

Agri graduates and higher education

The decision of the Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Syndicate to change B.Sc. Ag. (Hons) into a bachelor's degree is important in more ways than one. It is a technical degree at par with other professional ones. For some it is a relief. But then, what of those who, after years of toil followed by months of apprehension are awarded no

recognition by some private/public bodies in the employ-arena? Are they to be subjected to yet another struggle for seeking their legitimate academic dividends? Do the Ministries have no role save a cryptic plea?

Agri-cadres vacancies are not filled up by agri-graduates through exams, perhaps these are reserved for humanities-graduates in History going for BCS(admin) renamed as BAS. Public Service Commissions never had a member from Agri discipline nor did Dhaka University had a faculty since 1920. Students used to go to

Lyallpur (West Punjab) in Pak

period to study Agriculture and now we boast of our own institutions with qualified manpower and research centres second to Manila Centre in South and South East Asia with "higher education"

But then there are many other products of our educational system most "liberal arts graduates" whose campus tryst leaves them woefully ill

equipped to deal with life's exigencies. These are the young disillusioned in Bangladesh. Their numbers run in millions.

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