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Activities of varsity bodies reviewed

The regular monthly meeting of the vice chancellors of the universities held yesterday with President H M Ershad in the chair reviewed the progress of work of the various committees constituted in pursuance of earlier decision, reports BSS.

The President, who is also the chancellor of the universities, expressed satisfaction at the progress of work done by the committees.

Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam, State Minister for Education Nitai Roy Chowdhury, principal secretary to the president AH Sadique, Education Secretary Hedayet Ahmed and chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Prof Syed Ali Ahsan, also attended the meeting held at the International Conference Centre.

The UGC chairman informed the meeting of the progress regarding the updating of

syllabus and curriculum of medical agricultural education.

It was decided in the meeting that an exercise should be carried out on human resources planning keeping in view the manpower requirement of the Fourth Five-year Plan period. The universities were directed to formulate their future programmes on the basis of identified manpower need.

The meeting also directed the UGC to carry out a study on products of the universities in terms of various qualifications and disciplines as a measure to evaluate the performances.

It gave the directive to study the proposal and the interest shown by some British universities in establishing Bangladesh chair.

The meeting further directed the UGC to expedite the process of updating and upgrading the University Act of 1973.