

DIU researchers innovate technology for preserving agro products

Researchers of the Nutrition and Food Engineering (NFE) department in Daffodil International University (DIU), 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 (CIRDAP). Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu yesterday formally launched the technology at a function on the DIU permanent campus at Savar, said a press release here. In the function, the minister also inaugurated the two-day NEF Career Expo-2018. DIU Vice-Chancellor Prof Yousuf Mahbubul Islam presided over the function while icddr, Senior Director Dr Tahmeed Ahmed and Head of the Nutrition and Food Engineering Department Prof M Belal Hossain, among others, delivered speeches.

In his speech, Amu said 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 has formed a taskforce for developing agro products.

He said that Bangladesh is now exporting processed foods to more than 140 countries.