



Dept. Of Pharmacy

Sir,

In the year 1964 the Department of Pharmacy was opened in Dhaka University and that was the starting of pharmacy education in Bangladesh. Dr. M.A. Jabbar (now Professor Emeritus in the Department of Pharmacy, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dhaka University) started pharmacy education by establishing this department. He is considered the 'father of pharmacy education' in Bangladesh. Presently this department graduated a big number of students who are working as registered pharmacists in various pharmaceutical industries and other health related sectors.

In 1982 the annual market for Pharmaceuticals was Tk 243 crore but in 2000 it increased to 1800 crore. Now, about 95% of the medicine are manufactured in Bangladesh by national pharmaceutical industries. And Bangladesh has become almost self-sufficient in manufacturing medicines. Moreover, Bangladesh is now a medicine exporting country. The manufacturers are now trying to export their pharmaceutical products in 57 countries of the world and established pharmaceutical plants in Nepal, Pakistan and Vietnam. The multidisciplinary professional education of the pharmacists also ensured the quality of pharmaceutical products. ACI, Beximco, Square and some other leading pharmaceutical industries are certified by ISO 9000 for their unique quality systems. Some raw materials for medicine are also manufactured in our country.

The person behind this silent revolution in the field of pharmacy education and building quality pharmacists who are contributing greatly in industrial field, is Professor Jabbar. We should be grateful to him and show him our best gratitude by offering him the honour as a National Professor. I request the Bangladesh Government and related bodies to recognise Professor Jabbar as National Professor.

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