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1st convocation of PUB held Raise moral standard of students in learning process: President

President Professor Dr Iajuddin Ahmed on Monday urged all concerned to accommodate ethical values in the learning process of the students to raise their moral standard at the desired level, reports BSS.

"As the center of higher education and place of free thinking, universities have a great role to play in imparting modern and need-based education to the students," he told the convocation of People's University of Bangladesh (PUB) at Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre (BCFCC).

Chairman of board of governors of PUB Sirajul Islam Mollah and Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Aslam Bhuiyan addressed the ceremony. Prof Anisuzzaman was present as the convocation speaker.

Prof Iajuddin Ahmed said the intrinsic value of education is aimed at flourishing the latent talents of human being and illuminate the future way of every individual.

The President said education makes a man civilized, prudent and wise and helps to flourish human values which turns into human resources.

Prof Iajuddin Ahmed laid stress on providing quality education to

the students from the primary level to enable them to become worthy citizens needed to distinguish between right and wrong in the way of their life.

He said family is the first learning institution of a child and the children learn social values including norms, truthfulness, etiquette, forbearance, sense of respect, patriotism from the family.

Therefore, he said, the role of the family is the essence to develop their children in a proper manner.

President Iajuddin said the parents and the guardians must create an atmosphere at home for their wards conducive to higher education and development of their social and moral values in consistency with the norms of the society.

"Pursuit of education is a pursuit for excellence of body, mind and soul," he said. Body is the repository of mind and soul, he added.

The President said the body could contain, attain and preserve a high-level of intellect and a deep realization of soul only if it can be kept healthy and receptive.

The mind that can also be called intellect, is a gold mine, he added.

The more it is cultivated, flowered and spread out, the more it is broadened, heightened and deepened, the President said. Younger

age is the proper time to begin its cultivation, he added.

Professor Iajuddin hoped all guardians would play a due role in nursing their beloved children in order to make a healthy and prosperous society.

With the passage of time, he said, a good number of private universities have been established in the country to meet the growing demand of higher education.

After the enactment of the Pri-

vate University Act in 1992, the people have been observing the performance of the private universities for the last fifteen years, he said.

Now, the President, said time has come to evaluate whether the desired goal has been achieved or not.

"Our aim is to create a knowledge-based noble society, which would lead our country to the right direction in future," he said.

He urged the university authorities not to use this sacred place for commercial purposes in the greater interest of the nation.

The President also called upon the authorities of both public and private universities to devote to materializing the hopes and aspirations of the nation.

Congratulating the graduating students on the occasion, Professor Iajuddin said, "The country and the nation expect a lot from you as you are fortunate few who have got the scope for acquiring higher education with the patronage and support of the society."

He said with the development of information technology and rampant use of cable television, computer and internet, the reading habit of the students are reducing day by day.

But, without increasing and nursing reading habit, he said, the students can not attain their desired goals.