

## Book banks to solve crisis in books

By Our DU Correspondent

Deputy Prime Minister Jamaluddin Ahmed on Saturday underscored the need for setting up 'book banks' in every educational institutions with a view to fulfilling the requirement of books of the students who were facing acute shortage of text and reference books.

Speaking at a function organised to mark the opening of a "book bank" sponsored by the Finance Department, DU, he said that the formation of the book bank was an unique example and should be followed by others.

Lauding the attempt of the teachers and students of the Finance Department he said that they had ushered a new era in solving the crisis of

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books by establishing the book bank.

Prof. Fazlul Halim Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of Dacca University presided over the inaugural function. Held at the Teacher-Students' Centre (TSC) it was addressed, among others, by Dr. A. H. M. Habibur Rahman, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, Mr. Nasiruddin Chairman of the Book Bank and the Finance Department, Mr. M. A. Baki Khalili, Students' Adviser of the Department and Mr. A. J. M. Humayun Murshed, a student of the Department.

The Deputy Prime Minister said that any initiatives of academic pursuits was a national investment which help build our nation and hoped that students would come forward to solve their own problems.

Mr. Jamaluddin Ahmed also stressed the need for the expansion of the Faculty of Commerce and announced a donation of Taka five lakh for the construction of a separate Commerce Faculty building.

In his presidential speech Prof. Fazlul Halim Chowdhury urged the teachers of the faculty to encourage the students in practical education based on the socio-cultural condition of the country by taking them in different industries.

He said that the Dacca University had bought books worth Taka two and a half crore but could not meet the requirement of books of the students who studied under the course system and frequently needed books to prepare themselves for the in term tests.