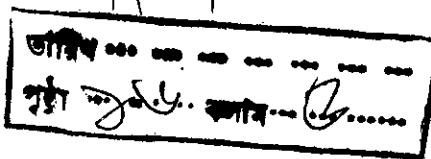


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PM to open 2 halls today **DU gets Tk 138 crs in last 5 yrs: VC**

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Dhaka University received Taka 138 crore from the government in the last five years for implementing different development projects.

This is seven times higher than the government allocation in the previous five years (1991-1996). Vice Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury said on the eve of the Prime Minister's 10th visit to the university campus on Monday.

Premier Sheikh Hasina is expected to visit the campus today (Monday) to inaugurate two newly constructed dormitories - Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall for the female students and Amar Ekushey Hall for the male students.

Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall is the fifth female dormitory while Amar Ekushey Hall is the twelfth hall for male students of the university.

Each of the dormitories will accommodate 500 students. The construction of the two halls cost Taka 22 crore.

"We're going to inaugurate the halls only after eight months of laying the foundation stone," Prof Chowdhury told the DU correspondents at his residence. Treasurer Abul Hashem, Dr Shaheed Akatar Hossain, Prof Nasrin Ahmad and proctor of the university Prof AKM Noor-un-Nabi were present at the press briefing.

The halls are now ready for allotment to the students but the authorities have sought some more time to complete the procedure. VC Azad Chowdhury said.

Dr Shaheed Akatar Hossain has been made provost of the Amar Ekushey Hall while Prof Nasrin Ahmad of Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall.