

22 public univs yet to relocate to permanent campuses

Bureaucratic complexities,  political turmoil, nepotism blamed

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Twenty-two public universities, many of which began academic activities over a decade ago, are yet to relocate to their permanent campuses, affecting the academic environment.

The authorities of these universities, established during the Awami League regime after it had come to power through the 2008 national polls, hold classes under makeshift arrangements without providing basic facilities for the students.

Educationists and researchers said that these universities were providing substandard  education due to the absence of basic facilities, infrastructure and a proper academic environment. Two of these universities are yet to begin their academic activities.

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They said that the government is responsible for the construction of the infrastructure, but the then Awami League regime, after establishing the universities for political gains, began academic activities at rented buildings without taking appropriate initiatives to construct infrastructure. The country has 56 public universities.

According to experts, academic activities of a public university usually begin after the completion of infrastructure construction under specific projects. That means a public university is supposed to begin its activities on its permanent campus, they said, adding that the process was not followed during the 16 years of the Awami League's rule.