

Darul Ihsan varsity opens

Maintain standard of education: Biswas

SAVAR, Nov. 23.—President Abdur Rahman Biswas today urged the country's private universities to maintain the standard of education to check the exodus of students abroad as well as to reduce pressure of the government run universities, reports BSS.

He made this call while inaugurating Darul Ihsan University, a private university established on 13 acres of land here under the auspices of the charitable and welfare organisation Darul Ihsan Trust in collaboration with different Islamic agencies and personalities.

Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) Dr. Hamid Al-Gabid, Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. Syed Ali Ashraf and Dean of Human Science Faculty Prof. Syed Ali Naqi also spoke on the occasion.

Welcoming the emergence of the University, President Biswas said each year a huge number of students pass Higher Secondary examinations but the existing universities cannot accommodate them for higher studies.

"As a result most of the rich and well to do families send their children to foreign countries for higher studies," the President said adding, "I hope the establishment of private universities will ease the situation to a great extent."

After the enactment of Private University Act-1992, which provided private participation in the education sector, nine private universities have so far been given permission and they are now functioning.

President Biswas, who is also the Chancellor of the University, said the objective of education is to make one a complete man while the meaning of education is to acquire know-

ledge on both the physically and spiritually knowable reality.

"The physical and spiritual powers of perception of a person must be trained to make the person really educated," he said.

President Biswas expressed the hope that the newly established university would become a model institution of producing people to understand and implement faith-based education and at the same time bring together different religious groups on the basis of common values.

The President observed the people of Bangladesh are basically religious—be they Muslim, Hindu, Christian or Buddhist, it would be the prime responsibility on the part of the university to impart knowledge which would make pupils conscious of basic values that a faithful person always wanted to uphold, he opined.

"Only then they will realise that a society cannot make headway in political, economic and social fields unless it organises all these aspects of life on those basic values that all religions have always thought," he said.

"Even the secularists will find this principle acceptable because it will give the students an integrated way of life and save future generation from confusion," President Biswas said.