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BOU remains open for interested transgender students: VC

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Vice-chancellor of the Bangladesh Open University Professor Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman Khan inspects the secondary school certificate examination at Pairaband Begum Rokeya Smriti Girls' School and College centre under Mithapukur in Rangpur on Friday. | Press release photo

Vice-chancellor of the Bangladesh Open University Professor Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman Khan on Friday inspected the MA and MSS examination held at Mulatol Madinatul Ulum Kamil Madrassah in Rangpur and the SSC examination held at Pairaband Begum Rokeya Smriti Girls' School and College centre at Mithapukur.

During this time, he closely observed the overall environment of the examination, discipline, question paper and answer sheet management and various aspects of the examination management, said a press release.



During the examination inspection at Begum Rokeya Smriti Girls School and College centre, the VC exchanged views with transgender students.

He said, 'Education is a fundamental right of everyone. Bangladesh Open University is working sincerely to ensure that transgender students can actively participate in educational activities without facing any kind of discrimination.'

Mentioning that there is no alternative to education in building an inclusive and humane society, the VC said, 'Transgender students are an integral part of society. Bangladesh Open University is working relentlessly to develop them as skilled human resources without leaving them behind in their education.'

The doors of BOU's educational programmes and cooperation will always be open for interested transgender students, he mentioned.

During the inspection of the examination centre, the vice-chancellor visited the Saidpur Sub-Regional Centre and exchanged views with the responsible officers and tutors of the concerned examination centre.

He appreciated the sincerity of those concerned in ensuring transparency, impartiality and quality management of the examination and called for the same dedication in the future as well.

After the inspection, the vice-chancellor visited the birthplace of the pioneer of women's awakening, Ruqayyah Sakhawat Hossain.

Later, he went to the grave of Abu Sayeed, a martyr in the July 2024 uprising, and participated in a special prayer, seeking forgiveness for his departed soul.

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