

3-day international conference on Biotechnology begins at DU

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A THREE-DAY 8th International Plant Tissue Culture and Biotechnology Conference styled 'Biotechnology for innovative Agriculture and Food Security' began on Saturday on Dhaka University campus.

Science and technology affairs minister Yeafesh Osman inaugurated the conference as the chief guest while Dhaka University vice-chancellor Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique also joined it as special

guest at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of the university.

Bangladesh Association for Plant Tissue Culture & Biotechnology organised the event.

Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University VC Professor Kamal Uddin Ahamed and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Gopalganj VC Professor Khondoker Md Nasiruddin were also present at the conference.

Speaking on the occasion, Yeafesh Osman

underscored the need for upgrading biotechnological research to ensure food security in the country.

He stressed on introducing joint collaborative research programmes on biotechnology among the researchers of different countries.

Professor Arefin Siddique said plant tissue culture techniques have now emerged as a major industrial factor in the area of plant propagation, disease elimination, plant improvement and production of secondary metabolites.

He urged the scientists to work together for upgrading scientific and technological status of the country.

Arefin said the teachers and the researchers of the university are working tirelessly for scientific innovation, technological expansion, economic development and human resource in the country.

Teachers and researchers from different countries including Bangladesh, India, Bhutan, Nepal and UK are participating in the conference.