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Introduction of 4-yr BSc course suggested

Nat'l science seminar begins

Chairman of Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) Prof. M. Mosihuzzaman yesterday suggested the introduction of a unified four-year Bachelor of Science (BSc) course in all colleges and universities to be on par with the educational standard of developed countries in the 21st century, reports BSS.

Presenting a paper on "Science Education in Bangladesh for Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century" at the government sponsored national science seminar now being held in the city, Prof. Mosihuzzaman said the existing 2 year BSc, 3 year BSc (honours) and 4 year BSc (honours) courses under different universities had already created "confusion" in the education and employment sectors.

He said all the graduates finishing either a two-year, three-year or four-year courses are treated equally in the cadre service examinations held under the Public Service Commis-

sion. He said the two year and three-year Bachelor courses in Science should be abolished with only one type (four-year) BSc course where provision of honours or distinction should be made for those who score above a certain grade point on an average. The four-year BSc graduates should be considered eligible for teaching only in schools and colleges.

He suggested a two-year MSc/MS course where the BSc (four-year) degree holders will be eligible for admission. Only the Master of Science degree holders will be eligible for university teaching and joining research and development organisations.

He said the M Sc/MS degree holders, who will obtain marks higher than a designated level, will be eligible for PhD courses and minimum time for obtaining a PhD should be four years.

The session was chaired by the chairman of Shilpa Bank Prof. M. Shamsul Haque.