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President blames teachers' politics, political parties for campus violence

SYLHET, Apr 29: President Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday blamed teachers' politics for deterioration of the standard of education and campus violence, report agencies.

"Students don't listen to their teachers because they (teachers) themselves get involved in politics," the President said at the first convocation of Shahjalal Science and Technology University here this morning.

Shahabuddin said, that the teachers were indirectly working for one or another political party in the name of Red, White, Green, Blue and Yellow panels.

The President, who has been advocating for the last one year a ban on student politics, for the first time today blamed the teachers for the problems in educational institutions.

The President also accused the political parties of using the students for their political gain.

The educational institutions could not be freed from terrorism as the students' organisations are working as front organisations of the political parties, he said.

All political parties should cut off ties with their student organisations, the President said and requested the teachers to stop their political manoeuvres for ensuring sound educational atmosphere.

"If the political parties really love the country, they should follow this simple advice," Shahabuddin stressed.

"The educational institutions are experiencing turbulence. And the students are being exploited for political pur-

poses. As a result, we see weapons instead of books in their hands," he observed.

Referring to degradation of standard of education, he said students are adopting unfair means for passing the examinations.

He also referred to the leakage of question papers and their publication in the newspapers.

Describing the present era as the era of science and technology, the President said the scientists are making things possible. In this respect, he mentioned the cloning of a sheep 'Dolly'.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed regretted that the Muslims now have a minimum contribution to the modern development of science and technology, although once they had a

great contribution in this field.

He expressed the hope that Shahjalal Science and Technology University, named after a great saint, Hazrat Shahjalal (R), would meet the need of technology education in the country.

He asked the university authorities to make efforts to achieve the goal by keeping it free from all sorts of violence.

Education Minister A S H K Sadique, Vice-Chancellor of the University Mohammad Habibur Rahman and convocation speaker Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion.

The President, who is the chancellor of the university, also distributed gold medals and prizes among the meritorious students.