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Regular updating of agri syllabi suggested

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MYMENSINGH: Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Prof Muhammad Asadur Rahman has underscored the need for recasting the agricultural education and research programmes keeping in the view the real need of the country.

Addressing a seminar on 'agricultural education and research' organised by the local chapter of Bangladesh Association for the Advancement of Science (BAAS), the Vice-Chancellor said that we had not yet been able to ensure the application of new technology in the agricultural sector.

He said that the farmers of the country were ignorant about most of the technological innovations of the present day world.

Prof Rahman said that the national priority should go to the modernisation and expansion of agriculture for the real benefit of the people.

He mentioned that agriculture was an applied science and the agricultural research and education were closely inter-linked. He said that arrangements should be made to ensure that the modern knowledge got its due place in the curricula of agricultural education.

The Vice-Chancellor suggested updating of the syllabi at definite intervals and said that the libraries, laboratories and farms should be built up in such a way as could interest the students and make them creative instead of exerting excessive pressure on them.

The Vice-Chancellor said that short-term and long-term measures would be taken up for the development of agriculture level. He felt that the development of affiliated colleges and research organisations should be included in the same plan for overall development of the quality of education.

Stressing the need for generating appropriate technology locally, the Vice-Chancellor said that technologies imported from abroad often failed to cater to our need and to suit our climate. He also called for efforts to find out the ways the foreign technologies could be adopted by our farmers.

Prof Rahman said that the fields of research should be selected in such a way that the research could be used for extension. He called for building up an appropriate infrastructure to coordinate the activities of the educational institutions and research organisations.