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## Coordinated efforts to expand primary edn stressed

Deputy Leader of the Jatiya Sangsad Prof. AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury on Thursday underscored the need for coordinated and comprehensive efforts by all concerned to expand primary education and upgrade standard of higher education in the country, says BSS.

He said, the government had already undertaken various measures to raise the standard of higher education, increase literacy rate and create a congenial atmosphere on the campus.

Prof. Chowdhury was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural function of a training course of Zoology teachers organised by the National University at its training centre in Dhaka. 25 Zoology teachers from different government and non-government colleges are taking part in the one and a half month long training course.

Referring to the importance of quality of teachers to raise the standard of higher education he said there was no substitute to training for improving the quality.

The inaugural function was also addressed by the Vice-Chancellor of the National University Prof. M. Abdul Bari, Course Coordinator Dr. Mubarak Ali Akhand and a lecturer of the University Dr. S.M. Abu Raihan.

Prof. Chowdhury also emphasised the need for improvement of teaching method and presenting complicated subjects of science to the students in an easy to understand and attractive way to create thirst for education in them.

Prof. M.A. Bari said the first degree examination under the National University would begin on schedule on December 29, 1993 and the results would be published within three months. One lakh and 28,000 students will sit for the examination, he added.

He said the university which was established on October 20, 1992 had given admission to students in the first year honours and preliminary masters classes in the first half of this year and admission into the bachelors course will begin soon.

He said over three lakh students had been enrolled in the degree colleges affiliated with the National University while the eight other universities had a combined strength of 60,000 students.

He said to raise the standard of teaching the training programmes would be expanded further. He said the university would organise five more training courses this year.