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Nursing as a job worldwide

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HAVING been poverty stricken and overpopulated, we are presently passing a transit period. The government has to take various welfare programmes in order to eradicate poverty. But the collection of taxes for the government is not upto expectation because of the unawareness of people and limitations of law and order situation. As a result, it has become difficult for the government to provide food rationing, clothing, health and education facilities at a reasonable fee to the poor. So alternative employment scopes are the probable solution to eradication of poverty. In a populated country like Bangladesh opportunities for employment and self-employment is limited. We ought to search for employment opportunities worldwide. In the world job market, nursing professionals from Bangladesh may have a bright prospect.

In western countries especially in Europe and America about 2.5 lac positions of nurses are lying vacant. These jobs are attractive in respect of remuneration. In America a senior nurse receives the amount as monthly salary almost equal to that of a

senior professor at the university level. So if Bangladesh can avail the opportunities of holding 50000 posts of nurses which are only 20% of the vacant position in the western world, our problem of unemployment will be solved to some extent. At the same time an income-earning nurse can afford to shoulder a responsibility of 10 persons and hence the 50000 nurses would provide a good life and living for 5 lac people.

ed and middle class youths are reluctant to join this profession. Apart from this, our society does not treat the professional nurses positively. That is why,

Bangladeshi women are not very attracted to this profession and men are not attracted at all. Secondly, the curriculum which exists in nursing profession is not of international standard. So it is imperative for us to follow the international market for nursing profession. We need to up-

western curriculum at a relatively low cost at home in Bangladesh. Secondly, they have to achieve requisite scores in TOEFL and IELTS. Thirdly, they have to have competence in computing. Fourthly, they should be attractive and smart especially in respect of conversation, behaviour and inter-personal relations. At the same time as in India, we should conduct exams on nursing of American and European curriculum of nurses. Only

sponsible for delay in implementation of such plan if any. In this context modern nursing education and training may be conducted by private institutions. There are so many institutions including private universities which are willing to invest in the field of education and nursing. But things are made complex because these service-oriented sectors are not treated as an industry.

So these private and service-oriented institu-

private universities can be taken promptly. Constructive decisions will never go astray due to bureaucratic complex. If private universities and other academic institutions are declared as service oriented sector, standard of education will be ensured and our youths will have easier access to international job market. In our country there is prejudice against nursing profession in connection with society, religion and culture. That is why the youths and their parents are often reluctant in choosing this profession. Such outlook does not reveal productive mentality. The government and local and foreign NGOs should take initiative in this regard.

At the same time if we can prepare rich curriculum and apply it to nursing education, it can help us remove poverty. Our nurses both male and female can get jobs abroad with a high salary. Thus the country will earn huge foreign currency. It will also facilitate to expand employment facilities internationally which will ultimately remove poverty.

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In other words, Bangladesh has a great opportunity to remove poverty by sending the trained nurses to the developed countries. In Bangladesh nursing profession is not very attractive. Firstly, the attitude of the people of Bangladesh towards the nursing profession is not positive. In general educat-

hold a positive outlook in this regard and inform Bangladeshi youths of the high paying job market world wide for the nursing professionals.

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tions should get recognition as industries and the organizations from home and abroad should be informed accordingly. Then the institutions like private universities will be able to initiate the infrastructural development as well as improvement of the standard of education. It is because the resolutions in