



President Md. Zillur Rahman handing over certificates among the successful students of North-South University at the 13th convocation ceremony on Saturday.

President urges Pvt varsities to reduce tuition fees

President Zillur Rahman on Saturday urged the country's private universities to reduce their tuition fees alongside creating more opportunities of higher education for the students of middle-class families, reports UNB.

"Offer more scholarships for the poor but brilliant students," he said while addressing the 13th convocation of North South University (NSU) at its Bashundhara campus.

The President said universities have huge responsibilities to serve the interest of the country's common people. "Keep in mind that education shouldn't be only based on curricula and certificates, and universities should not be merely profit-making organisations."

President Zillur asked the universities authorities to properly discharge their responsibilities in this regard. "Universities should provide clear knowledge to their students about the country's history, tradition, civilization, culture and lifestyle of the mass people."

Zillur Rahman said the students should know the history of all important movements of the country's people and contribute towards welfare of the common people imbued with patriotism.

Congratulating the new graduates, the President called upon them to always

uphold the country's national interests during their professional life without compromising with injustice and untruth. "Never forget the country and its people, wherever of the world you live in."

Referring to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's declared 'Vision 2021' for building a hunger, poverty and illiteracy-free IT-based prosperous Bangladesh, the President urged all, including the

young generation, to make their united endeavors for implementing the vision.

A total of 726 students were conferred upon post-graduate and undergraduate degrees in different disciplines in the convocation.

Sonia Ferdous Hoque and Syeda Kamrun Nahar Ahmed were awarded Chancellor's Gold Medals, while Sheehan Rahman and Nasreen Sultana Rahman Vice Chancellor's Gold Medals in recognition of their outstanding academic results.

Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Robert McDougall addressed the convocation as speaker. NSU Vice Chancellor Prof Hafiz Gazi Idiqi and chairman of NSU Foundation MA Kashem also spoke on the occasion.