

DU to have 2 more dormitories

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Two more dormitories will be constructed on the Dhaka University campus in a bid to solve the students' accommodation problem.

Sources said the university authorities have finalised all the procedures to construct the 500-seat halls -- one for male students and the other for the female.

The government has sanctioned Tk 20 crore for construc-

tion of the planned halls and bungalows attached to each hall for provosts and house tutors.

The construction work will start sometime next month and will be completed within a year, the sources said.

The female hall will be constructed in front of the Bangladesh-Kuwait Moitri Hall while the male new Shahidullah Hall.

"We have taken up measures to construct the halls to immediately solve the accommodation problem of the students," said Dhaka University vice-chancellor Professor AK Azad Chowdhury.

He admitted that there had been serious accommodation problem and said, "we had plans but could not construct dormitories due to lack of financial support."

Prof Chowdhury, however, hoped that there would be no accommodation problem once the halls are completed.

"The university Syndicate will sit soon to name new halls," said the VC.

He also said that they are planning to construct a modern health complex on the campus to provide teachers, students, officials and employees of the university with all kinds of treatment.

Out of 14 halls, Dhaka University has only three halls for the female students who constitute 40 per cent of a total of 28,000 students.

A total of 4,200 students including nearly 2,000 female students are admitted to the university every year. Most of them come from outside Dhaka.

A little number of students resides with their relatives in Dhaka while the rest depends only on the residential halls.

But due to lack of adequate seats in the dormitories, the students have to face serious trouble in getting accommodated.

Nearly 9,000 students are now staying in different residential halls of the university although the university provides only 5,000 seats.