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Need for congenial atmosphere in varsities stressed

A meeting of the Vice-Chancellors of all the universities was held at the committee room of the International Conference Centre here on Sunday with President Hussain Muhammad Ershad, who is the Chancellor of universities, in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting decided to remove the financial and accounting anomalies of all the universities. It was also decided that the University Grants Commission will formulate a uniform accounting manual for all the universities.

It decided that there will be no medical university in the country and instead, in keeping with the modern trend, medical education will be segregated from hospital administration.

Medical education

Medical education will be brought under the Ministry of Education while the Ministry of Health will remain responsible for the administration of hospitals.

The meeting felt that the curriculum and syllabus of all the universities

including that of the medical education needed to be modernised and updated to meet the requirements of the present time.

It was informed at the meeting that the University Grants Commission (UGC) had already taken initiative in this respect.

With a view to improving the administration and overall academic atmosphere in the universities, the meeting discussed the 1973 University Ordinance. It also discussed the question of appointment of fulltime treasurers for the universities in order to monitor the financial management.

The meeting also reviewed the implementation of the decisions taken in the earlier meeting of the Vice-Chancellors.

Earlier, in his opening remarks at the meeting, the President emphasised the need for creating genuine congenial academic atmosphere in the higher education arena. He underlined the importance of making efforts to achieve high standard of education.

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He said, all concerned should make serious endeavours to improve the condition of the educational institutions in order to maintain better academic atmosphere.

Deputy Prime Minister and Political Adviser to the President Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam, National Professor and Chairman of University Grants Commission Prof. Syed Ali Ahsan, Principal Secretary to the President A.H. Sadique, Education Secretary Hedayet Ahmed, Prof. M.A. Bari, Project Adviser of the Affiliating University and Prof. Shamdul Huq, member UGC were present.