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Title: Bangladesh and it's Education System

Abstract:

Bangladesh is a country in South Asia. It shares land borders with India and Myanmar (Burma) and maritime boarder with the BAY of Bangal. It is eighth most populous country (166.7 million) in the world. Bangladesh achieved it's sovereignty in 1971 from the then East Pakistan. It has 147,570 km² land area. The country is notable for its soil fertility land and agriculture is the largest sector of the economy followed industry, expatriate. Bangladesh, a developing country with a market-based mixed economy is one of the Next Eleven emerging markets. Its per-capita income was US\$1,754 in 2018, with a GDP of \$285 billion.

The riverine Bangladesh ("Land of the Bengals") is inhibited predominantly by Muslim and next to them Hindu, Buddha, Christian and small ethnic group. The native language of it's people is Bengali. However, almost all educated people can speak English. Beside that due to the encouragingly obligatory Islamic education, the Muslim can speak the Quranic language Arabic. The peoples of Bangladesh also enjoy various respective religious festivals, Bengali festivals and the national victory days with due respects every year. Bangladesh is located in the subtropical zone and consists of six seasons. The winter is starting from the end of November

and ends by the middle of the February. The lowest temperature during the winter recorded to be 6 and highest 25. In the summer highest temperature recorded 38. Bangladesh is a land of fertile soil various types of delicious tropical fruits such as Mango, Litchi, Pineapple, Guava, sugar palm etc are available. Rice, wheat, maize, pulse and mastered are the main crops. The country has several landscapes, mountain, world longest sea beach, the largest mangrove forest, fountains and anthropological structures that highly attracts the tourists from country and abroad.



The educational system of Bangladesh has three mainstream (General education- Science, Medical, Dental, Engineering, Arts and Social Science and Business; Madrasa Education-Islamic rules and regulations; Technical Educations- Special training on various technology) four stages- Elementary/Primary (Class 0-5), Junior Secondary (Class 6-8), Secondary (Class 9-10), Higher Secondary (Class 11-12) and Higher education (Bachelor and above).

There are 153 universities and 2402 colleges for higher education on different disciplines, more than 400 vocational institutes for technical education. Less than 5% of the 17-25 age peoples are taking higher education. Among them a large number of Bangladeshi students taking Doctoral studies abroad There are more than 30 research institute. Beside that there are more than 10000 religious education institute (Madrasa).