

'Be a lifelong learner'

Gowher Rizvi says at UIU convocation

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Education Minister Dr Dipu Moni yesterday urged private university authorities to develop their graduates to face the challenges of this era of modernisation.

"The fourth industrial revolution is around the corner; so, we need to develop skilled human resources in order to cope with developed technologies around the globe," she said.

The education minister was speaking as chair at the 6th convocation of United International University (UIU) on its campus near Badda in the capital. Besides achieving good academic results, Dipu Moni urged the graduates to be a good human to make "a golden Bangladesh" in line with Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's dream.

"Private universities are playing a good role alongside public universities for making skilled manpower. But the universities must take measures to remove all barriers with a view to maintaining quality higher education in the country," she added.

She also said the Awami League-led government has been working to transform the country's population into efficient workforce to cope up with new technologies and innovations at the advent of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser Prof Dr Gowher Rizvi said university is not just a training institution.

"Professional posts, including a public servant, lawyer, doctor or businessman confine you [graduates] to one particular area of work, but university gives you a wide range of scopes and tools through which you can change your life; it gives you the lifelong ability to survive," he said.

Citing more research initiatives among the country's universities, he said the key role of university is to produce new knowledge.

"Be a lifelong learner to become a successful person in life," Rizvi urged graduates.

Among others, UIU Board of Trustees' Chairman Hasan Mahmood Raja; Vice Chancellor (VC) Dr Chowdhury Mofizur Rahman, and Pro-VC Prof Hasnan Ahmed spoke at the event.

A total of 2,352 students from different disciplines were conferred undergraduate and graduate degrees while four meritorious students received gold medals for exceptional academic performance.