



Hon'ble Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque MP was commemorating Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the Father of the Nation on His 44th Death Anniversary.



We Mourn

With due solemnity Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council observed National Mourning Day on 15 August 2019 marking the 44th death anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Dr. Md. Kabir Ikramul Haque, Executive Chairman along with all Member Directors, Directors, officers, and other staffs laid homage to the Father of the Nation by placing flower wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman both in BARC premises and Krishibid Institution.

To offer the Father of Nation due veneration, BARC also organized a discussion meeting & Doa Mahfil where Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque, MP was present as chief guest.



An Inter-Ministerial Meeting to Ensure Rice Fair Price



The Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque, MP and other guests on Inter-Ministerial meeting

An Inter-Ministerial meeting on Steps taken to ensure fair price of rice to the farmers held at Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council on July 30, 2019. In this

He called upon all for suggestion on how to implement the decision effectively.

meeting, Agriculture Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque said, “The government would procure rice directly from farmers from the next season.” He called upon all for suggestion on how to implement the decision effectively. Mentioning that the agricultural sector is making significant contribution to the country’s economy. He further added, “The government will give 20 percent incentive on rice export. Although the price of

rice is low in the world market at the moment, still we have to go for rice export. If necessary, we will buy the rice from the farmers directly and then sell it at a low price to the country’s poor people. The government is prepared to prevent any untoward situation over rice price in the next season.”

He stressed that the cost of production has to be lowered in order to make agriculture a profitable venture.

“The government would provide the farmers with the necessary equipment for planting and harvesting rice.” Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque added.

Speaking at the meeting, Food Minister Sadhan Chandra Majumder said that a sum of 40 lakh tonnes of rice was imported during the 2017 flood in Haor areas, which still remains in the market and hence influenced the rice price in this Boro season.

Food Safety in South Asia Region: Current Status, Policy Perspective and Way Forward

SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) organized a SAARC Regional Consultation on Food Safety in South Asia Region: Current Status, Policy Perspective and Way Forward in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 26-28 August 2019.

The program was jointly organized by SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) and BSAFE Foundation. The consultation program aims to discuss the current situation of food safety, issues, challenges and way-forward to



Director SAC was offering crest to the Hon'ble Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque, MP.

overcome challenges in the SAARC region.

Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, graced the program as the chief guest. Mr. Md. Nasiruzzaman, Honorable Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture was present as the special guest. Ms. Syeda Sarwar Jahan, Chairman, Bangladesh Food Safety Authority (BFSA) and Dr. Md. Kabir Ikramul Haque, Executive Chairman, BARC were present as guests of honor. Dr. Mohammed Zainul Abedin, President, BSAFE Foundation presided over the inaugural function.

Dr. Debashish Mazumder, Senior Research Scientist, Project Lead-Food Provenance-Environmental Research, Australia presented the key note speech on *Towards the Development of Food Safety and Traceability Tools for Sustainable Human Health and Business: A Need for*

Larger Cooperation of the program.

The consultation meeting was attended by more than 300 participants from different institutions and organizations of SAARC member countries- Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

After the inauguration, technical sessions took place and status papers on eight countries were presented on *Food Safety in South Asia Region: Current Status, Policy Perspective and Way Forward* including policy recommendations for countries and the region. In the second day, invited speakers from Bangladesh and India shared their experiences on challenges and way forward on food safety in South Asia. Last day of the meeting, the participants visited the intervention on food safety management in Comilla on 28th August 2019.



A view of the program of Food Safety in South Asia Region

Strengthening Research-Extension Linkage for Sylhet Region



Pictorial of the guests and speakers of the workshop on 'Strengthening Research-Extension Linkage' for Sylhet region

Project Management Unit (PMU), NATP-2 organized a day-long workshop on *Strengthening Research-Extension Linkage for Sylhet Region* at Excelsior Sylhet hotel and resort, Khadimpara, Sylhet on 24 August, 2019. About 150 participants from DAE, DoF, DLS, BARI, BRRI, BINA, BLRI, SRDI, BADC of Sylhet region and World Bank, Dhaka office and PIUs and PMU of NATP-2 attended the workshop. The objectives of the workshop were to strengthen the linkage between research and extension, and to identify promising regional scalable technologies suitable for dissemination in the region.

Mr. Sanat Kumar Saha, Project Director, PMU, NATP-2 and Additional Secretary (Extension), MoA attended the workshop as the chief guest. Mr. Md. Shahjahan, Additional Director, DAE, Sylhet region, Sylhet presided over the inaugural session. The special guests were Mr. Md. Motiur Rahman, Project Director (Designate), PMU, NATP-2 and Additional Secretary, GoB; Mr. Md. Manzur Hasan Bhuiya, Deputy Project Director, PMU, NATP-2 and Joint Secretary, GoB; Dr. Abdul Jabber Sikder, Director (Admin & Animal Health), DLS, Dhaka; Dr. S. M. Sharifuzzaman, Chief Scientific Officer, RARS, BARI, Akbarpur, Moulvibazar; and Mr. Md. Ahsan Hashib Khan, Senior Assistant Director, DD office, DoF, Sylhet Division, Sylhet.

In the technical session, scientists from BARI, BRRI, BINA, BSRI, BLRI, SRDI presented regional matured technologies suitable for dissemination to farmers. The Project Director urged to strengthen coordination among the relevant departments and disseminate the selected technologies to CIG farmers. Upon discussion among the researchers, extension providers and policy makers, the following technologies were selected for dissemination to the farmers from the upcoming Kharif-2 season.

BARI scientists recommended some fruits, maize, oilseed and management technologies for the area. BRRI scientists suggested to replace the old rice varieties with new ones. NARS scientists also suggested to upscale the modern varieties of different crops in the greater Sylhet region.

Extension officers of the region opined that it would be possible to grow these newly released varieties and they are hopeful in extending the Aus variety BRRI dhan 48 in Sylhet region as it is the most suitable variety for the region. They will also take efforts to preserve the demonstration seeds so that the seeds can be readily made available to farmers. The researchers also stressed that they would be able to provide sapling of the fruit varieties on advance request is made to them

Agriculture Technology Extension Coordination Committee (ATECC) Meeting on Kharif-2 Season /2019

A meeting of ATECC (Agriculture Technology Extension Coordination Committee) was held at

BARC on 05 August, 2019 for Kharif-2 Season/2019. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Md. Kabir Ikramul



A view of the Agriculture Technology Extension Coordination Committee (ATECC) Meeting on Kharif-2 Season /2019

Haque, Executive Chairman, BARC. Dr. Wais Kabir, Executive Director, KGF, Dr. Md. Abdul Mueyed, DG, DAE, Md. Hamidur Rahman, Ex DG, DAE and Dr. Fauzia Yasmin, Director, TTMU, BARC attended in this meeting & conveyed their valuable suggestions. All the participants of ATECC from NARS institutes (BARI, BRRI, BINA, BSRI, BJRI, CDB, SRDI), DAE, DAM,

BADC, AIS, BIRTAN, SCA, Hortex foundation and BARC also attended the meeting. Md. Abdul Majid, Deputy Director, Extension, DAE explained the work plan of crop demo, technology demo, field day, training, follow up activities of seed distribution of aus, aman, boro rice, wheat, mustard, ground nut and jute for 2019-20.

AFACI Program Workshop on Horticulture, Extension and Food Crops September



Group photograph of the participants of AFACI Program Workshop on Horticulture, Extension and Food Crops" held at Phnom Penh, Cambodia during 02-06 September 2019

AFACI funded project entitled *Establishment of Network and Model Manual on Post-harvest Technology of Horticultural Crops in Bangladesh & 'Salt Tolerant Rice'* were implemented by Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) in collaboration with Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) during January 2016 to December 2018 in second phase. Dr. Md. Abdus Salam, chief scientific officer (Crops),

BARC and Co-principal Investigator of the project participated in the AFACI Program Workshop on Horticulture, Extension and Food Crops held on September 2-6, 2019, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The objective of the programme workshop was to create high-impact results on Horticulture Program among AFACI member countries; assess the progress of the projects; and to discuss Project Completion Report.

Participants of 14 member countries including Bangladesh, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Korea, Bhutan and Myanmar were attended to this workshop. Dr. Md. Abdus Salam from Bangladesh presented country report on "Establishment of Network and Model Manual on Post-harvest Technology of Horticultural Crops in Bangladesh". The outcome of the project – the trained farmers followed improved postharvest handling technologies which resulted postharvest losses 28.12 to 12.68% and farmer's income increased USD 339 per season ultimately the livelihood of trained farmers improved. After presentation, there was open discussion session on country reports and sharing

knowledge among the members of different countries.

Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid, Principal Investigator of Salt Tolerant Rice Project from Bangladesh & Principal Scientific Officer (Crops) Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council was also participated & presented the country report. He also actively participated in the discussion of future planning of the project. The aim of Bangladesh is to select elite advance lines of salt tolerant rice that can tolerate more than 8 dS/m at critical stages. Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council in collaboration with Bangladesh Rice Research Institute and Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture has been implementing the project in the saline area of Satkhira district.



AFACI Salt Tolerant Rice Project Team participated in the AFACI Program Workshop on Horticulture, Extension and Food Crops" held at Phnom Penh, Cambodia during 02-06 September 2019

Annual Review Workshop on Biotechnology Research of NARS Institutes, Universities & Private Sector

A day long review workshop on *Annual Review Workshop on Biotechnology Research of NARS Institutes, Universities and Private Sector: Research Progress of 2018-19 and Research Programme of 2019-20* held at BARC on 26 September, 2019. The objective of the workshop was to review the progress of 2018-19 and research programme of 2019-20 of NARS Institutes, Agricultural Universities and private sector to avoid duplication of research and to review the proposed research programmes in alliance with different vision documents and priority research. Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Member Director, Crops, BARC chaired the inaugural session. The Executive Chairman of BARC, Dr. Md. Kabir Ekramul Haque was present as the chief

guest. Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid, principal scientific officer, Crops, BARC welcomed the participants and discussed the formats for reporting and research priority areas related to biotechnology alliance with Biotechnology Policy 2012, BARC Research Priority, 7th FYP and Agriculture Policy 2018 etc. The chief guest emphasized the research in technology development for stress environment using biotechnology and nanotechnology. The session chair, Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury stressed strengthening cooperation in biotechnological research and integration among NARS institutes, agricultural universities and private sector for efficient resource utilization.

There were three technical sessions where scientists of

NARS institutes viz. BRRI, BARI, BINA, BJRI, BSRI, BSRTI & CDB, faculty members of Bangladesh Agricultural University and Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University and scientists of ACI Limited participated the workshop. Professor Dr. Rekha Hari Sarkar, Department of Botany, University of Dhaka chaired the Technical Session-I and Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Member Director, Crops chaired the Technical Session II & III. Professor Dr. Rekha Hari Sarkar, Department of Botany, DU; Dr. M. Amzad Hossain, DG, BSRI; Professor Dr. Md. Shahidul Haque, Department of Biotechnology BAU, Professor Dr. Fahmida Khatun, Department of Biotechnology, BAU and Dr. Md. Shamsher Ali, Former DG, BINA were present as expert members.

Respective representative participating organizations presented their research progress (2018-19) and research programmes (2019-20) on biotechnology. Major crops such as rice, potato, mustard, canola, cassava, tomato, country bean, jute, sugarcane, cotton, silkworm and mulberry were discussed in the programme. The nano-technology research initiative of Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering (IBGE) under BSMRAU was also discussed in the event.

The expert members appreciated the progress and proposed research programmes of the concerned NARS institutes, agricultural universities and private sector. However, some suggestions and recommendations were made by the experts and valued participants, which are to be included in developing research programmes towards achieving the vision 2021 and onward.

Review Workshop on Crop Improvement Programme of NARS Institutes



Inaugural Session of the Review Workshop on Crop Improvement Programme of NARS Institutes: Research Progress, 2018-19 & Research Programme, 2019-20 held at BARC during 22-23 September, 2019.

A two day long review workshop on *Crop Improvement Programme of NARS institutes* was held at BARC during 22-23 September, 2019. Dr. Md. Kabir Ikramul Haque, Executive Chairman of BARC was present as chief guest and Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Member Director, Crops, BARC chaired the inaugural session. Dr. Md. Abdus Salam, chief scientific officer, Crops, BARC welcomed and briefed the recommendation of 2018 review workshop. Dr. Md. Kabir Ikramul Haque emphasized high crop productivity in respect of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aligning 7th Five Years Plan. The chief guest also opined to ensure nutritional security, more thrust to be given on vegetables and fruits research and development. The chairperson of

the session Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury uttered that collaboration among the NARS institutes needs to be strengthened for avoiding duplication of research and proper utilization of available resources for the development of climate resilience technologies. He also mentioned that to enrich gene pool, collection of genetic resources programme should be strengthened and argued that research on emerging issues like blast of wheat and rice to be strengthened.

Five technical sessions covering improvement of varieties through Conventional Breeding of Cereal Crops (rice, wheat, maize, sorghum, millets etc.), Oilseeds and Pulses, Horticultural Crops (fruits, vegetables, spices, tuber crops etc); Varietal Improvement through mutation were

reviewed along with recommendation session. Scientists of BARI, BRRI, BINA, BJRI, BSRI, BTRI, CDB, & BSRTI participated in the workshop. Dr. Lutfur Rahman, former Prof. BAU; Dr. Mohammad Jalal Uddin, former EC, BARC; Prof. Dr. Md. Shahidur Rashid Bhuiyan, SAU, & Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Member Director, Crops chaired the Technical Session I, II, III and IV respectively. Dr. Bhagya Rani Banik, former EC, BARC; Dr. Lutfur Rahman, former Prof., BAU; Prof. Dr. Shah-E- Alam, Vice Chancellor, City University; Prof. Dr. Md. Shahidur Rashid Bhuiyan, SAU; Dr. Md. Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan, Former DG, BRRI & Dr. Md. Shamsher Ali, Former DG, BINA were present as expert members in the workshop.

Respective scientists of eight NARS institutes presented their research progress (2018-19) & research programmes

(2019-20) on crop improvement. Almost all major crops such as rice, maize, vegetables, fruits, tuber crops, flower, jute, mesta, kenaf, sugar-crops, cotton, tea, silkworm and mulberry were included in the crop improvement programme.

The expert members discussed the research programmes and achievements in different crops addressed by the NARS institutes. The experts appreciated the research progress and technology developed by the crop research institutes as well as ongoing research programme. Besides, the experts call attention to address the issues of changing climate and to develop more climate resilient technologies. However, comments and suggestions were made by the experts and participants, which forwarded to respective institute for implementation.

Annual Review Workshop on Crop Production Programme of NARS Institutes

A review *workshop on crop production programme of NARS Institutes* was held at the Conference Room-1 of BARC during 24-25 September, 2019. The objective of the workshop was to review the progress of 2018-19 & research programme of 2019-20 of nine NARS Institutes to avoid duplication of research and to review the proposed research programmes in alliance with different vision documents and priority research. The inaugural session was chaired by Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Member-Director, Crops Division and Dr. Md. Kabir Ikramul Haque, Executive Chairman, BARC was the chief guest. Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid, Principal Scientific Officer (Crops), BARC welcomed the participants. He briefed the formats of reporting and power point

presentation which provided to the NARS organizations prior to the workshop. The chief guest emphasized that the crop production research should be aligned with different vision documents. He also advised to become ready with the technology to cope with the probable trade threat due to becoming a middle income country. The Session Chair, Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury emphasized that physiological research is to be integrated with other crop production research to cope up with the stressed environment. He opined that the review programme creates an opportunity to share research output, experiences, idea which can stimulate scientists of NARS.

Five technical sessions in the workshop were chaired by



Inaugural Session of the Review Workshop on Crop Production Programme of NARS Institutes: Research Progress, 2018-19 & Research Programme, 2019-20 held at BARC during 24-25 September, 2019

Dr. Md. Rafiqul Islam Mondal, former DG, BARI; Professor Dr. Abdul Hamid, former Professor, Department of Agronomy, BSMRAU; Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque, former Executive Chairman, BARC; Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Member Director, Crops Division, BARC & Professor Dr. Md. Abdus Siddique, former Professor, Department of Horticulture, BAU. The concluding session was chaired by Dr. Md. Kabir Ekramul Haque, Executive Chairman, BARC. Professor Dr. M. A. Siddique (retired), Department of Horticulture, BAU; Professor Dr. Abdul Hamid (retired), Department of Agronomy, BSMRAU; Dr. Md. Rafiqul Islam Mondal, former Director General, BARI; Dr. M. A. Quayyum, former CSO, OFRD, BARI; Dr. M. A. Mazid, Former CSO (Agronomy), BRRI, Dr. Md. Hazrat Ali, Programme Specialist (Field Crops), KGF & Dr. Moin-Us-Salam, Former Professor, Department of Agronomy, BAU were present as expert members in the workshop.

Respective scientists of nine NARS institutes presented their research progress (2018-19) and research programmes (2019-20) on crop production programmes viz. agronomy, physiology, adaptive research, on-farm research, and technology transfer etc. of NARS institutes; BRRI, BARI, BINA, BJRI, BSRI, BWMRI, CDB, BTRI and BSRTI. The expert members discussed research programme targeting national goal are to be undertaken to reduce workload and ensure quality research. They also highlighted to initiate specific plan for increasing total productivity. Besides, the four cropped cropping patterns were appreciated for specific areas and land types with special consideration on soil health. The experts opined that the crop production programme has been improving over the time. However, comments and suggestions were made by the valued experts and participants that has been forwarded to respective institutes for implementation.

Annual Review Workshop on Disease Management Program of NARS Institutes



Review Workshop on Disease Management Programme of NARS Institutes: Research Progress 2018-19 & Research Programme 2019-20 held at BARC on 29 September 2019

A day long *Annual Review Workshop on Disease Management Programme of NARS Institutes for Research Progress 2018-19 & Research Program 2019-20* was held on 29 September 2019 at Conference Room-1 of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC). The workshop was aimed to avoid duplication of programmes among NARS institutes and to develop programmes based on the national priority. The program was graced by Dr. Md. Kabir Ikramul Haque as the chief guest. The inaugural session of the workshop was chaired by Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Member Director

(crops), BARC. In the inaugural session Dr. Md. Abdus Salam, Chief Scientific Officer (Crops), BARC welcomed and briefed the last year's recommendation of the workshop.

There were two technical sessions followed by concluding session. Dr. Biresh Kumar Goswami, Director General, BINA, Mymensingh chaired the Technical Session-I and Prof. Dr. Ismail Hossain Mian, Dept. of Plant Pathology, BSMRAU chaired the Technical Session-II.

Four expert members namely Dr. Hamiz Uddin Ahmed,

former Director (Research), BARI; Professor Dr. M. Ismail Hossain Mian, Dept. of Plant Pathology, BSMRAU, Gazipur; Professor Dr. M. Bahadur Meah, Dept. of Plant Pathology, BAU, Mymensingh and Dr. Tapan Kumer Dey, Senior Program Specialist (Crops), Krishi Gobeshona Foundation (KGF), Dhaka were present in the workshop. Scientists of NARS institutes viz. BARI, BRRI, BJRI, BSRI, BINA, BWMRI, CDB & BSRTI presented their research

progress (2018-19) & research programmes (2019-20) on disease management of different crops. After threadbare discussion, the expert opinions/recommendations were made where disease surveillance and monitoring was highlighted due to resurgence and emergence of new diseases in respect of climate change. The recommendations as proceeding of the review workshop were forwarded to respective institutes for the improvement of the research programmes.

Review Workshop on Insect Pest Management Programmes of NARS Institutes



Inaugural Session of the Review Workshop on Insect Pest Management held at BARC on 30 September 2019

Research Progress, 2018-19 and Research Programmes, 2019-20 were discussed on 30 September 2019 at Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council. The workshop aimed to avoid duplication of programmes among NARS institutes, to develop programmes based on the national priority and to bring into notice of NARS scientists of current research activities through a participatory discussion. The inaugural session of the workshop was chaired by Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Member Director, Crops Division, BARC. Dr. Md. Kabir Ikramul Haque, Executive Chairman of BARC was present as chief guest. In the inaugural session Dr. Md. Abdus Salam, chief scientific officer, Crops, BARC welcomed and briefed recommendation of 2018 workshop. Chief guest emphasized on judicious applications of insecticide to ensure the production of safe and quality food.

There were two technical sessions followed by a concluding session. Dr. Syed Nurul Alam, Former

Director (Planning and Evaluation), BARI, Gazipur chaired the Technical Session-I and Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Member Director, Crops Division, BARC chaired the Technical Session-II. Three expert members namely Dr. Syed Nurul Alam, Former Director (Planning and Evaluation), BARI; Prof. Dr. Khandakar Shariful Islam, Dept. of Entomology, BAU and Prof. Dr. Md. Ramiz Uddin Miah, Dept. of Entomology, BSMRAU were present in the workshop. Scientists of eight NARS institutes viz. BARI, BRRI, BJRI, BSRI, BINA, BWMRI, CDB and BSTRI presented their research progress (2018-19) and research programmes (2019-20) on insect pest management of different crops. After a threadbare discussion, the expert recommendations were made to manage insect pest through bio-rationals and minimum use of chemicals. Likewise surveying insect pests incidence and severity on different crops at different growth stages at various locations regularly together with recording weather data to formulate research strategy for

particular area in respect a of global warming. The recommendations were forwarded to the respective institutes for necessary actions.

Modern Library & Information Management System learnt from Australia Study Visit

A delegation of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council, NARS & MoA visited Australia as a part of the study visit program of the National Agricultural Technology Program (NATP-2, PIU-BARC) with a view to focusing on ICT in library management.

Among the team members are Dr. Susmita Das, Principal Documentation Officer, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC), Dhaka; Hasan Md Hamidur Rahman, Director, Computer and GIS Unit, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC), Dhaka; Md Shohid Uddin Bhuyan, System Analyst, Computer and GIS Unit, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC), Dhaka and Saleha Khatoun, senior librarian, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC), Dhaka.

Md Saiful Islam, Principal Scientific Officer, ASICT Division, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute, Gazipur; Md Mohoshin Ahmed Chowdhury, librarian, Ministry of Agriculture, Dhaka; Pollab Kumar Roy, Assistant programmer, Ministry of Agriculture, Dhaka; The team paid a visit to some renowned institutions in Library and Information sector across the country, including the State Library Victoria, Commonwealth Science and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO), Information Services, RMIT University Library, Department of Primary Industries, Information Services (DPI), State Library of NSW, Australian Library and

Information Association (ALIA) and the National Library of Australia.

The study program commenced on Monday 1st July with a visit to the State Library Victoria. The team visited the Commonwealth Science and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO), Information Services and Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT), University Library on Tuesday, 2 July 2019.

The Department of Primary Industries was inspected by the team on Wednesday 3rd July and Information Services (DPI) & the State Library of NSW on 4th July, and Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) and the National Library of Australia were visited by the team on 5th July. The program was coordinated by Mohammed Abu Jafar Khan, Emon.

The team members are benefited with some sorts of technological knowledge that they got from Australia visit. They think that the library modernization system in terms of infrastructure, logistics/facilities, contents etc. would help BARC & NARS Institutes deliver effective and efficient information management system such as automatic book sorter. The visit would facilitate the team to introduce online library management system along with search tool like Primo in their own institutions in order to find and access information about a wide range of print and electronic resources from a single search point.



Delegates from Bangladesh including BARC, NARS & MoA

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