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President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed addressing the inaugural function of the Golden Jubilee celebration of Notre Dame College on Thursday.

President says at Notre Dame College function

Cancerous irregularities and immoralities grip edn sector

Dismissing the present education system as timeworn, President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed on Thursday said cancerous irregularities and immoralities gripped country's entire educational sector, reports UNB.

"Erosion of moral values in society is very painful. As the ideological viewpoints are not clear, a total farce is going on in the name of education," he said in a swinging comment on the academic debacle.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony of Golden Jubilee celebrations of Notre Dame College, the President lamented that in some

educational institutions there are terrorism, arms race and even killings in the name of student politics.

"What a family, society and country could expect from those involved in such activities," asked Justice Shahabuddin.

The President listed the reasons behind the cancerous situation in the educational sector and said the irregularities happening in the educational sector cannot be salutary for the nation.

The reasons are coming to the classes without preparations, not being present and giving lessons to the students at the classes

regularly, suggesting the students to use note books to prepare for exams, private tuition to increase income without considering giving proper lesson to the students, copying in the exams, delaying the exams without enough reason, session jams, misuse of time before and after the exams and unnecessary delays in announcing results of the examinations.

"There does not exist an atmosphere congenial to giving or taking lessons in the educational institutions," the President told his campus audience.

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higher education, the President said there were immense necessities to give attention to the country's higher education.

Because, the skilled manpower needed to run governmental and private activities should come up from the higher-educated men and women, he added.

"If you wanted to increase employment inside the country, you will have to improve standard of education," said the President.

"Merely memorising lessons and unproductive education do not deliver in practical life. Creativity is the key to economic development. New concepts are needed to meet the needs of the changing world," Shahabuddin Ahmed said. "Putting right person in right place at right time is imperative."

However, President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed had a word of praise for Notre Dame College for its long struggle in providing proper education to its students.

He said he had heard that the college earned formal recognition for its role in enhancing standard of education in this country.

Presided over by Archbishop of Dhaka and Chairman of the governing body of the College Rev Michael Rozario, the Golden Jubilee function was also addressed, among others, by Dr Kamal Hossain, Dr A Moyeen Khan, MP, Dr Joseph D'Silva, Janakantha Executive Editor Borhan Ahmed, Rev Hugh Cleary.

Principal of the College Fr Benjamin Costa gave the welcome address.

"So far, the college has obtained three awards (1988, 1992 and 1997) as the best educational institution in the country.

In 1994, Physics Teacher Shanta Kumar Sarkar was awarded as the best college teacher of the country.

The college was first established as Saint Gregory's College in 1949 at Lakshimbazar in the old part of Dhaka City. Later it was established as Notre Dame College in Motijheel Commercial Area.