

Bangladesh seeks Turkish expertise in eco-tourism, forest restoration

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Dhaka : Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan expressed a strong interest in leveraging Turkish expertise for sustainable tourism and forest restoration.

During a meeting with Ramis SEN, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkiye, at her office in Pani Bhaban, Rizwana Hasan, also the Adviser for water resources, highlighted the urgent need for restoring forest ecosystems in Bangladesh.

The meeting focused on exploring areas of bilateral cooperation, particularly in environmental conservation, sustainable tourism and development initiatives.

Rizwana stressed the need for technical support in planting suitable tree species and developing nature-centric tourism strategies.

She shared her vision for establishing eco-tourism destinations, including a master plan for the picturesque Sylhet region, designed to minimize ecological disruption.

Ambassador Sen acknowledged Bangladesh's conservation priorities and emphasized the proactive role of the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), which operates an office in Dhaka.

He expressed TIKA's readiness to support medium-scale collaborative projects across various sectors.

Both sides discussed the potential for developing sustainable tourism in Bangladesh, drawing on Turkey's rich experience in nature-based tourism.

The envoy assured that he would facilitate communication between TIKA and the Adviser's office to identify concrete project opportunities and connect her with relevant Turkish departments for further dialogue.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to fast-track meaningful collaboration in forest restoration and eco-tourism, ensuring swift and impactful implementation of joint initiatives.

Merve Ozcelik, Deputy Chief of Mission of Embassy of the Republic of Turkiye and senior officials from the ministry were also present at the occasion.