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New DU institute on Liberation War

Dhaka University will open a new institute for the study and researches on the country's Liberation War to uphold the national history, Vice Chancellor Professor Emajuddin Ahmed said Wednesday, reports UNB.

"We want to study all sides of the Liberation War, including its political, economic and social aspects. We are also contemplating to introduce higher degrees like PhD and M.Phil through the proposed Institute", the VC said.

He underlined that comprehensive research works and studies on Liberation War is

necessary to come up with the true history to the new generation. "We have idled away a long time, we want to work now", Prof Emajuddin said.

Talking to newly elected office-bearers of Dhaka University Journalists' Association (DUJA) at his office Wednesday morning, the VC further informed that plans are underway to establish two new departments in the university.

The new departments will be: Performing Arts and Environment and Disaster management to cope with the need of the time as well as the country.

He said a large number of students are going abroad every year to take degrees on music, dance and drama that cost a huge amount in foreign exchange.

"If we can open the Performing Arts Department in the university, I think students will not go abroad", the VC hoped adding that such a department will be opened very soon offering Honours and Master Degrees.

"Natural disaster is a regular phenomenon of our country. To face the disasters, it is very urgent that we build up our own

expertise on the subject. That's why we have planned to open a department in the university on Environment and Disaster Management", he said.

Referring to the academic calendar of the university, Prof Emajuddin said that the university authorities introduced it to remove session jam. Since the academic calendar has been introduced, classes and examinations are being held timely.

He said that the integrated course system had been introduced in the Commerce Faculty and plans are underway to apply the system in the Social

Science Faculty from next January. Besides, integrated course system will be implemented in the Arts and Science Faculties from 1995, the VC said.

He said the university wants to do a lot more for the students of the new generation, but lamented that unabated violence and other non-academic activities stood on the way.

"I could not give attention to academic matters. Most of my time are taken to resolve chaos", he said, hoping that the campus would be free from all such troubles within the next

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three months.

Prof Emajuddin Ahmed said almost all the residential halls of the university are now free from outsiders and terrorists. But in Jagannath Hall, some outsiders and trouble mongers are still staying there, he observed.

He said that the authorities have served notice against the outsiders and undesirable elements to leave the Jagannath Hall by Thursday. If they do not leave the hall, legal action would be taken against them, the VC warned.

He said that he was getting necessary help from the government to free the campus of arms and violence. He sought cooperation from the news media in restoring congenial academic atmosphere on the campus.

The DU journalists delegation was led by DUJA President Rezaul Karim Lotus and General Secretary Fariduzzaman Farid. DU Public Relations Officer Nurul Islam was also present.