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Speakers stress more economic empowerment of women

Speakers at a programme here on Wednesday underscored the need for engaging more young women of the country in various economic activities to help them become self-reliant, reports UNB. Everjobs.com.bd, a job searching website, organised an event titled ‘Women at Work’ at Brac University in the capital’s Mohakhali area aiming to inspire female students to engage themselves more in the country’s economic system. United News of Bangladesh (UNB) was the media partner of the event. Addressing the programme as the keynote speaker, Netherlands Ambassador in Dhaka Leoni Margaretha Cuelenaere said Bangladesh has made substantial progress in women empowerment in many export-oriented industrial sectors. “Some 82-85 percent workers of the readymade garments are women while almost 60 percent of the micro-credit borrowers are also women in Bangladesh,” she said. Addressing the female students, the Dutch envoy said the new generation can make a big contribution to the country’s job sector. But they should also remember that they will have to manage the family as well, she said. Four women professionals—Business Development director of Cosmos Group Nahar Khan, Alokito Hridoy director Azwa Nayeem, Brac Bank Head of Communications Zara Jabeen Mahbub and Brac Education Programme area manager in Dinajpur Lailuna Nahar shared their experiences on how they became success professionals. Speaking at the programme, Cosmos Group director Nahar Khan said women must take risks to overcome all the barriers to the job sector to achieve their economic liberty. Brac Institute of Languages (BIL) founder and director Lady Syeda Sarwat Abed, Chair of the English and Humanities of Brac University Prof Firdous Azim, Gallery Cosmos Managing Director Tehmina Enayet and Everjobs country director in Bangladesh Bart van Dijk also spoke at the programme.