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## Work-oriented edn system stressed

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Sunday stressed the need for building a balanced society through evolving work-oriented education and labour-intensive employment opportunities, reports UNB.

The President was inaugurating Education Week and National Education Convention at Shilpkala Academy auditorium Sunday morning.

Education Ministry has organised the convention and the week to evaluate the prospects of work-oriented education and spread the message to the teachers, students and the guardians to make it popular.

Education Minister Jamir Uddin Sircar addressed the function as special guest. It was also addressed, among others, by Education Secretary Ershadul Haq and Deputy Secretary Matiur Rahman Shah.

President Biswas said evolving applied education was imperative to solve the problems of society. "Education doesn't only mean obtaining a degree, it will be worthless if it has no use in solving the social problems."

A work-oriented education system will create the scope of self-employment and remove the dependency of the students, President Biswas pointed out.

The Education Minister said only the structural development would not ensure overall educational development and that the Government was trying to ensure a qualitative change of the educational system.

Education Secretary Ershadul Haq said the standard of education had declined though the budget had been increased.

Educationists, intellectuals, school and college teachers of the country and education officials from different levels attended the convention.

After the inauguration, a working session on "Work-oriented education" was held at the same venue.

Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Open University Prof Shamser Ali presented the key-note paper in the working session.

The session was addressed, among others, by BUET Vice Chancellor Dr. Muhammad Shahjahan, Dr. Abdullah Al Muti Sharfuddin, Prof. Haron-or-Rashid, Rafiqul Haq, Prof. Abdus Sattar, Hamida Ali and Dr. Ahmedullah Mia.