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Research in higher education stressed

CHITTAGONG, Nov. 17:—A seminar was organised by the Chittagong University Sikkhak Gabeshana Parishad at the Science Gallery on November 15. The Vice-Chancellor of the University Professor Alamgir Muhammad Serajuddin was chief guest and inaugurated the seminar. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Ali Imdad Khan, and former Vice-Chancellor Professor Abdul Aziz Khan were special guests. The inaugural session was presided over by the President of the Sikkhak Gabeshana Parishad Mr. Imran Hussain.

Professor Ali Imdad Khan in his speech told the audience that within the limited resources of the country and the university, research programmes should be undertaken and proper environment must be maintained. Professor Abdul Aziz Khan in his speech stressed the importance of research in the field of higher education. In this connection, he referred to the contribution of Oxford and Cambridge Universities. He added that without research higher education was impossible.

In his inaugural speech the Vice-Chancellor welcomed the efforts of the Research Council of Chittagong University Teachers for the encouragement of advanced research and creation of proper environment and facilities for this. He pointed out that the main objective of the university is advancement of learning and it is done through the contributions of a university.

The main obstacle to developing harmonious relations among nations is ignorance; and the main vehicle is exchanged of learning. The universities act as store houses of all learning and wisdom accumulated throughout the ages and open new frontiers by enquiry and research where there is

no curiosity to know the unknown and no attempt to discover knowledge, the wheels of civilisation must have stopped running there.

He said that until the recent times we were dependent on the developed countries in the field of research. Now with the creation of some facilities in our country by our own efforts, our researchers are engaged in doctoral research and the quality of work is satisfactory. He said that under the new rules introduced by the university the cost of preparing research articles, collecting materials and undertaking research projects of limited expenditure will be borne by the university.

He felt that the researchers should hold seminars frequently so that the benefits of their researches could be shared by students. He emphasized that the quality of research must be maintained at any cost and courses workshop should be organised frequently on research methodology.

In his presidential address Mr. Imran Hussain said that everybody must come forward to help them in the promotion for the pursuit of higher knowledge and this way the edifice of civilisation would be built.