awarding Ceremony for Bangladesh Bank Officials with Governor Dr. Atiur Rahman as the Chief Guest



Prof. Dr. Selim Raihan Joined as the Director of BER from Prof. M.M. Akash, Chairman, BER on 16 March, 2022



Organizing seminar and workshop is an integral part of BER activity. In 2014 BER organized an international conference on 'Managing the Impact of Climate Change in South Asia' with Hanns Seidel Foundation, Germany



Opening of the BER International Conference for Economists' 2019 with Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman



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Who We are

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Three main functions of BER:

(i) Research in Social Sciences, (ii) Providing Training for Capacity Development, and (iii) Knowledge Dissemination through Workshop/Seminar.

How is BER Managed

The affairs of the Bureau are managed by a Secretariat headed by the Director and the Chairman whose activities are overseen by the Managing Committee. All Professors of the Department of Economics, University of Dhaka are the members of the Managing Committee. Other members include: The Chairman of the department of Economics, University of Dhaka, the Director of the BER, the Director-General of the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (Ex-officio), a representative from the Bangladesh Planning Commission, and 2 scholars/ academicians nominated by the

The Current Chairman & Director

The BER is passing its 67th year since its inception. Currently Prof. M. M. Akash is the Chairman of the Managing Committee and Prof. Selim Raihan is the Director of the BER. Both of them are eminent economists and very respected faculty members of the Department of Economics.

Facilities Offered

- Computer Lab fully equipped with 70 computers with wide range of computer software (SPSS, Stata etc.) and 24-hour internet connection
- Rich collection of books and journals in the BER Library
- Multimedia Classrooms
- Wi-Fi zone for students and BER members

Training Courses offered for Capacity Building

The BER has worked effectively for capacity building and human resource development in renowned institutions of the country. Successfully Completed training courses include:

- **38 Advanced Training Courses on Research Techniques in Social Sciences** with the financial support from the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Ministry of Planning
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- 12 training courses on **Econometric Analysis, Applied Economic Analysis, Social Accounting Matrix, Monetary Economics and Research Methodology for Bangladesh Bank officials.**

Management Services Provided

Conducted Recruitment Test (MCQ & Written) for Management Trainee Officer of Meghna Bank Limited

Conducted Recruitment Test (MCQ) for Assistant Officer (Cash) & Probationary Officer of Uttara Bank Limited

Conducted Recruitment Test (Written) for Assistant Officer (Cash) & Probationary Officer of Uttara Bank Limited

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- Number of Completed Research Works (1956-2021): 145
- Number of Publications (1956-2021): 56
- Number of Completed Research Studies Funded from External Sources (e.g. IDRC, Canada, World Bank, FAO, MRA, NIPORT): 15

Edited Volume:

1. BER Research Report Series, Volume-I(1956-1972) Selected Research Papers on Rural Economy in Bangladesh
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- ❖ Funds are offered for 6 to 8 projects annually
- ❖ Academicians with strong and promising proposals with extraordinary qualifications contribute to knowledge formation in this way
- ❖ Research proposals are invited every year
- ❖ Interested researchers and academicians can contact Bureau office

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