How about introducing some new departments in every university ?

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FRIENDS, what do you think about it? Opening a new department in all universities and calling it something like - 'Department of Moral Studies and Manner Training'. It should offer some undergraduate basic first year courses like - 'How to Stand in Queues Patiently -101' or 'Learning to Control Temper in Traffic Jams - 104'. Some advanced undergraduate level courses like 'How Not to Pester Pretty Female Classmates - 202' or 'How to (Truly) Respect Parents, Teachers, Seniors and Elders - 304' can also be offered.

I can suggest some graduate courses too that the Department can provide to prepare the students to face the challenges of reality of the workplace. For example some two semester courses like 'Serving in Government Jobs Without Taking Bribes ' or short courses like 'How to Work Efficiently in Public Sectors'. These Departments can sometimes hold workshops for school or college teachers like '3-Week training on 'How to Focus on Teaching in Schools Without Taking Money by Private Coaching'.

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I strongly feel that all the universities in our country should establish such a Department, if and only if, we want to do any good to our country and our society and our people. We don't need any new department of astrophysics because we are not going to make a rocket anytime soon, nor do we need department of nuclear physics because of the same reasons.

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We have enough advanced education going on in our country with the kind help of 21 public and 54 private universities. They are producing thousands and thousands of competent graduates every year who can write programs, build power plants, run offices, control corporations, invent robots and what not. But I feel most of them lack one fundamental education which is making all the difference in our country -that is moral education.

The virus of corruption and moral degradation is eating away the entrails of our country. No wonder Bangladesh is becoming champion in the 'Annual World Corruption Cup' for the last few years. And believe me, it takes hell lot of corruption to beat a country like Nigeria in this field, and we Bangladeshis did it ! And the only reason is: most people in our country lack moral education.

Some of you may point to the western countries which do not provide any kind of basic moral education whatsoever in their high-schools or at any level, but people from those countries still behave in very good manners and in systematic ways. This observation is apparently true, but if you delve a bit deep you will find this assumption is not fully correct. Most Bangladeshi people face hardships every moment of their lives- load shedding, long queues everywhere, high temperatures, scarcity of everything and many other problems, and they do react to these situations in a not-so-well-mannered way. But an average westerner does not face these situations in every aspect of their lives so they do not need to be ill-mannered.