

Improving standard of higher edn emphasized

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Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid on Saturday said the government has attached priority to enhance standard of higher education for keeping up with the changing world of job market.

"Higher educational institutions must improve their standard to provide quality education for building skilled human resources," he told the 5th convocation of United International University (UIU) on its campus.

Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) Prof Abdul Mannan, Chairman of Board of Trustee of UIU Hasan Mahmud Raja and Vice-Chancellor of the university Prof Dr Chowdhury, among others, addressed the convocation.

Secretary of Power Division Dr Ahmed Kaikaus attended the function as convocation speaker.

Nahid said the government will take legal action against the private universities which have failed to fulfill their conditions to run the university under the rules of the Private University Act-2010.

Some of the private universities are yet to fulfill their conditions as per the Act and they have to face legal action after the scheduled timeframe, he added.

Speaking on the occasion the Education Minister said, "You (students) are the future of the country. So, you have to be good citizens through acquiring knowledge to boost the development process for building a prosperous Bangladesh."

Nahid urged the authorities con-

cerned to ensure congenial and good academic atmosphere at all educational institutions to make those free from all sorts of terror activities.

"Both public and private universities should be centre of excellence for practicing new knowledge...Without ensuring good academic atmosphere, it is not possible for improving quality of tertiary education," he added.

The minister said a remarkable progress has been made in the education sector as the government is working sincerely to expand and improve quality of education in the country.

The government has expanded the opportunity of higher education across the country for all students, he said adding, "Students are easily receiving higher education as we have expanded facilities for higher education up to the upazila level."