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By Our DU Correspondent
National Professor Dr. Nurul Islam on Friday said that destruction and anarchy should never be the way of students politics. The students must have to shoulder the movement to build up a developed nation in a democratic way, he added.

Prof Islam was addressing the inaugural ceremony of "Dhaka University Day '89" as the chief guest at the open lawn adjacent to the Arts Faculty building. Presided over by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Abdul Mannan who is also the President of DU Central Students Union (DUCSU), the inaugural session was addressed, among others, by the Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. Emajuddin Ahmed, DUCSU Vice-President Sultan Mohammad Monsur Ahmed and General Secretary Moshtaq Hossain.

Referring to the recent turmoil and unrest in the educational institutions of the country, Prof. Nurul Islam said, "Time has come to detect the section responsible for vitiating the peace and tranquillity of the campus".

He said that total number of institution for higher education had not been increased after the Liberation War. He stressed the need of establishing more educational institutions in the country and

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strictly maintaining the standard.

He urged for more budget allocation for the education sector and providing the teaching staff with more facilities.

Stressing on the need for restructuring the education system of our country, the National Professor called upon the authorities of the higher seats of learning to give more importance on research activities of the teachers and students.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdul Mannan said that students, teachers, officials and conscious sections had become successful in establishing a violence free congenial academic atmosphere on the campus despite conspiracy to foil the move.

He expressed concern over the ever increasing tendency of adopting unfair means in the examinations and criticised the reluctance of administration and authorities concerned in checking these. He called upon the people to resist the illegal practice and urged them to boycott those involved in adopting unfair means in the examinations.

The day-long programme included open air drama, recitation, cultural function, exhibition of photographs, handicrafts, arts and paintings, books and rare manuscripts, scientific instruments and sports equipment.

Besides, festival football and cricket matches were also played by the students-former and present, to mark the day. Dhaka University Journalists Association (DUJA) organised an exhibition of photographs, reports and data related to the university.

A section of students waived black flags to the Vice-Chancellor during the inaugural session. They chanted

slogans demanding immediate resignation of the Vice-Chancellor. No untoward incident, was however, took place.

According to a press release on Friday, all classes of the university have been suspended for today but, scheduled examinations will, however, be held.

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina Wajed also visited Dhaka University campus on the occasion of the University Day '89. She visited the Bangla Department, Rokeva Hall and the DUCSU Office and exchanged views with the students, teachers and officials. She also visited different exhibitions, said a press release.