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PRIVATE UNIVERSITY ACT

# Many private universities have failed to fulfil preconditions

## President tells 3rd IIUC Convocation

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President Iajuddin Ahmed has lamented that many private universities have failed to fulfil the preconditions of the Private University Act.

He was addressing the 3rd Convocation of the International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC) at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city yesterday.

The president, also chancellor of IIUC, said only a few of the private universities have permanent campus, full time faculty members, sufficient library facilities, conducive academic atmosphere and well-planned co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

"...a serious business motive is lying behind the whole process, which is undesirable and unexpected for the nation," he said.

Iajuddin hoped that the authorities of the private universities would realise this unrealistic phenomenon and would take necessary steps to overcome the situation.

He urged the University Grants Commission (UGC) to examine and monitor the academic and administrative aspects of both the public and private universities so that the quality education is ensured for the students. "If needed, the government will make necessary amendments to the Private University Act."

He said Bangladesh, being a

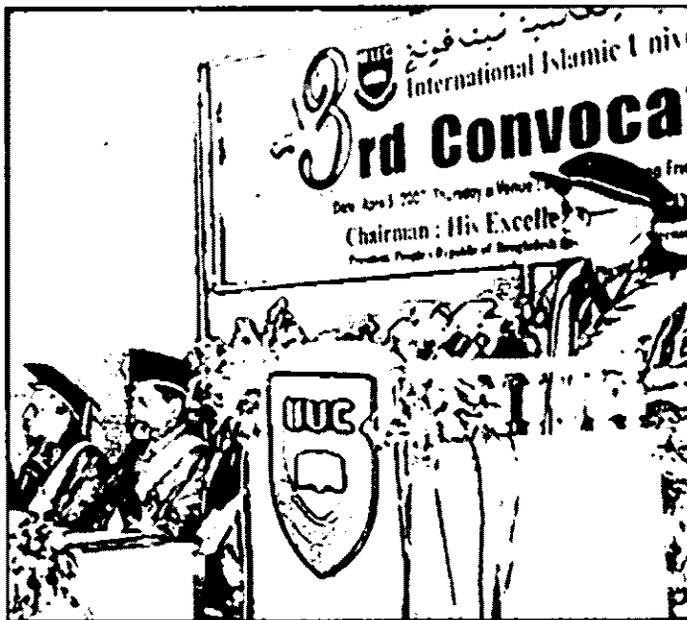


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President Iajuddin Ahmed speaks at the 3rd Convocation of International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC) at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city yesterday.

developing country, has given due attention to alleviate poverty, illiteracy, deforestation and malnutrition with a view to attaining sustainable development within a short span of time.

"Therefore, we need huge capa-

ble and efficient human resources to attain our cherished goals and to cope with the present world order."

The president said that with the fast pace of development, universities have an important role to produce skilled and ideal citizens, who

would lead the country in the right direction in the future.

Education can help a lot in achieving the target, he said, adding: "We have to combine quality and morality so that the ethical standard is achieved in our personal life."

He asked the IIUC authorities to take necessary steps with a view to making synthesis between traditional and modern values so that "our students can compete confidently in this competitive world."

Iajuddin said the faculty members of public and private universities should try to enrich themselves with the state-of-the-art knowledge so that the students can get modern ideas and innovation from them.

He called upon the erudite teachers to come forward in this regard.

He said: "If we work unitedly, we will be able to fulfil the hopes and aspirations of the nation as a whole."

Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, former vice-chancellor of Dhaka University, was the convocation speaker at the programme.

IIUC Vice-Chancellor Prof. AKM Azharul Islam and Secretary of Islamic University Chittagong Trust Mohammad Shamsul Islam also addressed the function. IIUC Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Abu Bakr Rafique gave the address of welcome.