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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 Commission.

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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.