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## DU VC favours cultural activities to counter terrorism

by Staff Reporter

The Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof M Maniruzzaman Miah has stressed on cultural activities to counter terrorism on the campus.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the second spring poetry festival organised by a cultural organisation "Mukta Mon" in collaboration with the Dhaka University Central Students' Union (DUCSU) yesterday.

DUCSU General Secretary Khairul Kabir Khokan presided over the inaugural session of the festival at Dhaka University amtala. Convenor of the festival Isaraf Hossain. DUCSU member Rafiqul Islam Jaglu spoke on the occasion. Poet Ataur Rahman inaugurated the festival.

Prof Maniruzzaman Miah said poetry could give solace to the modern people whose lives are burdened with sorrow and sufferings.

He recited the poem "shesh basanta" by Rabindranath Tagore.

Khairul Kabir Khokan said observing the spring was a part of Bengali culture. He urged the government and the university authorities to organise more cultural functions to enrich the minds of young people.

The DUCSU GS said the university must be made arms-free. He called upon all to come forward to curb terrorism unflinchingly shunning narrow party interests. He called upon the university authorities to organise literature conference. He assured DUCSU's cooperation to such initiative.

Rafiqul Islam Jaglu said poetry inspired people to struggle against autocracy.