

## Govt's help for uplift of private varsities reassured

Education Minister Barrister Jamir Uddin Sircar on Thursday reassured government's cooperation for development of private universities in the country, reports BSS.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the launching of 1994 academic year of North South University (NSU) the first government approved private university, at its main campus at 12, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani in Dhaka.

The Education Minister gave emphasis on maintaining highest standard of education in the private universities which would progressively build confidence in the minds of guardians and the students about their success.

He expressed satisfaction at the progress of the university within one year of its establishment and termed this as a 'big achievement' in considera-

tion of the hurdles, it had to face in the initial year.

The function was also addressed by the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the University Mr Istekharul Alam and President Muslehuddin Ahmed.

Mr. Alam appealed to the government for a plot of land in the Dhaka city or in its suburbs for development of permanent campus of the university.

Mr. Muslehuddin Ahmed said the university started with 240 students last year which already rose to about 400. He said 50 per cent of the students who joined NSU would have, otherwise, gone abroad.

He said based on American model, the academic programmes in the first year was completed in time without compromising the quality of education. The standard of education was being monitored by an International Advisory Board, he added.