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Govt gives priority to skill-based, job-oriented education system: UGC chair

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University Grants Commission of Bangladesh chairman Professor Mamun Ahmed addresses a conference titled International Conference on Textile Science and Engineering 2026 at the Bangladesh University of Textiles in Dhaka on Saturday. | Press release photo

Chairman of the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh Professor Mamun Ahmed at a conference in Dhaka on Saturday said that the government and the UGC were giving utmost importance to skill-based and job-oriented education system.

Higher education should be conducted in such a way that universities produce high-quality, innovative thinking and scientific and technological knowledge-rich graduates, he said, adding that at the same time, they should be ensured to acquire the necessary skills according to the needs of the domestic and international job market.



Professor Mamun Ahmed made the remarks while speaking as special guest at the international conference titled International Conference on Textile Science and Engineering 2026 organised by Bangladesh University of Textiles at its auditorium, said a press release.

Education minister ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon spoke as chief guest at the seminar, which was chaired by BUTEX vice-chancellor Professor Md. Zulhash Uddin.

Michael Kokken, chairman of the technical working group of the jute and cocoa sector of the Ministry of Health of the Netherlands, was present as conference speaker while keynote address was presented by Professor Bastian Quattelbaum, Hochschule Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences, Germany and welcome address was delivered by Professor Md

Ahsan Habib, chairman of the organising committee of the conference and dean of BUTEX textile management and business studies faculty.

The UGC chairman also said that the educational programmes of universities should be such that students could understand the practical application and social relevance of the knowledge acquired.

The aim of higher education is not only to provide certificates; but to prepare students to make effective contributions to their careers, social life and national development, he mentioned.

The UGC wants to establish a higher education model where an environment of lifelong connection and cooperation will be created between students, educational institutions, industry and different sections of society, said Professor Mamun.

As a result, students will have the opportunity to continuously acquire new knowledge and skills in their academic life as well as in their professional life, he added.

He said that universities should be developed as centres for knowledge creation, knowledge dissemination and knowledge preservation as well as skill development. The real purpose of higher education will be realized only if the acquired knowledge can be connected to the needs of real life and the workplace.

The UGC chairman further said that in the era of the fourth industrial revolution, artificial intelligence and the rapidly changing global economy, skilled human resources would be the greatest asset of the country.

‘Therefore, universities should prepare students to face future challenges

through timely curricula, research, and innovation and industry-academia collaboration.'

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