



Aptech Computer Education yesterday held a press conference at a city hotel yesterday to mark the opening of a new centre at Eskaton.

DU convocation on Aug 10 likely 'Modernisation of edn system needed to keep pace with times'

By DU Correspondent

Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, Vice-chancellor of Dhaka University, stressed the need for re-vamping educational and research programmes to keep pace with the fast changing world.

"Higher education, particularly the universities, has been facing a serious challenge all over the world in the last few years due to globalisation, internationalisation, free market economy and revolution of information technology. So we should revamp our current educational framework and go for pragmatic steps to cope with the changing world," said Prof Azad.

The VC was delivering a speech before the annual session of the DU Senate yesterday afternoon, which resumed after a 15-day recession, at the Senate Hall of the university. He also chaired the 104-member Senate, the highest policy making body of the university.

The VC said our another major task is fixing of the future work plans of DU to assimilate the university with the changes taking place in universities across the world.

Prof Chowdhury said that universities all over the world are now giving much priority to vocational education to fulfill the demands of time. Deviating

from the previous rigid structure, the VC said that the universities are now preferring education on a flexible line in its curriculum to meet the demands of the age.

The VC told the Senate that the DU authorities took various programmes to modernise its curriculum.

He said integration in academic field has reached such a level that in some universities there was no traditional department but they run their activities with some highly specialised laboratories. "If anyone is interested to be an expert on Cognitive Neuroscience he should have a vast knowledge on linguistics, expression style, computer literacy, composition of human brain and electronics."

He further told that an academic audit system would be introduced and academic calendar would be reintroduced to assure the accountability of teachers, researchers, officers and employees of the university. "Ground work for making a code of conduct for them has already started."

"We have been able to eliminate terrorism from the campus but the financial limitation is yet to be solved," he added.

The VC however admitted that the proposed budget was

very limited to carry out the education support activities in the university.

Responding to a question, the VC informed the Senate that the first ever convocation of DU after the independence would be held on August 10 and Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen was expected to attend the ceremony as special guest of honour.

"We are working for the convocation and expect that we will be able to hold it on August 10," the VC said while replying to a question of Advocate Syed Ahmed. Prof Azad said that Amartya Sen had been invited to attend the function.

Taking part in the discussion, the Senate members stressed the need for immediate holding of DUCSU and hall union elections to bolster cultural activities of the university.

Among others, pro-VC Prof Shahadah Ali, Syed Badruddin Hossain, Advocate Sayed Ahmad, prof M Akhteruzzaman, prof Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Prof Khandakar Bazlul Haq, prof AKM Sirajul Islam Khan, prof Ali MP, Prof Mostafa Chowdhury, prof Sultana Shahi and Prof Yusuf Haider took part at the discussion.