



Work-oriented edn lacking : Prof S Huq

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Most people, who concerned about the national welfare of Bangladesh are very much worried about the situation prevailing in the educational arena. The problems that are vitia ting the situation can be summarised as follows:

- First of all, the overall educa tional atmosphere starting from the primary to the high est level is worsening; worse teacher-student relations and underst. But what are the rea sons leading to such dissatisfac tions and unrest Do we lack re forms in keeping with the time? Or it's just for shortage of funds? Erosion of values?
- Lack of dedicated teachers? Unwanted interference in edu cational institutions? The ten dency to change the education policy with the seasons of each government?
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creating an abnormal ad irri tating situation. Frequent shif ting of examinations is inde finitely lengthening the dura tions of the academic sessions at higher levels. The multi-fas ceted crises arising out of these things are making the future

of the country look gloomy. Is the prevailing unrest in the educational arena along responsible for this? Or illogi cal changes in course curricula and education policy? Or the failure to achieve need reforms discipline and standards in



The Department of Botany, University of Dhaka arranged a function at the Teacher-Student Centre on Saturday, to bid farewell to two retired teachers of the Department, Prof Mohammad Salar Khan and Prof Ahmed Shamsul Islam. Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdul Mannan speaking as chief guest.

educational administration, tra ining and conduct of examina tions?

Two more mutually opposing instances of wastage in the edu cational arena are rapid in crease in the number of edu cational unemployed, and ex port of educated, export and trained manpower needed for developmnt of the country a foster rae.

It is also to be notices that the objectives of Universal Free Primary Education are yet to eb achieved although there appears to be an expan sion of education, statistically. The number of illiterates was also increasing due to a high drop-out rate at the primary level.

The prevailing socio-edono mic situation is also causing disparate distribution of funds allocated to the education sec tor, and this is creating dis parities between urban and rural areas, and also between various classes thus affecting national unity.

On the other hand, a large segment of the productive man power is remaining outside the national development activi ties, because the national plans remain confined to develop ment of formal education alone and there is the lack of an appropriate and work-oriented

Another fundamental cause education for adults.

of concern about the educatio nal arena is the utter backward ness of Bangladesh in the development of research in sci ence and technology. Our back wardness is noticeable even com pated to msny neighbours. Would not Bangladesh be able to enter the new age of sci ence and technology to march to wards progress at an improved pace?

(Adapted from a recent writ ing of Prof. Shamsul Huq for mer Vice-Chancellor of Rajsha hi and Dhaka Universities).