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Urban-rural gap in educational facilities to yield unpleasant result

President says at 3rd convocation of Khulna University

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President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday warned against the growing gap between urban and rural educational facilities, saying that such a trend would eventually lead the nation towards an unpleasant consequence.

"It appears that the meritorious students of rural areas are being

lost somewhere. But unless we can pick up meritorious people from remote corners of Bangladesh, the eventual gap of merit between urban and rural areas will yield an unpleasant result," he told the 3rd convocation ceremony of Khulna University (KU).

The president said currently the urban-based educational facilities were dominating the merit list of

public examinations discarding the rural ones while "there was a time when meritorious people used to come from remote corners."

"I call upon the people concerned to take necessary steps to improve the quality of education in the educational institutions in rural areas," he said.

Dhaka University Vice-

Chancellor Prof Dr SMA Faiz attended the function as the convocation speaker while senate and syndicate members joined it along with nearly 2,500 graduates who were awarded degrees under 16 disciplines.

Khulna University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Mahbubur Rahman chaired the function.

Appreciating the Khulna University's special emphasis on researches on local natural resources, President Iajuddin said it is a good initiative to explore the potential of the region.

"I hope the results to be found from these researches will unveil the dormant potential of the region which will be a great achievement on the part of the entire nation," he said.

Laying emphasis on quality education, the president said that despite increased literacy rate and enrolment in universities, the standard of education is yet to reach to the desired level.

He urged the education planners to design a proper education system so that the students could meet the challenges using their knowledge and skills and at the same time, the universities become the centres of researches that could be used for the welfare of people.



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President Iajuddin Ahmed speaks at the 3rd convocation of Khulna University on its campus in Khulna yesterday.