

Improve ease of doing business

Experts urge govt at DCCI virtual discussion

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Bangladesh should focus on creating an effective business-friendly environment and improving the ease of doing business in the country, top businesses said in a virtual discussion yesterday.

"The ease of doing business is essential to reduce the cost of business as global trade is getting more competitive," said Rizwan Rahman, president of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI).

After the United Nations status graduation in 2026, Bangladesh will lose most of the preferential trade benefits, which may hurt the country's competitive export market, he said at the event.

Given these circumstances, it is high time to address the bottlenecks, reduce time, process and cost in all criteria of the doing

business and streamline the entire process towards lifting the indicators of the index, he added. The Dhaka chamber organised the event on the "Current reforms in the ease of doing business in Bangladesh and preparedness for the future".

The ease of doing business is a big thing, said Sirazul Islam, executive chairman of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (Bida), as the chief guest.

"We would not like to mainly focus on scoring high. Rather, we are trying to create a business-friendly environment. Some of the reforms have already been brought about by the government, through the coordination of the Bida," he said.

He, therefore, requested the private sector to take note of the reforms and reports based on facts.

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Bida needs to be strengthened more, he said, adding, "If you have any observation on the reforms made, you can tell us."

"Investors always want to know the ranking before making any investment and in that context we need to improve in the ranking," said Md Billal Hossain, additional secretary to Bida. He requested businesspeople to get to know more about the reforms.

Jibon Krishna Saha Roy, director of Bida, gave a presentation where he highlighted the reforms already brought about by the government. Asif Ibrahim, chairman of Chittagong Stock Exchange, also spoke.



(Top, from left) BIDA Executive Chairman Md Sirazul Islam, DCCI President Rizwan Rahman and other distinguished experts take part in a webinar on 'Current reforms in the Ease of Doing Business in Bangladesh and preparedness for the future' organised by the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI) on Tuesday

Coordination between govt agencies, pvt sector needed to attract FDI

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Apart from the government initiatives, positive response from the private sector about the business environment is essential for performing well in the Ease of Doing Business ranking, speakers said at a programme on Tuesday.

They also said better coordination between the government agencies and the private sector is required to attract more foreign direct investments (FDIs) in the country.

The observations came at a virtual discussion meeting on "Current Reforms in Ease of Doing Business in Bangladesh and Preparedness for the Future" organised by Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI).

Presided over by DCCI President Rizwan Rahman, Bangladesh Investment Development Authority

Speakers tell DCCI discussion

(BIDA) Executive Chairman Md Sirazul Islam addressed the programme as the chief guest while BIDA executive member (investment environment services) Md. Billal Hossain as the special guest.

Discussing different aspects of EoDB ranking prepared by the World Bank (WB), Mr Islam said there are two aspects of the EoDB. Firstly, the WB set some targets for reform of service delivery and secondly, a survey is conducted to take response from the businesses about reforms.

Mentioning that BIDA always welcomes criticisms and suggestions from its stakeholders, he said in some cases, it is observed that reforms of different

services don't reflect in the ranking properly.

"If reforms are not helpful for the businesses, I request them to come forward with further evaluation of our work so that the government service deliveries get smoother."

Mr Islam acknowledged that it is easier to give an instruction from policymaking level but it is not always easy to do the task at implementation stage.

To provide one-stop services (OSS) to businesses, BIDA has so far signed MoUs with 25 government agencies of which 48 services of the 16 agencies are now available under OSS, he added.

In phases, he said, over 150 government services will be available under OSS platform.

Referring to commercial dispute

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resolution, he said BIDA has been holding talks with Law and Justice Division to set up two dedicated courts in Dhaka and Chattogram to resolve commercial disputes.

The DCCI president said after successful economic graduation in 2026, Bangladesh will lose most of the preferential trade facilities which may hurt our competitive export market.

In this context, he said, the EoDB is essential for reducing the cost of business as global trade is getting more competitive.

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stances, it is high time to redress the bottlenecks, reduce time, process and cost in all criteria of the doing business and streamline the entire process towards lifting the indicators of the index.

Mr Rizwan also urged the government to make cross-border trade paperless with automated customs clearance for low-cost trade process, and fasten the Corrective Action Plan for implementing trade facilitation agreement.

He said time-bound reforms and improvement roadmap will be inevitable to take the economy into a new stature aligning with

the vision of the government in the changing geo-economic order.

BIDA executive member Mr Hossain said investors always want to know the ranking before any investment and in that context, the ranking needs to be improved.

He requested the private sector to response the survey considering the reforms which have already been done.

Highlighting the reforms of service delivery, BIDA Director Jibon Krishna Saha Roy said the private sector needs to be aware of these reforms for their preparedness to response in the survey.

To improve in the ranking, he said, significant reforms have been made in the area of land transfer, trade licence, construction permits, registering property, getting electricity connections, getting credit, time to export have been reduced.

Chairman of Chittagong Stock Exchange Ltd (CSE) Asif Ibrahim, Bangladesh Freight Forwarders Association president Kabir Ahmed and economist MS Siddiqui also spoke at the programme while DCCI Senior Vice President N K AMobin gave vote of thanks.

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Call for improvement in ease of doing business

TRADE - BANGLADESH

TBS REPORT

Creating an effective business-friendly environment is more important, they said

Business leaders have called for creating a favourable environment for doing business and improving Bangladesh's position in the ease of doing business (EODB) index.

They made the remarks in a discussion meeting on the current reforms in the ease of doing business in Bangladesh and preparedness for the future. The meeting was recently organised by the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI), reads a press release on Tuesday.

Md Sirazul Islam, executive chairman, Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (Bida) joined the programme as the chief guest.

Addressing the discussion, DCCI President Rizwan Rahman said after successful economic graduation in 2026, Bangladesh will lose most of the preferential trade facilities which may hurt our competitive export market.

In this context, the EODB is essential to reduce the cost of business as global trade is getting more competitive.

Rahman said it is high time to redress the bottlenecks, reduce time, process and cost in all criteria of doing business and streamline the entire process towards lifting the indicators of the [EODB] index.

"To make cross-border trade paperless with automated customs clearance for low-cost trade process, we need to fasten the Corrective Action plan (CAP) for implementing Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)," Rahman suggested.

Md Sirazul Islam said Bida's main focus is to create a business-friendly environment rather than just trying to scoring in the EODB index.

He called on the private sector to go through the reforms made by the government, in coordination with Bida. **I SEE PAGE 4 COL 1**

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"Company to company land transfer now can be done by 7 days," he informed, adding that there will be separate courts for dispute resolution under enforcing of contracts.

Speaking as a special guest at the discussion, Md Billal Hossain, additional secretary (Executive Member 5) of Bida, said Bangladesh's position in the EODB ranking needs to be improved as investors always want to know the ranking before investing.

Also, he reiterated Sirazul Islams's call for private sector businessmen to know about the reforms that have taken place.

Meanwhile, Jibon Krishna Saha Roy, director of Bida, highlighted the reforms made by the government in a PowerPoint presentation.

"To improve in the ranking, some of the major reforms

have been made. For example, the time limit for getting a land transfer, trade license, construction permits, registering property, getting electricity connections, getting credit, time to export have been reduced. Moreover, the number of procedures and costs for the various indexes have been reduced," he said.

Chittagong Stock Exchange Ltd Chairman Asif Ibrahim, DCCI Director Md Rashedul Karim Munna, Former Director Data Magfur, Member MS Siddiqui, and Bangladesh Freight Forwarders Association President Kabir Ahmed took part in the open discussion session.

They said creating an effective business-friendly environment is more important than improving the ranking in the EODB index.

DCCI Senior Vice President NKA Mobin, FCS, FCA gave the vote of thanks at the programme.

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Demand for creating effective business-friendly environment

Business Correspondent

Speakers at a discussion underscored the need for creating effective business friendly environment besides improving ranking in ease of doing business (EODB).

Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) organized the discussion meeting on the current reforms in the ease of doing business in Bangladesh and preparedness for the future, said a press release on Tuesday.

Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) Executive Chairman Md Sirazul Islam joined the discussion as the chief guest and Additional Secretary (Executive Member 5 of BIDA) Md Billal Hossain joined it as the special guest.

Sirazul Islam said, "Ease of doing business is a bigger thing. We do not like to mainly focus on scoring rather we are trying to create a business friendly environment. Some of the reforms have already been done by the government, for which BIDA is coordinating."

He requested the private sector to go through the reforms and report based on the facts.

"BIDA needs to be strengthened more. If you have any observations on the reforms made, you can tell us. Company to company land transfer now can be done in 7 days," he informed.

He said there will be separate courts for dispute resolution under enforcing of contracts.

Moreover, he said, alternative dispute resolution is also important.

BSS adds: DCCI President Rizwan

Rahman in his remarks said that after successful economic graduation in 2026, Bangladesh will lose most of the preferential trade facilities which may hurt its competitive export market.

In this context, he said, the ease of doing business is essential to reduce the cost of business as global trade is getting more competitive.

Given this circumstances, he said, it is the high time to redress the bottlenecks, reduce time, process and cost in all criteria of the doing business and streamline the entire process towards lifting the indicators of the Index.

"To make cross-border trade paperless with automated customs clearance for low-cost trade process, we need to fasten the Corrective Action plan (CAP) for implementing trade facilitation agreement (TFA)," he added.

He also said that a time-bound reforms and improvement roadmap will be inevitable to take the economy into a new stature aligning with the vision of government in the changing geo-economic order.

Billal Hossain said, "Investors always want to know the ranking before any investment and in that context we need to improve in the ranking."

He requested the private sector to response to the survey considering the reforms already done.

For that, he requested the businessmen to know about the reforms. At present 48 services are being given through the OSS, he said and requested the businessmen to avail these services.

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Stress on business-friendly environment for investment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is working towards creating a business-friendly environment to encourage investment and has already made some reforms, said executive chairman of the country's investment development authority BIDA.

"We are not only focusing on scores, rather trying to create a business-friendly environment. Ease of doing business is a bigger thing," said Md. Sirazul Islam, Executive Chairman of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA).

He made the remarks at a meeting on the current reforms in the ease of doing business in Bangladesh and preparedness for the future, organized by the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) on Tuesday.

Presided over by DCCI President Rizwan Rahman, BIDA executive member Md. Billal Hossain and Director Jibon Krishna Saha Roy also spoke on the occasion.

BIDA executive chairman said some of the reforms have already been accomplished by the government in coordination with the BIDA.

"Company to company land transfer now can be done in seven days. There will be separate courts for dispute resolution under striking contracts. Alternative dispute resolution is also important," he added.

He also requested the private sector to go through the reforms and reports based on the real facts.

Md. Billal Hossain said investors always want to know the ranking before any investment and in that context Bangladesh needs to improve in the ranking.

He said 48 services are currently being offered through the OSS and the businesspeople can avail the services.

Jibon Krishna Saha Roy said, "Some major reforms have been made to improve in the ranking. Now time has been reduced in land transfer, getting trade license, construction permits, registering property, electricity connections, credit

and export process.

DCCI President Rizwan Rahman said after successful economic graduation in 2026, Bangladesh will lose most of the preferential trade facilities which may hurt our competitive export market.

"In this context, the ease of doing business is essential to reduce the cost of business as global trade is getting more competitive," he said.

"Given this circumstances, it is the high time to redress the bottlenecks, reduce time, process and cost in all criteria of the doing business and streamline the entire process towards lifting the indicators of the Index," said Rizwan.

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‘Ease of doing business important for survival in competitive world’

Speakers tell DCCI-BIDA webinar

Business Desk

Referring that the global trade is getting more competitive in the contemporary world, speakers at a virtual discussion meeting on Tuesday expressed that ease of doing business has become very important to reduce the cost of business.

Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI) organized the discussion meeting on the current reforms in the ease of doing business in Bangladesh and preparedness for the future.

Executive Chairman, BIDA Md. Sirazul Islam joined as the chief guest and Md. Billal Hossain, Additional Secretary (Executive Member 5), BIDA joined as special guest.

Executive Chairman, BIDA, while addressing, said ease of doing business is a bigger thing. We do not like to mainly focus on scoring rather we are trying to create a business friendly environment.

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preparedness to response during the survey.

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They said that creating a real effective business friendly environment is more important than improving in the ranking of ease of doing business index.

DCCI Senior Vice President N K A Mobin, FCS, FCA gave the vote of thanks. DCCI Vice President Monowar Hossain and members of the Board of Director were join at the virtual discussion programme.





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■ সমকাল প্রতিবেদক

ব্যবসার পরিচালন ব্যয় কমাতে বিভিন্ন আইন-কানুন ও নীতি সংস্কারের বিকল্প নেই বলে মতামত দিয়েছেন সরকারি নীতিনির্ধারক ও ব্যবসায়ীরা। আর এ জন্য তারা ব্যবসা করা কতটুকু সহজ, তার ওপর বিশ্বব্যাংকের 'ডুইং বিজনেস' সূচকে লক্ষ্যণীয় অগ্রগতির জন্য কার্যকর উদ্যোগ নেওয়ার সুপারিশ করেছেন।

মঙ্গলবার 'বাংলাদেশে ব্যবসা পরিচালনায় ব্যয় কমাতে চলমান সংস্কার এবং ভবিষ্যতের প্রস্তুতি' শীর্ষক ভার্চুয়াল এক আলোচনা সভায় এমন মতামত আসে। ঢাকা চেম্বার অব কমার্স অ্যান্ড ইন্ডাস্ট্রি (ডিসিসিআই) এবং বাংলাদেশ বিনিয়োগ উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষ (বিডা) এর আয়োজন করে।

স্বাগত বক্তব্যে ঢাকা চেম্বারের সভাপতি রিজওয়ান রাহমান বলেন, অর্থনৈতিক প্রবৃদ্ধির গতিধারা অব্যাহত রাখতে বেসরকারি খাতের অবদান নিশ্চিতকল্পে বৈদেশিক বিনিয়োগ আকর্ষণ, এসডিজির লক্ষ্যমাত্রা অর্জন, বৈশ্বিক প্রতিযোগিতায় টিকে থাকা এবং শিল্পায়ন সহায়ক পরিবেশ নিশ্চিত করতে নীতিমালার সহজীকরণ ও ব্যবসাসহায়ক পরিবেশ নিশ্চিতের কোনো বিকল্প নেই। তিনি জানান, ২০২৬ সালে বাংলাদেশ এলভিসি থেকে বের হওয়ার পর পণ্য রপ্তানিতে অগ্রাধিকারমূলক সহায়তা থাকবে না, যা রপ্তানি বাজারে প্রতিযোগিতায় পিছিয়ে পড়ার আশঙ্কা তৈরি করতে পারে। এ অবস্থা থেকে উত্তরণে পণ্যের উৎপাদন ব্যয় কমাতে অবশ্যই ব্যবসা পরিচালন ব্যয় কমানোর প্রতি বেশি মনোনিবেশ করতে হবে।

ডিসিসিআই সভাপতি বলেন, ২০২০ সালে 'ডুইং বিজনেস ইনডেক্স' অনুযায়ী বাংলাদেশের অবস্থান ১৬৮তম। আগের বছরে যা ছিল ১৭৬তম। এ সূচকে আট ধাপ অগ্রগতি সম্ভব হয়েছিল নীতিমালার সংস্কারের কারণে। তিনি উল্লেখ করেন, ভিয়েতনাম, ফিলিপাইন ও ইন্দোনেশিয়ার মতো প্রতিযোগী দেশগুলো অধিক হারে বৈদেশিক বিনিয়োগ আকর্ষণ

করতে পারছে। কারণ, 'ডুইং বিজনেস ইনডেক্স'-এ দেশগুলোর অবস্থান বাংলাদেশের চেয়ে বেশ ভালো।

প্রধান অতিথির বক্তব্যে বিডার নির্বাহী চেয়ারম্যান মো. সিরাজুল ইসলাম বলেন, ব্যবসা পরিচালন সূচকে বাংলাদেশের অবস্থান ডাবল ডিজিটে নামিয়ে আনতে হবে। এ লক্ষ্যে সরকারের গৃহীত সংস্কার কার্যক্রম সম্পর্কে বেসরকারি খাতকে অবহিত করা জরুরি।

সমাধানে সংশ্লিষ্ট সংস্থাগুলোকে অগ্রণী ভূমিকা পালন করতে হবে। তিনি জানান, এক কোম্পানি থেকে অন্য কোম্পানিতে ভূমি হস্তান্তরের নথি নিবন্ধনে সারা ভূমি অফিসে আলাদা বালাম বই ব্যবহার করা হচ্ছে এবং স্বল্প সময়েই ভূমি নিবন্ধন করা যাচ্ছে। প্রক্রিয়াটি বিডার ওএসএসের মাধ্যমে করা যায় কিনা, তা নিয়ে কাজ চলছে। তিনি জানান, ব্যবসায়িক বিরোধ সহজেই নিষ্পত্তি করার জন্য এডিআরের বিকল্প নেই এবং আরবিট্রেশনের নিষ্পত্তিতে সময় নির্ধারণ করা প্রয়োজন।

বিশেষ অতিথির বক্তব্যে বিডার নির্বাহী সদস্য মো. বিল্লাল হোসেন বলেন, ব্যবসা পরিচালন সূচকে অবস্থান ভালো করতে পারলে বহির্বিদেশে বাংলাদেশের ভাবমূর্তি বহুলাংশে বাড়বে। এর ফলে দেশি-বিদেশি বিনিয়োগও বাড়বে। তিনি জানান, বিডার ওয়ান স্টপ সার্ভিসের মাধ্যমে অনলাইনে বর্তমানে ৪৮টি সেবা দেওয়া হচ্ছে।

বিডার পরিচালক জীবন কৃষ্ণ সাহা ওয়েবিনারে মূল প্রবন্ধ উপস্থাপন করেন। তিনি বলেন, ব্যবসা শুরু, ভূমি নিবন্ধন, বিদ্যুৎ সংযোগ প্রাপ্তি, ঋণ প্রাপ্তি, বিনিয়োগকারীদের স্বার্থ সংরক্ষণ, অন্যান্য দেশের সঙ্গে বাণিজ্য এবং কর প্রদান প্রক্রিয়া প্রভৃতি বিষয়ে বেশ কিছু সংস্কার কার্যক্রম বাস্তবায়ন করা হয়েছে। তিনি বিশ্বব্যাংক পরিচালিত জরিপে উত্তর দেওয়ার সময় সরকারের সংস্কার কার্যক্রমগুলো বিবেচনায় নেওয়ার জন্য ব্যবসায়ী সমাজের প্রতি আহ্বান জানান।

মুক্ত আলোচনায় ডিসিসিআই পরিচালক মো. রাশেদুল করিম মুন্না, সাবেক সভাপতি আসিফ ইব্রাহীম, প্রাক্তন পরিচালক দাতা মাগফুর, সদস্য এমএস সিদ্দিকী ও বাংলাদেশ ফ্রেইট ফরওয়ার্ডস অ্যাসোসিয়েশনের সভাপতি কবীর আহমেদ অংশ নেন। ডিসিসিআইর উর্ধ্বতন সহসভাপতি এন কে এমবিন ধন্যবাদ জ্ঞাপন করেন। ডিসিসিআই সহসভাপতি মনোয়ার হোসেনসহ পরিচালনা পর্ষদের সদস্যরা ওয়েবিনারে যোগ দেন।



তিনি বলেন, বিডাকে আরও শক্তিশালী করতে হবে এবং সীমাবদ্ধতা থাকা সত্ত্বেও দেশে বিনিয়োগবান্ধব পরিবেশ তৈরিতে বিডা কাজ করে। তিনি ব্যাণিজ্য বিষয়ক সংস্কার কার্যক্রম বাস্তবে কতটুকু বিদ্যমান আছে, তা পর্যবেক্ষণ করার জন্য বেসরকারি খাতের প্রতি আহ্বান জানান।

বিডার নির্বাহী চেয়ারম্যান বলেন, সংস্কারের ক্ষেত্রে নীতিমালা খুব সহজেই সংশোধন হলেও মাঠ পর্যায়ে বাস্তবায়নে মাঝে মাঝে কিছু শিথিলতা দেখা যায়, যা

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দেশের অবস্থান ডাবল ডিজিটে আনতে হবে

নিজস্ব প্রতিবেদক

ব্যবসা পরিচালনা সূচকে বাংলাদেশের অবস্থান ডাবল ডিজিটে নামিয়ে আনতে হবে। এ লক্ষ্যে সরকার গৃহীত সংস্কার কার্যক্রম সম্পর্কে বেসরকারি খাতকে জানানো জরুরি। বাংলাদেশ বিনিয়োগ উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষের (বিডা) নির্বাহী চেয়ারম্যান মো. সিরাজুল ইসলাম গতকাল 'বাংলাদেশে ব্যবসা পরিচালনায় ব্যয়হাস কার্যক্রমে চলমান সংস্কার এবং ভবিষ্যতের প্রস্তুতি' শীর্ষক ভার্চুয়াল সভায় এসব কথা বলেন।

ঢাকা চেম্বার অব কমার্স অ্যান্ড ইন্ডাস্ট্রি (ডিসিসিআই) এবং বিডা আয়োজিত সভায় ব্যাণিজ্যবিষয়ক সংস্কার কার্যক্রম বাস্তবে কতটা বিদ্যমান আছে, সেটা পর্যালোচনা করতে বেসরকারি খাতকে আহ্বান জানান তিনি। বিডা চেয়ারম্যান বলেন, সংস্কারের ক্ষেত্রে নীতিমালা খুব

সহজে সংশোধন হলেও মাঠপর্যায়ে সেটা বাস্তবায়নে মাঝেমাঝে শিথিলতা দেখা যায়। তা সমাধানে সংশ্লিষ্ট সংস্থাগুলোকে অগ্রণী ভূমিকা পালন করতে হবে। তিনি জানান, এক কোম্পানি থেকে অন্য কোম্পানিতে ভূমি হস্তান্তরের নথি নিবন্ধনে সারা দেশের ভূমি অফিসগুলোতে আলাদা বালাম বই ব্যবহার হচ্ছে। এতে অল্প সময়েই ভূমি নিবন্ধন প্রক্রিয়া সম্পন্ন করা যাচ্ছে। প্রক্রিয়াটি বিডার ওএসএসের মাধ্যমে করা যায় কি না, তা নিয়ে কাজ চলছে। তিনি আরও জানান, ব্যবসায়িক বিরোধ সহজেই নিষ্পত্তিতে এডিআরের বিকল্প নেই। আরবিট্রেশনের নিষ্পত্তিতে সময় নির্ধারণ করা প্রয়োজন বলে মতপ্রকাশ করেন। সিরাজুল ইসলাম বলেন, ঢাকা ও চট্টগ্রামে আলাদা দুটি আদালত করা হবে। এতে শুধু ব্যবসায়িক বিরোধবিষয়ক মামলা পরিচালনা করা হবে। ওএসএস-সেবা দিতে ইতিমধ্যে ২৫টি সংস্থার

সঙ্গে সমঝোতা স্মারক সই করেছে বিডা। দেশের সরকারি ও বেসরকারি খাত একযোগে কাজ করতে পারলেই ব্যবসা পরিচালনার সূচকে বাংলাদেশের অবস্থানের দৃশ্যমান অগ্রগতি পরিলক্ষিত হবে বলে জানান তিনি।

ওয়েবিনারের ডিসিসিআই সভাপতি



রিজওয়ান রাহমান বলেন, অর্থনৈতিক প্রবৃদ্ধির গতিধারা অব্যাহত রাখতে বেসরকারি খাতের অবদান নিশ্চিতকাজে বৈদেশিক বিনিয়োগ আকর্ষণ, এসডিজির লক্ষ্যমাত্রা অর্জন, বৈশ্বিক প্রতিযোগিতায়

টিকে থাকা এবং শিল্পায়নসহায়ক পরিবেশ নিশ্চিত সংশ্লিষ্ট নীতিমালা সহজীকরণ ও ব্যবসাসহায়ক পরিবেশ নিশ্চিতের বিকল্প নেই।

২০২০ সালে প্রকাশিত 'ডুইং বিজনেস ইনডেক্সের' বরাতে তিনি বলেন, এ সূচকে গত বছর বাংলাদেশের অবস্থান ছিল ১৬৮তম। আগের বছর যা ছিল ১৭৬তম। সংশ্লিষ্ট নীতিমালার সংস্কার কার্যক্রম বাস্তবায়নের মাধ্যমে এ সূচকে আমাদের আট ধাপের অগ্রগতি সম্ভব হয়েছিল। ডিসিসিআই সভাপতি বলেন, ভিয়েতনাম, ফিলিপাইন, ইন্দোনেশিয়ার মতো আমাদের প্রতিযোগী দেশগুলো বেশি বৈদেশিক বিনিয়োগ আকর্ষণ করতে পারছে। কারণ ডুইং বিজনেস ইনডেক্সে দেশগুলোর অবস্থান বাংলাদেশের চেয়ে ভালো। এমন বাস্তবতায় আমাদের ব্যবসা পরিচালনার সূচকে উল্লেখযোগ্য অগ্রগতি অর্জনের কোনো বিকল্প নেই। এ লক্ষ্যে

দেশের বেসরকারি খাত সরকারের সঙ্গে কাজ করতে আগ্রহী।

বিডার নির্বাহী সদস্য বিল্লাল হোসেন বলেন, দেশে শিল্প উন্নয়নে কাজ করছেন তারা। দেশের বিনিয়োগকারীরা কী ধরনের সমস্যার মুখোমুখি হন, তা জেনে বিডা করণীয় নির্ধারণে আগ্রহী। তিনি আরও বলেন, ব্যবসা পরিচালনা সূচকে অবস্থান ভালো হলে বহির্বিদেশে বাংলাদেশের ভাবমূর্তি বহুলাংশে বাড়বে। এতে দেশি-বিদেশি বিনিয়োগও বাড়বে। ওয়েবিনারে মূল প্রবন্ধ উপস্থাপন করেন বিডার পরিচালক জীবন কৃষ্ণ সাহা রায়। আলোচনায় ডিসিসিআই পরিচালক রাশেদুল করিম মুন্না, সাবেক সভাপতি আসিফ ইব্রাহীম, সাবেক পরিচালক দাতা মাগফুর, সদস্য এমএস সিদ্দিকী এবং বাংলাদেশ ফ্রেইট ফরওয়ার্ডার্স অ্যাসোসিয়েশন (বাফা) সভাপতি কবীর আহমেদ অংশ নেন।