



President Shahabuddin Ahmed distributing certificates among graduate students of the North South University (NSU) in the university's first convocation ceremony at the Army Stadium on Wednesday. —OBSERVER

President asks students to build up character

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President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed on Wednesday called upon the student community to build up character side by side acquiring knowledge to lead the country towards development.

"We are all aware that our country has remained a developing country even after twenty-five years of Independence. Our resources are limited but problems many and difficult. You, students while entering upon the world of work, must think of this country and try to contribute to its development as much as you can", he said while addressing the first Convocation ceremony of North South University at the Army Stadium.

The President said that although obtaining a degree for preparing himself to enter into the world of work is the primary aim of a student yet they must build up character and acquire knowledge.

"Painstakingly acquired academic accomplishments, intelligence and knowledge are good and valuable. But they can never be a substitute for the nobility of character, a virtue which holds fast to the ideas even in the most adverse circumstances, a rigorous honesty in their dealings with others", he said.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed said creation of skilled manpower is one of the main objectives of the installation of private universities under the Private University Act, 1992.

The President also said that the act prohibits any kind of profit-making

by running universities on commercial lines or setting up such universities prompted by other ulterior motives and warned that all concerned must fulfil the legal requirements for setting up of a private university.

Expressing his satisfaction over the activities of North South University he said despite many challenges, the university has earned reputation at home and abroad through its academic attainments.

NSU President Muslehuddin Ahmad said the university started its academic programme on January 3 in 1993 with 137 students and within the four years the number of students now rose to over 1100. Giving a resume of activities of the university he said NSU's commitment to the students is to prepare them with highest standard.

He said the university has a formal academic collaboration agreements with several internationally reputed universities in the USA and Malaysia and NSU has an International Advisory Board, he added.

President of the University of Southern Indians Dr H Ray Hoops, Proctor and Chairman of the University Convocation Committee Dr Shawkat Hassan and Chairman of the Board of Governors MA Awal, among others, also addressed the ceremony.

M Masud Rana delivered valedictory speech.

A total of 96 students of the university, country's first private university, received certificates from the President who is also the Chancellor of the University.

Out of the 96 students 69 were the students of Business Administration, 19 of Computer Science, 6 of Economics and two were from Economics in Masters. Of the graduate students 78 were boys and 18 were girls.

