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## DU to set up theatre stage, art gallery

Dhaka University is planning to set up a theatre stage of national standard and an art gallery on the university campus during the current fiscal year.

Talking to BSS, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof A K Azad Chowdhury, said on Saturday night that the university would establish both the theatre stage and the art gallery to promote art and culture and provide more recreational facilities for the students.

The theatre is likely to be located near the Central Library and the gallery will be housed in the proposed commercial-cum-residential tower at the Shahnaj Building on the campus.

The proposed art gallery will put on display and sell paintings of veteran and young promising artists. The gallery will function under the supervision of the Institute of Fine Arts.

The Art Gallery will be named after Shahnaj, a martyred student of Fine Arts of the University, who died in the war of independence.

The Vice-Chancellor said any theatre of performing art group will get opportunity to

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play their dramas or other programmes at the theatre on rent.

BSS adds: Professor AK Azad Chowdhury on Saturday stressed the need for cultivation of finer faculties of people.

Prof Chowdhury was speaking at a classical music session, organised by "Bangiya Suddha Sangeet Sabha," at the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) auditorium Saturday evening.

He said, we should try to adopt proper policies to boost Bengali culture and heritage in the age of information super highway.

"The music of our country has generated strong appeals among the global audience. So, we must try to restore the lost glory of our music," the Vice-Chancellor said.

Noted classical singer Sheikh Sadi Khan and Ms Ruma Mitra performed in the session.