



Revelation Of A New Horizon In The Realm Of Muslim Education

Opinion

EDUCATION is the harmonious development of body, mind and soul. The most significant and important definition on education offered by John Ruskin is now absolutely relinquished and thrown to the dustbin—no doubt. The materialistic education of the present world is being wholly and solely jeopardized to escalate the exuberant co-ordination among the body, mind and soul. The modern guys of today are too much dependent on material things and leading a very deplorable mechanic life. With the golden touch of modern science, the worthless matters on the earth are now being gradually developed and valued in comparison with the development of invaluable soul of an individual. The first and the foremost drawback is that the modern curriculum is rarely oriented with the moral, ethical and religious horizon of knowledge. So this system of education often fails to touch the bottom of one's heart as well as to reach at the highest pinnacle of success.

The sagacious and religious sons of the soil have sometimes made ceaseless efforts to bring a

radical change in the realm of educational system with a view to overcoming the afore-mentioned bottle-necks of education as well as having fullest development of body, mind and soul. Mr. A. Z. M. Shamsul Alam, the then CSP officer, erstwhile secretary, former Director General of Islamic Foundation and sometime Rector of BPATC, is one of such intellectual sons who has already set a glazing example by introducing the nation an exceptional system of education through "Al-Arafah English Medium Madrasah" at 21/1-Zigatala, Dhanmondi only to achieve the original aims and objectives of education in these days of moral-degradation. It is the country's first Madrasah of its kind in new horizon of knowledge coined by Mr. A. Z. M. Shamsul Alam, the great Islamic thinker and the founder of Al-Arafah Islami Bank Ltd.

An excellent and exquisite curriculum is prepared in combination with that of internationally recognized English Medium Schools (O/A levels) and ideological subjects to protect the students against western malady and consequences. Really the syllabus

and curriculum will turn the students gradually faithful and Akherat oriented and at the same time will provide them with religious and modern education which will not throw them off the main stream of socio-economic life and worldly professional career. The students will be able to appear at "O" and "A" levels examinations conducted by "University of London School Examination Board" as do the students of other English Medium Schools of Dhaka city. They will at the same time have to appear at the additional examinations in Islamiat subjects, if they want to remain enrolled to this Madrasah. Special attention will be given to guide the students to develop appropriate pronunciation so that they can speak English like the English and pronounce the Arabic like the Arabs.

Audio-Video, films and computer along with other modern methods are used for the development of mental, physical and educational faculties of the students in a convenient environment. The encouraged students pursuing and finishing their sec-

ondary level of schooling, are likely to continue their further higher study getting admitted to the different renowned colleges and universities of the world. A student is properly guided in an ethical and congenial atmosphere to make him/her an expert over the affairs of here and the hereafter. So the honourable guardians don't have any risk of losing the amenities of Dunia and Akherat.

It's a matter of great thrill to observe when a highly educated modern couple of aristocratic areas approach gently the premises of the Madrasah with their affectionate offspring to have them admitted over there. Can we imagine what the matters are leading those enlightened guardians to the Madrasah avoiding so many modern and up-to-date schools?

Most probably, those very days are not so far when each and every research on mundane affairs would come to an end and subsequently attention would be captured to the super-natural and unearthly affairs and then the Holy Quran, the complete code of life, would be the only scripture for study and research.