

New act under process

# Govt plans to improve quality edn in pvt varsity

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Government is planning for making a new Private University Act and the process is in the final stage to have necessary rules and regulations in a bid to stop mal-practice and improving the quality of education of the country's private universities, an official source said.

"A new act would be formulated as soon as possible for private universities to ensure standard education," said education minister Nazrul Islam Nahid.

The proposal has been drafted under the new law in proposition, each private university will have a syndi-

cate which will comprise of vice-chancellor (VC), Pro-VC, Treasurer, one Dean, one Departmental head and a member of academic council.

The academic council member will be nominated by the VC. Besides, an educationist will be nominated by the government, followed by three other members to be nominated by the Board of Trustees and another member by the UGC.

The forthcoming act proposes that each university will have to deposit Taka 5 crore with a scheduled bank, to be approved by the government as Reserve Fund.

It puts for a suggestion on formulating a nine-member Board of Trustees for every university, and the board will nominate a member from the board as its chairman.

The act sets a VC will be appointed who has 20 years of teaching or administrative experience or 10 years of teaching and 10 years of administrative experience as the eligibility criteria of a private university.

54 private universities are now operating in the country under the private university act. A section of them have allegedly involved with mal-

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practices, including selling of certificates in the name of higher education. These universities are also engaged in imparting substandard education.

"A timely private university act is needed for the sake of ensuring quality education in private universities," said University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman Prof. Nazrul Islam. The UGC has already placed the draft of the act before the government and the government has taken the issue seriously, he assured.

He informed that they invited stakeholders concerned through a meeting seeking their opinions on the act. "After the opinions vetted, they would make their observations on the act," he added.