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## Universities are not factories: Prof Serajul

*Says education should not only be for acquiring degrees but to change the world*





From left, Dr Ahrar Ahmad, Prof Imran Rahman, Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury, Prof Niaz Zaman and Abul Khair at the event. Photo: Collected

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National Professor Serajul Islam Choudhury yesterday said the country is passing through “a tremendous political and social crisis”, and pursuit of knowledge is the way out of the crisis.

He also said knowledge should not only be acquired for obtaining degrees, but also it has to be to break the cycle and to change the world.



He was addressing the closing ceremony of the “Higher course-1 on society and human education”, held at the Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq Bidyapeeth in Dhanmondi.

Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq Foundation organised the event in collaboration with University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh.

“Universities are not factories; rather it’s a social institution to practice knowledge. Social change would be its ultimate goal,” Prof Emeritus Serajul Islam Choudhury said.

“Climate change, drugs, pornography, violence and absolute consumerism have threatened our existence,” said the eminent academician, saying there are apprehensions whether the world will remain suitable for humans.

Adding that this problem could not be resolved through rhetoric and false promises, the intellectual said knowledge is instrumental for this.

At the beginning of the programme, a minute of silence was held in honour of recently-passed media personality Muhammad Jahangir.

Prof Imran Ahmed, former Vice-chancellor of ULAB; Abul Khair, chairman of Bengal Foundation; and Dr Ahrar Ahmad, director general of the Foundation, spoke at the programme among others.

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