



President Zillur Rahman gives away a gold medal to a successful graduate at the third convocation of Daffodil International University (DIU) at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city yesterday.

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Work together to enrich Bangla language

President urges people in Bangladesh, Paschimbanga

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President Zillur Rahman yesterday called upon the Bangla speaking people in Bangladesh and Paschimbanga to work together to cherish and enrich Bangla language, culture and traditions, as there are many similarities among them in various aspects.

The president made the remark while presiding over the third convocation of Daffodil International University (DIU) at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid spoke at the function as special guest while Minister of Higher Education Affairs of Indian state of Paschimbanga Bratya Basu was the convocation speaker.

Addressing the convocation, Zillur said there are many similarities in traditions, art, literature, culture and language of the people living in Bangladesh and Paschimbanga of India.

"I hope that Bangla speaking people of the two countries will work together to cherish and enrich Bangla language, culture and traditions," he said.

Welcoming Bratya Basu, Zillur said his

presence as the convocation speaker has added glory to the function. "I wish him a pleasant stay in Bangladesh."

He underscored the need for reshuffling and modernising the education curricula from primary to higher level with a view to grooming the students of the country into international standard citizens.

Apart from pursuing the basic education of arts, humanities, science and business studies, he said new students would have to be connected with new knowledge and also build them as international standard citizens.

He said the country's education curricula must incorporate the studies of its arts, literature, traditions, non-communality, and above all, the spirit of liberation war to help broaden the student's minds and thoughts. "Mainly, higher education will have to be absolute and universal."

A total of 3,220 graduate and undergraduate students from three faculties Science & Information Technology; Business & Economics; and Humanities and Social Sciences were conferred with degrees at the convocation.

DIU trustee board chairman M Sabur Khan and its vice chancellor Prof Dr M Lutfar Rahman also spoke at the function.