

Tk 100 cr DU uplift plan undertaken: VC

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Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. A.K. Azad Chowdhury identified terrorism and financial limitations as two major problems of the university.

He was addressing the annual senate session 1998 of Dhaka University on Monday. Prof. Chowdhury who is also the Chairman of the Senate, presided over the session.

The Vice-Chancellor said that degradation of social values, socio-economic discrimination, unemployment problem, lack of tolerance among the political parties, lack of democratic attitude due to long time army rule and delay and soft approach in trailing the terrorists were the main cause of terrorism.

"Terrorism can be stamped out from the society through reaching a national consensus" he said adding that terrorism could not be controlled by only Government or any political party. He hoped that all concerned quarters would be sincere in evicting terrorism from the society for the greater interest of the nation.

Turning to the financial limitations, Prof. A.K. Azad Chowdhury said, that the Government had come forward to remove the financial limitations. "We are trying to overcome our financial barriers by enhancing tuition fees, seat rent and other fees after long time. We are also trying to remove it by collecting rent of Green Super Market and Kataban Market and maintaining austerity."

Earlier, the Senate session began at the administrative building of the university at 3.30 p.m.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Senate that a massive development programme worth Taka 100 crore had been under taken in the Dhaka University and the implementation of this development programme will be completed as early as possible.

Under this programme, many institutions, research centres, departments will be opened while flats for teachers, officers and employees, residential halls and academic buildings will be constructed. The prog-

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ramme also includes introduction of scholarship for the teachers for their higher study in foreign universities, computerisation of the library and providing internet facility to the students and preservation of seed money for the construction of a building for the alumnies of the university.

Prof. Chowdhury said that session jam would be fully removed from the university within a short time and the jam situation had improved with a great extent for the last two years.

He also informed the Senator about the research works of the university teachers and researchers and said that the works will play important role in developing the country.

The senate session was adjourned till 3.30 p.m. today (Tuesday).

The senators thanked Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Government for signing the historic CHT peace treaty and passing CHT bills.

They also hailed the present Awami League Government for taking various effective measures to remove terrorism from educational institutions including Dhaka University.

They said that the Jatiya Sangsad should be the proper platform from where an united stand from all lawmakers would make the campus free from all kinds of terrorism.

They demanded establishment of a new women hall in the Dhaka University after Begum Fazilatunnessa Mujib soon.

They expressed their satisfaction at the improvement of law and order situation on Dhaka university

campus during the last two years under the dynamic leadership of Vice-Chancellor Prof. A.K. Azad Chowdhury.

Those who took part in the discussion on the speech of the Vice-Chancellor are Prof. M. Akhteruzzaman, State Minister for Textile A.K.M. Jahangir Hossain MP, Prof. Ali Ashraf MP, Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Prof. Khaleda Khanam MP, Prof. Syed Modasser Ali, Prof. Yousuf Haider, Prof. Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Prof. Sultana Shafi and Azizul Islam Bhuiyan.