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## DIU researchers innovate technology for preserving agro products

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Industries minister Amir Hossain Amu inspects a new technology developed by the researchers of the nutrition and food engineering department of Daffodil International University during a programme on the university's permanent campus on Thursday. — New Age photo

Researchers of the nutrition and food engineering department of Daffodil International University, Savar, have innovated a new technology for preserving seasonal fruits and vegetables for a long time.

The technology called 'Multi Community Solar Tunnel Dryer Plant' is the outcome of a research conducted with the cooperation of Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific. Industries minister Amir Hossain Amu on Thursday formally launched the technology at a function at the DIU permanent campus at Savar, said a press release in Dhaka.

In the function, the minister also inaugurated the two-day NEF Career Expo-2018.

DIU vice-chancellor Professor Yousuf Mahbubul Islam presided over the function while icddr,b senior director Tahmeed Ahmed and head of the nutrition and food engineering department Professor M Belal Hossain, among others, delivered speeches.

In his speech, Amu said that the National Industrial Policy-2016 has given top priority to food processing and agriculture machineries for ensuring food security in the country.

Under the instructions of prime minister Sheikh Hasina, he said, the government had formed a taskforce for developing agro products. He said that Bangladesh was now exporting processed foods to more than 140 countries.



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