



Rush of youths at the Job Fair organised by Jubok at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city yesterday (Story on page 7). —Independent photo

Job Fair creates opportunities for direct recruitment

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The opening day of a two-day 'Job Fair', organised by Jubok - a job employment society for the youth, has seen some 50,000 applicants submitting forms for 300 posts of different categories in twenty different local companies as part of a recruitment process at the Osmani Memorial Hall in the city yesterday.

Another 50,000 (approx.) applicants are expected to appear today. Earlier, more than 60,000 candidates applied online before closing on August 3rd. So, 1,50,000 candidates could ultimately end up applying for only 300 vacancies! This presents a very dismal picture of the job market.

Dr. Osman Faruq, the Minister for Education, inaugurated the 'Job Fair August 2005' as chief guest. The programme was presided over by the country Director of The Hunger Project Bangladesh Dr. Bodiul Alam Majumdar. State Minister for Expatriate Welfare and Foreign Employment Ministry Major (rtd) Md. Qamrul Islam, State Minister for Labor and Employment Ministry Aman Ullah Aman, Chairman of NTV Mossadek Ali, Secretary of Information Ministry Dr. Mahbubur Rahman, FBCCI President Abdul Awal Mintu, President of National Press Club Riaz Uddin Ahmed, Director General of youth development S. M. Waliur Rahman, Executive Director

of Pubali Bank Ltd. Khadokar Ibrahim Khalid, and Chairman of Employment Bank A. K. M. Abdur Jabbar were present on the occasion as special guests.

The Minister, in his speech, emphasised on the need for developing the informal sector and to create entrepreneur friendly environment within the country.

"Jubok thinks that fulfillment of the goal of creating employment opportunities for the people can only be achieved with a coordinated efforts from many quarters, and we are working

towards creating a 'positive movement' in this regard", said Executive Director of Jubok, Hossain Al Masum. Mentioning the number of applicants 'too many' Saifuddin Khan Chowdhury, an applicant at the fair, said, "I came here to get a job in Jubok phone that is coming into the market soon, and I think those with experience will only get the jobs here."

Two sessions were held in the afternoon for a better and positive understanding between the job seekers and employers. The organisers think that this will bring about a change or alter the course of traditional education and techniques of teachings in the country according to the needs of the market demand. A seminar will be held at the same venue in the morning to discuss on the issue, which will be presided over by Professor Mozaffar Ahmed Chowdhury.

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