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## CA okays proposal for establishing Rangpur Varsity

Chief Advisor Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed has approved a proposal for setting up a separate full-fledged university in Rangpur to facilitate higher education in the far-flung area of the country, reports UNB.

On return from Rangpur after holding cabinet meeting in the northern district headquarters, the CA gave the final endorsement on Monday following his announcement for setting up a full-fledged university there during a press conference at Rangpur Circuit House on February 2.

The government decided to set up Rangpur University for flourishing higher education in the country's laggard northern region.

During his visit to Rangpur on August 12 last year, civil-society members urged the Chief Advisor to build a university there for higher education and maintaining regional balance.

"The government later took the issue with importance and started activities in this regard," an official release said Tuesday.

Earlier, an act was formulated in 2006 to elevate Rangpur Carmichael College to university and the law would be amended now.

"The government has taken the decision of setting up a full-fledged university in Rangpur instead of upgrading Carmichael College to university considering that around 14,000 students, mostly from Rajshahi division, are now studying at the college," it said.

If the college is upgraded to university, it added, the scope of higher education for the students of northern region would be reduced because of competition with the students across the country.