

DU honours 2 language heroes

Education system needs recasting: President

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President Professor Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed on Monday laid high importance on transforming the education system into a real term literary shape in view of the new century penetration.

He said it was an ardent demand and necessity of the time to recast the existing education system which is facing tough global competition. The President, who is also the Chancellor of Dhaka University addressing the 44th convocation ceremony of Dhaka University (DU) held at the university central playground. Advisers to the caretaker government, representatives of the foreign missions in Dhaka and other dignitaries were present at the ceremony.

The president stressed on upholding the educational extension system with sound and sustainable academic curricula based on the nation's vision and mission of 21st century. The work and research of the teachers help expand

the identity of the institution and explore fully the knowledge-depth of the students, he further said.

Professor Iajuddin said that the institutional recognition creates responsibilities and obligation in the man. He expressed the hope that all should remain active in discharging their respective duties and responsibilities being imbued with inspiration and encourage-

ment. The DU authorities have conferred honorary 'Doctor of Laws' degree to two-language heroes,

ANM Gaziul Haque and Abdul Matin, at the ceremony.

A total of 67 gold medals were awarded to 52 students for their

outstanding academic performance. About 3,895 students, including 1,853 male and 2,042 female, were present at the ceremony. (See Page 11 Col. 2)



President Professor Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed who is also the Chancellor of Dhaka University, presenting doctor of laws and a crest to language veteran Abdul Matin at the 44th convocation of Dhaka University at the university playground on Monday.

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(From Page 1 Col. 8) male, of the university were conferred M.Phil and PhD, masters' and bachelor of honours.

About the session jam in public universities, the President said it is increasing the educational expenditure, lingering the students' academic life and wasting huge working hours of the university. Such problems stand in the way of establishing a knowledge-based society, he felt.

DU Vice-chancellor Prof. SMA Faiz and language movement hero Abdul Matin addressed the convocation. ANM Gaziul Haque, however, could not attend the function due to illness.

Language veteran Abdul Matin stressed the need for taking proper initiative for introducing Bangla in every sphere of the society. He also urged the younger generation to learn English and other international languages to sustain in the globalizing world.

He said, "Our people traditionally inherited creativity and the youths of the country have mani-

festated their creativity through different activities both at home and abroad."

He said the great literary works and other books of world knowl-

edge should be translated in Bangla to enrich the treasure of our language.

Language hero in his convocation speech, said "We should consider the language martyrs Salam, Barkat, Jabbar and Rafiq as national heroes. To pay respect to the martyrs means paying respect to the nation and its traditions."

He suggested forming a commission in this regard, including politicians and academics, and taking necessary measures following their recommendations. "The Dhaka University can play a leading role in this regard," he added.

DU Vice-chancellor Prof. SMA Faiz said the DU has become an inseparable part of the national life by creating the opportunity of practicing the philosophy of creativity and freethinking.