

Bid to eradicate graft in NU

NU to be renamed NAU with 6 Div centres

Experts recommended the National University to be renamed National Affiliating University with six regional centres in as many divisional headquarters under a radical restructuring of the malpractice-ridden varsity, reports UNB.

The traditional and reputed government colleges in divisional and district towns can be gradually upgraded to full-fledged universities on the basis of certain criteria in

future, they suggested.

The recommendations came in the report of the National University Restructuring and Reform Committee which was submitted to the government Thursday, also calling for eradicating irregularities and corruption from the important institution.

Convenor of the committee and Chairman of the University Grants Commission Prof. Nazrul Islam handed

over the report to Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid at the ministry.

Education Secretary Syed Ataur Rahman, Vice-chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique and Vice-chancellor of the National University, Prof. Kazi Shahidullah, among others, were present on the occasion.

In the report the committee opined for decentralization.
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tion of management and supervisory activities of the National University over the affiliated colleges by maintaining the affiliating characteristics of the NU.

In the recast system, it recommended setting up six regional centres in the six divisions under NU and placing the colleges under the centres.

"The proposed every regional centre will receive assistance on academic and other matters by maintaining direct contact with nearby public university or universities," it is stated.

Teacher-training activities and running basic courses can be continued at NU's main campus in Gazipur.

However, conducting the activities for giving graduate (pass and honours) and post-graduate degrees (M. Phil, PhD) should not be carried out there, the report said.

The committee suggested eradicating "corruption and irregularities" from the university. It asked the NU authorities to take legal and effective steps in this connection "immediately".

While recommending change of the NU's name to National Affiliating University, the committee suggested that the NU's own institutes should remain under the central management at Gazipur.

The committee prepared the report after holding five formal meetings and view-exchange meeting with the National Education Policy Committee, teacher and student organizations. It also reviewed news and opinions of print and electronic media keeping in consistency with the recommendations of Qudrat-e-Khuda Education Commission and Dr Shamsul Haque Committee.