

'Govt to support pvt univs' for quality education: minister

5th convocation of Eastern University held

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EDUCATION minister Nurul Islam Nahid on Sunday said the government extended supports to private universities for ensuring good academic atmosphere to supplement the efforts for enhancing quality of higher education.

'We want smooth functioning of private universities... We are providing all necessary supports to both public and private universities for enhancing quality tertiary education,' he told the fifth convocation of Eastern University at the Basundhara Convention City Hall in Dhaka.

University Grants Commission chairman professor Abdul Mannan, Eastern University vice-chancellor professor Abdur Rab, Eastern University Trustee

Board chairman Md Azizul Islam, among others, addressed the function.

Nahid said that the government would take legal action against the private universities which had failed to fulfill their conditions under the rules of Private University Act 2010.

'Some of the private universities are yet to fulfill their conditions as per the act and they have to face legal action after the scheduled timeframe,' he added.

Nahid said, 'You [students] are the future of the country. So, you have to be good citizens through acquiring knowledge to boost development process for building a prosperous Bangladesh.'

The minister said that a remarkable progress had been made in the education sector in the past eight years

as the government was working to expand and improve quality of education.

Referring to advancement of female education, he said that a significant change had been brought in expanding female education in the country as the government had launched various programmes, including financial assistances to boost female education.

The government has taken massive programmes to enhance quality of education as it is the prime challenge in the education sector, the minister added.

He called upon the authorities of both public and private universities to enhance research works alongside updating teaching methods and curriculum to generate new knowledge as well as ensure quality education.