

## 5 varsity colleges to be upgraded

In order to ease pressure on existing universities and to expand the scope of post-graduate studies, it has been decided that five university colleges in four divisions will be strengthened and upgraded to enable them to award bachelor and post-graduate degrees in the near future, reports BSS.

This was decided at the monthly meeting of the Vice-Chancellors held at the International Conference Centre this morning with President Husain Muhammad Ershad in the chair.

The President discussed the question of preparing Bengali text books for the higher classes and decided that all the universities should take necessary steps so that a large number of books in Bengali are made available

to the students.

The President asked the University Grant Commission (UGC) to examine the special requirements like manpower and other things of the institutions namely, Home Economic College, Leather College, Music College, Art College of Chittagong, and Ceramic Institute and prepare a report for consideration by the Vice-Chancellors Committee.

President Ershad, who is the Chancellor of Universities, was happy to note that because of not allowing SSC examination centre below upazila headquarter, unfair means in the examination was checked to a great extent.

The President noted that the  
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academic atmosphere in the universities was improving gradually through the combined efforts of all concerned and said it showed a healthy sign.

He expressed his belief that such atmosphere would improve further and thanked the teachers for their contribution in this regard. Presidential Adviser for Primary Education Alhaj Mansur Ali Sarker, Principal Secretary to the President A.H. Sadique, Chairman of UGC Prof. Syed Ali Ahsan, Education Secretary A.N.M. Eusuf, UGC member Prof. Shamsul Huq, and Vice-Chancellors of the Universities of Dhaka, Chittagong and Rajshahi, Vice-Chancellor of the Engineering University, Mymensingh Agriculture University and Islamic University were present at the meeting.