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## World Teachers' Day observed

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Bangladesh Teachers Association holds a rally in front of the National Press Club in Dhaka to celebrate World Teachers Day on Saturday. — New Age photo

The World Teachers' Day, also known as International Teachers' Day, was observed in Bangladesh like elsewhere the world on Saturday.

Different organisations observed the day by holding seminar and discussion in the capital.

This year, the day was celebrated with the theme 'Young Teachers: The future of the Profession.'

Bangladesh College-University Teacher's Association organised a seminar at the International Mother Language Institute in the capital marking the day.

While presenting the keynote paper, the association general secretary Md Golam Faruque said the main philosophy of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founding president of the country, on education was investment in education was the best investment for creating a balanced society.

BCUTA leaders said changes in examination, teaching and learning methods, facilities for creating skills like in using information technologies and proper training for teachers, increased budget allocation and nationalisation of education system were necessary for improving the quality of education.

The association vice-president Kazi Mizanul Islam said that most of the demands of the teachers would be met if the authorities implement the National Education Policy 2010.

Deputy minister for education Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury Nowfel said currently the government was investing in infrastructure and after that they would go for investing in agriculture, health and education sectors.

Terming teachers as software and infrastructures as hardware, he said if the software would not work properly then the hardware would also not work.

About allegations against irregularities in management bodies in the education institutions, the minister said that they were aware of these matters.

If a half-educated or illiterate person undermine teachers or show off power then it was not possible to teach under such situation and it also creates moral degradation, he said.

He sought specific allegations from the teachers on the matter and said without improving g mentality certificates would not serve any purpose.

National Academy for Educational Management acting director general Md Lokman Hossain said earlier people respected teachers which perspective has been changed currently.

The situation would be improved after ensuring uniform curriculum and appropriate recruitment system, he added.

The seminar was attended, among others, by parliament member Tahmina Begum and the association executive president Sirajul Haque Alo and president Md Abdur Rashid.

On the same day, Bangladesh Teachers Association and Liaison Forum for Nationalisation of MPO Educational Institutions jointly organised a discussion at the National Press Club in Dhaka to celebrate the day.



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