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Decent Work and Economic Growth at Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology (RUET)

RUET is dedicated to promoting **sustainable economic growth, productive employment, and decent work for all**, in alignment with **Sustainable Development Goal 8**. Through career facilitation, industry collaboration, entrepreneurship support, and research-led skill development, the university strengthens employability and contributes to Bangladesh's economic development.

Key Highlights

- **Annual Career Fairs:**
 - **9th Career Fair (April 2024):** Over **25 companies** participated, including Walton, Huawei, BSRM, RFL, Meghna Group, and Navana Group, engaging **1,200+ students** with recruitment and internship opportunities. (ruetcareerforum.org)
 - **10th Career Fair (June 2025):** Approximately **20 companies** participated, reaching **1,500+ students**, reflecting growing industry engagement. (bssnews.net)
- **Industry-Academia Collaboration:**
 - **1st Industry-Academia Meet (Nov 2023):** MoUs signed with **Huawei, BJIT, Datasoft, Shanghai BDCOM, and RajIT** through the CSE department. Around **150 industry executives** participated, fostering direct linkages between students and employers. (cse.ruet.ac.bd)
- **Graduate Placement:**
 - Alumni have secured positions in **national and international firms**, including Japanese companies through BJIT programs, demonstrating RUET graduates' global employability. (ruet.ac.bd)
- **Entrepreneurship & Start-ups:**
 - RUET supports student-led start-ups through the Career Forum and departmental initiatives; approximately **15 start-ups** received mentorship and seed support in the past two years. (ruetcareerforum.org)

- **Internships and Skill Development:**

- Across departments, RUET places students in **structured internship programs**; in 2024, over **900 students** participated in internships with industry partners, strengthening workforce readiness. (cse.ruet.ac.bd)

- **Research & Economic Impact:**

- Research collaborations with industries focus on **renewable energy, smart manufacturing, and IT solutions**, contributing to regional economic development and employment creation.

Impact & Next Steps

- Systematically publish **graduate placement statistics** (employment rates, sector-wise distribution, median salaries).
- Expand **entrepreneurship and incubator programs** to increase student-led job creation.
- Strengthen **internship and co-op programs** to enhance practical skills across all departments.
- Deepen **industry linkages in northern Bangladesh** to boost regional employment and drive local economic growth.