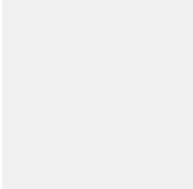


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## Potential youths should be entrepreneurs: Minister

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State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid speaking at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) in Dhaka: File photo

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid on Saturday said potential youths should be entrepreneurs instead of job seekers.

“The government has been giving incentives in various ways for making entrepreneurs... Bangladesh Energy and Power Research Council (BEPRC) give Taka two crore as allocation for a research project in this connection,” he said.

The state minister said this while addressing the concluding session of a fair as the chief guest at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) in Dhaka.

BRAC University organised the fair titled “NRB Jobs Presents National Career Fair-2019” under the theme of ‘Campus to Corporate’ with its Vice- Chancellor (VC) Professor Vincent Chang in the chair.

The two-day national career fair ended with huge participation of job seekers as more than 100 renowned public and private organisations participated offering multi diversified employment opportunities.

The objective of the fair is to provide a platform to students, who are on way to graduate or have already graduated, from both public and private universities and colleges so that they can connect with the country's leading employers from different sectors and find their careers that suit their interests.

Youth and Sports Secretary Dr Jafar Uddin, BRAC University Director Student Affairs Dilara Afroz Khan Rupa and NRB Jobs BD's Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mahbube Elahi Chowdhury also spoke, among others.

During the fair, "Career Grooming Sessions" were held to make an opportunity for students to hear from the industry leaders and experts.

Besides, a two-day training on various job related topics was also held that helped the potential employees to acquire skills that the recruiters are looking for in addition to their academic knowledge.

"The size of Bangladesh's economy is growing bigger and there is nothing to be disappointed about jobs. If you have confidence and uniqueness then you will get jobs," Nasrul said.

He urged all youths for getting prepare with the right ideas about good jobs, adding, "In the next five years, 1,000 engineers will be required in power sector."