

Call to improve quality of higher education

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Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education Ministry Rashed Khan Menon underscored the need for improving the standard of education in the private universities in order to ensure quality of education at higher levels.

He said the higher education of the country should be improved for creating a generation of skill and competent manpower and for this purpose a law on private universities would be enacted soon.

Menon was addressing as the chief guest a national conference and seminar of Bangladesh Economics Teachers' Association at the conference room of Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA) here yesterday.

President of the Bangladesh Economics Teachers' Association Prof Dr Ashraf Uddin Chowdhury chaired the function.

Chairman of Bangladesh University Grants Commission (UGC) Prof Nazrul Islam, former UGC chairman Prof Dr ATM Jahurul Haq, Education Secretary Syed Ataur Rahman, among others, spoke.

General Secretary of Bangladesh Economics Teachers' Association Sarder Syed Ahmed

delivered welcome address at the seminar.

Menon said the country's academic system has been split up into many tracks, which are creating disparity and thus depriving a group of people from higher education and jobs. The country's education system needed to be brought under one-way system in order to establish a balanced workforce by ensuring quality education at all levels, which ultimately contribute to the national development, he added.

Commercialisation of private schools and universities should be stopped for improving quality of education, he said adding quality education can ensure jobs at home and abroad.

UGC Chairman Prof Nazrul Islam laid emphasis on resolving the problems in the national university at an urgent basis.

Mentioning that the lives of ten lakh students in 1,760 colleges under the national university are at crises, he said academic activities in these institutions should not be hampered.

Education Secretary Syed Ataur Rahman suggested the educationists to submit the recommendations on how to improve quality of education at private universities.