

MUSEVENI URGES SCHOOLS TO PURSUE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY

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President Yoweri Museveni has asked parents and teachers to guide learners towards careers in science and technology, stressing the need to align education with labour market demands.

He said the National Resistance Movement (NRM) had consistently urged schools and students to consider the marketability of qualifications when making career choices. According to the President, failure to align the curriculum with job market needs remains a major cause of unemployment. However, he welcomed the growing emphasis on career guidance among students, parents, teachers and school administrators.

The remarks were delivered in a speech read by Prime Minister Robinah Nabbanja during celebrations to mark National Career Guidance Day at Kololo Independence Grounds on Friday, March 20. The First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Janet Museveni, was represented by State Minister for Primary Education Joyce Moriku Kaducu.

The event, organised by Incredible Youth International in partnership with the Ministries of Education and Sports and Science, Technology



L-R: Kaducu leading Nabbanja and other officials at the National Career Guidance Day at Kololo Independence Grounds

and Innovation, was held under the theme; *The Future of Work: Surviving the AI Era*. It attracted learners from universities, secondary and primary schools, who interacted with exhibitors on career choices.

Museveni expressed concern that

graduates in fields, such as sociology often struggle to market their skills. He said government was shifting the syllabus towards technical training, innovation, ICT and science to improve employability.

He says science enables people

to harness nature for survival and prosperity, noting the country's need for engineers and science teachers.

"Uganda's natural resources cannot exploit themselves," he said, stressing the role of skilled human capital.

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He urged graduates in humanities to acquire practical skills or venture into sectors, such as commercial agriculture, industry, services and ICT to create jobs and wealth.

The President also advised young people to avoid a risky lifestyle, excessive drinking, smoking and sexual promiscuity.

Kaducu said career guidance is central to education as it helps learners understand their abilities and make informed choices.

She emphasised the need for proper mentorship, noting that decisions made at school shape future opportunities and contributions to society. She urged students to use emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence to enhance learning.