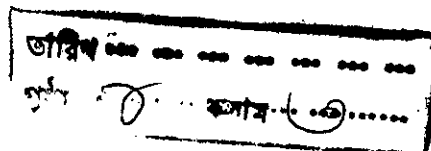


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## DU turns 80

### Two-day celebrations underway

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The two-day long programme to celebrate the 80th founding anniversary of Dhaka University began at the university campus yesterday.

National Professor Kabir Chowdhury, along with DU vice-chancellor Prof. AK Azad Chowdhury, Prof. Sardar Fazlul Karim, Prof. Muhtasham Hossain and other high university officials inaugurated the programme at the auditorium of Teachers and Students' Centre (TSC) at 10am by hoisting national, university and

different residential hall flags.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony as chief guest, Prof. Kabir Chowdhury said although a lot of achievements were made in the last eight decades of Dhaka University, a lot more still remained to be accomplished.

"Now is the time for self realisation, self purification and self criticism", he said while describing the university as the root of all inspiration for the nation.

He said the teachers should be extra careful in discharging their

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duties and carrying out their responsibilities and commitments to the university.

While acknowledging the contribution of student politics, Prof. Chowdhury asked the students to be very careful not to be swayed by petty political interest and sink all their differences for greater national interest.

Prof. Kabir Chowdhury said since its establishment, the university has been playing due role in social, education and political fields of the country to protect the legitimate rights of the people.

Prof. Muhtasham Hossain said as the premier university of the country, DU must produce qualified leaders for the overall progress of the nation.

Prof. Sardar Fazlul Karim recalled his fond memories of student life in the university.

Vice-chancellor Prof. AK Azad Chowdhury in his presidential speech said skilled manpower is essential to play a constructive role in a knowledge-based economy.

He said despite resource constraints, DU authorities were working round the clock for producing quality and skilled manpower to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

The inaugural programme was followed by a colourful cultural function in the evening.

A large number of university teachers, students, political leaders, diplomats and social elite enjoyed the cultural functions.

A reminiscence programme has been arranged today at the TSC auditorium at 10am. VC Prof. AK Azad Chowdhury will preside.