

Ensure quality education

Nahid asks pvt varsities at UIU convocation

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Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid on Saturday said the government is sincere in its attempt to build tertiary education system in accordance with international standards to keep pace with the changing world.

"Higher educational institutions must improve their standards to provide quality education for building skilled human resources," he said.

He was addressing the fifth convocation of United International University (UIU) on its permanent campus at Sattarkul in the city's Badda.

Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) Prof Abdul Mannan, Chairman of Board of Trustee of UIU Hasan Mahmud Raja and Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Chowdhury, among others, addressed the event. Secretary of Power Division Dr Ahmed Kaikaus attended the programme as the convocation speaker.

The education minister said the government gave approval to establish private universities to meet the gradual demand of higher education.

He said they will take legal action against the universities which have failed to run their varsities as per the rules of the Private University Act-2010.

Some of the private universities are yet to fulfill their conditions and they have to face legal action, he added.

Nahid said, "You (students) are the future of the country. So, you have to be good citizens through acquiring knowledge to boost the development process for building a prosperous Bangladesh."

He urged the authorities concerned to ensure congenial and good academic atmosphere at all educational institutions and make them free from all sorts of terror activities.

"Both public and private universities should be centre of excellence for practicing new knowledge. Without ensuring good academic atmosphere, it is not possible to improve the quality of tertiary education," he said.

The government has expanded the opportunity for higher education throughout the country, he said, adding that students are easily receiving higher education as a result of the expanded facilities.