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Four science universities to be established this year

Four science universities will be established in the country this year out of 12 such universities as announced by the government earlier, reports BSS.

The four universities will be established in Gopalganj, Rangpur, Dinajpur and Tangail. Science and Technology Minister Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan said yesterday.

He was speaking at the concluding session of the "National Seminar on Science and Technology: Challenges in the 21st Century" held in the Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (BIAM) auditorium at New Eskaton in the city. He said the places for establishing the eight other science universities were yet to be finalised.

Chaired by Science Secretary M. Fazlur Rahman, the concluding session was also addressed by the president of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS) Prof A K M Siddique and country director of UNESCO Dr Ansar Ali Khan.

Referring to the existing standard of science education

in the country he said a new science education policy was under preparation which would be finalised soon.

Prof Siddique lamented that fundamental research, a basic task in higher education, was about to be vanished from the universities in Bangladesh. Physics Department of Dhaka University, which used to subscribe 20 international science journals about two decades ago has now come down to five, he said.

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Commission sources said three years back it used to subscribe 47 international journals which has come down below 30 now.

The three-day seminar was organised by the Ministry of Science and Technology as a follow-up of the action programme of World Science Conference, which was held in Budapest last year.

The seminar adopted a number of recommendations for development of different disciplines of science and technology in the country.