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| Abstract |
| Despite achieving 7.28% GDP growth in 2016-17, the highest ever in history ofcountry’s economy, Bangladesh has ascertained only 10.8 Tax-GDP ratio which isone of the lowest among the SAARC countries. This poor tax performance hastriggered the doubt of not achieving the government’s 7th Five-Year Plan TargetTax-GDP ratio of 14.1 by 2020. The study considered secondary data from 2007-08 to 2016-17, the most recent decade. It has been found that tax revenueconsists of around 87% of the government revenue of which 96.5% is collected byNBR. Having less than 1% of its population under income tax net, the tax structureis dominated by the indirect tax burden, although the direct to indirect tax ratio hasbeen improved significantly from 26%:74% to 37%:63% during the decade,resulting towards a balanced tax structure. The study reveals the government’sefforts to reform the tax administration with a view to tackling the tax evasion andavoidance through enhancing the efficiency of tax administration. The appropriatereform measures will enhance the tax compliance, resulting the significantimprovement of Tax-GDP Ratio. |
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