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## Dhaka Varsity Rover Scouts

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The Dhaka University Rover Scouts like the Scouts the world over are serving the suffering humanity since its formation in 1966. Besides providing succour to the flood victims at the height of the floods the Scouts are building ten houses for the flood victims this year. Two of the houses have already been completed—one in Savar and the other in Faridpur.

Last year they bought two milch-cows for two helpless widows in Rajshahi. During their annual programmes, they make the village people aware of the benefits of safe water, sanitation, environmental pollution, first aid, primary health care and literacy.

The Scouts have provided the flood victims with food stuff, medicines, candles, matches and other necessities and also facilities to get safe water.

During the year 1987-88, the regular programmes of the Scouts included volunteer services in the Haji camps, in observance of December 14 and 16, February 21, March 26 and during the first-ever SAARC History Conference.

They took part in the march past on the occasion of Dhaka University Day and also donated blood. Besides attending the second Senior Scouts Jamboree in Thailand, they also carried out their own regular programmes.

The scouts also provided vo-

lunteer service in the National Science Week, the cleanliness programme in Dhaka University and tree plantation etc.

This month a group of them will tour SAARC countries.

The present number of Dhaka University Rover Scouts are 95 including 80 Rovers, 9 Rover Mates, three senior rover mates and three group leaders.

The Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdul Mannan is the Chief Patron of the Rover Scouts, while, the Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed is the Chairman and Prof K.M. Mohsin, Provost of S.M. Hall and Professor of History Department is the Teacher-Adviser and Treasurer. The Rover Scout leaders are Messrs. Ramjul Huq, A.K.M. Mahbub, and A.K.M. Mohiuddin while the Senior Rover Mates are Messrs Mianur Rahman Shelly, Nur Mohammad Khan and Mohammad Jahangir.

When contacted Prof Mohsin, the Teacher-Adviser of the Scouts said the Scouts were performing their duties despite all the limitations. He called upon the authorities to allocate more budget for the Scouts to carry out their duties smoothly.