



Directive for updating higher education

DHAKA, Aug. 5 (BSS): President Hussain Muhammad Ershad today emphasised the need for taking adequate steps to make higher education suitable to the requirements of the country and the society.

The President, who is the Chancellor of the Universities, was making opening remarks at the regular monthly meeting of the Vice-Chancellors at the committee room of the International Conference Centre here.

President Ershad said the Government was determined to improve the quality of higher education and asked the authorities concerned to take necessary measures to achieve this objective in keeping with the Government Policy.

The meeting reviewed the progress of implementation of the decisions taken at the earlier meetings of the Vice-Chancellors.

The meeting was informed that a committee had been constituted with national Professor Nurul Islam as convener to suggest measures for updating the syllabus and curriculum of the medical colleges.

The meeting was also informed that another committee with former Minister Mahbubuzaman as Convener was formed to review and update the syllabus of the courses of Agriculture University in order to make agriculture education more relevant to the needs of the country.

The meeting appreciated the action taken by the Government to prevent adoption of unfair means in various public examinations and asked the Ministry of Education to continue their efforts.

It was decided at the meeting that necessary steps would be taken against adoption of unfair means in the degree examinations and examination centres would be gradually reduced with a view to confining them to district headquarters.

The meeting further decided that no centre for degree examinations would be allowed to function where similar centres do not exist for HSC examinations.

Besides the Vice-Chancellors of all the universities, the meeting was attended by Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam, State Minister for Education Nitai Roy Chowdhury, National Professor and Chairman of the University Grants Commission Syed Ali Ahsan, Principal Secretary to the President A H Sadique and Education Secretary Hedayet Ahmed.

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