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Presentation on

`Inclusion, Innovation, Impact’

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BANGLADESH: Overview

Boundary:

North : India

South : Bay of Bengal

East : Myanmar & India

West : India

Between: 20⁰34' and **26⁰38'** north latitude and **88⁰01'** and **92⁰41'** east longitude.

- **Area : 1,47,570 Sq. KM**
- **Population : 161.1 Million(2012)**
- **Density : 1015/Sq. KM**
- **State Language : Bangla**
- **Capital : Dhaka**

Administrative Units:

Division : 07. Districts : 64

Upazila (Sub-District) : 486

Municipalities : 127

City Corporation : 07

Union Parishad : 4523

EDUCATION IN BANGLADESH

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION:
Article 17: Free and compulsory education through a uniform, mass-oriented and universal system of education.

Vision 2021:

A perspective plan to build Bangladesh a middle income and technology based country by 2021. Political commitment of the government.

National Education Policy (NEP): Approved by the Parliament in June 2010 .
Spirit of NEP: next generation is provided with proper education and knowledge of science and technology and thereby they will develop into an efficient and skilled human resource, respectful and committed to people and inspired by patriotic spirit.

INCLUSIVE AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

- Free distribution of textbooks: 1230 million textbooks during the last 5 years (2010-2014) among 165 million students.
- 1st January of each Academic Year is observed as a Textbooks Festival Day in schools
- Free distribution of textbooks during the last 5 years:

Year	Number of Textbooks	Number of Students
2010	317 million	37 million
2011	195 million	27 million
2012	232 million	32 million
2013	221 million	31 million
2014	317 million	37 million

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Inauguration of Free Textbook Distribution by Hon'ble Prime Minister

Distribution of Free Textbook by Hon’ble Education Minister

INCLUSIVE AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

- Poverty targeted stipend for the girls & boys. Free education for girls up to graduation level.
- ‘Prime Minister’s Education Assistance Trust Fund (USD 125 M).
- Nationalization of 26,126 primary schools in 2013.
- New National Curriculum.
- Assessment System Reformed.
- New public exams at grade V and VIII.
- Introducing multimedia classrooms in 23,300 schools, madrasha and colleges.
- Infrastructure development to accommodate more students and to ensure better educational environment.

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Multimedia Classroom in a Secondary School

IMPACT of NEW INITIATIVES

- More than 99% enrollment in primary education.
- Gender parity achieved up to class XII by 2012.
- MDGs (2, 3 & 5) achieved well ahead of time.
- Reduction of drop out: Secondary drop out 55.26% in 2006 reduced to 46.70% in 2012.
- The net enrolment rate in secondary education (grade 6-10) increased from 49.13 in 2009 to 57.37% in 2012.
- Increased Pass Rate: SSC pass rate 67.41% in 2009 to 89.28% in 2013.

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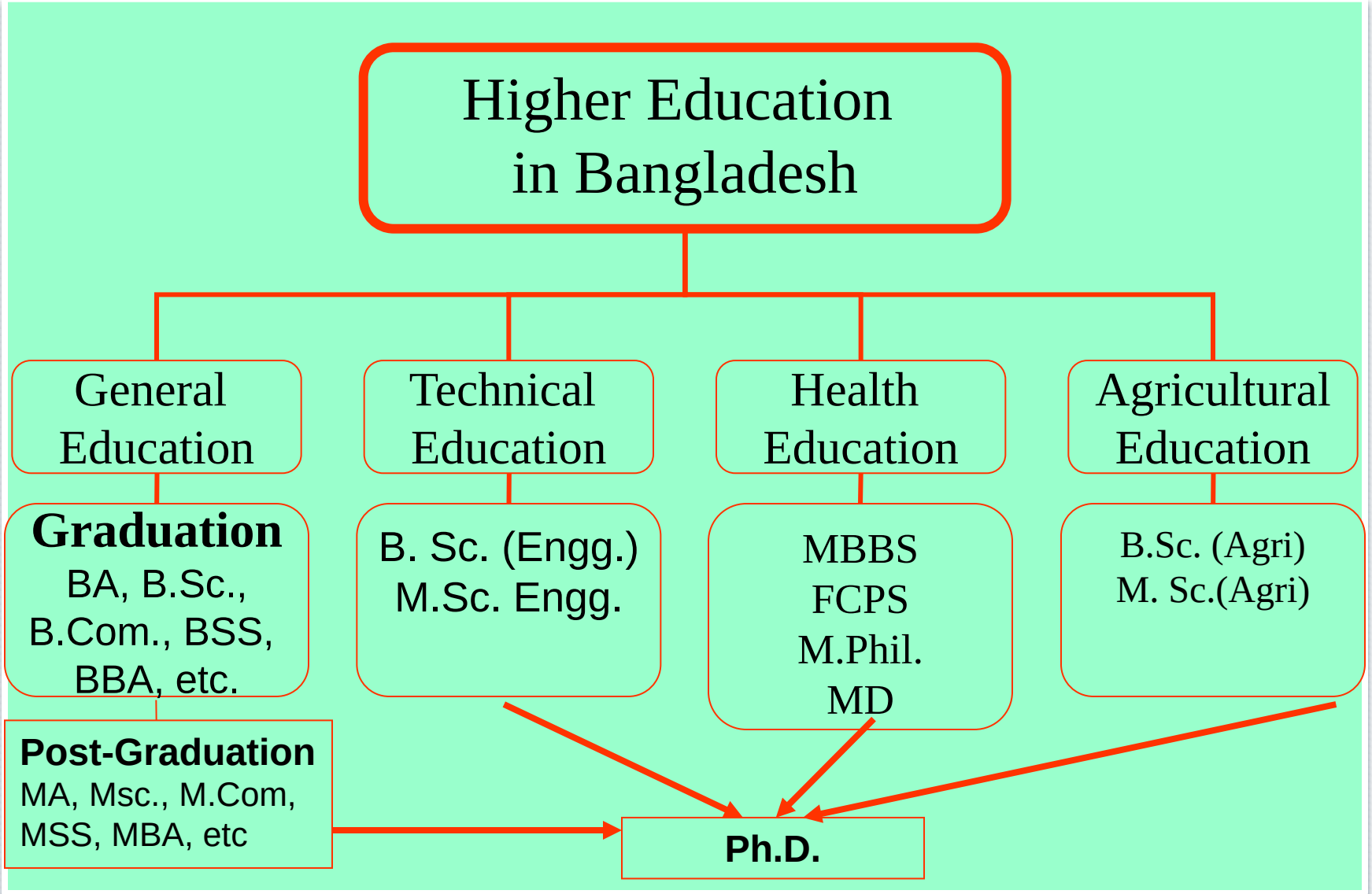
Skill Development in Education

- Establishment of National Skill Development Council and Enactment of National Skill Development Policy, 2011.
- TVET Reform Project, Skills Development Project and Skills & Training Enhancement Project going on to have access to the job markets in home and abroad.
- Establishment of technical school in each Upazila (sub-district).
- The number of students in technical and vocational education increased to 7 times over the last 5 years.

Overview of the Education System of Bangladesh



NEP 2010: Objectives of Higher Education

1 to help the students in the acquisition of world class education, to generate inquisitiveness among them and to help them grow up with human qualities.

2. to help in the unhindered practice of intellectual exercises and growth of free thinking.

3. to relate the realities of the country with higher education in all conceivable areas; to identify the problems of the society and state and to find out solutions to them. Encouraging research, intellectual exercises and growth of free thinking.

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NEP 2010: Objectives of Higher Education

4. to expand the horizon of knowledge through ceaseless cultivation of knowledge and through multidimensional, original and practical research.
5. to effectively introduce the students to the knowledge of the modern and advancing world.
6. to build up the citizens who will possess scientific, secular, humane, progressive and forward looking mindset.
7. to innovate new areas of knowledge through cultivation, research and creativity.
8. to build up a citizenry inspired by wisdom, creativity, human values and patriotism.

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Tertiary Education in Bangladesh

- Total No. of Universities : 116
- Total No. of Public Universities : 35
- Total No. of Private Universities: 79
- International Universities : 02
- Geographic Parity: New public and private universities have been established throughout the country to spread the facilities over geographic regions.
- In higher education, during the last 6 years (2008-2014) the number of students became more than double from 1.16 million to 2.65 million.

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Some Innovative Programs in Tertiary Education

- Academic Innovation Fund (AIF): Competitive Funding Mechanism
- Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BdREN): Conneted to global network.
- UGC Digital Library (UDL): Access of all universities.

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Way Forward: Challenges

- Improving Quality of Teaching-Learning and research.
- Creation of Facilities: Laboratory, ICT, Library etc.
- Fostering Research Activities.
- Increasing Allocation.
- An effective mechanism to link universities' research and industry and business

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