



Chairman of Regulatory Reforming Commission and former Adviser Dr. Akbar Ali Khan speaking at a roundtable discussion organised by 'Grameen Nagarik Federation' on Friday at the National Press Club.

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Dr Akbar tells seminar

Corruption in edn sector invites bigger problem

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Regulatory Reforms Commission (RRC) Chairman Dr. Akbar Ali Khan on Friday said corruption in education sector triggers corruption in other sectors.

The standard and performance of the country's educational system have worsened due to corruption in the sector. "Our educational system now hovers between light and darkness," he said while speaking at a roundtable on Corruption in education, Problems in Higher Education and its

Importance in National Development' was held at National Press Club.

Grameen Nagarik Federation and the SNN Media jointly organized the seminar. Dr Akbar Ali was the chief guest and Shamsheer Ali, Vice-Chancellor of South East University was the special guest.

Political scientist Syed Rashed Ahmed Chowdhury, Prof. Zaheda Ahmed of Dhaka University, educationist Shaheda Obayed, Prof.

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Corruption

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Quazi Md Akhtaruzzaman of Jagannath University and journalist Habibur Rahman Milon was present as the special guests. Poet Mostafa Allama was in the chair

Dr Akbar stressed the need for creating 'knowledge-network' throughout the country with the help of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at a very low cost.

"Now corruption poses a serious threat to developing our human resources, as corrupt practices are ruining people's faculty of differentiating good from bad," he said.

Dr Akbar said corruption is everywhere in Bangladesh, but the corruption in education sector creates a bigger problem for the country, he said adding such corruption cannot be eradicated without the passage of a few generations."

Dr. Shamsheer Ali proposed formation of a 'teacher recruitment commission'.

He said this proposed recruitment commission should publish a national teachers' qualifications chart, based on which eligible teachers could be recruited for schools, colleges and universities."

He also suggested setting up of 'knowledge networks' to spread IT-related education and information economically to the grassroots level He stressed the need for reorientation of primary and secondary levels of education for producing brilliant students, especially for tertiary education.

Syed Rashed Ahmed Chowdhury laid emphasised on English language learning and teaching the pupil about the tolerance of humanism. "For occupying better position, our students will have to learn one foreign language," he said.

Prof. Sakhawat Ali Khan said: "National development will remain a far cry until we get meritorious students." He proposed equalizing private and public universities' faculty and staff salaries and allowance.

He said that in the field of higher education, there is lack of coordination between the public and private universities.

Prof. Sakhawat said it is imperative to give utmost emphasis from the very beginning of education for producing good students for the development of the country.