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DU ahead in ranking but lags in research: pro-VC Salam

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Dhaka University pro-vice chancellor (academic) professor Abdus Salam said on Thursday that it is ahead in various rankings but lagging in its research environment, which needs to be developed.

He also noted that DU has very few international students, but suggested that the Faculty of Fine Art can attract foreign students and teachers to help improve the overall quality of the university.



He made these remarks as the chief guest at a discussion titled 'Charukala Anushader Orjan O Obodan', organised by the faculty at the Osman Zaman auditorium in the capital to mark the university's 105th anniversary.

Abdus Salam also noted that Dhaka University has historically played a vital role in the creation of Bangladesh. He added that the Faculty of Fine Art leads key national events, including the Ekushey February celebrations and Boishakhi cultural processions.

Art researcher professor Syed Azizul Haque was the keynote speaker of the event, while professor Reza Asad Al Huda Anupam from the Department of Graphic Design attended as the special guest. The event was chaired by the Dean of the faculty, professor Md Azharul Islam Sheikh.

Syed Azizul Haque noted that Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin founded the 'Government Institute of Arts' in 1948, which eventually evolved into a fully-fledged faculty affiliated with Dhaka University.

He highlighted that it remained the country's sole art institution until 1968, after which its alumni spread artistic practices across the entire nation.

‘The students of fine arts have spread their influence and creativity at a practical level. Starting from the Language Movement, artists have been vocal in all subsequent democratic and socio-political movements both at home and abroad,’ he said.

He added that artists have consistently stood by the people during natural disasters and also have brought vibrant colour to festivals through their talent and initiative, noting that the Boishakhi procession has expanded beyond the country to achieve international recognition.

Reza Asad Al Huda Anupam noted that Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin was among the country’s first national professors, and emphasised that numerous faculty members and students from the FFA have received prestigious national awards for their outstanding contributions.

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