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Women's University

Sir,

Education is the backbone of a nation. But no nation can achieve it without any constructive effort. The government of Bangladesh has given the topmost priority to the expansion of education. It has introduced food for education programme, free education for girls outside the municipal areas to provide education for all by the year 2000. All these programmes are highly appreciated by the people of all strata. US First Lady Hilary Clinton also praised the government for these programmes when she visited Bangladesh.

There are different kinds of educational institutions in Bangladesh, like primary schools, secondary and higher secondary schools, colleges, university colleges and universities. The university is the highest educational institution. There are Dhaka University, Agriculture University, Engineering University, Islamic University, Science and Technology University, National University, Open University and some other private universities affiliated by the government. But it is a matter of pity that there is no women's university in Bangladesh. Half the population of our country are women. They have equal rights as well. The girl students are gradually doing better in SSC and HSC Examinations. They will definitely achieve better results in future if we can accommodate them in suitable higher educational institutions. For the lack of such higher institutions, they are being deprived of a university of their own.

Recently, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia declared Jagannath University College as a full-fledged University. Of course, it is a wise decision.

In the circumstances, I appeal to the Prime Minister of the country for creating history by setting up a full-fledged women's university for the girl students to protect their equal rights. In this context, it may be mentioned that Eden Girls University College is one of the biggest colleges in Bangladesh. Eden Girls University College may be declared as a full-fledged University by naming it Eden Girls' or Women's University.

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