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5-lakh skilled workforces to be produced by 2020

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The six-year term (2014-2020) Skills for Employment Investment Program (SEIP) is being implemented successfully by the government in the country to produce five lakh skilled workforces by 2020. Gender and Social Development Specialist of SEIP of Finance Division of Ministry of Finance Satyajit Karmaker revealed the information while addressing a district level orientation workshop on Wednesday as the chief guest.

The district administration in association with People's Initiative for Advancement, Change and Transformation (PIACT) Bangladesh organized the event at conference room of the Deputy Commissioner in Rangpur city. The event was arranged to strengthen social campaign for bringing the targeted people, including 30 percent women, especially unprivileged and disabled people, under SEIP on priority basis to turn them into skilled workforces.

The Finance Division is implementing SEIP involving government training institutions, industrial organisations, associate institutions of Palli Karma Sohayok Foundation and of Small and Medium Enterprise Division of Bangladesh Bank. Officials, representatives of NGOs and institutions providing training under SEIP, public representatives, journalists, representatives of different organisations working for welfare of disabled people and socially backward communities participated.

With ADC (General) Ruhul Amin Mian in the chair, ADC (Revenue) Rabiul Islam, Additional District Magistrate Abu Raza Mohammad Arif, Sadar upazila Chairman Nasima Zaman Boby, addressed as special guests. Content Development Specialist of PIACT Bangladesh Dr Aliur Rahman delivered keynote presentation on 'Social Marketing of SEIP' and forwarded suggestions for successful implementation of the program.

Satyajit Karmaker moderated the open discussion session and discussed about SEIP being implemented to produce skilled human resources for ensuring inclusive growth. "Five lakh people, including 30 percent women, will get training by 2020, unprivileged, ethnic minority and

disabled population are getting special priority and, of them, 70 percent will get jobs on successful completion of training," he added.

He said Bangladesh has enormous human resources, 65 percent of total population as demographic dividend, to move forward by turning them into skilled human resources. He called for reaching information about SEIP among unprivileged people at grassroots levels to turn all able citizens.

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