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Teachers also to be blamed for unfair means in exams: President

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed on Thursday said it is not only the students but also the teachers who are to be blamed for unfair practices in the examinations, reports BSS.

The President said if the teachers perform their duties properly in teaching the students, give them regular hometasks, take frequent tutorials and keep themselves aloof from "private tuitions" there would be no unfair practice in the examinations.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed on Thursday addressed the centenary celebrations of Pingna High School at its premises under Sarisha Bari thana of the district.

Chaired by Celebration Committee Chairman, Mohammad Azizul Huq, the ceremony was addressed, among others, by Minister for Commerce and Industries Tofael Ahmed, State Minister for Land Alhaj Rashed Mosharraf, State Minister for Religious Affairs Alhaj Nurul Islam, Mirza Azam MP, Jamalpur District Awami League President Professor Mohammad Shahidullah and Head Master of Pingna High School Bahauddin Mia.

The President advised the students to try for more practical and pragmatic approaches to education rather than running after certificates only.

President Shahabuddin said the certificate oriented education fails to make room for employment opportunities. So, for practical reasons, he said, 'we have to opt for career-centered mode of education'.

He mentioned the bad practices of copying for win over examinations and said the practice has "gone too far" as the students sometimes protest for not allowing them to copy in the examination halls.

Referring to his own schooling days the President said there was a very few instances of "private tuitions" and only less meritorious students used to take lessons from the private tutors.

He said there is mentionable example where some students got ministership or became members of parliament when they were even students for their total involvement in politics. If this be the case, why other students should follow the healthy modes of learning, the President asked.

Terming affiliation of the students to "party politics" as detrimental to the healthy growth of education, the President said the major barrier to education is turbulence and unrest due to improper political practices in different campuses. He said our solemn duty is to turn our vast population into productive human resources by giving them proper education based on modern science and technology.

The President urged the politicians and conscious citizens of the country to help restore peaceful academic atmosphere in the educational institutions.

He expressed his optimism that they will respond positively to his appeals to restore peace on the campus.

The President, however, observed that the peaceful atmosphere in the educational institutions in the rural areas is comparatively good than that of the urban areas.

President Shahabuddin reminded the students that knowledge is power and education is the instrument for achieving that power. He said education, which is meant for pulling out ignorance, can remove the darkness of illiteracy and kindle the light of knowledge.

The President recalled the association of late Principal Ebrahim Khan, Dr. T. Huq and Dr. Nurul Huq, who were students of this school and said the students who are now studying in this school, should take a vow to brighten their future by following the footsteps of these three educationists.

Earlier, the President unveiled the centenary plaque of the school and planted a sapling at the school premises.

President Shahabuddin also visited the Jamuna Fertilizer Factory at Tarakandi and went round its different sections to see production process. He talked to the officials and workers of the factory and inquired about the production situation.

The President also inaugurated the science building of the Pogoldigha College at Tarakandi and planted a sapling there.