

Quality edn for all stressed: President

President Zillur Rahman said the present government has given utmost importance on the education sector to ensure quality education for all and ruled out any leniency on this "question," reports UNB.

"I think it is essential to ensure quality of education and there is no scope for compromise on it," he said.

The President also emphasized introducing more IT-based curricula in primary to university levels from now on for implementing Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's declaration for building a 'digital Bangladesh' by 2021.

He made the observations when a delegation comprising the Vice-chancellors of seven public and private universities called on him at Bangabhaban.

He also underscored the need for taking initiatives to make science education popular in the secondary and higher secondary levels of

education alongside arts and commerce education.

The President termed the universities as the centre of excellence in practicing freethinking and suggested the VCs to expand extracurricular activities for the students at their respective university and build them as worthy citizens.

President Zillur urged the private university authorities to provide special financial aid to the poor but meritorious students as educational expenses are higher in the private universities.

The delegation comprised VC of Noakhali Science and Technology university Professor Sanjoy Kumar Odhikari, VC of Potuakhali Science and Technology University Prof Syed Shakhawat Hosain, VC of North South University Prof Hafiz G A Siddiqi, VC of Independent University Bangladesh Prof Bazlul M Chowdhury, VC of Northern University Prof A W M Abdul

Huq, VC of Southern University Prof A Z M Nuruddin Chowdhury and VC of International Islamic University Prof M Mahbubullah.

The members of the delegation, particularly private universities, informed the President that it is very difficult to acquire five acres of land in the capital city as per the UGC's conditions for the private universities.

They requested the President to ease this condition for smooth running of the private universities.

They also apprised the President of various activities of their universities, saying that they are "committed to ensuring quality education" at their respective institution.

Secretary of the President's Office Mohammad Shafiul Alam, Military Secretary to the President Maj Gen Md Ehtesham Ul Haque and President's Press Secretary Abdul Awal Howlader were present.