

JU VC vows to curb terrorism on campus at any cost

LAHANGIRNAGAR UNIVERSITY, Feb 17: Authorities of Jahangirnagar University (JU) have vowed to ensure a peaceful academic atmosphere at any cost for holding classes and examinations regularly curbing any kinds of violence on the campus, reports BSS.

In an exclusive interview with Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS), Vice-Chancellor (VC) of the JU Prof Dr Shariff Enamul Kabir said today they have already taken some effective measures to make the campus free of all sorts of terrorism in the name of politics.

The VC said five teams of striking forces comprising policemen and university guards have been deployed at strategic points and one team has been patrolling on the campus at night. Law-enforcing agencies have been informed of tackling any unruly situation on the campus, he added.

Prof Shariff sought cooperation from all in keeping the JU campus free from activities of anti-liberation and communal forces, including fundamentalists and Jamaat-Shibir activists.

"Our first and foremost responsibility is to create a congenial academic atmosphere on the campus," he said, adding that "campus violence had crippled all the activities of the university when I assumed office last year."

The VC said they are able to bring the situation under control resorting to stringent measures.

"We have driven away unruly and non-students from the campus, and expelled 18 students for different terms for their involvement in indiscipline and terrorist activities for maintain-

ing the peaceful academic atmosphere," Dr Shariff told the news agency.

The measures to maintain peace and curb any irregularities in anywhere on the campus will remain in force in future, the VC said.

He said incidents like unscheduled class boycott by students, delay in taking examinations and publishing results, and demonstrations as well as violence were the major causes behind the session jam.

Highlighting development activities, the VC said constructions of a six-storied administrative building and a four-storied student dormitory of the university are continuing in full swing.

A boundary around the campus is being constructed and the construction of the main gate is nearing completion, he added.