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University Education In Bangladesh

Sir,

There are now more than half a dozen universities in Bangladesh imparting higher education to the students. Out of these universities, Dhaka University is the oldest having been established in 1921. Classes started from 1922. Calcutta University is much older than Dhaka University. Calcutta University was established in 1858. Although younger to Calcutta University, the standard of Dhaka University was at par with Calcutta University. Erudite scholars like Dr. Ramesh Chandra Mazumdar and Sir Fazlul Rahman and others were Vice Chancellors of Dhaka University. The standard of education of Dhaka University began to deteriorate from 1947 when most of the Hindu teachers left East Pakistan and migrated to India.

Since the creation of Bangladesh, Dhaka University and other universities that have been established since then no longer seem to be the seats of higher learning.

Important political parties have students unions belonging to them in all the universities of Bangladesh. Some leaders of Bangladesh want to climb to the top of the ladder with the help of their students wing in the universities.

Half a century ago India, Bangladesh and Pakistan was a single country. In 1947 India was divided as Indian union and Pakistan and in 1971 Pakistan was bifurcated and an independent Bangladesh was created. Bangladesh is the smallest of the three sovereign states in the subcontinent.

There are 3 or 4 political parties on All India basis in that country and so also in Pakistan. But in Bangladesh, which is a small country, there are at least 50/60 political parties. And many use the students of colleges and universities as for promoting their own political goal. The students studying in colleges and universities are mostly of poor families. But the children of many political leaders and bureaucrats are studying in England, America and other Western developed countries.

It is a matter of shame that more than a lakh of students are now studying in India, a country which is not more developed or cultured than our country.

Will the political leaders of Bangladesh kindly give up conversion of students to their political faith and allow them to pursue their studies unhampered and undisturbed?

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