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62pc students want 5pc GDP allocation for edn: survey

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At least 62 per cent of university students in Bangladesh have called for increasing the education sector's allocation to at least 5 per cent of the country's gross domestic product, according to a survey by the Education Rights Parliament.

The survey found that 62 per cent of respondents believe the current education budget is inadequate to meet the country's development goals.



The findings were unveiled on Friday at a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters Unity by Md Shahnewaz Khan Chandan, member secretary of the Education Rights Parliament and assistant professor at the Institute of Education and Research of Jagannath University.

He said that the survey was conducted among 350 students from different public and private universities across the country. Of the respondents, 61.1 per cent were undergraduate students and 36 per cent were postgraduate students.

The participating students urged the government to focus the education budget on primary education, research, teacher development and technical vocational training.

The survey found that students gave the highest priority to primary education, arguing that a strong educational foundation is essential for progress in higher education and other sectors. They also stressed the importance of improving secondary and higher secondary education.

Participants recommended increased investment in technical and vocational education, research and innovation, artificial intelligence education, and science, technology, engineering and mathematics education to address future employment challenges and the demands of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

To improve educational quality, respondents emphasised the recruitment of qualified teachers and the provision of respectable salaries. They also highlighted the need for teachers' professional development, expansion of research activities and technology-based learning environments.

The students identified corruption, waste, inadequate planning, administrative inefficiency, political influence and weak oversight as major obstacles to the effective implementation of the education budget.

Representatives of the Education Rights Parliament, including Abu Sadat Md Mostansir Billah, Misbahur Rahman Asim, Mahfuzur Rahman Manik and Mazharul Islam, were also present at the event.

The budgetary allocation was 12.1 per cent of budget or 1.53 per cent of GDP for the education sector in the FY 2025-26.

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