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Call for improving state of higher education

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Education experts and other dignitaries attend the 2nd assembly on future of higher education at Dhaka University senate hall on Friday. — New Age photo

Local and foreign academicians and experts on Friday stressed the need for improving the state of higher education in Bangladesh with starting the effort from the University of Dhaka.

‘Dhaka University is being destroyed,’ said Muhammad Samad, a pro-vice chancellor of the university while inaugurating an assembly on futures of higher education at the university premise.

Different departments were opened randomly only to provide some people job of teaching, he said.

Samad, also a poet, described the campus as ‘kanar hat-bazar’ [hub of ignorant people]. He also sang the song ‘kanar hat-bazar’ of famous Lalon Shah.

Centre for Genocide Studies of Dhaka University organised the two-day assembly in collaboration with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung of Germany.

CGS director Imtiaz Ahmed said the problems in the Dhaka University should be overcome first as an effort to resolve the crisis in higher education and the other universities might follow the Dhaka University.

'We need to fix the Dhaka University,' he said.

Giving justification of holding a conference on higher education by the CGS, he said genocide was begun in Bangladesh from the university campus that has been center of higher education in the region for nearly a century.

Dhaka University students had protested against imposition of Urdu as only state language and hoisted the first flag of Bangladesh during then Pakistan regime.

He suggested the new researchers and students to work wholeheartedly on the issues they deal with.

Bibi Russell, a Bangladeshi fashion designer and model, asked the researchers and students to maximise their creativity with enriching basic education.

Tina Marie Blohm, resident representative of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung stressed the need for improving the state of higher education in Bangladesh for creatively fulfilling economic and cultural needs.



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