



# **About Us**

# **Bangladesh Innovation Forum**

To ensure the progress of Bangladesh and the youth through innovative thinking of young innovators, Bangladesh Innovation Forum has been formed. The main objectives of BIF are stated below:

- To accustom the youth in innovative thinking.
- To offer support to be an employee or en trepreneur through career counseling.
- Through innovation campaign, BIF will help the young innovator and entrepreneur to make business model, business plan etc.
- To create internship opportunities for the students and young entrepreneurs.
- To help the young innovators to participate national and international innovation competition.
- To offer mentoring opportunity to the young innovators and entrepreneurs.
- To help the innovators to patent their innovations.
- To create a bridge between the innovator, students and the local industry.
- To offer guidance and support for innovation marketing.
- To help the innovators manufacturing their innovations.
- To show the way to have funding.



# **Our Activities**

"Bangladesh Innovation Forum" is a voluntary organization whose main strength is the dedicated volunteers of the forum. The organization is already operating its activities in every division of the country and "Bangladesh Innovation Forum" has its own committee in 87 educational institutions. All activities of "Bangladesh Innovation Forum" are regularly notified in the Advisory Council of the organization. In addition, "Bangladesh Innovation Forum" has more than one hundred mentors across the country who have already been successful in their respective fields.

## Partnership with various government organizations:

Within the short time of the establishment, "Bangladesh Innovation Forum" has emerged as a well-known organization in the country. In this respect, the "Bangladesh Innovation Forum" gratefully remembers the role of various government and non-government organizations. Meanwhile, "Bangladesh Innovation Forum" is proud to work as a partner in various programs of the government. It is worth mentioning that "Bangladesh Innovation Forum" operated the Innovation Zone of "Digital World", the country's largest IT-based arrangements as an associate of the Information Technology Department of Bangladesh Government.

Apart from this, various seminars have been organized as a collaborator of the Department of Information Technology, Government of Bangladesh. In addition, "Bangladesh Innovation Forum" has signed an MOU with **Access to Information (A2I)** operated from the Prime Minister's Office. It is to be noted here that "Bangladesh Innovation Forum" is particularly grateful to the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, Mr. Mostafa Jabbar and State Minister for Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Mr. Junaid Ahmed Palak for extending the helping hand from the government side always.

#### "Innovation Zone" management as one of the collaborators of Digital World



The Digital World is the largest organized IT based arrangement in South Asia. In order to lead the "Innovation Zone", Bangladesh Innovation Forum signed an agreement with the Department of Information Technology and Bangladesh Computer Council. Under this agreement, Bangladesh Innovation Forum operates Innovation and Experience Zone. New innovations were displayed in this program. In this zone, 39 innovations were displayed, including 25 separate projects.

## Operate as a partner with access to information

Bangladesh Innovation Forum has long-term agreement with Access to Information (A2I) operated from the

Prime Minister's Office. According to the agreement, innovation forum actively working in various programs for successful implementation of **Access to Information (A21)** activities, and Innovation Forum playing an important role in the promotion of these activities in different educational institutions of the country.



#### **Various Activities**

Within the short period of establishment Bangladesh Innovation Forum conducted various activities countrywide. Its noteworthy activities are highlighted below.

## Space Apps Next Gen

Innovation makes the possibility of implementation into possible. Lack of thinking is the obstacle to proper tendency and application of our talents. **Space Apps Next Gen** was organized for the first time in Bangladesh, jointly organized by the Department of **Information and Communication Technology**,

Bangladesh Computer Council and Bangladesh Innovation Forum, to help the young people of the country to adopt innovative thinking in the field of IT and implement these ideas. Space Apps Next is a 36-hour hackathon that moderated by the United States' Second Muse organization. Although this is the first time in Bangladesh, this hackathon has been organized in five countries in the world. This international hackathon was held in January 27-28, 2017. To solve various problems in the world including space related issues, in all three different categories (1st-4th grade, 5th-8th grade and 9th-12th grade), students from all schools and colleges of Bangladesh could have submitted any Idea Project (through registration).









#### **IT Conference**



In the current era, the need for skilled manpower in ICT is increasing day by day in the local and international markets for the development of information technology. In the face of this goal, on December 23, 2017, the Information Technology Conference was held at the BASIS auditorium. The keynote speaker and the chief guest in the inaugural session of the ceremony was the former President of the Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS) and the Honorable Minister of the present Postal, Telecommunication and Information Technology Mr. Mustafa Jabbar. The program was run from 9:30 am to 7:30 pm, and several technical seminars were organized throughout the day. Established and experienced persons in the respective fields conducted the seminars. The contents of the technical seminars were Internet Of Things, Big Data, AR and VR, Digital Marketing

#### **Innovation Camp**

On the second day of Digital World 2016, on October 20, "Bangladesh Innovation Forum" organized the 'Innovation Camp'. This 'Innovation Camp' was organized to find out the innovative ideas of young students and to guide them in the implementation. Concept Development of Innovative thoughts, the process of making prototype, how Innovative ideas can be used to solve daily problems and learn different strategies, including business models and plans for Innovative Thoughts.



#### Innovators Hub



Science is running in search of innovation to make people's life easier. Wherever the problem is encountered, the innovators are working relentlessly to find the solution. The young generation of Bangladesh is not behind this journey. New innovations can be found only by the development of the order of thinking of young generations. The aim of the initiative 'Innovators Hub' is to work with the innovators of the country. In order to make the innovative dream of all the innovators of the country a reality, Bangladesh Innovation Forum has successfully organized the nationwide 'Innovators Hub' program. On December 11, 2016, the program was inaugurated by Mr. Naimuzzan Mukta, a reputed expert of Access to Information, Prime Minister's Office.

#### **Career Clinic**

Entering into the career place and to move forward with success, it is very important to know, making professional CVs, have confidence in the Viva Board, to know about professional ethics and manner etc. In order to provide training on these subjects, a training called 'Career Clinic' was organized on October 10, 2016 by the joint initiative of 'Bangladesh Innovation Forum' and 'BD Jobs.com'.



# Workshop on Innovation with Big Data Analysis, IOT and Mobile



"Bangladesh Innovation Forum" organized a workshop in Dhaka at United International University to give detailed ideas to students through the practical examples of Big Data Analysis, Internet of Things (IOT) and how it will impact our livelihood and career of future information technology professionals.

### Organizing the first-ever 'IOT conference' in the country

The use of the Internet of Things (IOT) worldwide is increasing day by day. New possibilities are introducing for the right use of technological competence. On May 07, 2017 Bangladesh Innovation Forum organized, 'IOT Conference'. In this, there were three seminars related to industry and innovators, 3 workshops (IOT, Robotics, Augmented and Virtual Reality) and other technology related programs as well as prominent people of the country discussed about this important issues.



### **Business Planning Seminar**



Bangladesh Innovation forum arranged "Business Planning Seminar" on 28 October, 2017 at Daffodil International University. It was originally organized by the Bangladesh Innovation Forum for those who have started or begin to think about starting a business. Mr. Abdullah H. Kafi, Chairman of the Asian Ocean Computing Industry Organization (ASOSOO) was the chief guest and Mr. Shawkat Hossain, Managing Director of BD Venture, was the Guest of Honor at the program. The program was chaired by Mr. Ariful Hasan Opu, founder of Bangladesh Innovation Forum. The seminar was conducted by Mr. Badrul Alam Samrat, Teacher of IBA, Jahangirnagar University.

## Gaming Conference to Guide the Young Generation in Gaming

The 'Gaming Conference' was held on November 11, 2017, organized by Bangladesh Innovation Forum. Speakers with different practical demonstrations at the gaming conference talk about gaming industry in Bangladesh and its career in the world. In addition, the gaming industry professionals discussed various aspects of technical development of game development.



## **Digital Marketing Strategy for Business**



The seminar on 'Digital Marketing Strategy for Business' was organized on November 11, 2017, by Bangladesh Innovation Forum. This seminar was held at the Krishibid Institution of Bangladesh (KIBC 3D Seminar Hall) in the capital. The seminar on 'Digital Marketing Strategy for Business' was organized with the aim of how an entrepreneur or professional can facilitate the development of its organization through digital marketing.

### An unique initiative with Children's named "Robot Banai":



"Bangladesh Innovation Forum" has initiated an exceptional program called "Nijer Hate Robot Banai" to create interest in science for children. On 20th January 2018, the program started with a workshop on 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Software Technology Park (Janata Tower). In that workshop, children's had divided into two groups and made a robot, where 10 experienced experts gave all direction to the children's to make robots.

#### Seminar on Data Science

In this age of technology, the need for data science is increasing in various fields, including business, science, research, social system, medicine, politics, space science. In this case, the need for data science is increased, but with the huge amount of data, the people who are able to make appropriate results or decisions are still quite inadequate. Those who work on data (especially big data) can be divided into several categories such as Data Engineer, Data Scientist, Statisticians, Data Analyst. Many people think that the lack of proper data processing professional is a big challenge now, as the data hygiene is increasing day by day. Who are interested in building a career in data science, "Bangladesh Innovation Forum" created a group and on 14 December 2017, hosted a seminar on "Data Science" at Software Technology Park.



#### **Business Innovation Summit**

The biggest event organized by Bangladesh Innovation Forum is the "Business Innovation Summit". On August 5, 2017, the "Business Innovation Summit" was held for the first time in the Institute of Agricultural Institution of Dhaka, where about 1000 visitors attended. On the 10th of March, 2018, the 'Business Innovation Summit-2018' was held in Bangabandhu International Conference Hall (Hall of Fame) for the second time, where about 5000 people visited. The 'Business Innovation Summit 2018' was divided into 3 sessions. These included 'IT Professionals Meet Up', 'Business Conference' and 'Business Planning Challenge' Competition. In the IT Professionals meet-up session, the country's top IT professionals, including corporate icons, spoke about this sector. Speakers present

on the seminar discussed about various aspects of IT jobs, employment opportunities in the local and international markets, and various aspects of successful job creation including IOT, data science, programming, theme development, affiliate marketing, digital marketing. In the 'Business Conference' seminar, from the corporate icon to established entrepreneurs spoke on the different aspects of the business world. Speakers discussed, how a person can prepare himself for corporate organization and how an entrepreneur can turn his own initiative into a reality. Also, the country's top business leaders and corporate icons provided directional insights into corporate manor, leadership, job recruitment process and job opportunities.



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## **Space Innovation Summit**

Bangladesh Innovation Forum Organized for the first time in Bangladesh Space Innovation Summit 2018.

The summit, which saw participation of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) personnel, comprised six seminars and two workshops. The workshops saw students of different universities jointly design and assemble a nano-satellite. Besides, an expo on materials used in space research is also to be taken place in the summit. Around 18 local and global speakers are to deliver speeches in the summit.







#### Career Con



Bangladesh Innovation Forum is arranging 'Career Con 2018' on 9-10 November. The Career Conference is an annual event, which exposes our Scholars to professional pathways while building essential networking and interview skills to equip them for professional success ©KIB, Khamarbari, Dhaka.







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#### Summary

Bangladesh Innovation Forum sees a dream of an invincible Bangladesh. In Bangladesh, a revolution has been achieved in all areas through IT sector. As a voluntary organization, Bangladesh Innovation Forum is determined to work with government initiatives to convey the benefits of this revolution. "Bangladesh Innovation Forum" believes that by working together, "Bangladesh Innovation Forum" can play an important role in implementing visionary vision of the government and the whole nation will enjoy its benefits.





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